

GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

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BLUE SPRINGS FALL FUN FESTIVAL PARADE

From the Desk of the Club President:

We have had a wet summer and fall with some cool days recently. As the farmers were late getting their crops planted, we need to hope for a late frost.

Several members have participated in recent shows and parades. The rest of the season still has a few shows, parades, and meetings; Maple Leaf Festival Parade, Halloween Parade, Plow Day, and the November Membership Meeting to name a few. Please plan to attend as many events as possible; this helps to promote our Club. See the schedule of events on page 7 for our Club approved events.

Justin Read



2019 Club Officers

Listed below is the current elected officers for 2019:

President: Justin Read
2nd Vice President: Joe Meyer
Treasurer: Jay Pruett
Historian: Wes Storm

1st Vice President: Jon Pirie
3rd Vice President: Lloyd Mesmer
Secretary: Justin Mooney

Note: Wes Storm is our new historian. If you have pictures of any club activities please send them to him at 1808 SW Bird Ct., Blue Springs, MO 64015-5314 or waleye01@att.net. It is important to put specifics regarding the event in with the pictures (Event, Date, People Present, and a Short Description).

Dues for 2020

Speaking of club dues, they are \$25 a year and worth every penny. The award winning newsletter every two months and the great activities make it a real value. Please check the mailing label on your newsletter. If the label says "Paid Member 2019 or earlier at the top, then you will want to pay your 2020 dues soon to not miss anything (the cut-off date is the May-June Newsletter mailing). If the mailing label is not correct please let the Treasurer know (913-302-1273 or jay70nc@yahoo.com). We will be collecting dues throughout the year. If you can't be at the meeting you can send your dues (\$25) to Jay Pruett as listed below:

Jay Pruett - Treasurer
GKC Two-Cylinder Club
P.O. Box 14071
Lenexa, Kansas 66285

Trivia: Who bought John Deere's first steel plow? See Page 8 for the answer.

Club Website and Newsletter

The club website <http://www.gkctcc.com/> counter was reset in July of 2012 (it currently reads around 17,200 visits). The Webmaster(s) continue to do a great job of putting it together and keeping it up to date. The web site gives our club world wide recognition along with reaching prospective members. Checkout the articles, pictures, and more. We are looking for member stories for future issues of the newsletter. If you have any, please contact Secretary Justin Mooney at 2401 Queen Ridge Dr. Independence, MO 64055, 816-868-2318 email: GKCTCC@outlook.com

