

GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

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GKCTCC 2021 Officers: Joe Meyer, Michelle Pirie, Jon Pirie, Lloyd Mesmer, Justin Read @ Feb. 7th Tractor Club Meeting.
(Not pictured, Jay Pruett)

From the Desk of the Club President:

Following a cold and roller coaster winter, it is time to bring the “Johnnie Poppers” to life for the Spring and Summer activities. The second meeting of the year will take place on Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Joe Meyer’s business (Overland Tow) in Merriam, KS starting at 1:00 p.m. This is definitely a meeting you don’t want to miss because of the delicious barbecue starting at 1 PM this time. We want to thank Joe and Lori Meyer for their hospitality. Please contact Joe at 913-927-0575 (call or text) to RSVP so he knows how many people to expect. Keep in mind that face masks and social distancing is still required by the local health department.

We are presently working to get ready for the Ag. Hall of Fame Tractor Cruise that will take place on Saturday, May 1 in Bonner Springs, KS. We all need to be involved in it, so send in your registration and ride with us. Lloyd , Wes, and Don have done a lot of work to put this together. I look forward to seeing each of you throughout the year at our events and at the membership meetings.

Justin Read

2021 Club Officers

Listed below is the current elected officers for 2021:

President:	Justin Read	1st Vice President:	Jon Pirie
2nd Vice President:	Joe Meyer	3rd Vice President:	Lloyd Mesmer
Treasurer:	Jay Pruett	Secretary:	Michelle Pirie
Historian:	Wes Storm		

Note : Wes Storm is our historian (and Trustee). 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 2021

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 2020” or earlier at the top, then you will want to pay your 2021 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

Club Website and Newsletter

The club website <http://www.gkctcc.com/> counter was reset in July of 2012 (it currently reads around 19,100 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 Michelle Pirie at 913-634-1389 email: GKCTCC@outlook.com

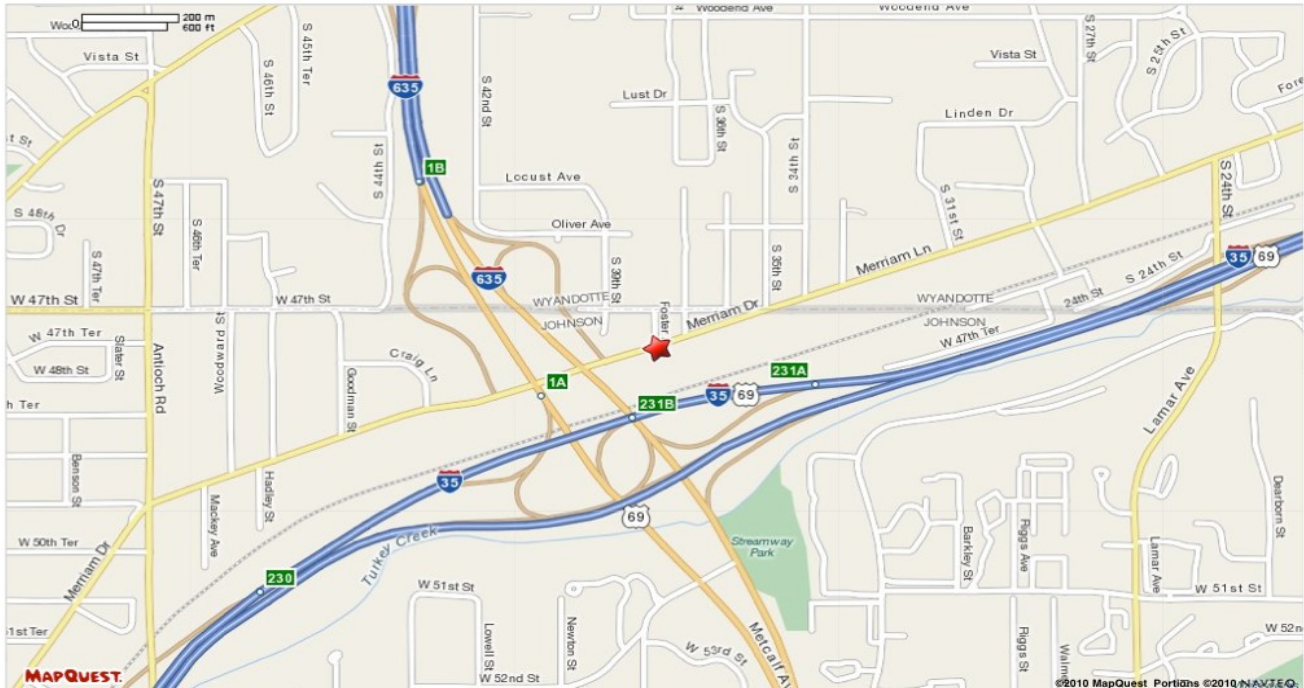
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GKCTCC>

