

GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

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TRACTOR CRUISE—MAY 2023

From the Desk of the Club President:

Summer is just around the corner, and it is time to plan your summer activities. Recently, I was looking for a little bit of history for John Deere in 1923 and hit up the Google machine for something interesting. Lo and behold I recognized the 3rd image in the Google search. It reminded me that Dalamar and I were interviewed by Machinery Pete in June 2019. Seeing this picture reminded me that old number 4 D (SN 30404) has a 100th birthday coming up on June 3rd. Maybe it will get to blow out a candle with the exhaust or something on its 1st centennial.

I am reaching out to all our members to see if anyone is interested in being the official GKCTCC representative on the Ag Hall Board of Directors. This is a position occupied by Don Hrabik for over a decade and most recently by former President Herman Sachse. The Board of Directors meet once a month (4th Monday of each month except July). This position gives our Club a good way to have direct communication with the decision-makers at the Ag Hall. It also means we have a voice in the direction the Ag Hall is going. This is a concern for several reasons: the 1938 Model B Club tractor and cultivator are on loan/display at the Ag Hall, meeting location for 2 of our meetings, activities for Club members, and donations from Club members. If you have an interest in being on the Ag Hall Board of Directors, please let me know.



The next meeting of the year will take place June 4th at 2 PM at the Sachse Farm in Leavenworth. This meeting will include the traditional live auction afterward, so bring you unwanted and desirable items to auction off. Proceeds go toward Club activity costs like liability insurance, entry fees to parades, and signage. More details on this event are on page 3 of the newsletter. Also, don't forget to check out a huge "all things Deere" themed show in Nashville, TN June 15-17, 2023. The last Classic Green Reunion event in Ohio had over 700 exhibits. More details at: classicgreen.org/Reunion

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2023 Club Officers

President: Justin Read
2nd Vice President: Jeff Gast
Treasurer: Herman Sachse
Historian: Wes Storm

1st Vice President: Jon Pirie
3rd Vice President: Lloyd Mesmer
Secretary: Kim Sachse

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 2023

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 2022" or earlier at the top, then you will want to pay your 2023 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 (913-775-3353 or kimsachse@yahoo.com). Send your future dues to:

Herman Sachse-Treasurer, GKC Two-Cylinder Club
28290 203rd Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048

Club Website and Newsletter

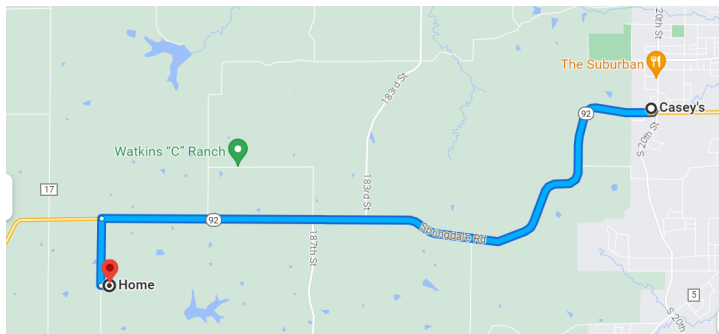
The Club website <http://www.gkctcc.com/> gives our Club world wide recognition along with reaching prospective members. If you have any club related information or pictures for the newsletter, please contact Secretary Kim Sachse by email: secretary@GKCTCC.com

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

GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction — June 4, 2023, 1 pm

Please join us for June Meeting and Auction June 4th at Herman Sachse's farm in Leavenworth. We will have our Auction (so bring your treasures!), and if you noticed the blanket with the black background in one of the pictures of the Western Farm Show—it featured some of our members and their tractors in various activities throughout last year. Kim has agreed to put it in the auction! So be sure to bring your checkbooks!

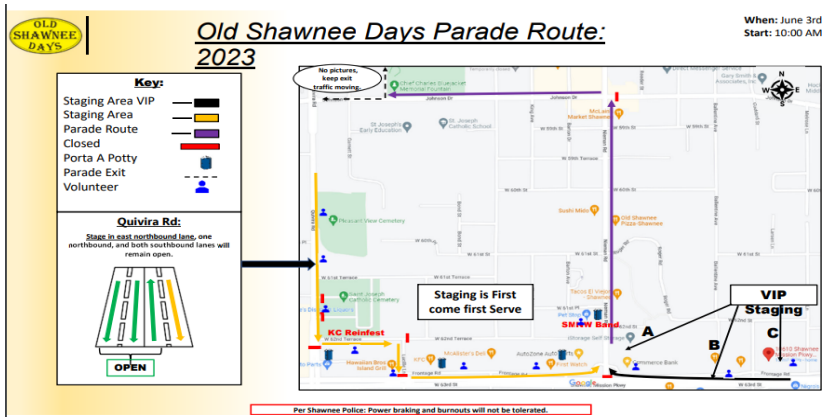
Kim is planning on having a taco bar for lunch with some cookies for dessert. You are welcome to bring anything you'd like to add to the table or just bring your appetite. After a quick lunch, we will hold our meeting and then enjoy our auction and tour of Herman's collection. Spouses are welcome! Kim had planned a field trip for guests to the Carroll Museum, but since no one has contacted her, she will not make arrangements for that.



