

GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

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St Patrick's Day Parade, Shawnee, KS
March 13, 2022

From the Desk of the Club President:

Ready to Spring forward, and enjoy some great BBQ's and Tractor Events! Our first meeting of the year will be held April 10th at the Ag Hall, and in honor of the late Joe Meyer, we will continue the tradition he started with a BBQ and of course our silent auction. I look forward to seeing you there!!

Plans are being made for the Ag Hall of Fame Tractor Cruise that will take place on Saturday, May 7th. Please send in your registration and come ride with us! I look forward to seeing each of you!

Thanks to everyone who came together for our booth at the Farm Show. It turned out great! Couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks also to all who attended and drove their tractors in the Shawnee St. Patrick Day parade! It was great fun!

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 Pruet	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 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). If you can't be at a meeting you can send your dues to:

Jay Pruet– Treasurer
GKC-Two-Cylinder Club
P.O. Box 14071
Lenexa, KS 66285

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

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

Upcoming Events

April GKCTCC Meeting, Silent Auction, and BBQ--April 10th, 2022, 1 PM

The next GKCTCC meeting of the year will be held at the National Agricultural Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, KS. The BBQ will start at 1:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow. In honor of Joe Meyer, the Board wants to continue the tradition of BBQ and fellowship. The BBQ meat will be provided by the Club and potluck such as salads and desserts are welcome to compliment BBQ meats. Please RSVP the GKCTCC Facebook Event Page OR RSVP to Herman Sachse via phone or text at (913) 775-3353 or send an email to him at kimsachse@yahoo.com. Topics for the meeting will include the following: 2022 Schedule of Events (approval), Barnyard Babies Festival (April 23), Ag Hall of Fame Tractor Cruise (May 7), and the June 5th 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 bids.

Ag Hall Tractor Cruise--May 7th, 2022, 8:30 AM

At our November meeting the club approved the Ag Hall Tractor Cruise scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2022 that will take place starting and ending in Bonner Springs, KS. Lloyd has been working on the details to make it happen. The goal this year is \$10,000. A letter with flyer, registration, and pledge sheet were sent out earlier. It is important for everyone who is going to be driving a tractor on the cruise to get the registration filled out and sent in to the designated place. It is a little difficult to plan when the number of tractors is not known. If you need more information please call Lloyd Mesmer (913) 441-1180. Information is also on the website: GKCTCC.com/tractorcruise

Past Events

Western Farm Show -- Feb. 25-27, 2022

The Greater Kansas City Two-Cylinder Club had a booth at the Western Farm Show on February 25-27, 2022. The theme for the display was "Rumbling B's". The three tractors for the display included: JD 1935 B (Tina Neu), JD 1947 BO (Brice York), and 1948B (Justin Mooney). The overall display also included toys (Richard Thompson), flags, a beautiful quilt and two blankets (Wes Storm/Don Hrabik), picture (Herman Sachse) and the 2021 Plow Day video. Many people visited the show over a three day period and there was something for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to everyone who managed the booth, we couldn't do it without your help and support! Special thanks to Richard Thompson for providing the toy giveaway for the children! They enjoyed that!



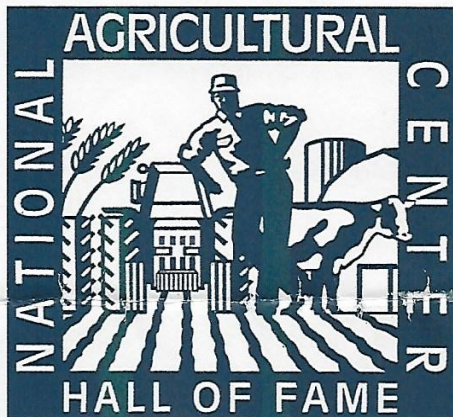
Shawnee St. Patrick's Parade – March 13, 2022

“What’s Your Irish Super Power?” was the theme of the annual St. Patrick’s Parade which returned to Shawnee, KS on Sunday, March 13, 2022 after a 2-year hiatus. The Greater KC Two-Cylinder Club participated in the parade and made it clear our “Super Power” was some good old-fashioned GREEN John Deere Horsepower! The beautiful sunny Spring day, including mild temperatures, yielded an impressive turnout! Thirteen tractors were presented during the parade including: Jeff and Charlie Gast-1936 JD A; Justin Read- 1941 JD H; Herman Sachse-1944 JD A; Stan Tracz-1948 JD M; Jon, Michelle, Rex and Huxley Pirie-1949 JD MT; Jay Pruett-1957 JD 620; Kenny and Dalamar Read-1960 JD 630; Marvin Halverson-1983 JD 420 LT. The GKCTCC entry was led by Chris and Calvin Meyer-1959 JD 730 followed by Dusty and Brandon Meyer-1951 JD R; Jon and James McPherson-1938 JD A; Lori and Farrah Meyer-1959 JD 530. Chris and Calvin Meyer trailed a “driverless” 1931 JD D in honor of Joe Meyer, complete with one of Joe’s hats atop the stack. The GKCTCC was awarded the “Best Non-Float Award” of the parade which included a \$100 prize along with a plaque presented to Chris Meyer in memory of Joe!



