

GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

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ED ESSIG DISPLAYS HIS 1952 JOHN DEERE MODEL 50 AT THE 2026 FARM SHOW

From the Desk of the Club President:

Spring is here and it is time to bring the “Johnnie Poppers” (and other tractors) to life for the spring and summer activities. Hopefully you got all your winter maintenance and repairs completed already. We have lots of events planned for the year....

The Western Farm Show was a great way to reach potential members and show off some great exhibits (3 pedal tractors, 3 smaller tractors, a great selection of toys, blankets, and quilts). Thank you to Charlie Gast for his custom 110 lawn tractor, Ed Essig for his model 50, Bryce York for his 40 Utility with model 47 sickle bar mower, Herman Sachse for his original large 60 pedal tractor and blankets, Richard Thompson for his toy exhibition, and Lloyd Mesmeer for his 620 pedal tractor. See pictures of the 2026 WFS booth on the right.

The GKCTCC Club is putting on tractor games this year at the Ag Hall of Fame Barnyard Babies event on March 25th at 10 AM. Please reach out to Bob Antes or Justin Read for more details.



If you are planning on going to the April meeting please RSVP so we know how much BBQ to order. Also, if you are planning on attending the Ag Hall Tractor Cruise, please send in the registration or bring it to the April meeting. We need to know how many people to expect for lunch. I hope to see everyone at the planned events throughout the year.

Justin Read

2026 Club Officers

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

1st Vice President: Jon Pirie
3rd Vice President: Stacy Spieker
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 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). 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

Upcoming Events

April GKCTCC Meeting, Silent Auction and BBQ -- April, 12th, 2026, 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 12th. 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. Topics for the meeting will include the following: 2026 Schedule of Events (Approval), Barnyard Babies Festival (April 25), Ag Hall of Fame Tractor Cruise (May 2nd) and the June 7th 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.



The blanket reflects some scenes from 2025. This was on display at the Farm Show 2026. It will be put up for auction at the April meeting. You don't want to miss this! Come bid on your blanket with you and your friends' pics on it!

Ag Hall Tractor Cruise - May 2, 2026, 8:30 AM

A benefit ride for the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame will be held on May 2nd at 8:30 am. It will start and end at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds (Tonganoxie KS), making a scenic journey from the Fairgrounds to Oskaloosa (for lunch) and return. Pre-registration is thru April 15th, \$40 per tractor/driver, which includes lunch. Additional guests are \$20 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 at the Fairgrounds. For more information, contact Lloyd Mesmer at 913-441-1180.



SAVE THE DATE! June 7, 2026, 1 pm, GKCTCC Meeting and Auction

Plans are underway for our June 7th meeting. We are planning to hold it at the National Agricultural Hall of Fame, Bonner Springs. Stay tuned for further information. No Auction (silent in April and live in Nov). Bring your picnic lunch, and afterwards, we will hold our meeting.

HOW ABOUT SOME TRIVIA?

1. What year was the John Deere Model "D" Tractor discontinued?
A-1955; B-1946; C-1958, or D-1953.
2. How many plow bottoms could the Model "D" pull in normal soil conditions?
A- two 12-inch; B-three 14-inch; C-three 12-inch; D-two 14-inch
3. What was the model number of the first hydraulic loader designed for the 50, 60 and 70 Tractors?
A-No. 10; B-No. 50; C-No. 1, D-No. 100
4. What years were the 4320 Tractors available?
A-1973-76; B-1986-1991; C-1985-1992, D-1971-1972.
5. What year was the "GP" Tractor discontinued? A-1937; B-1928; C-1935; D-1940

Trivia Answers on Page 7.

Past Events

GKCTCC Field Trip -- February 7, 2026

We had a great group that visited the collection of Charlie Dugan, Randy Jacobson, and Robert Weber. A great time was had by all! Thanks to those gentlemen for sharing their collections with us. Had a great time!



Western Farm Show -- February 19-21, 2026

We had a great time at the Western Farm Show and welcome our new members that joined us! Had a wonderful display. Thanks to the members who brought their items for display.



