



## Letter From the KTC President

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I would like to start off by thanking everyone for coming to the dinner at Western Sizzlin on Feb. 2. We had a great turnout. Approximately 70 people showed up, we signed up a few new members, and got one new sponsor. We have made arrangements with Western Sizzlin to do it again next year on the first Saturday in February, so mark your calendars now.

Just a reminder that the Spring tractor show season starts February 16th at Rush Center, KS. Then on April 6th there is a show at Salina Vo-Tech. Hope to see you all there.

Cain Hiner



## KTC Annual Tractor Drive

If you have not heard, then mark your calendar May 4th. Jim Becker and Cain Hiner drove the back roads and by-ways throughout north central Kansas searching for the most interesting, eye catching, and rarely traveled route for this years Kansas Tractor Club tractor drive.

This years KTC Tractor Drive will start in Bennington, Kansas at Bennington Oil. Bennington Oil is located on the south side of 18 highway in the town of Bennington. The drive will start promptly at 9 am so show up early to unload and get registered. Coffee and donuts will be served during registration. To save time you can download the form by going to [www.kansastractorclub.com](http://www.kansastractorclub.com) click on the Special Event link—print the registration, fill out the form and bring it with you to the drive. Please be present for a short drivers meeting before starting the drive. **All tractors must be able to maintain at least 10 mile an hour speed limit.** We expect a record amount of tractors so we need to keep a tight formation during the drive. Chase trucks will be available to help with tractors that fail to complete the trip. A complete map of the route is available to download from the Kansas Tractor Club web site.

One of the key points on this years drive will take us through downtown Minneapolis, Kansas. Main street will be blocked this day for Minne-

apolis **Rock Fest** and promoters of the event have asked our club to route the drive through downtown. They will open Main street long enough for our parade of tractors to pass. There should be a big crowd on hand to witness the parade.

Lunch will be offered again this year with a free will donation during our stop at the park in Minneapolis. Prizes will be awarded during our noon time break and the drawing for the International 766 Pedal Tractor will be drawn. You don't have to be present to win the pedal tractor, but all other prizes will be awarded at this time. The cost of this years KTC Tractor Drive is \$15.00. In case of rain, it will be moved to May 11th.



## Faded Serial Number

Often times, you may come across a tractor and the only way to identify its year is by the serial number. On some older tractors the serial number plate will be worn and faded. It could be difficult to determine if a 7 is really a 1 or an M is really an N.

Try this next time you are having a difficult time reading the serial number plate. Take a blank piece of white paper and a pencil. Place the paper over the metal serial plate and with the side of the lead of the pencil rub it over the paper gently. You may be surprised with the results.

The year of manufacturing on most older tractors is the only information you can get from the serial number. To gather more history on a tractor, it is best to talk to people who owned it. Keep a folder on whatever information you gather about your tractor so that information can be passed onto the next person.



# Big Crowd At Annual Member Luncheon

February 2 is usually a day set aside for Ground Hog Day and Punxsutawney Phil. But 2013 will be remembered as the first annual meeting and luncheon for Kansas Tractor Club members and others who enjoy tractors. The meeting started promptly at 12:30 and President Cain Hiner introduced himself and the board of directors and then everyone in the room introduced themselves and

their favorite tractor. When the board staff were helpful and courteous first decided on the membership meet-ous. Western Sizzlin' welcomed the club in style with displaying the club's name on their billboard sign outside. See meeting notes from the meeting on page 4.

The Western Sizzlin' staff and owner did a great job accommodating everyone. There was plenty of food and the



## Super Bowl Commercial a Hit for Farming

"Hello Americans, This is Paul Harvey, Stand by for News!" Many of us, maybe all of us who grew up and worked in Kansas would schedule our noon-time break around a radio. If you miss Paul Harvey's program on one station, you simply dialed up another.

His voice has since been silence, but not forgotten. And if you watched this years Super Bowl that unmistakable voice recorded at a FFA meeting several years ago once again came to life. He talked about Farmers and how on the 8th day God created a farmer. The lyrics from that commercial are reprinted here for your enjoyment.

