



# Kansas Tractor

## Club *Newsletter*

### Inaugural Meeting

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August 11th 2012 was the first get-together for the Kansas Tractor Club. We met in the Bicentennial Center parking lot next to the 4-H building Saturday morning during the Tri-Rivers Fair and Rodeo. A table was setup and Secretary, Amy Helm started taking the first of 19 applications for new members.

At 1 O'clock everyone that had their tractor fired them up and we paraded around the fair grounds in single file.

Be sure to check our web site often – [kansastractorclub.com](http://kansastractorclub.com), for upcoming events. We hope to see you at our next event. And be sure to bring someone along to become a new member.

President Cain Hiner wants to thank everyone for joining and for the great turnout.



## KTC Members Attend Record Breaking Parade

With the summer of 2012 drawing down and it being one of the hottest and driest in recent memory, the day before and the morning of the Nebraska State Fair we were drenched with much needed rain - probably much too late for the un-irrigated corn crop, but the beans and Milo may have been saved.

Several members of the Kansas Tractor Club made the trip to Grand Island and were on hand to witness the largest classic tractor parade ever held anywhere in the world.

A representative from the office of the Guinness Book of World Records was on hand to witness the event. All tractors must be at least 30 years old and must complete the 2 mile parade route.

RFD – TV and the Nebraska State fair teamed up and called on classic tractor owners far and wide to join in the challenge. The goal was to have 1000 tractors partake in the parade. 1,134 tractors answered the call.

The parade route was twice around the Fonner 1 mile track. Tractors and their drivers were sitting 6 wide on the track with enough room to get around stalled tractors. The event was to start at 1 PM, but the first tractor did not move until 1:40.

The tractor making the longest trip came from Harrisburg, Oregon and the next furthest was from New Jersey. Someone said that 31 states were represented.

The rain pretty much stopped just before noon, but the track was very wet and muddy. Max Armstrong, with RFD TV asked the enthusiastic crowd, if they would like to postpone the parade for 24 hours or later in the afternoon when track conditions would improve and the chance of rain would drop. The unanimous decision was to not change a thing. Everyone was here to break the record

and a little rain and muddy track just made the event that much more fun.

The rains held off and the parade went off as planned. There were a few stalled tractors, but there was plenty of help to get it off the track or pull it to get it started again. The previous record was broken in Germany in 2008 with 745 tractors.

Although no one from the Kansas Tractor Club had a tractor in the event, we enjoyed seeing first hand what 1,139 classic tractors look like in one place. The event was great success and the people of Nebraska were great and to finally get a little mud on the shoes, well you can't really expect this week to have been any better.



## Fun Time In Clyde Kansas

Labor day weekend found several members of the KTC at the Watermelon Festival in Clyde Kansas. Many of us attended the festival a year ago at the invitation of the Elk State Bank. KTC Secretary Amy Helm setup a booth and signed up 11 more new members. A few of the new signees not only signed up for this year but next year as well. President Cain Hiner and Board of

Directors Jim Becker and Dennis Stolzenburg were on hand to welcome the new members. There were 25 tractors on display at the west end of main street in Clyde and most if not all tractors participated in the Watermelon Festival parade. Many of the festival visitors came to see the display of tractors. The Elk State bank provided a free lunch for all of the tractor owners and fami-

lies.

A special thanks to Dean Holbert, a KTC member from Concordia for bringing Leonard the bull. The bull was a favorite of many, young and not so young.



## Kansas State Fair Pedal Tractor Pull



Winners of pedal tractor pulls from across Kansas were all at Kansas State fair September 7th. Madi Helm, daughter of Chris and Amy Helm, qualified for state competition when she took first place at the Tri Rivers Fair and Rodeo Pedal Tractor Pull in the 6 year old category. Madi has participated in pedal tractor pulls at many events over the last couple years and usually takes first or second place. At most small

town events, the crowds were 20 to 30 people This was her first trip to pull at the Kansas State Fair. The event was held at the Betz Law Firm Arena in the heart of the fair grounds. When we arrived the stadium was nearly full of what could have been 3000 to 4000 people. Madi was one of 50 or more girls in the 6 year old class. She pulled 19' 1" and finished in 4th place just out of receiving a trophy. Madi will continue to compete

for trophy's across Kansas and hopefully she will return to the Kanas State Fair Pedal Tractor Pull next year.