GKCTCC Field Trip -- March 7, 2026

Our members set out on March 7th for another field trip to see the George Read and Jack Puritan collections. They also enjoyed lunch at the Tractor barbecue. Thank you to George Read, Jack Puritan, and their families for the wonderful tours and hospitality.



Who is Ed Essig?

Ed is a widower with three children, two daughters, Ruthann and Susan, and a son, David. Ed also has two grandchildren, Matt and Amber, and one great-grandson, Sutton. The grandchildren like his tractors. On his way to the Farm Show, with his John Deere 50, he stopped by his granddaughter's house. His great grandson (2 ½ years old) wanted to get on the tractor. He laughed as he told the story that his John Deere 50 has a flap on the exhaust (raincap) and his grandson complained because it wasn't moving fast enough for him (like it wasn't tuned right).

Ed farmed in the 60's. In the 1970's, he changed his career into construction, installing acoustical ceilings. He also was partners in an Acoustical Ceiling company. He started his own cabinet shop in the 1980's, which he ran until 1993, when he turned the shop over to his son.

Once he retired, he started enjoying time with a dear friend from High School, who had a John Deere G. His friend invited him to a tractor cruise, offering to let him drive the "G". He enjoyed the cruise and decided to start collecting tractors.



Ed, with his daughter Susan and husband Mark, and great-grandson, Sutton at the 2026 Farm Show.



Ed's granddaughter Amber and great-grandson Sutton on Ed's John Deere G.

His first tractor was a TO-20 Ferguson. Once he got that home, he spent all evening working on it at the shop.

Then he bought an H Farmall. Later, the buddy who inspired his interest in tractors, passed away and at his estate sale, he bought another H Farmall. He has nicknamed the two H tractors "Fred and Ed".

When his granddaughter was pregnant and found out the baby was going to be a boy, she told Ed, "Grandpa, you need to buy another John Deere tractor." When he questioned her, she said, "Because Sutton's going to need one." So he bought a John Deere 40 and nicknamed that tractor "Half-Pint". So now his great-grandson has a tractor.

He bought his John Deere 50 and says "I think that's all I'm going to get."

When asked, if he had any tractors that were "hard to find", he responded not really. He found his John Deere G out in Bern, Kansas. He said there used to be a radio show out of St. Joseph on Saturday mornings. The show advertised the "G". He didn't get the phone number of the seller right away and ended up calling the station several weeks later. The seller called him back. He went to look at the tractor and felt it was in as good a shape as others he'd seen, for half the money, so he purchased it. Later he put the electric power steering on, which works great. He showed it at the Farm Show a few years ago.

When asked what was his favorite tractor, he said, the G was his favorite. It wasn't the same G as his first tractor, but it's very similar to what he had.

Ed said his first H Farmall was his best find. He remembers when he went to pick it up, he put new plugs in it, drained the gas and put new gas in it. His pick-up was sitting nearby. He proudly stated that the tractor started right off. Unfortunately, he didn't get it kicked out of gear and it ran into his truck. He sheepishly stated that he hasn't done that again. It was his oldest tractor, a 1940. His grandson now has it in Stover Missouri and is using it for mowing. Ed owned that tractor for 8 to 9 yrs. He suggested to his grandson to start mowing in 1st gear. His grandson later told him that he found out mowing in 5th gear was too fast.

Ed reflected that he ended up with a John Deere 110 with a 25 horse motor. He said the hood wouldn't fit, but he told his wife, "the hood never mowed grass anyway."

GKCTCC Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2026
Monticello Branch, Johnson County Library, Shawnee, KS

The meeting was opened with the flag salute at 10:00 am. Justin welcomed everyone.

President Read installed the 2026 Club Officers – Justin Read, President; Herman Sachse, Treasurer; Kim Sachse, Secretary; John Pirie, Vice President; Jeff Gast, 2nd Vice President; and Stacy Spieker, 3rd Vice President.