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GKCTCC>

Upcoming Event News

Maple Leaf Festival Parade, Baldwin City, KS -- October 19th, 2019

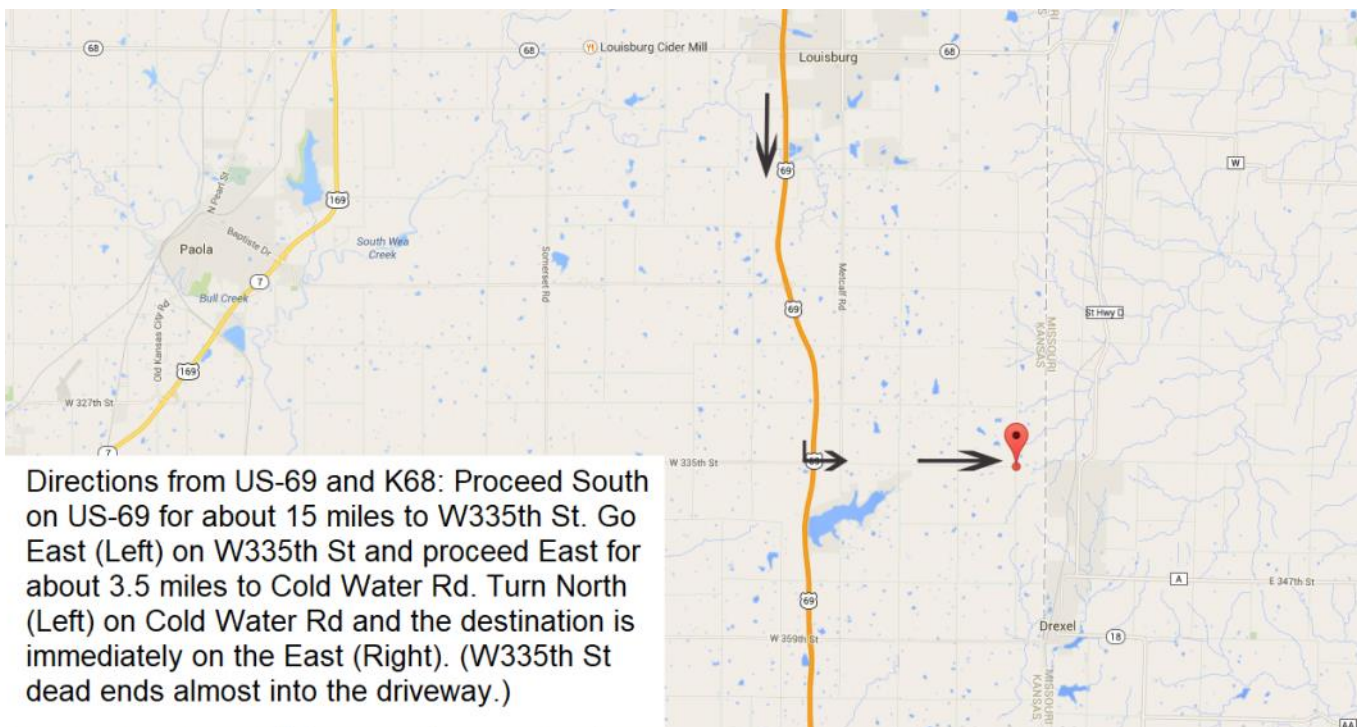
The Greater KC 2-Cylinder Club is registered for the 2019 Maple Leaf Festival Parade, Saturday, October 19, 2019. The parade will begin at 11 AM with parade formation beginning at 9 AM on High St at 56 Hwy. The tractor club has received permission to unload trailers in the back lot of Heritage Tractor, 915 Industrial Park Rd, located just a couple of blocks SE of the formation area. Plan to be in the parking lot of Heritage Tractor by 9 AM so tractors can be unloaded then travel across the highway and into position. Parade entries must be in place by 1030 AM. Parade route starts at 3rd and High St then N on 6th St to Chapel. Questions can be directed to Jon Pirie at 913-238-2505. (Map on www.GKCTCC.com)

71st Annual Independence MO Halloween Parade -- October 26th, 2019

The annual Independence Halloween Parade will be attended by the GKCTCC again this year. The parade is a well attended event that is right after the young children trick or treat at the downtown businesses. This is one of the biggest parades in Jackson County. Glenn had been the sponsor of this event in the past and now Wes Storm is the sponsor. Questions may be directed to Wes at (816) 228-2660. We will gather in the parking lot on the south side of the RLDS Auditorium. Line up starts around 9 AM and the parade is at 10 AM. Plan on attending the event and you will not be disappointed.

GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction -- November 3rd, 2019

George Reed has agreed to host the November 3, 2019 meeting and white elephant auction starting at 2:00 p.m. at his farm south of Louisburg, KS (Exit US-69 HWY east onto 335th St. - 3.5 miles to Cold Water Rd.). Bring desserts and snacks for consumption during the auction. Major topics to be discussed will include: approval of the June meeting minutes, financial report, establish a 2020 budget committee, select a slate of club officers for 2020, Western Farm Show display, tractor cruise, etc. The Glenn Ratzlaff Scholarship Raffle drawing will be a highlight of the meeting. There will be a presentation by the Vice Presidents on the Glen Ratzlaff Scholarship and its next recipient. Members wanting to donate items for the auction are welcome to do so. As you know the auction is a fund-raiser for the club so look around and see what you could do without and bring it along. Just remember --- "someone's junk may be another person's treasure." We also want nice things for the auction. Thank you to the Reeds for hosting the meeting. **Don't forget Day Light Savings Time Ends Sunday Nov. 3rd , don't forget or you will be early to the meeting.**



Past Event News

JoCo Old Settlers Parade -- Sept 7

Twelve members of the tractor club participated in one of the largest parades in the State of Kansas, the JoCo Old Settlers Parade in Olathe, KS, on September 7, 2019. Seven tractors were viewed by the 65,000 plus attendees including: Justin Read and Dalamar on JD H, Jon Pirie and Channing on JD MT, Jeff Gast and Charlie on JD A, Jay Pruett on JD 620, Lloyd Mesmer on JD 620, Harold Kurzweil and Linda on JD 630, and Don Hrabik on JD 430. The club received a second place red ribbon and \$100 award in the antique tractor class. Weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all.

