

# GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

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**SOME OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS LINED UP FOR THE  
INDEPENDENCE HALLOWEEN PARADE**

## 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! With another year behind us... I would like to thank last year's Directors (Jon, Jeff, Lloyd, Herman, Kim, Wes and Tina). I would also like to welcome our newest member, Larry Henak as the Ag Hall Board of Director for the GKCTCC.

As I am writing this, we just finished our first Board Meeting of 2024. We have a lot of great activities planned for this year and I look forward to being here to see everyone through the year. The Directors hope to see everyone at the February 4th meeting at the American Truck Historical Museum.



Throwback Picture: 2004 American Royal Parade

The Western Farm Show is coming up February 23-25 and this years theme is unrestored/original tractors and equipment. If you have a piece of John Deere equipment or tractor in field dress and want to exhibit it at the farm show, please let me know. Currently we have a John Deere model 70 and a 130 pedal tractor. Of course we are planning on having pictures, quilts, blankets, the show cases full of toys, plow videos, and other John Deere items. If you are available to help man the booth, we will need 5 people per day to cover the show.

We are planning on several great activities and events through out the year. Please check out the calendar of events at the back of the newsletter and plan on attending some events. Your participation helps make the events great. It is the members that make the Club a great place to belong, learn, and share. I hope to see everyone throughout the year!

*Justin Read*

## 2024 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](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 2024

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 2023" or earlier at the top, then you will want to pay your 2024 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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@GKCTCC.com)

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



## Upcoming Events

### **February GKCTCC Meeting -- February 4, 2024, 1 PM**

The first scheduled meeting for the year will take place on Sunday, February 4, 2024, 1:00 p.m., at the American Truck Historical Society, 10380 N Ambassador Dr # 101, Kansas City, MO 64153 (near the airport). During that time we plan to install the 2024 officers, as approved in the November 2023 meeting. Upcoming events will be discussed along with the 2024 budget and future meeting locations and dates.

### **Western Farm Show -- February 23-25, 2024**

The Western Farm Show is scheduled for February 23-25, 2024 at the Governors Building; Kansas City MO. The club will have a display including original/unrestored tractors which we plan to bring in on Tuesday, February 20th, weather dependent. Help will be needed to work in the booth. For more information contact Justin Read or Tina Neu.

### **Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade -- March 10, 2024**

The first club sanctioned parade of the year is the Shawnee St. Pat's Parade which begins at 1 PM. Club attendees will be able to unload in the old KCAS parking lot 12400 Shawnee Mission Parkway (NE corner of SMPKWY and Long Ave). Tractors will start toward the staging area on Johnson Dr at 11 AM. Questions, contact Jon Pirie at 913-238-2505.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The April Meeting is scheduled April 7th at 1 pm at the Ag Hall. We still plan on having BBQ & Potluck! Stay tuned for more information to come!

## Past Events

### **Annual Oak Grove Christmas Parade Dec 2, 2023**

On a cold wet winters night 4 tractors (GKCTCC): Ed Essig on a JD G, Ken and Dylan Antes on a JD 530, Bob and Addison Antes on a JD 630, and Gary and Zach Antes on IH B, and 20 other entries rode through the parade. The rain stopped as the parade started and many brave people came out to see this annual event.



### **October 28, 2023—Independence, MO. Halloween Parade.**

Bob Antes, his son Ken and grandson Dylan, Wes Stinger, Eddie Essig, David Essig and Wes Storm participated.





## **2023 GKCTCC Memorial Scholarships Awarded**

The **Duane “Spike” Spieker Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Curtis Falter** of Freeburg, MO. Curtis is a first-year student in the John Deere Ag Tech Program at Fort Scott Community College. Curtis is sponsored by, and currently an intern at, Heritage Tractor in Jefferson City, MO. Professionally, Curtis’ goal is to become a John Deere Technician so he can, “provide service and maintenance on tractors and equipment for farmers and the community.” Curtis is known as a “hard worker” with a positive attitude and someone who leads by example. Curtis is responsible for financing his education and thankful to have received the Spieker Scholarship. Curtis attended the November club meeting to personally receive the award.



The **Glenn Ratzlaff Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Ethan Shire** of Mound Valley, KS. Ethan is a Sophomore at Fort Scott Community College enrolled in the John Deere Ag Tech Program planning to graduate in the Spring. Ethan currently works at, and is sponsored by, the John Deere Dealership in Independence, KS. Ethan states, “I especially enjoy working on combines and I also really enjoy the service truck. I would like to work my way up to be the combine field tech.” Ethan describes himself as someone who is always on time ready to learn something new and not afraid to “jump in” and get his hands dirty. Ethan advises the Glenn Ratzlaff Scholarship will help him reach his goals. Ethan was unable to attend the club meeting in person to receive his award but sent a picture of himself (with the award) in front of his 1953 John Deere 60 he restored.