President Read sought approval of the November 2025 meeting minutes. Bob Antes moved, and Jeff Gast seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Herman Sachse gave the financial report for the period 11/6/25 to 2/1/26. The general account began with a balance of \$8,454.27 and after expenditures(\$695.50)/deposits (\$538.00), ended with a balance of \$8296.77. The scholarship fund account began with a balance of \$7,285.35 and after expenditures(\$3535.12)/deposits(\$2485.00), ended at \$6,235.23. Stacy Spieker moved to accept the financial account. David Dobratz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Budget for 2026 was presented as well. The projected income for the general fund for 2026 is \$3400 and the projected expenses are \$4750, leaving a deficit of \$1350. (Last year's actual expenses was an income of \$3229, expenses of \$4299.30, with a deficit of \$1070.30.) The 12/31/25 bank balance for the general fund was \$9037.93.

The projected income for the scholarship fund for 2026 was \$4000, and projected expenses was \$3450, leaving a surplus of \$550. (Last year's actual expenses was \$4794.00 and expenses was \$3566.94, leaving a surplus of \$1227.06.) The 12/31/25 bank balance for the UMB Bank (scholarship fund) was \$6185.23. Steve Underwood moved to accept the budget, Lori Meyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The 2026 Schedule of Events was discussed. It was discussed that the June 26-28 Adrian, MO show be removed, as well as the Lake JaComo 1855 Missouri Town, due to interest/attendance. The rest of the schedule appeared fine. It will be presented in final at the April meeting for approval, so if there are additions, it would need to be added by that time.

Future meetings are planned for 4/12/26 – Club Meeting/BBQ at the Ag Hall; 6/7/26 – Ag Hall; 11/7/26- Read Farm, Scholarship Award Presentation & White Elephant Auction.

The Western Farm Show is Feb. 19-21. We have a smaller space this year, so Bryce York is bringing his 40 Utility Tractor, and Charlie will bring a Lawn/Garden Tractor. There will also be pedal tractors there, along with Richard Thompson's toy display. Discussion regarding parking passes/admission passes. Move-in will be TUES, weather permitting. Show will open 9am-5pm (TH/FRI) and 9am-4pm (SAT). Doors open at 7 am for exhibitors.

Field trips – everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Charlie Dugan/Randy Jacobsen, and Robert Weber's collections. We are looking at the possibility of another trip March 7/14th – stay tuned to Facebook for up to date info.

Reminder – the St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for 3/15/26. Line-up is 11 am and the parade is at 1 pm. We will use the same location to load/unload as last year.

Ag Hall Tractor Cruise is scheduled for 5/2/26 – roughly 48 miles. Starting at Lvn County Fairgrounds, up to McLouth and lunch at Old Town, Oskaloosa, and return. Fliers will go out after the Western Farm Show. Registration is \$40, and \$20 per guest (non-driver). Lloyd reminded everyone that this is a benefit for Ag Hall, so try to get some donations/pledges.

Barn Yard Babies is 4/25/26 and Bob is planning on some Tractor Games if there will be enough participants.

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. It was announced that Jim Arnote and Paul Halsey passed away recently.

Herman said they are still planning on plow day in November at the Luse Jarbalo Farm. He noted that Charlie Luse was pleased with the plowing. Just a reminder for next year, we want plows that will plow a minimum of a 6 inch depth.

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

President Read then showed a short video of the American Tractor Museum to see if there was interest in a field trip.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am. Moved by Herman Sachse, seconded by Kim Sachse.

Kim Sachse,
Secretary

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. D-1953, 2. B-three 14-inch, 3. B- No. 50, 4. D- 1971-1972, 5. C-1935

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#
Feb. 14	K.C., MO.	GKCTCC Meeting @ JoCo Monticello Library 816-547-8608 10 AM
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
April 12	Bonner Springs, KS.	GKCTCC Meeting and BBQ, Ag Hall of Fame 1 PM. 816-547-8608
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). Chris Meyer 913-558-8197
June 7	Bonner Springs, KS.	GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, Ag Hall of Fame 1 PM. 816-547-8608
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, featuring Joh Deere, 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. 24	Independence, MO.	Halloween Parade. Bob Antes 816-863-9966
Nov. 7	Richmond, KS.	GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction 10:00 a.m. 816-547-8608
Nov. 14	Jarbaloo, KS.	Jarbaloo Fall Plow Day. Herman Sachse 913-775-3353
Dec. 5	Oak Grove, MO.	Christmas Parade. Bob Antes 816-863-9966

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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

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