

# GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

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CLUB MEMBERS AT THE FARM SHOW



## From the Desk of the Club President:

**I would like to share a little history of our Two Cylinder Club.** The club started as an idea from Ken Buell (who worked for John Deere and knew Jack Cherry), making him aware of other clubs. Ken decided we needed a club in this area. Ken started contacting other clubs to get information on how to start a club. Then he started contacting nearby collectors. They met at the State Farm Office in Raymore, doing preliminary work in 1988 and 1989 to establish the club. By January 1990 we became a Charter Club with the World-Wide Two-Cylinder Club. Mr. Trumbar did an inaugural session in 1991.

The club initially had one Vice President (VP), but decided there were too many duties, so it split the VP into 3 positions. I became a 3rd VP at the age of 16 and eventually, I became 2nd VP and 1st VP. While in college they asked me to become President, but I declined as I was too busy with college. Instead, I began writing the newsletter for the club as we were looking for a secretary. Fortunately, Glenn Ratzclaff was the 2nd VP and moved to the President. I was then president in 2000 - 2002 after graduating from college. In 2004, I became the secretary and started doing the newsletter in color, selling ads to pay for it. I was secretary for 13 years or so, then became President following Wes Storm. I have been involved in the Greater Kansas City Two-Cylinder Club since 1990 when the club began with their first meeting at the Ag Hall. I was member #12. I thought you might like to see this—after Bill Eagleburger passed away, his son gave the club a wooden box, listing the original names of those who started the club, with a Franklin Mint pocketknife with a John Deere B on it.



Looking forward to our April meeting! See you there!

*Justin Read*

## 2025 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 2025

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 2024" or earlier at the top, then you will want to pay your 2025 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

### April GKCTCC Meeting, Silent Auction and BBQ -- April, 6th, 2025, 1 pm

The next GKCTCC meeting of the year will be held at the National Agricultural Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, KS on April 6th. The BBQ will start at 1:00 pm 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 Instant Messenger or RSVP to Herman via phone or text at (913) 775-3353 or send an email to [secretary@GKCTCC.com](mailto:secretary@GKCTCC.com). Topics for the meeting will include the following: 2025 Schedule of Events (Approval), Barnyard Babies Festival (April 26), Ag Hall of Fame Tractor Cruise (May 3rd) and the June 1st 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 3, 2025, 8:30 AM

A benefit ride for the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame will be held on May 3rd at 8:30 am. It will start and end at the Ag Hall of Fame (Bonner Springs KS), making a scenic journey around Wyandotte /County Lake, stopping for lunch at Basehor City Park, and returning to the Ag Hall in the afternoon. Pre-registration is thru April 15th, \$40 per tractor/driver, which includes lunch. Additional guests are \$15 per person. Drivers are encouraged to get at least \$100 in pledges. Our goal is to give the Ag Hall \$10,000. So get your buddies together and get registered and ask for pledges! Parking will be provided at the Ag Hall. For more information, contact Lloyd Mesmer at 913-441-1180 or Wes Storm at (816) 228-2660.



### SAVE THE DATE! June 1, 2025, 1 pm, GKCTCC Meeting and Auction

Plans are underway for our June 1st meeting. We are planning to hold it at the National Agricultural Hall of Fame, Bonner Springs. Stay tuned for further information. We will have our Auction. Bring your picnic lunch, and afterwards, we will hold our meeting and then enjoy our auction.

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

*If you are interested, please feel free to order. Please note that we may have to wait until we have enough orders to meet the cut-off for the prices. Please have orders ready by the April meeting if interested.*

Adult T-Shirts Small-5XL \$8

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Contact Tine Neu 913-396-1455 or [redraven66002@yahoo.com](mailto:redraven66002@yahoo.com)



#### **How about Some John Deere Trivia?**

- Which of these products was not sold by John Deere?
  - Grain dryer
  - Cement mixer
  - Rotary tillage implement
- What World War II vehicle did Deere assemble in cooperation with Cletrac? (Cleveland Tractor Company)
- What rare tractor model is shown? (Hint: This is a reproduction since none of the original tractors exists.)