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**JOHN DEERE**



## WHO IS JERRY SEIFERT?

Jerry was born near Ozawkie, Kansas. He proudly says that he is the youngest citizen of Old Town. If you frequent Lake Perry, you may remember that Old Town was the original site of Ozawkie, which ended up getting moved to make way for Lake Perry. Newer houses were moved to the top of the hill, where the new town of Ozawkie was relocated, while older homes were dozed. The area called Old Town is now a camping/picnic ground on the lake. He was about 1 ½ years old when they moved to his Mom's family farm. They raised hogs, cattle, and milked cows.

The earliest tractor he remembers – was the one his maternal father drove – a John Deere 43 B. Through a serial number search, he discovered that his grandfather had purchased it new from the John Deere dealership in Valley Falls. Jerry still has the tractor today, and he has fixed it up.



His dad bought a John Deere 39 G. Jerry tells the story about his dad purchasing the tractor near Winchester and then hiding the tractor at his brother's house. It was the first tractor that Jerry ever started and if he could get it running, that meant he could go to Grandma's house for lunch. Very important for a 12-year-old, to have wheels because he wasn't old enough to drive a car just yet. And Grandma had really good lunches!



His favorite tractor is the “G”, he still has it in his collection and it is still running, although he did have to redo some of the mechanics on it. He has shown it in the local parades at Valley Falls.

Does he have any hard-to-find John Deeres? He bought a “Model 40” 2 bottom trip plow that he was using until he researched it and found that it was 100 years old. It was made for a Ferguson tractor back in 1922. He also was given a John Deere Grain Binder, with canvas.

He and his lovely wife, Julia, live in the Leavenworth area, and raised 5 wonderful children, currently ranging in age from 23-37. They are the proud grandparents of 9 grandchildren. When asked if his kids help with the tractors – he said they do come out to his Mom's place, and they know how to operate the tractors. At his place he uses the tractors for dragging logs and operating the buzz saw. One of his sons has his dad's John Deere A.

A graduate of K-State, he currently works as a Plant Manager at 3 Dog Bakery and is busy trying to set up a second plant in the area. A plant that is planning to produce 3,000 cookies per minute, using a load of flour a day.

He says he has many future projects waiting for him to retire, and he is looking forward to the day when he can spend more time enjoying his collection. His collection includes several family heirloom tractors, as well as some “buys of opportunity” – being at a sale to find a good deal or saving some of the equipment from the crusher.



**GKCTCC Meeting Minutes**  
**Nov. 5, 2023, Heritage Tractor, Adrian, MO**

The meeting was opened with the flag salute at 1:05 pm. Guests included Curtis Falter and Dale VanSlyke.

President Read sought approval of the June 2023 meeting minutes. Wes Storm moved, Bob Antes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Herman Sachse gave the financial report. The general account began with a balance of \$9369.67 and after expenditures/deposits, to include website, newsletter supplies, tractor cruise expenses, po box rental, totaling \$934.29; and income of white elephant sale, dues, memorial, parade award of \$1107.00, the main account balance ended at \$9542.38. The scholarship fund account began with a balance of \$4384.50. After income of \$1104 for donations and raffle ticket sales, and expenditures of \$2000 for each of the 2 scholarships, it ended at \$3488.50. Steve Reed moved to accept the financial account. Lloyd Mesmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding locations of 2024 meetings. The Feb. 4, 2024 will be at the American Truck Historical Society, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – will plan on the Ag Hall for a BBQ. June 3, 2024 – not sure. Nov. 4, 2024 – Heritage or another Heritage location? If anyone has further suggestions, contact Justin. Steve Reed moved to accept. Lloyd Mesmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Schedule of Events. The potential list of events were reviewed. It was recommended to continue the Blue Springs Halloween Parade – well attended. The Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Parade @ Oak Grove -meet at 4 pm at High School, parade @ 5 pm. 4<sup>th</sup> July – Lenexa was well attended (8/9 participants). Recommended to cancel Sugar Creek. St. Pat's parade is still good. Ag Hall Car Show was not well attended. It was agreed the few that wanted to attend will go, but it will not be on the list for insurance coverage. Princeton – Wes will discuss with the members that attend to find out if still interested.

Western Farm Show will be Feb. 23-25, 2024. Discussed ideas for themes – perhaps unrestored 70 Gas LP & Diesel?

Ag Hall Tractor Cruise will be May 5, 2024. Wes & Bob will help Lloyd. They start outside Bonner Springs at Wilkerson Crane, stop at Linwood for lunch, go to DeSoto and then back to Bonner Springs...roughly 39.5 miles. We will use Hilltop Catering again for Lunch.

Budget Meeting in Jan will review the costs/look at insurance/budget. Plan on the JoCo Library on Monticello.

