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Don Hrabik and Charlie Gast being interviewed by Channel 4 news at the National Ag Center and Hall of Fame Tractor Show—July 31, 2021

From the Desk of the Club President:

We have had a wet spring and it was followed by a hot and humid summer. As the farmers were late getting their crops planted, we need to hope for a late frost.

Several members have participated in cruises, shows and parades this season. The rest of the year will be busy with shows, parades, cruises; Ottawa Show, McLouth Show, Baldwin City Parade, Blue Springs Parade, Lake JaCoMo Show, and the Halloween Parade, 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. If you would like to drive a tractor for a few hours at Powell Gardens September 24-25 or October 1-2, please reach out to Bob Antes (816) 863-9966 or Wes Storm (816) 718-7034. Also, if you are interested in filling the open Vice-President position please let one of the board members know. The Club will vote on the 2022 officers at the November meeting.

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:	Open	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 19,900 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>

Past Events

Leavenworth County Fair Parade, Tonganoxie, KS -- July 27, 2021

The Leavenworth County Fair Parade provided GKCTCC members an opportunity to get their tractors out for one of the first parades of the year! A great time was had by the eleven club members who braved the near 100-degree temps to participate in the well-attended event. Club members who participated in the event include: Tina Neu 1935 JD B, Justin Read 1941 JD H, Wes Storm 1941 JD BR, Jeff and Charlie Gast 1949 JD B, Jon, Michelle, Rex and Huxley Pirie 1949 JD MT, Don Hrabik 1958 JD 430, Lloyd Mesmer 1958 JD 620-LP, Jay Pruettt 1960 JD 530, Bob Antes 1960 JD 630 and Doug Young on his Ford 1951 8N.



Ag Hall of Fame Tractor Show , Bonner Springs, KS -- July 31, 2021

The Tractor Show was held on Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Thirty six tractors of all make and models were on display. They were brought in between Thursday and Saturday before 8:00 am. Kubota provided a large tractor for display along with a smaller vehicle for transportation. Activities during the show included tractor games from 1:00 pm -3:00 pm. A variety of games made it interesting for the participants. A Parade of Power was held at noon with many colors on the move. Two Pedal Tractor Pulls were held at 10:00am and 2:00om in the Red Barn. All trophies and ribbons were provided by Kubota. Food was provided by the Boy Scouts in the Red Barn. The weather was good until around 3:00pm when a cloud burst let loose and basically closed the show. Manny tractors made for cover and others made for home. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the show even though the attendance was light.



Platte County Tractor Show and Missouri State Fair -- August, 2021

GKCTCC members made their presence known at the Platte County Tractor Show where John Deere tractors were featured. The 4-day event included a tractor cruise complete with rain and **hail**. Justin Read, Don Hrabik, Bob Antes, and Wes Storm collectively took 13 tractors to the show.

Don Hrabik, Bob Antes, and Wes Storm also responded to the State Fair in Sedalia, MO where their tractors were part of the 120+ on site. A great time was had by all.



John Deere Feature at Platte County, MO



Half scale Tractors at Platte Co

Upcoming Event News

Lake JaCoMo 1855 Missouri Town Fall Festival -- October 1-2, 2021, 10 AM

The 1855 Missouri Town Fall Festival is scheduled for October 1-2 starting at 10 AM. You can bring your tractors in anytime that week. Contact Wes Storm with questions - (816) 228-2660.

Maple Leaf Festival, Baldwin City, KS -- October 16th, 2021, 11 AM

The Greater Kansas City Two-Cylinder Club is registered for the 2021 Maple Leaf Festival Parade, Saturday, October 16, 2021. 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 10:30 AM. The parade route starts at 3rd and High St then north on 6th St to Chapel. Questions can be directed to Jon Pirie at 913-238-2505.



WE NEED YOU ... to sell raffle tickets! Applications are currently being accepted for the Glenn Ratzlaff and Duane "Spike" Spieker Scholarships which will be awarded in November, 2021. The scholarship program is funded in large part by funds raised through the club raffle. Please make every effort to sell raffle tickets and forward proceeds to: GKC Two-Cylinder Club, P.O. Box 14071, Lenexa, KS 66285. If you have run out of raffle tickets and are willing to disseminate more to help this great cause, please contact Jon Pirie at 913-238-2505 and more tickets will be sent to you.

GKCTCC Meeting Minutes

Date: June 6, 2021

Time: 1 PM Sack Lunch/Picnic, 2 PM Meeting

Place: Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame, Bonner Springs, KS

President Read opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting was attended by 18 members, no new members or guests were present.

President Read asked for approval of the April 18, 2021 meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Herman Sachse moved and Bob Antes seconded. Motion passed.

Financial report, forwarded by Treasurer Jay Pruetz, was read by President Read. Report detailed total funds: \$13,454.30 with \$3,685.98 designated for scholarships and \$9,768.32 in general fund. President Read asked for approval of the financial report and Vice-President Jon Pirie moved and Herman Sachse seconded. Motion passed.

President Read referenced funds had been donated to the GKCTCC in Vice-President Joe Meyer's memory. Consideration of a memorial scholarship in Joe Meyer's name will be discussed in the future. In honor of Joe Meyer, his Vice-President Position will remain unfilled until next year.

Vice-President Jon Pirie discussed the Memorial Scholarship Raffle and the fact that tickets were available to distribute to club members following the meeting.