Upcoming Event News

GKCTCC Meeting, Silent Auction, and BBQ -- April 18th, 2021, 1 PM

The second GKCTCC meeting of the year is to be held at Joe Meyer's business (Overland Tow), near I-635 on Merriam Lane, Overland Park, KS. We will have a barbecue dinner at 1:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow. Dinner will be served this year (no buffet) to meet COVID-19 guidelines. We do ask for sides and desserts to compliment the BBQ. Topics for the meeting will include the following: 2021 Schedule of Events (approval), Ag Hall Tractor Cruise, and the June 6th meeting and picnic. There will be a silent auction again this year, so bring your unwanted and good items for the auction. Also, bring your checkbook or cash to buy items up for bid. Masks must be worn at all times, except when eating. Social distancing will also be practiced.

Directions: Exit I-635 onto Merriam Dr/Ln and head east 1/4 mile to 3505 Merriam Ln.



2021 Ag Hall Tractor Cruise -- May 1, 2021, 8:30 AM

The 2021 Ag Hall Tractor Cruise has been scheduled for May 1, 2021. The cruise will begin at 8:30am at the Leavenworth Co Fairgrounds in Tonganoxie, KS. This will be a scenic 48 mile journey through Kansas in LV and JF counties. Lunch will be in Oskaloosa, KS then we will be returning to Tonganoxie, KS. Pre-registration ends April 14th. Please refer to the separate previously mailed letter which includes more details and information. Cost is \$35 per tractor/driver.

June GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic -- June 6th, 2021, 1 PM

The third scheduled meeting (and picnic) for the year will take place on Sunday, June 6, 2021, 1:00 p.m. at the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, KS. Fifteen years ago it was decided we should have a picnic starting at 1:00 p.m. with the formal meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m. **PICNIC SUBJECT TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPT ORDERS-MORE DETAILS IN NEXT NEWSLETTER.** In order for the picnic to not cost the Club, the following guidelines were established — Everyone who comes with the last name beginning with A to M would bring a side dish (example — potato salad, beans, chips, desserts, etc.) and everyone who comes with the last name starting with N to Z would bring a main dish (example — fried chicken, meatballs, sandwiches, etc.). Every year we rotate the assignments. Everyone should bring his or her own drink. Paper goods will be provided. The activity will be held in the air-conditioned Red Barn or Poultry Museum at the Ag Hall so everyone can enjoy the day.

GKTCC Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2021 — 1 PM
Trailside Center, Kansas City, MO

President Read opened the meeting with the flag salute. No new members or guests were in attendance.

The meeting was also attended via Free Conference Call by a few members.

Installation of 2021 Club Officers was completed with the Officers as follows:

President – Justin Read; 1st VP – Jon Pirie; 2nd VP – Joe Meyer; 3rd VP – Lloyd Mesmer;
Treasurer – Jay Pruett; Secretary – Michelle Pirie; Historian – Wes Storm

The President sked for approval of the November meeting minutes as published in the last newsletter. Wes Storm moved to approve, Don Hrabik & Lloyd Mesmer seconded, motion passed.

Justin Read explained the new/current insurance policy will be for tractor club sponsored events only. The current amount is \$869.00 per year which is base insurance plus the number of events at about \$25 per event plus \$1.75 per member. If a claim needs to be filed, it must go through a board member. Non-insured events will no longer be listed in the newsletter, but will be included on the website.

The Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade has been canceled. Western Farm Show has been canceled.

The next GKCTCC meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2021 with Joe Meyer hosting. The plan still includes lunch and silent auction. The June meeting is scheduled June 6, 2021 at the Ag Hall of Fame with a picnic subject to the local health department decision which will be made closer to date. There is still an opening for hosting the Nov. 7, 2021 meeting.