Blue Springs Parade -- Sept 14

What a great day for a parade. As a new member I participated in my first parade, I can say it was a great experience to be part of. I met the nicest people and made new friends that were openly helpful with advice I needed for my 1947 B project. In fact, once I returned home from the parade I put that advice to work and had my JD running like a top that evening. Good people, fine machines, a perfect day for a newcomer like myself. Looking forward to more fun in the sun and meeting great people that share the same passion as myself. A Big Thank You to Wes Storm for letting me drive his beautiful 1946 A. Below are the attendees at that parade.

Rodney Jones
Oak Grove, MO

Wes Storm 1949 JD D
Troy Duncan 1952 JD A
Lloyd Mesmer 1958 JD 620
Tom Bowlin and Miss Whit JD 1935 B
Wes Stegner 1959 JD 630
Justin Mooney JD 1937 A
Dave Mooney JD 1937A
Rodney Jones JD 1946 A
Bob, Ken, Gary, Zach, Dylan, and Addison Antes
1960 JD 630, 1960 JD 530, and Farmall B



2019 JoCo Old Settlers Day Parade



2019 Blue Springs Parade

Fall Plow Day (Bonner Springs, KS) -- November 2, 2019, 8 AM

A plow day has been scheduled for November 3rd outside Bonner Springs, KS (weather permitting). Lloyd says they should start plowing about 8 AM and that there is enough ground that they will be plowing well into the afternoon. Directions: Exit K-7 onto K-32 West into Bonner Springs, KS. Follow Front St (do not turn right to follow K-32 W). Continue on Front St / Loring Ln to 142nd. Turn Left (cross RR tracks) and go South 1/4 mile to field. Contact Lloyd Mesmer to RSVP or for more details: Home 913-441-1180 or Cell 913-904-8186 Map on Page 6—Weather permitting - Please contact Lloyd before you load the tractor and plow.

Items Wanted / For Sale:

Currently No Items are Listed For Sale.

Wanted / For Sale Ads: Club Members \$1/issue or \$5/year, Non-Members \$10/issue or \$50/year. (Save some money and become a member) Contact Justin Read to place an ad, 22715 W 50th St., Shawnee, KS 66226 (816) 547-8608 or email to:

Club Shirts: Interested in ordering a club shirt?
Call Don Hrabik at 913-262-5904 (Tax included.)
Shirt w/o pocket:

S-XL = \$15.00, XXL = \$17.00, XXXL = \$18.00

Sweatshirt with hood (without name):

S-XL = \$23.00, XXL = \$24.00

Sweatshirt with hood and name:

S-XL = \$28.00, XXL = \$29.00

Display Ads - Business Cards: Club Members \$10/issue or \$50/year, Non-Members \$20/issue or \$100/year (save some \$ and become a member). Contact Justin Mooney to place an ad, 2401 Queen Ridge Dr., Independence, MO 64055 (816) 868-2318 or email to: GKCTCC@outlook.com