THE GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB PRESENTS:

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PRE-REGISTRATION MARCH 1 - APRIL 14

7:00 AM CHECK-IN, 8:00 AM DRIVERS MEETING, 8:30 AM DEPART TIME
10:30 AM BREAK - WYANDOTTE PARK, 11:30 LUNCH - CABELLAS, 3:00 PM RETURN - AG HALL

For More Information: Wes Storm (816) 228-2660
Don Hrabik (913) 262-5904
Lloyd Mesmer (913) 441-1180



[HTTP://WWW.GKCTCC.COM/TRACTORCRUISE](http://www.gkctcc.com/TRACTORCRUISE)

Items Wanted / For Sale:

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. Contact Don Hrabik 913-206-5904



Toro Power Max 724 OE Gas Powered (Briggs) Snow Blower, Self-Propelled. \$500 O.B.O. Don Hrabik 913-206-5904

1940 Early Styled B. Hand start. Restored 9 years ago. Automotive paint. Family tractor with full Kansas history. \$5000 Contact Jay Pruett 913-302-1273



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

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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	K.C., MO. GKCTCC Meeting (Trailside Center) 9901 Holmes Rd. 816-547-8608 1 PM	
	CANCELLED	
Feb. 25-27	K.C., MO. Western Farm Show, Governors Building, (Setup Feb. 21-22). Justin Read 816-6547-8608 & Tina Neu 913-396-1455	
March 13	Shawnee, KS. Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade 1 PM. Jon Pirie 913-238-2505	
April 10	GKCTCC Meeting & BBQ, Ag Hall Red Barn 1 PM eat, 2 PM meeting. Herman 913- 775-3353	
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	GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, 1:00 p.m., Ag Hall Red Barn. 913-775-3353	
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	GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction (2 PM). Herman 913-775-3353	
Nov. 12	Bonner Springs, Fall Plow Day. Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180	
Dec. 3	Oak Grove, MO. Christmas Parade. Wes 816-228-2660	

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Member Profile: Who was Glenn Ratzlaff?

Glenn Merle Ratzlaff was born March 4, 1946 in Yankton, South Dakota, the fifth of five children born to Benjamin and Alice Ratzlaff. Glenn and his oldest sibling, brother Willis, had three sisters who were born in between: Marjorie, Lois and Leanne. Glenn grew up on the 160-acre family farm in Freeman, South Dakota where corn, beans and oats were raised. Livestock on the farm included milk cows, a few pigs, and over one thousand chickens (roosters butchered for meat and hens for eggs which were sold). Glenn graduated from the local academy in 1964 and remained on the farm until 1967 when his brother Willis moved back and took over the operation when Benjamin became ill.



Glenn joined the U.S. Army in 1967 and served three years active duty including time in Vietnam. Glenn ultimately served 26 years in the U.S. Army Reserve retiring in 2006 as a Master Sergeant in the 326th Area Support Group based in Kansas City, KS. Glenn's military career took him to England, Germany and Panama.

In the late 1970's, Glenn worked full time in the bus terminal for Greyhound Bus Lines handling scheduling/fares and the package express room. Glenn later obtained a position with the US Postal Service as a mail carrier where he retired after enjoying a full career.

Glenn obtained his pilot's license and loved to fly. Glenn's other interests included scuba diving, snow skiing, motorcycles, and his red Javelin muscle car. Glenn met the love of his life, Linda, in 1988 and they married March 13, 1993 establishing their home in Independence, MO.

During the early 1990's, Glenn returned to his "roots" and his love for John Deere farm tractors. Glenn restored five John Deere tractors, one being a 1935 un-styled A that came off the Ratzlaff family farm as parts on a trailer. Glenn's other tractors included: 1945 JD B, 1947 JD A, 1951 JD A, and 1955 JD 60. Glenn joined the GKCTCC in 1993 holding the positions of 3rd Vice-President (1996-1997), President (1998-1999) and Historian (2006-2013). As an active member, Glenn loved to display his tractors in many local parades.



On October 26, 2013, Glenn was driving his 1947 JD A to the Independence Halloween Parade when a motor vehicle collided with his tractor causing an accident. Glenn was thrown from his tractor resulting in traumatic injury and his death on November 8, 2013. Glenn was passionate about tractors and enjoyed sharing his knowledge and passion with others, especially the younger generation. In an effort to honor Glenn Ratzlaff, the GKCTCC initiated the memorial scholarship that bears his name.