

# GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

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November 22, 2021 FALL PLOW DAY  
Bonner Springs, KS

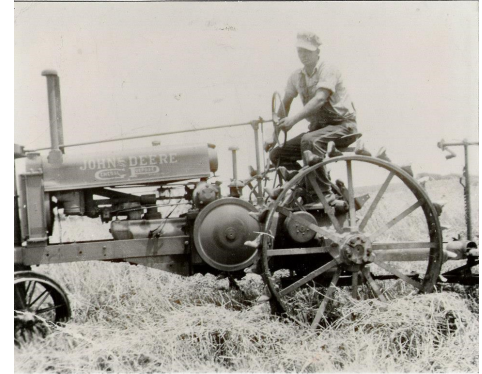
## From the Desk of the Club President:

As your President, I want to be the first to say Happy New Year from the Greater Kansas City Two-Cylinder Club! I would like to thank last year's leadership team for their hard work, Justin Read, Jon Pirie, Lloyd Mesmer, Jay Pruett, Michelle Pirie, and Wes Storm.

We will be having our first Board Meeting, virtually. I look forward to working with all of the officers in the club. I also am looking forward to the many events that the club will participate in during the upcoming year.

Just a reminder, that the Western Farm Show is coming up on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Since Don Hrabik is stepping down from organizing our booth at the farm show, we need a volunteer(s) to step up to the task. If you're interested, please let me or one of the officers know.

I'd like to introduce myself. I am a charter member of the club... card#20 to be exact. I grew up on John Deere tractors. Enclosed is an image of my dad on his '34 A, which is what sparked my interest in collecting Two Cylinder John Deere tractors. Unfortunately, it got scrapped before I could save it. It was the 10<sup>th</sup> built in that model. That loss has made me unwilling to scrap anything, as my wife will sadly attest to.



My philosophy is safety first in all aspects. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or suggestions.

Herman Sachse, 913-775-3353

## 2022 Club Officers

Listed below is the officers for 2022:

President:	Herman Sachse	1st Vice President:	Jon Pirie
2nd Vice President:	Justin Read	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](mailto: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 2022

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 2021" or earlier at the top, then you will want to pay your 2022 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](mailto:jay70nc@yahoo.com)).

## Club Website and Newsletter

The Club website <http://www.gkctcc.com/> gives our Club world wide recognition along with reaching prospective members. If you have any club related information or pictures for the newsletter, please contact Secretary Michelle Pirie at 913-634-1389 mail: [secretary@GKCTCC.com](mailto:secretary@GKCTCC.com)

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

GKCTCC Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2021 – 2:00 PM  
Kenny Read Farm, Richmond, KS

President Read opened the meeting with the flag salute and asked for any new members or guests. Guests included: Don Hrabik's son, Brad. Jackie and Donnie Buchanan (Justin Read's Aunt and Uncle). Former member Mel Kopf was recognized. Scholarship recipient Kendall Krueth and his dad. Scholarship recipient Nathaniel Freund and his brother.

The president asked for approval of the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. Wes Storm moved to approve, Bob Antes seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer Jay Pruett gave a club financial report detailing an account balance of \$14,846.33 which included a solvent scholarship fund. Bryce York moved to accept the financial report and Herman Sachse seconded. Motion passed.

President Read called for any old business discussion and none was brought forth.

Lloyd Mesmer was asked to provide an update on the plow day scheduled for November 13, 2021. Lloyd advised the plow day was not likely to occur as scheduled due to weather and crops still in the fields. Lloyd asked any member planning to participate in the plow day to call Saturday before responding. If the plow day will not occur, a potential future date would be provided.

The 2022 Budget Committee, consisting of the six current board members and two club members at large, was discussed. President Read asked Wes Storm and Jeff Gast if they would be willing to serve on the committee filling at large positions, and both agreed. The budget committee will meet on a date in January to be determined.

The 2022 Meeting dates were announced and meeting locations discussed. The February 13 meeting will be held at the Three Trails Center in Kansas City, MO at 2pm. The June 5 meeting will be held at the Ag Hall (food at 1pm, meeting at 2pm). The April 3 meeting location will need to be determined as will the November 6 meeting.

