Greater Kansas City Two-Cylinder Club

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Bryce York displays his 1954 JD Model 40 Utility Tractor at the Western Farm Show, last february.

From the Desk of the Club President:

Fall is in the air and the list of events are coming to an end. Check out the schedule of events in the newsletter and the "Events of Interest" on GKCTCC.com. Get out to show your green and participate in the amazing events.

The year is winding down, and we only have a few more activities on the calendar for this year. It has been a pleasure to lead the Club and we need to start planning for 2027. We encourage you to talk with the officers about ideas you have or ways you can help out with events/tasks. We are always looking for places to host our upcoming meetings, so if you have any ideas please let a board member know. Maybe we can come to your place and admire your collection. We will have an opening in the Vice President position. If you are interested in helping guide the Club, please let us know your interest. Thank you Jon Pirie for the outstanding years of service as 1st Vice President.

The GKCTCC Club is having our November meeting on Saturday, November 7th at 10 AM in the morning this year, we felt that we had increased participation last year. The white elephant auction to follow the meeting.

Herman Sachse is planning on having a fall plow day November 14, weather permitting. Please let us know if you are interested in attending or plowing at the event.

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 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 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:

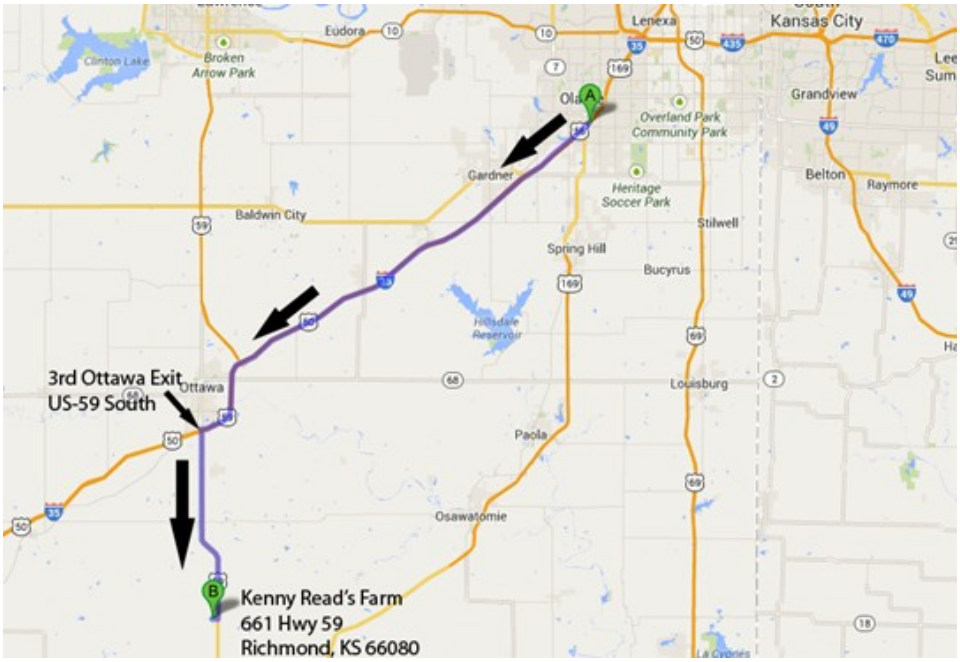
Herman Sachse-Treasurer, GKC Two-Cylinder Club
28290 203rd Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048

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

GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction -- Saturday, November 7th, 10 AM

The GKCTCC meeting with a white elephant auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th, 2026 and will be hosted by the Read family outside Richmond, KS. During this time we need to approve the June meeting minutes, discuss and approve a slate of officers for 2027, establish a budget committee, plan for a tractor display at the Western Farm Show in February, discuss the Annual Tractor Cruise for the Ag. Hall, determine hosts / locations for the 2027 meetings, and have the scholarship raffle drawing. Don't forget to bring your raffle tickets and some $$ for raffle tickets and the auction. The white elephant auction will follow the formal meeting. As you know the white elephant auction is a fundraiser for the club so look around and see what you could do without and bring it along. Just remember --- "someone's junk may be another person's treasure." We also need nice things for the auction. Dues taken at this meeting will be applied to your 2027 dues. Thanks to Kenny and Portia Read for hosting the meeting. If you want to see some unique John Deere tractors --- don't miss this meeting. Directions from Olathe, KS: Follow 1-35 South to the 3rd Ottawa Exit #183. Take US-59 South 12 miles to 661 Hwy 59, Richmond, KS 66080. The destination will be on your left.



Fall Plow Day, Saturday, November 14, 2026, 9 AM

Plow day is planned to start at 9 a.m., on November 14th, weather permitting. This of course also depends on the corn crop being harvested in time. Address is 20771 Jamison Road, Leavenworth, KS. (If your maps don't show that—try 208th Street and McIntyre Road, Leavenworth, KS). Field is located just north of Jarbalo, KS. We will look at the crop and weather forecast at the next membership meeting and may adjust the date if needed. Be sure to sign up with Herman Sachse at 913-775-3353, in case we need to cancel due to weather.