President Read referenced the Ag. Hall Tractor Cruise held May 1, 2021 and Vice-President Lloyd Mesmer was given the floor. Discussion revealed 40 tractors were registered for the 2021 Tractor Cruise, however not all registered tractors participated. The tractor cruise raised \$2,800 for the Ag. Hall. Lloyd Mesmer, Wes Storm, and Don Hrabik were thanked for their efforts related to the 2021 Cruise. VP Mesmer advised he was in the process of planning the route and details for the 2022 Tractor Cruise with a tentative date of May 7, 2022.

Don Hrabik discussed the Ag. Hall Tractor Show to be held July 31 from 9 AM – 4 PM with tractors to be in place by 8 AM the day of the event (earlier arrivals on Thursday/Friday allowed). Bob Antes is in charge of the tractor games to be held at the show and information about some of the tractor games was provided.

President Read referenced pending tractor events listed in the newsletter and website. The Leavenworth County Fair Parade in Tonganoxie, KS on July 27 was referenced as needing a club member to coordinate participation for the club. Jeff Gast volunteered to coordinate the event on behalf of the club.

President Read discussed timing of the next club newsletter and a decision was made to disseminate the newsletter after mid-August.

President Read advised a location for the November meeting has yet to be determined and asked club members to forward any information or suggestions on potential locations or persons who might be willing to host the meeting. Herman Sachse nominated the Read farm as a location for the next meeting. President Read will check on it.

President Read opened the floor for discussion and Don Hrabik advised a new batch of Duane "Spike" Spieker Memorial Scholarship buttons had been created with Spike's name spelled correctly. Don also asked if the GKCTCC would donate \$200 to the Ag. Hall on for the Ag Hall Board of Directors position he serves. Justin advised the club typically handles such requests at the November meeting.

President Read called for a motion to close the meeting. Herman Sachse moved to close the meeting and Vice-President Jon Pirie seconded. Motion passed at 2:54 PM.

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 - Approved at the April 18th, 2021 membership 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 6		GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, 1:00 p.m., Ag Hall Red Barn 816-547-8608
June 25-27	Adrian, MO	Antique Tractor, Steam and Engine Show. Bob Surber 816-797-4243
July 4	Sugar Creek, MO.	Sugar Creek Parade. (9:00 a.m.) Wes 816-228-2660
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,
July 31	Bonner Springs, KS.	Ag Hall Tractor Show, Don Hrabik 913-262-5904
Aug 7	Adrian MO	Tractor Cruise. Bob Surber 816-797-4243 CRUISE ONLY
Aug. 11-14	Overbrook, KS.	Fair Parade. (Aug. 12 @ 6:30 p.m.) (Aug. 13 @ 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. 13-15	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. 10-13	Boonville, MO.	Antique Tractor Show. (Cruise on 10th) 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

Note: All dates are subject to change. Please check with a contact person to confirm date. GKCTCC Meetings and event changes are in Bold. Non-insured events will no longer be listed in the newsletter, but will be included on the website.

Member Profile: Who is Don Hrabik?

Donald Hrabik was born June 29, 1932, the second of four children born to Henry and Viola. During elementary school, the family lived on a small family farm in Wilson, KS. Don's dad worked at the local flour mill during the day and would return home and plow at night on a 1929 John Deere D tractor. During high school, the family moved to a farm in Dorrance, KS. In 1950, following high school, Don worked for the Russell Highway Department running a Caterpillar D-8 tractor/scrapper building roads.

During the Korean War, Don was #2 on the draft list and chose to enlist in the Army. Don completed 8 weeks of basic training followed by 16 weeks of engineering school, qualifying him to work on any piece of heavy equipment in the Army. In 1952, Don was assigned to the K-13 airbase in Suwon, Korea as a member of the 802nd EAB (Engineering Aviation Battalion), a SCARWAF (Special Category Army with Air Force) unit keeping heavy equipment operational to maintain the air strip used by F-86 Sabres. Fighting in Korea stopped July 27, 1953 and Don's service concluded in 1955. Don's military service allowed him to participate in a Washington D.C. honor flight in 2019, a highlight of his life.



Following the war, Don worked a few years with Lane Wells in Russell, KS servicing oil wells. Intending to teach school, Don attended Fort Hays State College. In 1958, Don married Janice before graduating college and getting hired to teach Industrial Arts in Burlington, KS. One year later, Don was hired to teach Metals at the Old Mission Jr. High School in the Shawnee Mission School District. Don was awarded Teacher of the Year in 1974. In the 1980's, Don was named principal of the Broadmoor Vo-Tech School. Don retired from teaching in 1993. Don and Janice have two boys, Brent and Bradley who both work in the medical field and each have families. Brent and Brad have given Don and Janice six grandchildren, four boys and two girls.

Don became a member of the GKCTCC in 1995, served as club president over 10 years, and is known for his ability to sell copious amounts of tractor club raffle tickets. Don has been associated with the Ag Hall of Fame about 15 years and is presently serving on the board of directors. Don's tractor collection has included as many as 65 pedal tractors, currently down to about 25. Don's collection of large tractors at one time included his dad's Minneapolis Moline U purchased new in 1952, sold to club member Wes Storm. Don currently owns a 1958 John Deere 430 W (w/ siren) and 520, both previously owned by Paul Antes. Don's collection once included a 39 John Deere A, John Deere H, 49 John Deere B, another 430 W (without power steering), a Dearborn Award winning Ford 8N, and too many lawn mowers models to list.