**"And on the 8th day God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker!". So, God made a farmer!**

**God said I need somebody to get up before dawn and milk cows and work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a**

**meeting of the school board. So, God made a farmer!**

**I need somebody with strong arms. Strong enough to rustle a calf, yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry and have to wait for lunch until his wife is done feeding and visiting with the ladies and telling them to be sure to come back real soon...and mean it. So, God made a farmer!**

**God said "I need somebody that can shape an ax handle, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire make a harness out of hay wire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And...who, at planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty hour week by Tuesday noon. Then, pain'n from "tractor back", put in another seventy two hours. So, God made a farmer!**

**God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop on mid-field and race to**

**help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place. So, God made a farmer!**

**God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees, heave bails and yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink combed pullets...and who will stop his mower for an hour to mend the broken leg of a meadow lark. So, God made a farmer!**

**It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight...and not cut corners. Somebody to seed and weed, feed and breed...and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk. Somebody to replenish the self feeder and then finish a hard days work with a five mile drive to church. Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who'd laugh and then**

**sigh...and then respond with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life "doing what dad does". So, God made a farmer!"**

Paul Harvey, at the age of 19 worked three years as station manager for KFBI AM, later known as KLIO, a local station in Salina, Kansas.



## Tractor / Car Show Salina Technical College

Each year, the first Saturday in April the Salina Technical College hosts the Salina Vehicle Extravaganza. Students of the college and area residents display their prize cars and trucks. Some fully restored and customized and some in the process. All cars are judged and prizes

are awarded. This year they invited the Kansas Tractor Club to display their tractors. Tractors will not be judged, but only on display for the crowds. All members with their tractors will be admitted at no charge. This will be a great time to dust off your tractors from the long

winter and get together with other friends and collectors and see some great looking vehicles. Hope to see you April 6th in Salina!



# OMC Antique Tractor

If antique tractors are your passion, then maybe you have heard of the OMC tractor. The original location of the OMC was located in Salina, Kansas at 136 South 5th street. In 1938 Amos Ostenberg, a partner in the Ostenberg Motor Parts Company invested about \$3,000 to start the production of the tractor.

The patented t-type box frame made out of 6 inch channel iron was the unique feature of the OMC which had not been done.

The first tractor was to have been displayed in Wichita at a tractor show. There were two different models, the Ostenberg Tractor, rated at 2-14" plows and the OMC (Ostenberg Manufacturing Company), rated at 3-14" plows.

There were only about 50 to 60 of these tractors that were ever built between 1939 and 1954. At which time, the building and business burned

down. All paperwork about the OMC went up in the fire.

There are three OMC tractors owned in the Salina area. One is on display at the Central Kansas Flywheels and two others are owned by Kansas Tractor Club members.

If you would like to see one of these tractors in person you may see one or two at a tractor event this coming year. We are always looking for more information on the history of the OMC. If you have information about this rare tractor or any tractor please contact Dan Helm or Amy Helm with your information.



## Belleville Ag Festival Built Around Tractor Club

### New Tractor Show and Event

The Kansas Tractor Club has been invited by the Belleville Chamber and Main Street to attend the First Annual American Ag Heritage Festival on July 6th, 2013. Organizers for this event have been in close contact with the club and are very excited to have us in attendance.

Tractors on the Square will be a lineup of antique tractors and farm equipment in the historic down town of Belleville Kansas. Tractors will be entered for display only or for an entry fee, there will be judging. Multiple judging categories include from all original to most detailed restoration.

Not only antique tractors and equipment will be on hand but also modern equipment and agricultural products will be on display along with food vendors and crafts. Organizers are still hard at work making plans for this historical event. More info will be available in the upcoming months. Any questions, please call Belleville Chamber and Main Street at 785-527-5524 or watch our website for more information.



## Membership Information

We are still looking for new members. If you know someone that enjoys tractors, new or old, then they are a candidate for the Kansas Tractor Club. Although club members focus on restoring and owning antique tractors, anyone can join and not even own a tractor. Being a member of the Kansas Tractor Club will open the doors to other members who could help you with obtaining your own tractor, restoring and answering any questions you have about tractors. Our membership includes folks who could provide information not only about tractors, but implements as well.

Other benefits include discounts from sponsors of the Kansas Tractor Club. Check out our sponsors web page to see the list of over 25 sponsors throughout central and north central Kansas. Our sponsors range from parts and supplies stores to tire stores and restaurants.