The Ag Hall Tractor Cruise is scheduled for May 1, 2021. Lloyd Mesmer provided details regarding possible start location, route, and place to eat lunch. Late arrivals will be accepted but with no guarantee of lunch. Lloyd is still working out details.

An Ag. Hall Tractor Show was discussed with possible dates of July 10th or July 31st. This activity is no cost to the Club. It is sponsored by the Ag. Hall. Don Hrabik is working on this and will bring more information to the April meeting.

Jon Pirie discussed the raffle and scholarship fund for 2021. Jon suggested investing in Duane Spieker buttons. Wes Storm motioned to invest in the Spieker buttons and Jon Pirie 2nd, motion passed. Tickets for the raffle will be ready by the April meeting to help increase fundraising. The scholarship awards will remain the same for now. The tickets for the raffle will be \$2 for 1 and \$5 for 3 again this year. Don brought up the need to spread the prize money out more this year, as opposed to last year having only 3 prizes, to help have more winners. VPs in charge of the program agreed to this change.

It was decided to not do event buttons this year due to the decrease in events last year and this year due to COVID-19. Don Hrabik stated there is a credit on the account where we purchase the buttons. This credit will be used for the Duane Spieker buttons.

A financial report was read by Justin Read as Jay was unable to attend.

Joe Meyer asked about hats for the tractor cruise. The decision for this will be made by April 1, 2021. They will have no year and no date so they can be used in the future.

Justin Read will get Don the picture of Spieker for the button.

Justin Read presented service gifts to the 2020 officers that were present. Wes Storm, Joe Meyer, Jon Pirie, Lloyd Mesmer and to Don Hrabik for all that they do for the Club.

Wes Storm motioned to donate \$50 (paid cash) to the Three Trails Center. Don Hrabik 2nd, motion passed.

Items Wanted / For Sale:

For Sale: 1950 Styled AR, Serial Number 273481. Earlier Restoration, primed and repainted, Powertrol, recently rebuilt carburetor, wheel weights, new tires and tubes. Asking \$6000 O.B.O. - Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180



For Sale: 4 Throwaway Plow Shears for 14" Plow - Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180

Currently No Other 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: GKCTCC@outlook.com

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

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 Michelle Pirie to place an ad, (913) 634-1389 or email to: GKCTCC@outlook.com



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2021 Schedule of Events - To be approved at the April 18th, 2021 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. 7	K.C., MO. GKCTCC Meeting (Trailside Center) 9901 Holmes Rd.	
	816-547-8608 1 PM	
April 18	Merriam, KS. GKCTCC Meeting & BBQ, Joe Meyer (Overland Tow)	
	1 PM - Please RSVP with Joe 913-927-0575 (call or text)	
May 1	Tonganoxie, KS. Ag Hall Tractor Cruise. Lloyd Mesmer	
June 5	Shawnee, KS. Old Shawnee Days Parade. (10 AM) Jay Pruett 913-302-1273	
June 6	GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, 1:00 p.m., Ag Hall Red Barn	816-547-8608
July 4	Sugar Creek, MO. Sugar Creek Parade. (9:00 a.m.) Wes	816-228-2660
July 10	Bonner Springs, KS. Ag Hall Tractor Daze Show. Don Hrabik	913-262-5904
July 17	Buchanan County, MO. MO Farm Bureau Tractor Cruise. (8 am)	816-279-2985
	https://mofb.org/event/tractorcruise/	
July 27	Tonganoxie, KS. Leavenworth County Fair Parade,	
Aug 6-8	Adrian, MO. Antique Tractor, Steam and Engine Show.	
	Bob Surber 816-797-4243	
Aug 6	Adrian MO Tractor Cruise. Bob Surber 816-797-4243	CRUISE ONLY
Aug. 5-8	Overbrook, KS. Fair Parade. (Aug. 6 @ 6:30 p.m.) (Aug. 7 @ 6:00 p.m.)	
	Wes 816-228-2660	
Aug 12	Tracy, MO. Platte Co Tractor Cruise. Alan Goodwin – (816) 550-0481 or	
	Jim McClung – pcsteamshow1961@gmail.com	
Aug. 12-15	Tracy, MO. Platte County Antique Tractor, Steam & Gas Engine Show.	
	816-858-5826	
Aug. 17-18	Sedalia, MO. Missouri State Fair “Old & Wow” Tractor Show and Parade.	
	(Fair runs Aug. 12-22)	
Sept. 9-12	Boonville, MO. Antique Tractor Show. (Cruise on 11th)	847-526-7318
Sept. 10-12	Ottawa, KS. Antique Tractor & Engine Show. 785-418-2190	
	featuring Massey in 2020	
Sept. 18	Blue Springs Parade, Blue Springs, MO. Wes	816-228-2660
Sept. 17-19	Princeton, MO. Calamity Jane Weekend-Tractor Cruise. (Fri.)	
	Parade and Tractor Show. (Sat.) Car Show. (Sun.)	660-748-4438
Oct. 2-3	Lake JaCoMo, 1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display. Wes	816-228-2660
Oct. 16	Baldwin City, KS. Maple Leaf Festival and Parade. 913-486-5534	
Oct. 30	Independence, MO. Halloween Parade. Wes	816-228-2660
Nov. 6	Bonner Springs, Fall Plow Day. Lloyd Mesmer	913-441-1180
Nov. 7	GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction	
Dec. 4	Oak Grove, MO. Christmas Parade Wes	816-228-2660