Directions: GPS: 28290 203rd Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048. From 20th and Spruce in Leavenworth, head west on Highway 92 (Spruce Street/Springdale Road), about 6 miles (just past Hamm's Rock Quarry), turn left on 203rd Street. We are the 2nd house on the left. You can call Herman at 913-775-3353 or Kim at 913-775-0690 if you have questions.

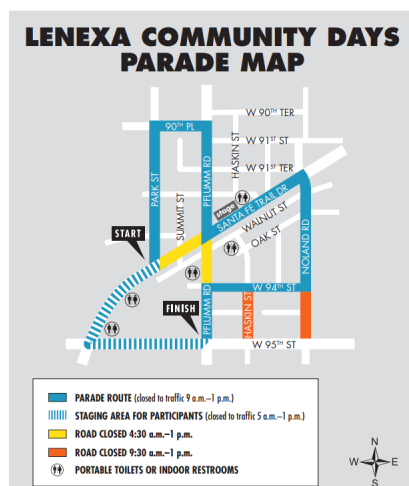
Old Shawnee Days Parade — June 3rd, 2023

The 54th Old Shawnee Days Parade will occur June 3rd at 10:00 AM. The parade route runs north on Nieman Rd from Shawnee Mission Parkway, then west on Johnson Dr to Cody Street. Staging areas for the parade route run west on the north frontage road of Shawnee Mission Pkwy (west of Nieman) to Quivira. The tractor club will park and unload tractors at the former KCAS (NE corner of SMPKwy and Long Ave). Participating tractors will move to the staging area at 9:00 AM utilizing 62 Terr to the rear parking lot/alleyway of the Westlake Hardware and Price Chopper to Quivira Rd. Questions can be directed to Jay Pruett, 913-302-1273.



July 4th Parade — Lenexa Community Days, July 4th, 2023

The Club is registered to participate in the Lenexa Community Days 4th of July Parade. Club parking/meeting location is set for the P1 Group Inc parking lot located at 13605 W. 96 Tr (SW corner of 96 Tr and Plumm, due south across 96 Tr from VFW Post 7397). The parade starts at 10 AM so we will need to be parked, unloaded and prepared to move to our staging area by 9 AM. Any questions, contact Jon Pirie at 913-238-2505.



Past Events

Ag Hall Barnyard Babies—April 22, 2023

Barnyard Babies was a huge success. Thank you to the club members that brought their tractors to display. The event enjoyed over 3500 attendees, raising money for the Ag Hall and a great time was had by all.



Ag Hall Tractor Cruise—May 6, 2023

The Ag Hall Tractor Cruise, sponsored by the GKCTCC was held Saturday, May 6 and included 28 tractors. Although the weather started out cloudy, it turned into a perfect sunny day. We had one tractor run out of gas and they pulled him to a nearby gas station for refueling. Speaking of refueling, we enjoyed a wonderful pulled pork lunch catered by Hilltop (Easton). Special recognition to Lloyd Mesmer for once again taking the lead on organizing this successful event which raised \$1999 for the Ag Hall.



GKCTCC Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2023 (2 PM)
National Agricultural Hall of Fame

Meeting was opened with the flag salute at 2:00 pm. There were no new guests/members.

President Read sought approval of the February 2023 meeting minutes. Lori Meyer moved, Bob Antes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Herman Sachse gave the financial report. The general account began with a balance of \$10087.71 and after expenditures/deposits, ended with \$10,132.48. The scholarship fund account began with a balance of \$3584.50 and ended at \$3945.65. Bryce York moved to accept the financial account. Lloyd Mesmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Barnyard Babies will be held April 22, with a petting zoo, train and a tractor show. It was recommended that batteries be disconnected. It runs 10-4, please be in place prior to the start time. It is a major fundraiser for the Ag Hall.

The tractor cruise was discussed. Meeting at Basehor. Drivers meeting is at 8:30. We plan to start at 9 am. Lunch from Hilltop at Jarbalo. Please turn in registrations so we can give a number to the caterer.