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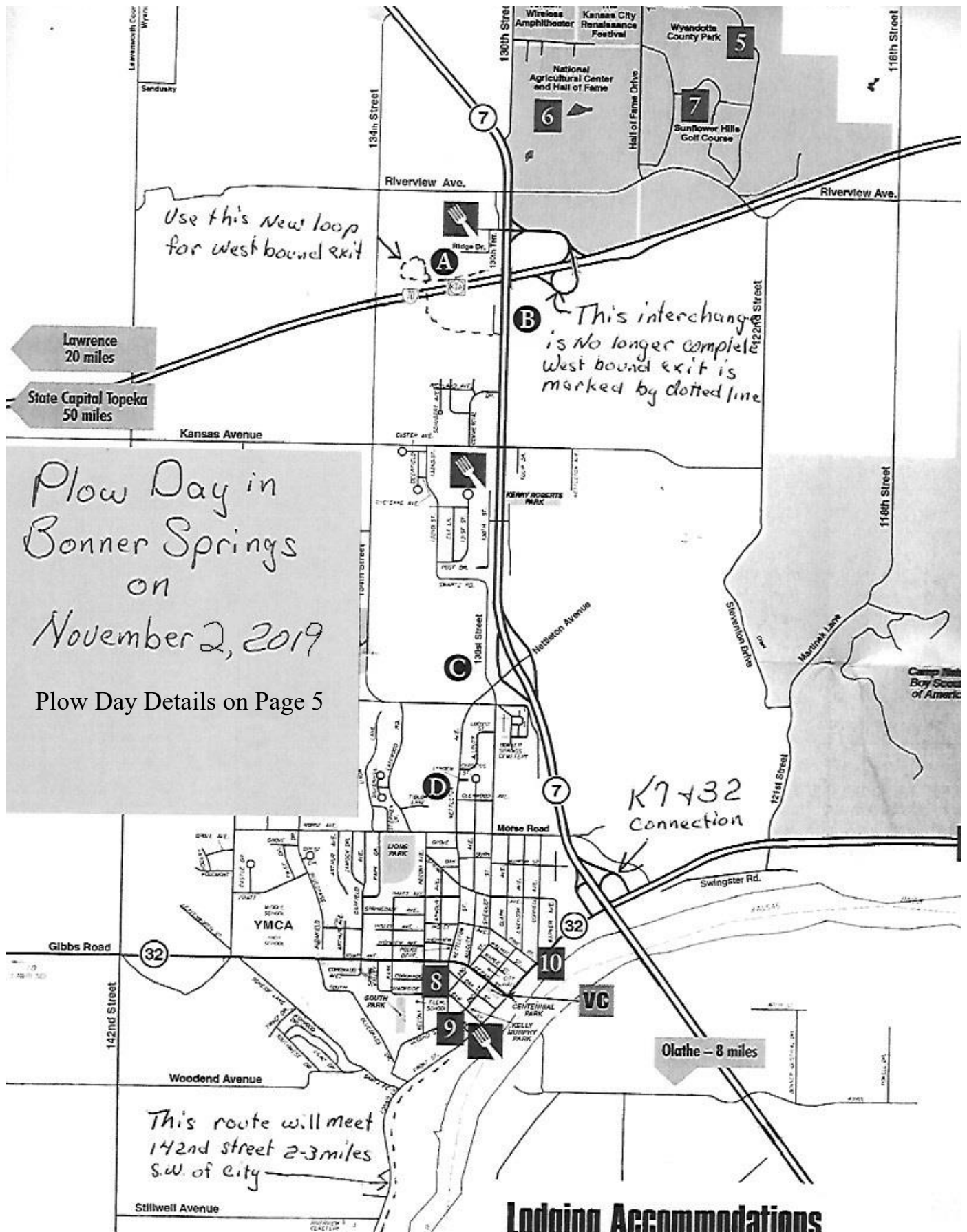
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2019 Schedule of Events - Approved at the April 7th, 2019 meeting.

(All dates and events are subject to change. Call contact for verification if necessary.) (**Club Meetings are in Bold**)

