

# GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

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**LLOYD MESMER PLACES A COMMEMORATIVE MAGNET  
ON JEFF & CHARLIE'S TRACTOR AT PLOW DAY**

## 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 Directors (Jon, Jeff, Lloyd, Herman, Kim, Wes and Dale). I would also like to welcome our newest members, Stacy Spieker as 3rd Vice President and Lori Meyer as the member at large on the GKCTCC board.

As I am writing this, we just finished our first Board Meeting of 2026. 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 14th meeting at the Monticello Branch of the JoCo Library in Shawnee, KS. We have reserved the large conference room on the first floor.

The Western Farm Show is coming up February 19-21. Currently we are still looking for tractors for the exhibit. If you would like to show a particular item at the farm show, please let me know. 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 throughout 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! **We are planning a tractor collection tour (field trip) on February 7th to the Charles Dugan and Randy Jacobson collections.** If interested, please reach out to Herman at 913-775-3353 or Justin at 816-547-8608 (for more details, see page 3).



*Partial view of the Randy Jacobson collection.*

*Justin Read*

## 2026 Club Officers

President:	Justin Read	1st Vice President:	Jon Pirie
2nd Vice President:	Jeff Gast	3rd Vice President:	Stacy Spieker
Treasurer:	Herman Sachse	Secretary:	Kim Sachse
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 [waley01@att.net](mailto:waley01@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 2026

Speaking of Club dues, they are \$25 a year and worth every penny. The award winning newsletter and the great activities make it a real value. Please check the mailing label on your newsletter. If the label says "Paid Member 2025" or earlier at the top, then you will want to pay your 2026 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)

## Upcoming Events

### **GKCTCC Field Trip -- February 7, 2026, 8:00 AM (Leonardville, KS and Waterville, KS)**

If you are interested in attending a field trip to see the Charlie Dugan and Randy Jacobson collections, please call/text Herman Sachse at 913-775-3353. We are planning on meeting February 7th at 8 am to carpool from the Bonner Springs McDonald's parking lot (Southwest corner of Hwy K-7 and Kansas Ave). We can meet some of you along the way at the west Lawrence I-70/K-10 exit and the Manhattan I-70/K-177 exit. We plan to have lunch in Riley, KS and return to Bonner Springs around 5:30 pm. This trip is weather-permitting of course. Both collections include rare and unique tractors, equipment, and vehicles.

### **February GKCTCC Meeting -- February 14, 2026, 10:00 AM**

The first scheduled meeting for the year will take place on Saturday, February 14th, 2026, 10:00 a.m., at the Johnson County Monticello Library, 22435 W. 66th St., Shawnee, KS 66226. During that time we plan to install the 2026 officers, as approved in the November 2025 meeting. Upcoming events will be discussed along with the 2025 budget and future meeting locations and dates.

### **Western Farm Show -- February 19-21, 2026**

The Western Farm Show is scheduled for February 19-21, 2026 at the Governors Building; Kansas City MO. Our new location this year is Booth 2006. The club will have a display including 2 tractors and a lawn & garden tractor, along with the toy display. We plan to bring in the tractors on Tuesday, February 17th, weather dependent. Help will be needed to work in the booth. For more information contact Justin Read at 816-547-8608.

### **Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade -- March 15, 2026**

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 Chris Meyer.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The April Meeting is scheduled **April 12th, 2026** at 1 pm at the Ag Hall. We still plan on having BBQ & Potluck! Stay tuned for more information to come!

## Past Events

### **Oak Grove, MO. Christmas Parade. December 6, 2025:**

It was a cold evening. We were watched by warm dressed good crowds. Tractors were decorated with bows and Christmas lights. Tractors were driven by Ed Essig on John Deere 50, Ken and Dylan on John Deere 520, Gary and Zach Antes on Farmall B, and Bob Antes on John Deere 630. A good time was had by all.



# Past Events

## Fall Plow Day, Saturday, November 15, 2025.

We had a beautiful fall day to plow Charlie Luse's field near Jarbalo Kansas. We had 12 that enjoyed the day.