Oak Grove, MO. Christmas Parade. December 5, 2026: Line up will be at the high school parking lot 4 pm. The parade will be 5 pm. Contact Bob Antes 816-863-9966, for additional information.

Stay tuned for this and other Club events later this year. Check our Facebook page for updates, as well as our website Events Page.

Past Events

The Leavenworth County Fair Parade was held on July 28th in Tonganoxie KS. The weather was warm and all had a great time! Thanks for all attending! Jeff and Charlie Gast (JD Styled A), Tina Neu (Unstyled B). Steve Underwood (Farmall A), Justin Reed (JD H), Lloyd Mesmer (Ford 861), and Ryan Neu (50 JD), and Bob Antes (530 JD).

The Lenexa 4th of July Parade was set and the contingent from the Greater KC Two-Cylinder club was ready. Club members landed, unloaded, and were minutes away from moving to the route staging area when it was canceled due to pending thunderstorms. The disappointed group from the tractor club included: Bob Antes (1959 JD 430), Gary Antes w daughter Addison (1960 JD 630), Steve Underwood (1947 Farmall A), Tina Neu (1938 JD B), Jeff and Charlie Gast (1951 JD A), Justin Read (1941 JD H), and Jon Pirie (1949 JD MT).

The Old Setlers Day Parade was held Saturday, September 12th. Sunshine and clear skies replaced early morning showers allowing 5 club members to parade their tractors. A large crowd witnessed the following calvacade navigate the parade route: Justin Read 1941 JD H; Jon Pirie w grandson Chauncey 1949 JD MT; Bob Antes 1960 JD 530; Lloyd Mesmer 1958 Ford 861 Powermaster and Steve Underwood 1947 McCormick A. A great time was had by all!

The 57th Blue Springs Fall Fun Festival Parade was held on September 19th and was well attended with lots of spectators and children on a beautiful day. Tractors driven by Steve Underwood A Farmall, Ed Essig G John Deere with rider Barb Carlson, Ken Antes 530 John Deere with rider Stacy DeMarco, Zach Antes B Farmall with rider Dylan Antes, and Bob Antes 630 John Deere with rider Shelby Antes received good cheers and recognition as they traveled the route.

Who is Bryce York? Bryce York married his lovely and patient wife, Karen, back in 1965 and they've enjoyed 61 years of marriage. They live in Prairie Village. Karen recently retired from 46 years of teaching at the Ward Parkway Pre-School and is still doing part-time day care. Bryce has two kids, his daughter, Cynthia Mason and son Daryn York. Cynthia and her husband John live in Overland Park. Cynthia has two kids, Taylor and Andrew. Taylor recently married Grady Wright. She works for Amazon in Seattle. She's in charge of marketing for all the Disney and superhero toys. Andrew recently graduated from Arkansas State with a degree in graphic arts. Daryn and his wife Dannie, live in Breckenridge, CO. He has a son Isaac. Isaac is working for the Durango Railroad. He was a competition mountain biker in High School. Bryce said, he has a great grand dog, thanks to Taylor.

Bryce grew up near Abilene by a little town called Navarre, and went to Abilene High School, and then to McPherson College. He graduated from McPherson College prior to the college starting the car restoration degree program, where you can get a full degree. Some students restore tractors, too. They do beautiful work, it's unbelievable.

Bryce went into education as a math and theater teacher. After graduation from college, Bryce taught at Salina High School for two years. He also volunteered to help the theater program with technical things. After that, he transferred to Shawnee Mission East and spent 25 years there. He designed all the theater sets and ran all the crews. He was also director of forensics and a sponsor for the debate coach. He indicated that he lived at the school, because he spent many weekends on the road with kids. He then went to Sumner Academy, in KCK, a college prep magnet school serving as the Assistant Principal. One of the funny things about working at the prep school is that one of the other assistant principals was an athletic director, and he retired. The school brought in a guy with an athletic background, and he didn't want to do the athletic director job. So, Bryce, **the speech and drama guy**, offered to do it and ended up being an athletic director. Bryce always went to all the games. He retired from there, in the spring of '99.

Since then, he worked with his sister's ex-husband and former GKCTCC member Larry Lungrin, and they built the last of the Go Chicken Go restaurants. He also worked for Reynolds Lawn and Leisure in Shawnee, setting up equipment. He ended up doing all the pick-up and delivery, so he got to see in people's garages, all kinds of cars and tractors.