## KTC Has 16 Tractors in Tri Rivers Parade

Saturday, September 22, was the Smoky Hill Museum Street fair and parade in downtown Salina. KTC member Ken Wasserman entered 4 of his John Deere's, the 40, 50, 60 and 70 model. Very Impressive display of tractors. I was approached by a another entry that had an antique car in the

parade and was surprised that the tractors outnumbered the cars.

After the parade 17 of the remaining tractors meandered over to Orscheln's. It is an opportunity for the club to display their tractors and the members to get together and visit. It also helps out the mer-

chant in drawing a crowd to their location. We had several people take time out of their shopping to stop by and visit with us. And some even took the time to joined our club.



## Plowing event held late September

On September 29th, almost on the spur of the moment, several members of the Kansas Tractor Club met at Chris and Amy Helm's place to plow up about 12 acres of ground with their tractors and plows. The ground was an alfalfa patch for

many years and Chris has been trying to get a good corn crop to grow for the past 2 years with little success. He will try again next spring. Ron Gross, Jerry May, Dave Gengler and Chris Helm all worked at getting the soil turned over. Amy

reported that the ground was good for plowing. It had just enough moisture to make it workable. When the plowing was done, everyone enjoyed a hearty bowl of soup and exchanged stories on some of their plowing experiences.



## Upcoming Events this Fall

### Kansas Tractor Club Winter Meeting and Lunch

You and all tractor lovers from across Kansas are invited to Salina February 2nd at the Western Sizzlin' on west Crawford for lunch and informational meeting. The lunch will be \$8.99 (discount included) and will be starting at noon followed by a short meeting outlining the upcoming year. The dinner and meeting is open to everyone. If you have not renewed your membership, Amy will be available to renew your membership and issue you a new membership card. This will be a great opportunity to invite others to become members. Please email Amy if you will be attending. [Kansastractorclub@gmail.com](mailto:Kansastractorclub@gmail.com) or call her at 785-577-3599.

Other Upcoming Events

Dec 2	<b>Orscheln Customer Appreciation Night</b> Special Invite Members only - 20% off	6:30 PM—8:00 PM
Jan 10	Topeka Farm Show	All day
Jan 26	International Harvester Club Chapter #3, 1st Quarter Meeting, Central Kansas Flywheels, Salina.	
March 16	Car and Antique Tractor Show, Rush Center—Includes Parade @ 2:30	10 AM—2PM



## Abilene Chisholm Trail Days

In the past Chisholm Trail Days in Abilene, Kansas always seem to have cornered the market on the best weather. Although they avoid any snow or rain this year, it was rather cold with the highs just barely getting over 40 degrees this first Saturday of October. But that did not stop members of the KTC to attend the event and sign new members.

Several of the members participated in tractor games—Barrel rolling, slowest tractor race. The Farmall B may be pretty slow in a tractor drive, but in the slowest tractor race, riding the brake wasn't enough to hold it back to compete with the John Deere and Fords.



## Always Looking For New Members. Sign up Today!

Our club is only 5 months old and we are now over 50 members. But we know there are more people who are not aware that the club exists. We need you to get the word out. Give potential new members this newsletter, once you have finished, and be sure to tell everyone about our web site. [www.kansastractorclub.com](http://www.kansastractorclub.com)



An annual membership is only \$20.00 and includes discounts at 25 different businesses in Central Kansas. Be sure to check out our web site for a list of sponsors.