The June meeting will be held June 4th at the Sachse farm in Leavenworth. Sachse's will provide a taco salad for lunch at 1 pm, with meeting to follow, and a tour of the tractors. Kim has offered to do take the ladies to the Carrol Museum in Leavenworth, if they are interested. She does have to make reservations, so contact her immediately if you are interested, otherwise she will cancel.

The Ag Hall Show and Shine will be July 22nd. Bob Antes is planning on some tractor games. Typically they've had 10-12 tractors.

It was noted on the Schedule of Events that Ottawa is featuring John Deere's and will be held Sept. 8-10.

July 4 - \$25 entry fee for Kansas (Lenexa) and Missouri is free for Sugar Creek. The majority wanted to attend Lenexa. Jon will contact. Wes made the motion, and Herman seconded. It was voted unanimously to change from Missouri to Kansas for the July 4th event.

Jon noted that we won \$90 prize in the Shawnee Parade.

Discussion was made regarding our annual donation. A recommendation was made to use our donation and volunteer to help work on tractors in the Museum of Farming at Ag Hall to bring them up to operational condition. We would use the donation money to buy parts and supplies needed. Motion was made by Herman Sachse and seconded by Bob Antes. It was voted unanimously.

Adjournment. Herman Sachse made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Kim Sachse. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Kim Sachse,
Secretary

JOHN DEERE TRIVIA:

A white elephant was the logo for what products sold by John Deere's St. Louis sales branch?
(See last page for answer!)



Who are Kim and Herman Sachse?

Herman Sachse was born and raised in Leavenworth County Kansas in a little community called Lowemont, 64 years ago. He attended Immaculata High School where he met Kim. He then attended Northeast Kansas Technical School where he completed the Autobody Repair Program. He worked in autobody repair for a few years, before joining State Farm as a collision repair estimator. He married Kim in April 1980. After living in town for three years, they built their home at Ridgewood Farm, where his mother spent her childhood. In July 2010, they were awarded the Century Farm award for having over 100 years of family farm ownership. They are the proud parents of 2 children, and 3 grandchildren.

How did you get interested in collecting John Deere tractors? I grew up on a farm where my dad was mostly farming with John Deere tractors. His first John Deere was a 1929 John Deere GP. He later sold that and got a 1934 John Deere A with an open fan shaft, on steel, which was later converted to round spoke with rubber tires. The first tractor I steered (at a very young age) with my dad on the seat was a John Deere 520 LP, that dad purchased brand new. It was the only new tractor he ever bought and I still have that in my collection. The first tractor I was allowed to drive by myself was a Case SC, with a right hand hand-clutch, like the John Deeres. We later added a 620 LP, a 730 LP and then a 4010 LP.



How many tractors do you have in your collection? Don't know the exact number but it's over 100. What's your favorite tractor that you've collected? I have too many favorites to choose just one, a few of them include 44a, 520, 620, 730, 3020, and 4020 LP. What's the rarest tractor you have? 720 LP standard. How did you find over 100 tractors to collect? It's easy, I ask questions and my wife enables me by introducing me to Facebook marketplace and pointing out tractors that she thought I might be interested in. (Loud groan from Kim.) Do you have a pristine showroom? No. Most are just as they were purchased and have not been restored. It is a work in progress. I collect tractors, implements, cars, trucks, bicycles, and motorcycles. So I have a variety of things to look at in a variety of states of repair. My smallest tractor is a John Deere H and my largest tractor is a 4430.



What's your favorite tractor hunting story? An honorable mention for tractor hunting was finding a John Deere model H within 10 miles of Kenny Read's property that he didn't know about. How long have you been collecting tractors? I've had a tractor since at least 1977. The first tractor I bought was an H Farmall. The first John Deere I bought was a model H. The closest tractor to my dad's 34A is my 1936A on the rear steel. All original.

Do you have any memorable incidents? I think I was in grade school at the time. I was raking hay with the 520 in a waterway, (which I had to rake fast to turn over, due to how heavy the hay was). Because it had numerous ruts from previous mowings, I reached for the throttle to slow down because I saw a rut ahead, but the rear tractor tire hit an unforeseen rut. I was bounced out of the seat to the right, holding the steering wheel, with my left hand. Could not hold on with my single hand and the tractor tire pulled me off of the tractor and flung me to the right of the tractor. The tractor tire missed me, but the hay rake was headed for me so I rolled on the ground numerous times to get out of the way. The tractor was turning to the right, and made a complete circle on its own. I then jumped up and stepped on the step and got back into the seat. A little rattled, but not even bruised. Even though my dad was baling somewhat behind me with the big round baler, he stopped me the next round. He saw where I made a complete circle, and assumed the rake got balled up with excessive hay. I simply agreed and went on. We never discussed that incident. I don't know if he witnessed it or not. I'm sure my guardian angel was with me that day!