Talk to your friends and neighbors and let them know about the club. Point them to [www.kansastractorclub.com](http://www.kansastractorclub.com) and our membership page. Our club is only 8 months old and we currently have over 70 members.

If you would like to sign up in person, check out our event page and look at the items listed in red. Someone from the club will be in attendance to sign up new members. Or you can send your information to the address listed below.

Amy Helm, KTC Secretary  
1547 N. Burma Rd.  
Salina, KS 67401  
785-577-3599



## 2013 Annual Members Meeting Notes

Club Information Presentations started at 1:15 pm. Cain Hiner, President, introduced each board member before they shared their information.

1. Amy Helm, Secretary gave information about Membership numbers. 2012-62 members. 2013 so far with new memberships and renewals-44 members. Amy also gave information about renewals and expiration. Membership cards/discount cards will have an expiration date of 1-31-14. The reason is we plan to have the first Saturday in February as our annual member's meeting. At that time we will do membership renewals. This will greatly cut down on the amount of postage that will be required to mail membership cards and reminders. And there will not be a lapse in discount coverage for members. She reminded everyone to please renew today and to pick up the information sheets for the club, calendar for 2013, and membership discounts. If you have email and are not receiving emails, please let Amy know so we can make sure we have accurate information. Using email drastically cuts down on printing and postage charges for the club.
2. Chris Helm, Treasurer reported the amount of money we have taken in for 2012 and 2013 and our expenses. He informed the group of our goal for the money that is raised. We are still working on getting information gathered and rules established for scholarships, grants, etc. for youth or students interested in restoring a tractor or farm equipment. Chris also reported that we are a non-profit organization for Kansas but in order to be recognized as non-profit for the federal government and IRS we had to fill out the Form 1023 501(c)(3). That has been completed and we are waiting for the approval from the IRS.
3. Jim Becker, Board of Director, gave information for the Tractor Drive. This will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2013. We will leave Bennington Oil in Bennington, KS at 9:00 am. John Carson and his family will be helping provide coffee that morning. He then gave the rest of the route and the drive should be back in Bennington at 3:45 pm. Lunch is a free will offering. We have received wonderful support from several businesses in Minneapolis. Please thank Gene's IGA, Auto-Tek, Bennington State Bank, Bennington Oil Co, and City Pharmacy, all in Minneapolis for their support. We will have a porta potty available during the drive and a couple of support vehicles as well.
4. Chris Helm gave information regarding the raffle for the pedal tractor. Straub International in Salina gave us a generous discount of 50% for the pedal tractor. We will sell tickets at the events we attend leading up to the tractor drive. We will draw the winner during lunch on May 4<sup>th</sup> during the tractor drive. You do not need to be present to win. If you would like to help sell tickets, we have packets available. Money and tickets would need to be turned in before the start of the tractor drive.
5. Dan Helm, Vice-President, presented information about the Kansas Tractor Club website. We have received hits all across the US and even world wide. Dan is currently working on a For Sale page for the website. We may have to switch domain carrier for a secure website in order for this to happen. But members will be able to advertise for sale items or wanted items on the website. Pictures can also be displayed with information on what the items is, cost, and contact information for the seller. All of this information can be sent to Dan Helm, email information is on the website, and he will maintain it until you let him know it has been sold or otherwise. We have a lot of great info on the website as well as pictures. Information on the website will change as we receive new information for events, pictures, etc. Dan Helm is also putting our quarterly newsletters together. The next newsletter will be mailed the first part of March. If you have information, stories, pictures, or ideas for the newsletters, please get a hold of Dan Helm. His information is also available on the website or you can call him.
6. Jim Becker gave information on an opportunity to order hats with the KTC logo on them. These would be mesh hats with a screen printing on them. We have to order styles and colors in quantities of 12. Those interested in purchasing hats, they will be available for \$5.00 each. A good number of members were interested in purchasing a hat. We will discuss this further as a board and will let you know when those are available for purchase.
7. Dennis Stolzenburg, Board of Director, also gave information about purchasing shirts or jackets with a KTC embroidery logo. Anyone interested would need to purchase their own shirt, jacket, or apparel. The lettering and outline of the tractor can be done in any color for \$12.00. The lettering and the tractor filled in can be done for \$18.00. These prices are for the embroidery of the logo only. Not the price of the apparel plus embroidery. If you are interested please contact Sharon or Dick Wyatt with Keepsake Bears and Embroidery at 785-392-2898. They are located at 943 N. Concord St., Minneapolis, KS 67467. They already have the lettering and logo and can give you any information that you need.
8. Cain Hiner, President, talked about the membership discount. It was discussed that there have been some problems getting the discount with O'Reilly Auto Parts. Some times they are unable to find the Kansas Tractor Club information in their system in order to receive the 10% discount. Since the meeting date, we have contacted O'Reilly and they advised that if you have this problem, to please give them the account # 1406053. This number will be used state/national wide for KTC and you should not have this problem. Sorry for the inconvenience. If you have any other problems or would like to give a membership discount, please call Cain Hiner. We are continually looking for more discounts. Up to date information can be found on our website or at KTC attended events.
9. Amy Helm then presented the calendar of events for 2013. If a board member is present, we will advertise that as a KTC attended event. Please feel free to attend other events and display your Kansas Tractor Club magnet and direct interested individuals to our website or have them call Amy Helm to become members. We aren't able to attend every event but we have tried to schedule at least one event each month. The calendar can be found on the bottom of the Club Information page. There will be additions to this calendar. We are working with Tractor Supply, Orscheln's, and the Smoky Hill Museum Street Fair organizers to add events to our calendar. Up to date information will be available on our website and at each event/show. Any questions please call Amy Helm. If you know of events in your area, we would like to add those to our calendar of events, please let us know. We would like to be an informational tool as well. And having a thorough calendar of events for Kansas tractor shows and events will help us make this an information stop.
10. We opened the floor to discussion and questions. Several other event suggestions were added.