## 2025 GKCTCC Memorial Scholarships Awarded

The **Glenn Ratzlaff Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Gavin Locke**. Gavin is from Cherokee, Kansas and attends Fort Scott Community College in Fort Scott, Kansas. Gavin plans to graduate from the John Deere Tech Certificate program and become a John Deere mechanic. Gavin has a passion for working on equipment and started with string trimmers and lawn mowers before moving up to John Deere two-cylinder tractors. Gavin's grandpa shared his passion for John Deere tractors with Gavin who has fond memories of his grandpa's JD 60 which was sold when Gavin was younger. Gavin has since purchased and restored a 1952 JD 60 of his own. A member of the local business community describes Gavin as a busy young man. Instead of watching TV or playing a video game, Gavin can be found mowing a pasture or repairing a neighbor's equipment. Gavin is described as courteous with "great interpersonal skills" who is heavily invested in his church, high school band, and FFA activities. Gavin attended the November club meeting, along with his parents, to receive his scholarship award in person.



*Gavin Locke was awarded with the Glenn Ratzlaff Memorial Scholarship.*



*Keegan Smith received the Duane "Spike" Speiker Memorial Scholarship.*

The **Duane "Spike" Speiker Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Keegan Smith**. Keegan is from Lenox, Iowa and attends Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska. Keegan intends to earn his degree in Applied Science with a goal of becoming a John Deere technician and potentially working his way up to becoming a store manager. Keegan is committed to supporting farmers and his community and the scholarship will help ease his financial burden and help him stay focused on reaching his academic goals. The service manager at AgriVision Equipment, where Keegan works assisting technicians, describes Keegan as a hard working and dependable employee with a passion for working on John Deere Equipment. Keegan was unable to attend the November club meeting to receive the scholarship award in person.

The first annual **Joe Meyer Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **William Cockroft**. William is from Lincoln, Nebraska and attends Southeast Community College. William intends to obtain an Associates Degree in Applied Science with a professional goal of becoming a certified diesel technician and working at the 21st Century dealership in Greeley, NE where he grew up. William received a letter of recommendation from a firefighter who described William as a man of principles with a humble disposition and strong work ethic, disciplined with a strong desire to serve his family and the community. William advises the scholarship will be a significant help and blessing to him financially. William married his wife, Danielle, in October, 2024 and they are expecting their first child in December, 2025. William and Danielle were able to attend the November club meeting and he received his scholarship award in person.



*William Cockroft is awarded the Joe Meyer Memorial Scholarship. Pictured with Lori Meyer.*

## Who is Jon Pirie?

Jon Pirie was born in Concord, MA on May 14, 1967, the youngest of four children born to Jim and Dorothy Pirie. Jon's dad retired from the US Air Force at Richards Gebaur Air Force Base which brought the family to the metro area. Jon was raised in Lee's Summit, MO from the age of 6 and graduated from Lee's Summit High School in 1985. After studying architecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for two years, Jon met and married his soul mate, Michelle on April 16, 1988. Jon and Michelle have four children, oldest being a daughter followed by three sons, three grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.



Early in his marriage, Jon worked as a draftsman at a local engineering firm while attending Johnson County Community College where he graduated with an associate's degree in administration of justice in 1992. In 1993, Jon served as a dispatcher in the Olathe Police Department before being hired as a patrol officer by the Shawnee Police Department in 1995. Jon served the City of Shawnee 26 years as a police officer, 18 as a sergeant, before retiring October 1, 2020. Jon started his "second career" as a supervisor for the Olathe branch of Assisted Transportation in January 2021.

Jon's interest in farming and tractors originated from regular trips as a child to his Grandpa Pirie's farm in north central Iowa. In 2000, when the Pirie farm sale occurred, he and his dad purchased the smaller of the farm tractors, a 1949 John Deere MT to keep in the family and restore. Over the next 15 years Jon and his dad periodically worked on the MT, cleaning it up, eventually getting it running then dismantled for paint and restoration. The tractor was painted and in the process of being reassembled when Jon's dad died of cancer in September, 2015. Jon is proud to possess the Pirie family MT maintaining the family heritage, but disappointed his dad did not see it finished and displayed in local parades.