The Western Farm Show scheduled for February 25-27, 2022 was discussed. Club setup prior to the event will occur on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and/or Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Don Hrabik has consistently helped organize the club's participation at this event but announced 2022 will be the last year he will lead this effort. Don advised he will assist whoever steps up to lead this event in the future.

Lloyd Mesmer was asked to give an update on plans for the 2022 Ag Hall Tractor Cruise. Lloyd advised the cruise will occur on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will likely be about the same distance as the 2021 cruise with more details to be provided in the future. A motion was made to proceed with plans for a 2022 tractor cruise with Bob Antes moving and Wes Storm seconding; motion carried.

Vice President Jon Pirie introduced the 2021 Scholarship Award winners with each telling the club about themselves and their future plans. Kendall Krueth was awarded the Duane "Spike" Speiker Memorial Scholarship. Nathaniel Freund was awarded the Glenn Ratzlaff Memorial Scholarship. Vice President Pirie thanked the club for raffle ticket sales efforts supporting the scholarship fund adding he plans to seek corporate donation(s) in the future to provide additional resources.

President Read opened discussion regarding club disbursement of the \$500 budgeted for charitable donations. General consensus was donations be made to charities of the past including Wounded Warriors and Harvesters. Bryce York moved the club donate to the charities referenced and Bob Antes seconded with the motion passing.

President Read introduced the potential slate of officers for 2022 including: President Herman Sachse, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jon Pirie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Justin Read, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Lloyd Mesmer, Treasurer Jay Pruett, Secretary Michelle Pirie and Historian/Trustee Wes Storm. Don Hrabik moved to accept the slate of officers presented to serve in 2022. Bryce York seconded the motion which carried.

Open floor discussion included: Wes Storm offered to donate a vintage John Deere wheel puller to the tractor club so it could be used by club members. Kenny Read discussed the annual tractor cruise across the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan advising he has attended in the past and it is worth consideration by the tractor club.

Motion was made by Bryce York to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dalamar Read and carried at 3:25pm.

NOTE: Following the meeting, the Scholarship Raffle drawing was held with the winners being: 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Wayne Schuler, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Autumn Mesmer, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Betty Reed, Meghan Barlow, and Brian Bahner. The auction brought in \$310.00.

## Past Events

### Christmas Parade – December 4, 2021

The Spirit of Christmas was the theme for the annual Oak Grove Christmas Parade held December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM in Oak Grove, MO. Wes Storm and Bob Antes helped organize the effort on behalf of the Greater KC Two-Cylinder Club. Sixteen people on 10 tractors and 2 four-wheelers represented the tractor club including: Wes Storm, Jim McClung, Troy Mooney with wife and daughter, Justin Mooney, David Mooney and wife, Ed Essig, John Long, and Bob Antes with family including: Addison, Dylan, Ken, Zach, and Gary.



### Fall Plow Day – November 22, 2021

Lloyd Mesmer organized the 2021 Plow Day and, after being set back twice, it finally came together on Monday, November 22, 2021. The day was warm and sunny and about 35 acres were plowed. Eleven people came with tractors and plows including: Don Hrabik JD 520-2, Bob Antes JD 80-4, John Long IH 300-3, Mitch and Leo Antes AC D17-3, Dennis Epperson Ford 801-3, Stephen Foster Ford 601-3, Jerry Nagg AC D15-2, David Maddux AC WD45-2 Rollover, Lloyd Mesmer JD 620-3 and Ford 850-3, Marvin Halverson JD 420 and 140. All enjoyed the time together, even though Bob's brother plowed under his cell phone. Thanks to all who promoted this day!



## 2021 GKCTCC Memorial Scholarships Awarded

The **Duane “Spike” Speiker Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to Kendall Krueth. Kendall is from Lamar, MO and second year student in the John Deere Ag Tech program at Fort Scott Community College in Fort Scott, KS. Kendall started working at Legacy Farm and Lawn in Lamar, MO at 16 years of age dusting shelves, sweeping floors and assisting with inventory. Legacy transitioned to Heritage Tractor Co and Kendall transitioned as well when he applied and was accepted at the John Deere school. While attending school, Kendall continued to work at Heritage in the service department. Kendall intends to continue his employment at Heritage Tractor once he graduates, aspiring to be the service manager. Kendall feels connected to the scholarship’s namesake, Duane Speiker, in that Kendall’s maternal grandmother was born in Carroll County, Iowa where Duane grew up! Kendall and his father attended the November tractor club meeting so Kendall could introduce himself and receive the scholarship award.