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Member Profile: Who is Lloyd Mesmer?

Lloyd K. Mesmer was born September 12, 1936 in Holton, KS the second of three children born to Jessie and Joseph Mesmer. Lloyd's sister, Shirly Ann, lives in Topeka and is 2 years his senior. Lloyd's younger brother by 4 years, Leonard Gale Mesmer, died in 2012 when he suffered a heart attack. Lloyd lived in Holton, KS until he was about 8 years old when the family moved to a 40 acre farm in Rossville, KS, part of 160 acres Joseph ultimately obtained. Lloyd grew up on the Rossville farm where wheat was raised, initially with a team of horses. During WWII, Lloyd's dad received approval to purchase a 1940's John Deere "skeleton wheel" tractor. When the steel wheel tractor was unable to perform as needed, Joseph sought and received approval from the board to purchase a second John Deere (model A or B) with rubber tires.



*Pilings creating "bathtub"
for casino riverboat 1993*



*Lloyd and coworker,
keyhole at Harrah's*

Lloyd graduated from high school in 1954 and worked as a farm hand putting up hay, plowing, and operating a combine. Lloyd helped drill irrigation wells for Cox irrigation before getting in the bridge building business in 1955 when he helped build a 2,997 ft. bridge in the Kaw Valley to replace a trestle bridge lost in the 1951 flood.

Lloyd married his wife, JoAn Buchanan, in 1960 and they initially lived in a mobile home on the 40 acres in Rossville where Lloyd was raised. Lloyd and JoAn had two children, Brenda born in 1961 and William born in 1965. Brenda currently resides in Bonner Springs. William currently resides in Olathe with wife Sheri and daughter Autumn (Lloyd's only grandchild). Lloyd moved from the farm to Bonner Springs, KS in 1966 and they moved into their current home in 1967. Lloyd earned a living through the years driving piles in the bridge building business, 25 years of which was spent with Wilkerson from 1975-2000 when he retired as a project superintendent.

Through the years, Lloyd has served the city of Bonner Springs, KS as a member of: the city council, zoning appeals and planning commission, and the tree board. The Mayor of Bonner Springs encouraged Lloyd to volunteer at the Agriculture Hall of Fame and he has served there the past 5 years. Lloyd has been a member of the GKCTCC for the past 12 years helping coordinate the tractor cruise and plow days and currently serving as a Vice-President.



Lloyd with tractors on his Rossville Farm

Lloyd owns four tractors, all of which he has restored, including: 1946 JD all fuel GM, 1950 JD AR, 1958 JD 620 LP and a 1955 Ford 850. Most of Lloyd's tractors are kept in an out-building on the 40 acre farm in Rossville where Lloyd was raised and which he now owns.

THE GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB PRESENTS:



A BENEFIT RIDE FOR THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTER AND HALL OF FAME

MAY 1, 2021, 8:30 AM

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7:00 AM CHECK-IN, 8:00 AM DRIVERS MEETING, 8:30 AM DEPART TIME
10:30 AM BREAK - MCLOUTH, 11:30 LUNCH - OSKALOOSA, 3:30 PM RETURN - TONGANOXIE

FOR MORE INFORMATION: LLOYD MESMER (913) 441-1180

DON HRABIK (913) 262-5904

WES STORM (816) 228-2660



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