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# Central Kansas Flywheels Antique Engine Show

If you have lived in Kansas for any amount of time, you have heard the old saying. "If you don't like the weather, wait a minute." That was very apparent Saturday October 13th at the Central Kansas Flywheels Steam Engine Show. Early morning we had rain, then before sun up the clouds cleared away and the temperature began to rise well above average into late afternoon. Clouds moved in, tornado and thunderstorm warnings sprang in counties north and west of town; the winds picked up and the temperatures dropped almost 10 degrees while everyone started to gather for dinner.

Many KTC members are also members of the Central Kansas Flywheels and this weekend many of us were doing what we could to work with the weather and help with the show. We did not get an exact count of Kansas Tractor Club tractors on hand this weekend, but there were over 15. The parade of power was delayed



about 45 minutes because of the wet grounds, but it started just before noon. Congratulations to KTC members Chris Helm and his son Evan as their picture appeared in the Sundays edition of the Salina Journal. There was a huge turnout for the tractor pull on Sunday. Many members entered their tractors and several took

first place. Dean Gipe hand made each trophy for those who finished in the top 3 spots of each class. There was a crowd of about 200 on hand to watch the event.

In addition to the antique tractor pull, the pedal tractor pull took place Sunday afternoon and this too was a big hit. Over 40 children ranging in age from under 4 to 12 years

old participated to win a trophy. The top three from each class received a trophy. Congratulations to all the winners.



## Orscheln's Grand Reopening

This was our second trip to Orscheln's in as many months to put our tractors on display to help draw customers to their business. The weather was very cooperative this day and the crowds were huge as many were picking up deals from within the store. In addition to the tractors, Gary Sutton, new KTC member from Culver, displayed his collection of steam engines, which seem to be a crowd pleaser. Only 9 tractors made the trip to Orscheln's today. 2 Fords, 1 Ferguson, 1 OMC, 1 Cockshutt and 4 Farmalls. There were no John Deere's.

The people from Orscheln's published a couple of pictures of the tractors on their Facebook page. Then to thank us for attending, Orscheln's asked all of their customers to vote for their favorite tractor. At 3:00, the votes were calculated and the winner received a one hundred dollar Orscheln's gift card. Congratulations to Amy Helm as her Farmall B was the crowd favorite. In addition to the savings in the store, members of the Kansas Tractor Club saved additional 10% on their purchase today and every time they visit the Orscheln's throughout the year.



## Membership Renewal Starts January

I think the last few months have been a success for the Kansas Tractor Club. I appreciate all of you for joining and participating in events to showcase KTC. I have received feedback from some of you on things you like and things to also change. Please, keep the feedbacks coming. This club is to benefit everyone and I will work hard to continue on that path.

As the tractor show season winds down, I will still be hard at work making preparations for next year. Please remember that if you want to continue receiving information about the club as well as benefiting from our gracious sponsors, renew your membership today. If you need your discounts in January, you can simply mail your \$20 dues to the address provided with your name and contact information, if it has changed. Once I receive your dues, I will mail your new membership card and also a tentative schedule for 2013. And of course you can always renew at the events the club will be attending but your discounts will end January 1 until you renew. KTC Secretary Amy Helm will be available at Western Sizzlin' February 2nd at the members meal to renew your membership if you wish to renew in person.

For those of you that paid next years dues in advance, you will not receive a renewal notice. Your membership will continue to the end of 2013.

I am also looking for dates for shows, tractor drives, tractor pulls, or community events. If you know of an event, please call or send me that information. Even if we don't attend as a club, someone might find that information useful.

Thank you and we will see you in February!  
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Be sure to check out the [kansastractor-club.com](http://kansastractor-club.com) regularly for news and upcoming events.

The Great Nebraska Tractor Drive applications need to be submitted before March 1st 2013.

And make sure to mark your calendar for the Kansas Tractor Club tractor drive May 4th.

Next newsletter publication will be mailed March 1st 2013.

If you would like to submit a story and/or pictures for the KTC newsletter, please send it to [dhelm537@gmail.com](mailto:dhelm537@gmail.com)