Date	Location	Event Contact#
Feb. 10	K.C., MO. GKCTCC Meeting (Trailside Center) 9901 Holmes Rd.	816-547-8608 1 PM
Feb. 22-24	K.C., MO. Western Farm Show, Governors Building, (Setup Day Feb. 19)	913-262-5904
March 10	Shawnee, KS. Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade	1 PM (Joe Meyer)
March 22-23	Adrian Spring Swap Meet (Nixon Auctioneers Consignment Auction March 23rd).	Bob 816-797-4243
April 7	Merriam, KS. GKCTCC Meeting & BBQ, Joe Meyer (Overland Tow)	
April 27	Bonner Springs, KS. Barnyard Babies Festival at the Ag Hall of Fame (10 AM-4PM)	913-262-5904
May 3-5	Pleasant Hill, MO. Railroad Days.	816-987-2595
May 3-5	Lathrop, MO. Swap Meet, (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.).	J. Plowman 816-528-3511
May 4	Bonner Springs, KS. Ag Hall Tractor Cruise.	913-262-5904
May 10-11	Fort Scott, KS., Pioneer Harvest Fiesta Swap Meet (8 a.m.).	A. Warren 620-224-7761
June 2	GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, 1:00 p.m., Ag Hall Red Barn	816-228-2660
June 7-9	Lee's Summit, MO. Downtown Days	
June 8	Shawnee, KS. Old Shawnee Days Parade. (10 AM)	Jay Pruett 913-302-1273
June 13	Lathrop, MO. Tractor Cruise, (8:30 a.m.).	Heath Hise 816-812-0858
June 13-15	Grand Island, NE. Classic Green Reunion Show	www.classicgreen.org
June 13-16	Lathrop, MO. Antique Car, Tractor & Engine Show.	Jim Plowman 816-528-3511
June 20-22	Oskaloosa, KS. Old Settlers Parade.	Matt Miller 785-233-8200 x4208
June 29-30	Adrian, MO. Antique Tractor, Steam and Engine Show.	Bob Surber 816-797-4243
June 29-30	Rockville, IN. Parke County Covered Bridge Tractor Ride.	765-569-1619
July 1	Heart of America Tractor Cruise.	Kathy Roach 816-244-1785
July 4	Lenexa KS. Community Days Parade. (10:00 a.m.)	Jay Pruett 913-302-1273
July 4	Sugar Creek, MO. Sugar Creek Parade. (9:00 a.m.)	Francis Brenner 816-804-5271
July 4	Basehor, KS. Independence Day Celebration Parade (Line-up 6:45).	Melissa Bosley 816-868-3931
July 6	Harrisonville, MO. Tractor Show on the Square.	Scott Beck 816-645-8480
July 15	Wyandotte Co Fair Tractor Show	
July 12-14	Meriden, KS. Threshing Show.	785-876-3030
July 16-21	P. Hill, MO. Cass County Fair. (Parade Saturday)	816-540-2622
July 20	Buchanan County, MO. MO Farm Bureau Tractor Cruise. (8 am)	816-279-2985
July 25-28	Macon, MO. 34th Antique Tractor Show.	Danny Primm 660-385-3639
July 30	Tonganoxie, KS. Leavenworth County Fair Parade.	
Aug. 3	Eudora, KS. Tractor Show. (2-5 p.m.) and Parade (6:30 p.m.)	785-542-1606 or 785-760-7878
Aug. 3	Kingsville MO. Tractor Cruise.	816-258-2373
Aug. 3	Adrian MO Tractor Cruise.	Bob Surber 816-797-4243
Aug. 3	Gardner, KS. Johnson County Fair & Parade. (10:30)	
Aug. 7-10	Overbrook, KS. Fair Parade. (Aug. 9 @ 6:30 p.m.) (Aug. 10 @ 6:00 p.m.)	Wes 816-228-2660
Aug. 9	Atchison, KS. Atchison County Fair Parade.	816-229-9998
Aug. 9-11	Tracy, MO. Antique Tractor, Steam & Gas Engine Show.	816-858-5826
Aug. 10-11	Lamar, MO. Parade and Show.	
Aug. 14	Sedalia, MO. Missouri State Fair Tractor Show and Parade. (Fair runs Aug. 10-20)	
Aug. 17	Cole Camp, MO. Antique Tractor Pull.	660-723-6241, 316-201-8620
Aug. 17-18	Bethany, MO. Antique Tractor Show.	660-439-2485
Aug. 17-19	Hamilton, MO. Antique Tractor Pull and Show.	816-583-4823
Aug. 22	K.C. MO West Bottoms, John Deere Kansas City Branch 150th Celebration (Justin	816-547-8608)
Sept. 5-8	Boonville, MO. Antique Tractor Show. (Cruise on 9th)	847-526-7318
Sept. 5-8	Shelbina, MO. Antique Tractor Show.	660-676-0256 and 573-439-5583
Sept. 7	Olathe, KS. Old Settlers Day Parade.	Don 913-262-5904
Sept. 13-15	Ottawa, KS. Antique Tractor & Engine Show.	785-418-2190
Sept. 14	Archie, MO. Fall Festival and Parade. (10 AM)	
Sept. 14	Blue Springs Parade, Blue Springs, MO.	Wes 816-228-2660
Sept. 20-22	McLouth, KS. Threshing Bee.	Austin 785-691-6749, Darin 816-803-8500, or Chris 785-393-0524
Sept. 20-22	Princeton, MO. Calamity Jane Weekend-Tractor Cruise. (Fri.)	
	Parade and Tractor Show. (Sat.) Car Show. (Sun.)	660-748-4438
Sept. 19-22	Cole Camp, MO. Fall Tractor Show. Tractor Pull Sept. 24.	660-438-0928
Sept. 19-22	Fredonia, KS. Antique Tractor Show. Tractor Pull Sept. 24.	660-378-3307
Sept. 20-22	Marshall, MO. Antique Tractor Show.	660-837-3422
Sept. 20-22	Chilhowee, MO. Antique Tractor Show.	660-647-5876
Sept. 21	Buckner, MO. Parade.	816-650-6507
Sept. 21-22	Meriden, KS. Fall Show.	785-876-3030
Oct. 5	Harrisonville, MO Burnt District Festival Parade (Sat).	Bob 816-797-4243
Oct. 5	Abilene, KS. Tractor Show w/Parade of Power.	913-381-5661
Oct. 4-6	Lathrop, MO. Living History Show.	816-528-3511 and 816-896-5546
Oct. 5-6	Lake JaCoMo, 1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display.	Wes 816-228-2660
Oct. 11-12	Adrian, MO. Swap Meet.	Bob Surber 816-797-4243
Oct. 17-20	Fort Scott, KS. Pioneer Harvest Fiesta Annual Show. Parade 25th @ 6p.m.	
Cancelled	Powell Gardens Glow Night.	816-524-6783 http://www.powellgardens.org CANCELLED
Oct. 19	Baldwin City, KS. Maple Leaf Festival and Parade.	913-486-5534
Oct. 26	Independence, MO. Halloween Parade.	Wes 816-228-2660
Nov. 2	Bonner Springs, Fall Plow Day.	Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180
Nov. 3	GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction (Hosted by George Reed)	
Dec. 8	Oak Grove, MO. Christmas Parade	Wes 816-228-2660