He bought his first collectible tractor at an auction, just west of Abilene, in an area called Sand Springs, and it was a John Deere M. It was local to where he grew up. And then, as he puts it, the sickness took over, and he just kept looking for them. He always liked old things, such as old cars and farm equipment. He reflects that the summer, before he got married, he went on wheat harvest with his father-in-law, who was a customer harvester. He bought a 1930 Model A Ford coupe from a farmer in South Dakota, which he still has. He always tells everybody that he's had it longer than his wife. Later in the 70s he went on a 5-year summer wheat harvest, starting with one JD 7700 combine and after 5 years he ended up with three. To this day, his wife wouldn't have anything to do with that camper. He said they survived all the windstorms in a trailer house. She and her mother cooked all the food for the harvesters. He also collected Model John Deere Ms. There are four tractors to a set of Ms. At one time, he had five complete sets of Model M's, with a few extras. Then he had an auction with Aumann Auctions, because he had 40 tractors. He sold around twenty-eight of them. Bryce had to reduce his collection, because the collection was roughly 50 miles north of Wichita, which is 150 miles from Kansas City. It was not very handy. They were stored on his wife's parents' property in the little town of Lehigh, Kansas.

He and his wife would stay with his sister-in-law, when he went out to work with the tractors, but it's getting difficult. His mother was living near Abilene at the time, which is around 40 miles from Lehigh. Sadly, she passed away in August 2025, at 107 years young. Since they weren't going to Lehigh as frequently, he decided to reduce the fleet.

Lehigh has an engine show on Memorial Day, every year. For years, he provided most of it. He was known to have 20 tractors out on the street. He'd work himself to death to get them to run once a year. And put them out. Then cram them back into the shed to come home. Now the shed's about empty.

Bryce's tractor display at the Lehigh Memorial Day Show.

When asked, do you have one tractor that was hard-to-find, and how did you happen upon it? He said his John Deere Model 40 - 2 Row Utility, which was only produced at the end of the 40 series. He bought it at the Wichita Swap Meet years ago. He didn't have to look hard for it, as it was right there. And finding the M industrial MIs and some MCs, took some hunting. But that is what makes collecting exciting – the hunt!

Bryce says his favorite tractor might be the 320 Utility. Probably because it is a more valuable tractor. The other one might be his Slow Race tractor, which is an M, but he had crawler gears put in it. There's nothing special about that tractor. It's got welds on the block, welds on the head, and the sheet metal's not perfect. But, boy, does it run slow. It's fun to play with. He put the orchard exhaust on it so he could more easily hear the tractor while slow racing.

He said he has pretty much stuck with the Dubuque tractors because of living in the city. He didn't have the equipment to haul the big heavy ones. His collection now consists of 8 tractors, and he is willing to accept offers.

Bryce was vice president when Don Hrabik was president. He wasn't sure how many years that lasted, maybe 10 years. He was president of the GKCTCC for a couple years. He's always enjoyed all the members. When he was just starting, they all helped one another.

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GKCTCC Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2026, National Agricultural Hall of Fame, Bonner Springs, KS

The meeting was opened with the flag salute at 02:05 pm. President Read welcomed everyone.

President Read sought approval of the April 2026 meeting minutes as published in the last newsletter. Jeff Gast moved, and Larry Henak seconded. Motion approved.

Herman Sachse gave the financial report for the period 4/7/26 to 06/01/26. The general account began with a balance of $8,859.21 and after expenditures ($2115.52)/deposits ($1219.00), ended with a balance of $7962.69. The scholarship fund account began with a balance of $6460.23 and after income ($1100), ended at $7560.23. We had 21 tractors registered for the cruise and 4 guest lunches, for a total income of $920. Lunch expenses were $575.00. We received $1885 in donations for the Ag Hall, but noted that others sent their donations directly to Ag Hall and we don't have the specifics on those donations. Jeff Gast made the motion to accept the financial account. Lori Meyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jon Pirie will mail out raffle tickets for the Scholarship 30-60 days prior.

The Ag Hall Tractor Cruise was a success. No breakdowns and it was an excellent day! The next one is tentatively scheduled for May 1, 2027 and will be discussed further at the November member.

Od Shawnee Days Parade is scheduled for June 6th, with staging at 9 am and parade at 10 am. You will park at the KCAS again. Tentatively 7 tractors are being planned for. Other upcoming shows is the Lenexa Parade on July 4th and Tonganoxie Parade at the end of July.

The next newsletter will be published in October. Suggestions were made for people to interview. Kim will contact them when she is ready.

The next meeting will be held at Kenny Read's farm on Saturday, November 7th, 10 am. Questions on Polo Shirts/TShirs/Jackets – which will be looked into.

We discussed a recently received Thank You from the Ag Hall. Discussed the PO Box rental. President Reed thanked Larry for arranging the location and help with setting up.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm. Lori Meyer made the motion, Stacy Spieker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kim Sachse, Secretary

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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. 12 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. 19 Blue Springs Parade, Blue Springs, MO. Bob Antes 816-863-9966

Oct. 31 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 Jarbalo, KS, Jarbalo Fall Plow Day. Herman Sachse 913-775-3353

Dec. 5 Oak Grove, MO. Christmas Parade. Bob Antes 816-863-9966

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