The **Glenn Ratzlaff Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to Nathaniel Freund. Nathaniel is from Concordia, MO and a first year student in the John Deere Ag Tech program at Fort Scott Community College in Fort Scott, KS. Kendall works tirelessly on the family’s six-generation dairy farm while also attending school. Upon completion of the John Deere Ag Tech program, Nathaniel hopes to work as a technician for John Deere. Nathaniel and his brother attended the November tractor club meeting so Nathaniel could introduce himself and receive the scholarship award. Following the meeting, Nathaniel and his brother enjoyed looking over the Read Family tractor collection and attending the white elephant auction.

### *Special Thanks ....*

**...to Heritage Tractor for “jump starting” the 2022 Greater Kansas City Two-Cylinder Club Scholarship Fund by making a \$500 donation!**

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**Items Wanted / For Sale:**

18' tilt trailer with 32" dove tail, new lights all around, 2x 7000 lb axles (one new), 2 new tires, wheel bearings just packed/serviced, electric/hydraulic tilt lift system, 83" between wheel wells, 104" wide, 2 5/16" hitch. \$3500 O.B.O.

Don Hrabik 913-206-5904



1958 John Deere Model 520 SN 5207836 with No. 810 2-16" plow, 3-point, roll-o-matic, 3-piece front weights, 4 rear wheel weights, 5366 hrs. \$6500 O.B.O. Don Hrabik 913-206-5904



**Other items for sale by Don Hrabik:**

2010 John Deere x360 Lawn Tractor SN M0X360A151811 with 48" mower and 44" snow blade, 22 HP Kawasaki engine 182 hrs, power steering, hydraulic lift, hydrostat. \$2000 O.B.O.

1987 John Deere 318 Lawn and Garden Tractor SN M00318X424109, 18HP Onan engine 1004 hrs, 46" mower deck, hydraulic lift, snow blade, excellent shape, hydrostat. \$1800 O.B.O.

Toro Power Max 724 OE Gas Powered (Briggs) Snow Blower, Self-Propelled. \$500 O.B.O.

**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 Michelle Pirie to place an ad, (913) 634-1389 or email to: [secretary@GKCTCC.com](mailto:secretary@GKCTCC.com)

Interested in ordering a Club shirt?  
Call Don Hrabik at 913-206-5904 Shirt w/o pocket:  
S-XL = \$15.00, XXL = \$17.00, XXXL = \$18.00

For Sale: 1950 Styled AR, Serial Number 273481. Earlier Restoration, primed and repainted, Power-trol, recently rebuilt carburetor, wheel weights, new tires and tubes. Asking \$5000 O.B.O. - Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180