*Pre-Restoration MT*



*Jon, Michelle & twin grandchildren, on the MT in a parade.*

The "other half" of Jon's fleet of tractors includes a 1948 John Deere model B. Jon enjoys "working" the "B" cutting his 4 acres of land (south of Louisburg) with a pull behind brush hog. Jon also took the "B" on a club tractor cruise which was a very enjoyable experience.

Jon has been a member of the GKCTCC since June 2015 and served as first vice-president since January 2016. Jon helped formalize and annually administers the GKCTCC scholarship program. Jon's wife Michelle has also served in the GKCTCC as secretary from 2021-2023. Jon and Michelle can regularly be seen at local parades on their MT with their twin grandsons, Rex and Huxley.



*Jon with his "B" on the Cruise*

**GKCTCC Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2025  
Read Farm, Richmond, KS**

The meeting opened with a Flag Salute at 10:10 am.

Guests and new members were introduced. William & Danielle Cockroft, Gavin Locke, Greg Kendall, and Charles, Ron George & his Wife, David Arnett & Ryan (grandson), Aaron Miller, Floyd Cott, Roger Sage, Kenny Bylander, and Kent Pribil.

President Read sought approval of the June 1, 2025 meeting minutes. Herman Sachse moved, and Bob Antes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Herman Sachse gave the financial report. The general account began with a balance of \$8,947.70 and after expenditures/deposits, ended with \$8,454.27. General fund income: \$75 dues and \$33 silent auction. General fund expenses: \$154.78 newsletter expenses, \$192 PO Box, \$100 tractor cruise expense, and \$154.65 website expense. The scholarship fund account began with a balance of \$4,960.35 and after deposits, ended with \$7,285.35. Scholarship fund income: \$2,325. He also noted that we sent out 46 newsletters by mail and 22 newsletters by email. If you are interested in changing to email, just let Kim know and she'd be happy to change your mailing/email address. David Dobratz moved to accept the financial account. George Reed seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Justin Read then reviewed meeting locations for 2026. February was a choice between 2/1/26 (Sun) or 2/7/26 (Sat). He noted that Super Bowl is 2/8/26 and we would want to avoid that date. He suggested 3 Trails Center, Jo County Library or the American Truck Museum. Majority voted for 2/7/26 (Sat) at JoCo Library at 2 pm. (Moved to 14th due to location availability). April meeting was suggested for Sun 4/12/26 at the Ag Hall...noting that Easter landed on 4/5/26 and we would want to avoid that date. Majority agreed with 4/12/26. June meeting was suggested for 6/7/26, Sun at 2 pm. At the Ag Hall. Again, the majority agreed with that date. And the November meeting was suggested for (Sun) 11/1/26 or (Sat) 11/7/26 at a member location. The majority agreed with (Sat) 11/7/26. There were no volunteers for the location. He recommended that if they would like to volunteer, please let him know as soon as possible but before January 2026. He noted that meetings would typically begin at 2 pm. If we have a meal, the meal is usually at 1 pm, with the meeting following at 2 pm. Should dates/times/locations change, it will be announced in the newsletter or on FaceBook/Website.

Justin Read also discussed the 2026 Schedule of Events. He noted that we need to know of interest by the January 2026 planning meeting. Each event costs us roughly \$25 – so we want to make sure there will be interest/participation.

Western Farm Show will be held Feb. 19-21, 2026 (Thurs-Sat). Move in will be on (Mon) Feb 16-(Wed) Feb. 18. We will no longer be in booth 3000A. There is discussion as to which booth we will be in....we think we may be in a booth that has 20x20 and 10x10 space. We are looking for someone to bring a tractor. We may have to reduce our display. If you are interested in bringing a tractor, please let him know.

Ag Hall Tractor Cruise is tentatively set for May 2, 2026. Lloyd is finalizing plans and is leaning towards repeating the route from Tonganoxie Fairgrounds to McLouth Fairgrounds to Oskie Old Jefferson Town (for lunch) and return. Lloyd would like someone to help him with plans and take over for next year. If you would like to volunteer, contact either Lloyd or Justin.