Kim worked in the Federal Government, at Fort Leavenworth, US Penitentiary and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. After she retired, she did part-time teaching for the Graduate School USA and is helping with the Rural Water District. When asked at a Gathering of the Green Auction, which of Herman's 100+ tractors was hers, she said well all of them of course. The whole room burst out laughing and the auctioneer was at a loss for words.

I was a charter member of the Greater Kansas City Two Cylinder Club with number 20. Kim & Herman encourage everyone to come out for some Taco Salad, and a great meeting of friends!

Items Wanted / For Sale:



1940 Early Styled B. Hand start. Restored 9 years ago. Auto-motive 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, Powertrol, 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

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 Kim Sachse to place an ad, email to: secretary@GKCTCC.com

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 Kim Sachse to place an ad, email to: secretary@GKCTCC.com

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2023 Schedule of Events - Approved at the April 2023 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. 5	K.C., MO. GKCTCC Meeting @ American Truck Society	816-547-8608 1 PM
Feb. 24-26	K.C., MO. Western Farm Show, Governors Building, (Setup Day Feb. 21-22).	816-547-8608
March 12	Shawnee, KS. Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade	1 PM. Jon Pirie 913-238-2505
April 2	GKCTCC Meeting	1 PM. 816-547-8608
April 22	Bonner Springs, KS. Barn Yard Babies Tractor Show.	Lloyd Mesmer 913-904-8186
May 6	Bonner Springs, KS. Ag Hall Tractor Cruise.	Lloyd Mesmer 913-904-8186
June 3	Shawnee, KS. Old Shawnee Days Parade. (10 AM).	Jay Pruett 913-302-1273
June 4	GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction	Herman Sachse (1 PM). 913-775-3353
June 23-25	Adrian, MO. Antique Tractor, Steam and Engine Show.	Bob Surber 816-797-4243
July 4	Lenexa, KS. Community Days Parade. (10:00 a.m.).	Jon Pirie 913-238-2505
July 15	Buchanan County, MO. MO Farm Bureau Tractor Cruise. (8 am).	816-279-2985
July 25	Tonganoxie, KS. Leavenworth County Fair Parade.	Jeff Gast 913-704-9788
July 22	Bonner Springs, KS. Ag Hall Show N Shine Car, Truck, and Tractor Show.	Lloyd 913-904-8186
Aug 10	Tracy, MO. Platte Co Tractor Cruise.	Alan Goodwin – (816) 550-0481 or Jim McClung
Aug. 11-13	Tracy, MO. Platte County Antique Tractor, Steam & Gas Engine Show.	816-858-5826
Aug. 15-16	Sedalia, MO. Missouri State Fair “Old & Wow” Tractor Show and Parade. (Fair runs Aug. 10-20)	
Sept. 7-10	Boonville, MO. Antique Tractor Show. (Cruise on 10th).	847-526-7318
Sept. 8-10	Ottawa, KS. Antique Tractor & Engine Show.	785-418-2190 featuring Deere Tractor & Engines
Sept. 9	Olathe, KS. Old Settlers Day Parade.	Jon Pirie 913-238-2505
Sept. 16	Blue Springs Parade, Blue Springs, MO.	Wes 816-228-2660
Sept. 15-17	Princeton, MO. Calamity Jane Weekend-Tractor Cruise. (Fri.) Parade and Tractor Show. (Sat.) Car Show. (Sun.).	660-748-4438
Oct. 7-8	Lake JaCoMo, 1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display.	Wes 816-228-2660
Oct. 21	Baldwin City, KS. Maple Leaf Festival and Parade.	Jon Pirie 913-238-2505
Oct. 28	Independence, MO. Halloween Parade.	Wes 816-228-2660
Nov. 5	GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, 1:00 p.m., Ag Hall Red Barn.	913-775-3353
Nov. 11	Bonner Springs, Fall Plow Day.	Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180
Dec. 2	Oak Grove, MO. Christmas Parade.	Bob 816-863-9966

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.

ANSWER TO TRIVIA (pg 5): Buggies and carriages. About 1891, the Mansur & Tebbetts Carriage Co. was formed to build buggies, carriages, sleighs and other passenger vehicles, which were sold through the St. Louis branch, along with Moline wagons. When Mansur died in 1898, Deere & Co. bought the St. Louis branch house outright, along with the Mansur & Tebbetts Carriage Co. The vehicle business was good and, in 1903, Mansur & Tebbetts Carriage Co. built a new 150,000-square-foot factory with a capacity of 30,000 vehicles per year. Mansur & Tebbetts used a white elephant as their official logo and bragged in their ads that they were the “Sole Makers (of) White Elephant Vehicles.”