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

**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: [secretary@GKCTCC.com](mailto:secretary@GKCTCC.com)

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## 2022 Schedule of Events - To be approved at the April, 2022 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. 13	<del>K.C., MO. GKCTCC Meeting (Trailside Center) 9901 Holmes Rd. 816-547-8608 1 PM</del>	
	<b>CANCELLED</b>	
Feb. 25-27	<b>K.C., MO. Western Farm Show, Governors Building, (Setup Feb. 21-22). Justin Read 816-6547-8608 &amp; Tina Neu 913-396-1455</b>	
March 13	<b>Shawnee, KS. Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade 1 PM. Jon Pirie 913-238-2505</b>	
April 3 or 10	<b>GKCTCC Meeting (Location TBD) 1 PM. Herman 913-775-3353</b>	
April 23	Bonner Springs, KS. Barn Yard Babies Tractor Show. Lloyd Mesmer 913-904-8186	
May 7	Bonner Springs, KS. Ag Hall Tractor Cruise. Lloyd Mesmer 913-904-8186	
June 4	Shawnee, KS. Old Shawnee Days Parade. (10 AM). Jay Pruett 913-302-1273	
June 5	<b>GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, 1:00 p.m., Ag Hall Red Barn. 913-775-3353</b>	
June 24-26	Adrian, MO. Antique Tractor, Steam and Engine Show. Bob Surber 816-797-4243	
July 4	Sugar Creek, MO. Sugar Creek Parade. (11:00 a.m.). Wes 816-228-2660	
July 16	Buchanan County, MO. MO Farm Bureau Tractor Cruise. (8 am). 816-279-2985	
July 26	Tonganoxie, KS. Leavenworth County Fair Parade. Jeff Gast 913-704-9788	
July 30	Bonner Springs, KS. Ag Hall Tractor Daze Show. Lloyd Mesmer 913-904-8186	
Aug 6	Adrian MO Tractor Cruise. Bob Surber 816-797-4243 CRUISE ONLY	
Aug 11	Tracy, MO. Platte Co Tractor Cruise. Alan Goodwin – (816) 550-0481 or Jim McClung	
Aug. 12-14	Tracy, MO. Platte County Antique Tractor, Steam & Gas Engine Show. 816-858-5826	
Aug. 16-17	Sedalia, MO. Missouri State Fair “Old & Wow” Tractor Show and Parade. (Fair runs Aug. 11-21)	
Sept. 3	Olathe, KS. Old Settlers Day Parade. Jon Pirie 913-238-2505	
Sept. 9-12	Boonville, MO. Antique Tractor Show. (Cruise on 10th). 847-526-7318	
Sept. 9-11	Ottawa, KS. Antique Tractor & Engine Show. 785-418-2190 featuring IHC Tractor & Engines	
Sept. 17	Blue Springs Parade, Blue Springs, MO. Wes 816-228-2660	
Sept. 16-18	Princeton, MO. Calamity Jane Weekend-Tractor Cruise. (Fri.) Parade and Tractor Show. (Sat.) Car Show. (Sun.). 660-748-4438	
Oct. 1-2	Lake JaCoMo, 1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display. Wes 816-228-2660	
Oct. 15	Baldwin City, KS. Maple Leaf Festival and Parade. Jon Pirie 913-238-2505	
Oct. 29	Independence, MO. Halloween Parade. Wes 816-228-2660	
Nov. 6	<b>GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction (2 PM). Herman 913-775-3353</b>	
Nov. 12	Bonner Springs, Fall Plow Day. Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180	
Dec. 3	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. Upcoming events shown in green.**

## Member Profile: Who is Harold Kurzweil?

Leo “Harold” Kurzweil was born April 30, 1935 to Herman and Eleonora Kurzweil. Harold was born on the family farm on Kurzweil Rd in Raymore, MO where he was the youngest of six children having one brother and four sisters. Harold was raised on the farm where 100 Holsteins were milked daily in the two-sided six stall Herringbone Dairy Parlor. In addition to the dairy operation, hogs and beef cattle were raised on the farm as well as hay and row crops.

Linda Barry, who was raised on the B.J. Barry Dairy Farm in Olathe, KS, had a friend who set Harold and Linda up on a blind date which led to their marriage on August 8, 1959. The Kurzweil Dairy was sold in 1964 and Harold and Linda moved to their current farm home in Freeman, MO in 1966. Harold and Linda have one son and three daughters, four grandsons and six granddaughters, and seven great grandsons. Harold served six years as a member of the Army National Guard.



*Linda on her family’s award winning float at the 1955 Old Settlers Parade*

The original Freeman, MO farm was 120 acres. Additional acreage was added over time and today the farm totals about 2,000 acres. Harold’s son, Mike, and grandson, Jason, manage the current farm operation where they raise corn, wheat and soybeans. After several attempts, Harold has finally retired and he and Linda spend winters in Arizona.

Harold grew up with John Deere tractors on the family farm where his father, Herman, had a 1938 model G and later a 1951 model A. Harold’s first tractor was a John Deere 730 and he later obtained a 3020 and 4020. John Deere was always the preferred tractor on the Kurzweil farm. In 2009, Harold heard about a collection of seven 1959 John Deere 2-cylinder tractors which he obtained in time to celebrate he and Linda’s 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Harold and Linda added a 1959 John Deere 730 Wheatland to complete the series of eight 1959 model John Deere tractors.



Harold and Linda enjoy spending time with the people of the Greater Kansas City Two-Cylinder club, including opportunities to show and parade their collection of tractors.