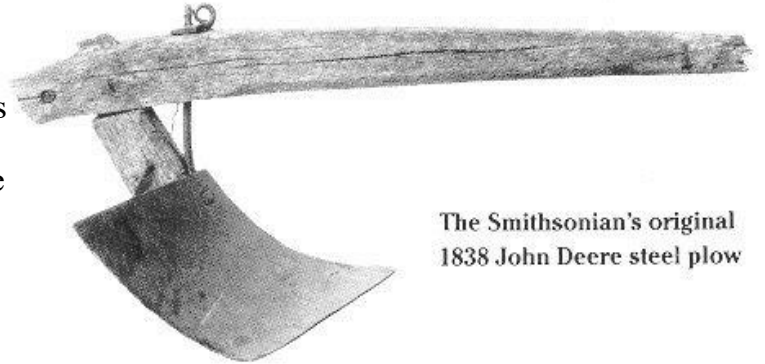
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Oct. 26	Independence, MO. Halloween Parade.	Wes 816-228-2660
Nov. 2	Bonner Springs, KS. Plow Day.	Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180
Nov. 3	GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction	(Hosted by George Reed)

Trivia Answer: John Deere's first plows used the saw blade steel for the share and smoothly ground wrought iron for the mold-board. Wrought iron could be welded and would reasonably scour in heavy soil. Deere's first plow, finished in 1837, worked better than any previous plow. By early 1838, Deere completed his first steel plow and sold it to a local farmer, Lewis Crandall, who quickly spread word of his success with Deere's plow. Deere then built two more plows, one of which was sold to Joseph Brieton, who farmed just south of Grand Detour. That implement was later discovered and purchased by Charles Deere and is on display at the Smithsonian Institution.

By May 24, 1839, Deere had built three more plows, and before the year was over he had produced a total of ten. The plows sold for ten to twelve dollars each, which was a considerable purchase for a farmer of that day. In 1840 Deere produced forty plows; in 1841, seventy-five; in 1842, one hundred; and in 1843, four hundred.



The Smithsonian's original
1838 John Deere steel plow



1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display



1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display