Workday @ Ag Hall – in better weather. Larry Henak will set up a work day and will contact Dale Henderson. Probably be 2 visits – 1 to evaluate the needs and the 2<sup>nd</sup> to do the work. The Club has a signed loan agreement with the Ag Hall of Fame thru 12.31.24 with our club tractor. Will discuss the future of the club tractor this time next year. Noted: Ag Hall presented GKCTCC with the Dale Henninger Award of Service – it was in the Newsletter.

Reminder-Order for T-shirts and Club Flag can be done at this meeting.

The Slate of Officers is the same as this year. Accepted on motion by Bob Antes and seconded by Steve Reed passed unanimously.

Plow Day – Lloyd is still looking for 35-40 acres for next season. Any ideas, please let him know.

The Scholarships were presented to our winners, Curtis Falter and Ethan Shire. Mr. Shire was out of town, but Curtis introduced himself and helped select the raffle prize winners - Congratulations to 1st prize-Kim Armstrong; 2nd-Jan Storm; 3rd to Lloyd Mesmer, Brenda Mesmer, & Michele DeWitte! Thanks to all who sold and purchased raffle tickets In support of our scholarships! Best wishes to our scholarship winners!

Meeting adjourned.

Kim Sachse, Secretary

**The Club has T-Shirts and Flags available again.**

*We had a nice order from the last meeting. Feel free to order more if desired, but we may have to wait until we have enough orders to meet the cut-off for the prices. Please have orders ready by the February meeting if interested.*

Adult T-Shirts Small-5XL \$8  
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Parade Flags are available in Yellow, White, or Green \$80.

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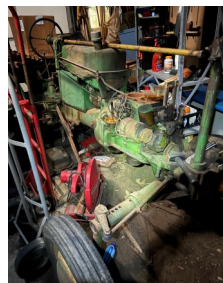
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## 2024 Schedule of Events - To be approved at the April 2024 membership meeting

(All dates and events are subject to change. Call contact for verification if necessary.) (Club Meetings are in Bold)

Date	Location	Event Contact#
<b>Feb. 4</b>	<b>K.C., MO. GKCTCC Meeting @ American Truck Historical Society</b>	<b>816-547-8608 1 PM</b>
Feb. 23-25	K.C., MO. Western Farm Show, Governors Building, (Setup Day Feb. 20-22).	816-547-8608
March 10	Shawnee, KS. Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade	1 PM. Jon Pirie 913-238-2505
<b>April 7</b>	<b>Bonner Springs, KS. GKCTCC Meeting and BBQ, Ag Hall of Fame</b>	<b>1 PM. 816-547-8608</b>
April 27	Bonner Springs, KS. Barn Yard Babies Tractor Show.	Lloyd Mesmer 913-904-8186
May 4	Bonner Springs, KS. Ag Hall Tractor Cruise.	Lloyd Mesmer 913-904-8186
June 1	Shawnee, KS. Old Shawnee Days Parade. (10 AM).	Jay Pruett 913-302-1273
<b>June 2</b>	<b>GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction Herman Sachse (2 PM).</b>	<b>913-775-3353</b>
June 21-23	Adrian, MO. Antique Tractor, Steam and Engine Show.	Bob Surber 816-797-4243
July 4	Lenexa, KS. Lenexa Community Days Parade. (11:00 a.m.).	Jon Pirie 913-238-2505
July 13	Buchanan County, MO. MO Farm Bureau Tractor Cruise. (8 am).	816-279-2985
July 23	Tonganoxie, KS. Leavenworth County Fair Parade.	Jeff Gast 913-704-9788
Aug 3	Adrian MO Tractor Cruise.	Bob Surber 816-797-4243 CRUISE ONLY
Aug 8	Tracy, MO. Platte Co Tractor Cruise.	Alan Goodwin – (816) 550-0481 or Jim McClung
Aug. 9-11	Tracy, MO. Platte County Antique Tractor, Steam & Gas Engine Show.	816-858-5826
Aug. 13-14	Sedalia, MO. Missouri State Fair “Old & Wow” Tractor Show and Parade. (Fair runs Aug. 11-21)	
Sept. 5-8	Boonville, MO. Antique Tractor Show. (Cruise on 10th).	847-526-7318
Sept. 6-8	Ottawa, KS. Antique Tractor & Engine Show.	785-418-2190 featuring IHC Tractor & Engines
Sept. 7	Olathe, KS. Old Settlers Day Parade.	Jon Pirie 913-238-2505
Sept. 14	Blue Springs Parade, Blue Springs, MO.	Wes 816-228-2660
Oct. 5-6	Lake JaCoMo, 1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display.	Wes 816-228-2660
Oct. 12	Baldwin City, KS. Maple Leaf Festival and Parade.	Jon Pirie 913-238-2505
Oct. 26	Independence, MO. Halloween Parade.	Wes 816-228-2660
<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>Adrian, MO. GKCTCC Meeting, Heritage Tractor</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. 816-547-8608</b>
Nov. 9	Bonner Springs, Fall Plow Day.	Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180
Dec. 7	Oak Grove, MO. Christmas Parade.	Bob 816-863-9966

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