The Budget committee will meet on (Sat) 1/17/26 at the JoCo Library. It will be the board members and 2 at-large members. If you are interested in being a part of this meeting or an at-large member, contact Justin.

Club trips was suggested by Herman. We would like to see if members are interested in taking field trips to nearby collections, such as Jacobson/Dugan/Schroller or George Reed or nearby museums. If you have ideas for field trips or would welcome us to come to your collection, contact Herman or Justin.

Donations were discussed. It was suggested that \$500 go to the Ag Hall (\$200 for the Board of Governors and the rest for donation). Lloyd moved, Bob Antes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Slate of Officers for 2026 – President-Justin Read, 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Jon Pirie, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Jeff Gast, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP-Stacy Spieker, Treasurer-Herman Sachse, and Secretary-Kim Sachse. Lori Meyer moved, Ed Essig seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jon Pirie then presented scholarship winners – Keegan Smith (not present) with the Duane Spieker Scholarship; Gavin Locke was awarded the Glenn Ratzlaff Scholarship, and William Cockroft was awarded the Joe Meyer Scholarship. Raffle prizes were then chosen by Charlie Gast and Jon Pirie....prize winners were: Lloyd Mesmer (\$200 prize), Paula Lwamoto-Schaap (\$100 prize), (and \$50 prizes each) Paul Cummings, Missy Anderson and Charlie Gast. Thank you to all who sold and purchased raffle tickets to support these scholarships!

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am on motion from Lloyd Mesmer and seconded by Lori Meyer. Motion passed.

Auction was held immediately after the meeting was adjourned for those who were interested.

Kim Sachse,  
Secretary

## 2026 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. 14</b>	<b>K.C., MO.</b>	<b>GKCTCC Meeting @ JoCo Monticello Library 816-547-8608 10 AM</b>
Feb. 19-21	K.C., MO.	Western Farm Show, Governors Building, (Setup Day Feb. 16-18). 816-547-8608
March 15	Shawnee, KS.	Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade 1 PM. Chris Meyer 913-558-8197
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Bonner Springs, KS.</b>	<b>GKCTCC Meeting and BBQ, Ag Hall of Fame 1 PM. 816-547-8608</b>
April 25	Bonner Springs, KS.	Barn Yard Babies Tractor Show. Larry Henak 913-209-2496
May 2	Bonner Springs, KS.	Ag Hall Tractor Cruise. Lloyd Mesmer 913-904-8186
June 6	Shawnee, KS.	Old Shawnee Days Parade. (10 AM).
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Bonner Springs, KS.</b>	<b>GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, Ag Hall of Fame 1 PM. 816-547-8608</b>
June 26-28	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 28	Tonganoxie, KS.	Leavenworth County Fair Parade. Jeff Gast 913-704-9788
Aug. 6-9	Tracy, MO.	Platte County Antique Tractor, Steam & Gas Engine Show and Cruise. 816-858-5826
Aug. 11-12	Sedalia, MO.	Missouri State Fair "Old & Wow" Tractor Show and Parade.
Aug 22	Bonner Springs, KS.	Tiblo Days Parade (9:30 AM). Lloyd Mesmer 913-904-8186
Sept. 3-6	Boonville, MO.	Antique Tractor Show and Cruise. 847-526-7318
Sept. 5	Olathe, KS.	Old Settlers Day Parade. Jon Pirie 913-238-2505
Sept. 11-13	Ottawa, KS.	Antique Tractor & Engine Show. 785-418-2190 featuring Allis Tractors Maytag Engines
Sept. 12	Blue Springs	Parade, Blue Springs, MO. Bob Antes 816-863-9966
Oct. 3-4	Lake JaCoMo,	1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display. Bob Antes 816-863-9966
Oct. 24	Independence, MO.	Halloween Parade. Bob Antes 816-863-9966
<b>Nov. 7</b>	<b>Richmond, KS.</b>	<b>GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction 10:00 a.m. 816-547-8608</b>
Nov. 14	Jarballo, KS,	Jarballo Fall Plow Day. Herman Sachse 913-775-3353
Dec. 5	Oak Grove, MO.	Christmas Parade. Bob Antes 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.**

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