*Answers on page 6.*





## Past Events

### Western Farm Show -- February 21-23, 2025

The Greater Kansas City Two Cylinder Club had a booth at the Western Farm Show on Feb. 21-23, 2025. David Dobratz displayed his 1962 John Deere Model 4010 Diesel Row Crop, Wide Front end. Bob Antes brought his 1959 Model 730 Standard Diesel Electric Start for display. Also on display was Charlie Gast's 1965 John Deere Model 110 Lawn Tractor & Blade. The booth also featured John Deere toys display, by Richard Thompson, flags, blankets, quilt and a plowing video. We enjoyed lots of visitors. Thanks to everyone who managed the booth and brought items for display. We couldn't do it without your help and support. Special thanks to Richard Thompson for providing the giveaway toys for the children. They thoroughly enjoyed that!



**Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade -- March 16, 2025** –It was a brisk day, but we had a great turn-out! Thanks for those who brought tractors and those who attended to cheer us on!





# Who is Justin Read?

Justin Read has been happily married to his better half, Theresa, since 2001. They have a son, Dalamar who will be graduating from High School this May and heading to KU to study physics and chemistry.



*Justin & his dad, Kenny, at the Albert City Farm Show, with one of Kenny's collectible tractors.*

**What's your rarest tractor?** Although not really rare, his dad was going to sell a bunch of tractors in 2020, and their B was one of them. As he was discussing it with Justin, Justin expressed his interest in it, as it was the first Two-Cylinder tractor on the farm. His dad had bought a package deal of 5 tractors from the local John Deere dealer salesman. The salesman said he'd sell Justin's H dad called about in a package with four other tractors which included the B. The B was stored just 2 miles from the farm and Kenny drove it home. Then, Justin and his brother worked on it and fixed it mechanically.

**What's your favorite tractor?** The H is his favorite tractor. He said he was proud that he restored it and got Grand Champion by doing all the work himself.



*Justin and son, Dalamar, on his H at the 2019 Classic Green Reunion in Grand Island, NE.*

**How did you get interested in tractor collecting?** Justin said that his dad's hobby was tractor collecting and Justin became interested while in high school. In high school Justin worked on two tractors as FFA mechanics projects. He started with an MT in his junior year, receiving Reserve Grand champion at the State Fair. In his senior year, his 1941 H won Grand Champion. That sparked his interest in collecting from that experience.

When he got married, he had a 1 car garage that could fit 3 tractors, so he stored his 1941 H, a lawn tractor and a David Bradley two-wheel tractor (which was his Grandpa's and he still has).



*Justin on his "B" at a Tractor Cruise.*

Justin's trade is in IT technology. Through his many years in the business, he noted that he did contract IT work for John Deere to support the marketing department for roughly 5-6 years. It was interesting to learn about the John Deere corporate work environment.

He's also a member of a Ford Model A Club. His grandpa bought a Model A in 1979, drove it home and fixed it up. His grandpa gave it to his uncle after a few years. His uncle did a lot of woodwork on the car during the restoration. His uncle kept the car until 2010. Justin then got the car and took two 500-mile tours in 2017 and 2018. His uncle mused that Justin put more miles on it in two years of owning, than the 30 years his grandpa and his uncle owned it. In 2011, Justin stated that he acquired his other grandpa's truck, which he uses as a tow pig / truck. The fun of old trucks, cars and tractors, is driving them.



The meeting was opened with the flag salute at 1:30 pm. Justin welcomed everyone.

President Read installed the 2025 Club Officers – Justin Read, President, Herman Sachse, Treasurer, Kim Sachse, Secretary, John Pirie, Vice President, Jeff Gast as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Lloyd Mesmer as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

President Read sought approval of the November 2024 meeting minutes. Wes Storm moved, and Bob Antes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Herman Sachse gave the financial report for the period 11/8/24 to 2/1/25. The general account began with a balance of \$9153.08 and after expenditures/deposits, ended with \$9092.09. The scholarship fund account began with a balance of \$4810.17 and after expenditures/deposits, ended at \$4876.35. David Dobratz moved to accept the financial account. Jeff Gast seconded. Motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Budget for 2025 was provided to all attendees.

The 2025 Schedule of Events was discussed.

The Western Farm Show is Feb. 21-23, with a theme of “Comparisons”. Discussion regarding parking passes/admission passes. Bob Antes is bringing a 720 and David Dobratz is planning on bringing his 4010D. Charlie Gast is bringing his 110 Lawn Tractor. Richard Thompson is bringing the toys. Move-in will be TUES, although we may adjust for the weather.