Before leaving, we drew names for 16 prizes to those attending. Thanked everyone for their support and for joining us today. Meeting adjourned

# Upcoming Events

## March

* 3/16	Car and Antique Tractor Show, Rush Center. Parade at 2:30	10am-2pm
3/26-28	48th Annual Mid America Farm Expo, Salina Bicentennial Center.	T/W 9-5 Th 9-4

## April

* 4/6	Salina Tech Vehicle Extravaganza, Tractor Show. No trophies or judging, no entrance fee. Just a tractor display by KTC.	All Day
4/13	Flint Hills Antique Power Assoc. (FHAPA) Chuck Sells Spring Pull, Lyon County Fair Grounds, Emporia. Rain date 4/20/13	1 PM
4/13	Blue Valley River Tractor Run, Blue Rapids, KS. 32 miles. \$15 for each tractor. Gene Lott 785-363-7953. Rain date 4/14 then 4/20	10 AM
4/20	IHC #3, 2nd Quarter Meeting, Marysville, KS. Tour Cat Company in Wamego	
4/20	Spring Crank-Up! Tractor Show, Alta Vista, KS. Ag Heritage Park	All Day

## May

* 5/4	Kansas Tractor Club Annual Tractor Drive 39 miles Bennington-Minneapolis. \$15 for each tractor. Rain date 5/11.	9 AM
5/18	7th Annual Glen Elder Tractor Cruise, Glen Elder State Park at Hopewell Church at 9:30 am. Entry Fee is \$20.00. Yearly benefit to sponsor children to the Youth Diabetes Camp at Rock Springs. Contact: Jim Slate 785-545-7082	All Day

## June

6/9	Americus Days Tractor Pull	1 PM
6/14-15	The Great Nebraska Tractor Drive, Wahoo-Lincoln, NE	2 Day Event
6/29	FHAPA Plow Day and Tractor Show at Dale Delong's Farm, Emporia.	All Day

\* Events attended by Kansas Tractor Club

### New Sponsors

Be sure to visit our sponsors and enjoy the savings.

Lorett Oil Co. LLC	Salina, Various Savings
B.W.P. Automotive and Tractor Repair	Salina, 15%
RJ Fencing LLC	10% off Labor
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Acct # 1406053 (info update only)





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**Be sure to check out [kansastractorclub.com](http://kansastractorclub.com) regularly for news and upcoming events.**

**And mark your calendar for the Kansas Tractor Club tractor drive May 4th starting in Bennington Kansas.**

**Next newsletter publication will be mailed June 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)**