Future meetings are planned for 4/6/25 – Club Meeting/BBQ at the Ag Hall; 6/1/25 – Ag Hall; 11/2/25- Read Farm, Scholarship Award Presentation & White Elephant Auction.

Reminder – the St. Patrick’s Day Parade is scheduled for 3/16/25. Line-up is 11 am and the parade is at 1 pm. We will use the same location to load/unload as last year.

Tractor Cruise is scheduled for 5/3/25 – roughly 36 miles. Starting at Ag Hall. Lloyd discussed the planned route. Fliers will go out after the Western Farm Show. Lunch is planned from Hilltop and will be held in Basehor. The morning break will be at Wyandotte County Lake and the afternoon break will be at McDonald’s.

David Dobratz asked if there was interest in a plow day near Emporia in August. He will get us further information, closer to the event. Herman is trying to get a place near Jarbalo in the fall. It was announced that Jim Arnote and Paul Halsey passed away recently.

President Read thanked everyone for their service to the club, and in particular recognized: Wes Storm, Richard Thompson, Jon Pirie, Justin Read, Jeff Gast, Ed Essig, David Dobratz, Kim Sachse, Herman Sachse, Lloyd Mesmer with a gift.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm. Moved by Herman Sachse, seconded by Dale Larson.

Kim Sachse,  
Secretary

### Answers to Trivia on page 3.

- 1: C. rotary tillage implement
- 2: The MG-1 military tractor
- 3: The Model Y



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## 2025 Schedule of Events – To be approved at the April 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. 2</b>	<b>K.C., MO. GKCTCC Meeting @ JoCo Monticello Library 816-547-8608 1:30 PM</b>
Feb. 21-23	K.C., MO. Western Farm Show, Governors Building, (Setup Day Feb. 18-20). 816-547-8608
March 16	Shawnee, KS. Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade 1 PM. Jon Pirie 913-238-2505
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Bonner Springs, KS. GKCTCC Meeting and BBQ, Ag Hall of Fame 1 PM. 816-547-8608</b>
April 26	Bonner Springs, KS. Barn Yard Babies Tractor Show. Larry Henak 913-209-2496
May 3	Bonner Springs, KS. Ag Hall Tractor Cruise. Lloyd Mesmer 913-904-8186
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Bonner Springs, KS. GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, Ag Hall of Fame 1 PM. 816-547-8608</b>
June 7	Shawnee, KS. Old Shawnee Days Parade. (10 AM). Jay Pruett 913-302-1273
June 27-29	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 29	Tonganoxie, KS. Leavenworth County Fair Parade. Jeff Gast 913-704-9788
Aug 7	Tracy, MO. Platte Co Tractor Cruise. Alan Goodwin – (816) 550-0481 or Jim McClung
Aug. 8-10	Tracy, MO. Platte County Antique Tractor, Steam & Gas Engine Show. 816-858-5826
Aug. 12-13	Sedalia, MO. Missouri State Fair "Old & Wow" Tractor Show and Parade. (Fair runs Aug. 10-20)
Aug 23	Bonner Springs, KS. Tiblow Days Parade (9:30 AM). Lloyd Mesmer 913-904-8186
Sept. 4-7	Boonville, MO. Antique Tractor Show. (Cruise on 10th). 847-526-7318
Sept. 6	Olathe, KS. Old Settlers Day Parade. Jon Pirie 913-238-2505
Sept. 12-14	Ottawa, KS. Antique Tractor & Engine Show. 785-418-2190 featuring Oliver Tractors
Sept. 13	Blue Springs Parade, Blue Springs, MO. Wes 816-228-2660
Oct. 4-5	Lake JaCoMo, 1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display. Wes 816-228-2660
Oct. 25	Independence, MO. Halloween Parade. Wes 816-228-2660
<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Richmond, KS. GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction 10:00 a.m. 816-547-8608</b>
Nov. 6	Leavenworth, KS, Sachse Farm Fall Plow Day. Herman Sachse 913-775-3353
Dec. 6	Oak Grove, MO. Christmas Parade. Wes 816-228-2660

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