



KANSAS TRACTOR CLUB

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Plenty of fun to be had this past September

The month of September had Tractor club members loading and unloading their tractors at various events.

Although the weather didn't always cooperate in our favor, many of us weathered the less than ideal conditions to attend some of the last shows of the year.

Tri-Rivers Fair Parade

7 tractors participated in this years Tri-Rivers Fair and Rodeo Parade. The parade started at the Fire station on Elm and proceeded down 7th street. This parade is always well attended by the public. Next year the parade should be down the newly remodeled Santa Fe Avenue.



Orschlen Farm and Home Shows

The first show of September was to be at Orschlen's in Ellsworth. President Cain Hiner called the week before the event and nothing was planned and

the manager was going to be attending training which would have put them out of town the day of the event.

As with the Junction City Orschlen's event, they declined to reschedule.



Salina Tech Vehicle Extravaganza.

To avoid three straight years of bad weather on the first Saturday of April, Salina Tech moved their Vehicle Extravaganza to September. It seemed to be a pretty good Idea. And still maybe in the future.

Our tractor count was down and so was the display of cars. It was a windy, slightly warm day. We had 9 tractors and a set of home made tractors on display by Jim Patry.

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Assaria Fall Festival

Last year's fall festival was slightly marred with low clouds and a light drizzle. This year we were hoping for a slightly better weather. Didn't happen. The days leading up to the event showed a forecast of rain for the Saturday's event.

It rained early in the morning, but had stopped before everyone showed up for the show. We had 20 tractors on display. Which was up from last years count.

Steiner step up their sponsorship of the tractor show part of the Fall Festival, sending t-shirts, caps, pens, candy and other trinkets to pass out to those who were in attendance.

A couple from Oklahoma read in one of the Stiner web page about the show in Assaria and brought their tractor to the show.

The rain came just before noon, but only lasted for a few minutes but long enough to cancel the Kids' tractor pull. Tractor games was scheduled to start at 2, but was moved up as more rain was expected. Several of the tractors who attended the event took their turn at each of the games, including dragging the chain in the box, drop the washer in the bucket, balancing your tractor on a teeter totter and the highlight of tractor games, blind tractor driver. As soon as the games completed, the rains came again. Many of those in attendance loaded their tractors and headed home.



A Rare David Bradley

One of the best advantages of attending tractor shows is seeing some of the best of antique tractors. At the Assiara Fall Festival, Jim Sekavec from Hoisington, KS brought his beautifully restored Da-

vid Bradley, Tri Track tractor with a 1 bottom plow. restored. Jim's David Bradley easily balance itself on the tractor teeter totter. Jim enjoyed his visit and inquired about being a member.



Last show for the year

The last show of the year is the Abilene Heritage days. This was an all day event in Abilene which include a train ride. Visitors can take a

ride on the antique, steam engine carousel. Several of Kansas Tractor Club members attended this event October.



4014 Big Boy Steam

Once in a lifetime event is coming to Salina. The Union Pacific biggest steam engine ever to pull a freight car is making a trip around the country. I will be in Salina on November 20th and leave the morning of the 21st. It will be parked near 13th street next to the Union Pacific Railroad depot.

This train is a 4-8-8-4. 4 guide wheels, two sets of 8 drive wheels and

another set of 4 guide wheels. The guide wheels assist the train around sharp curves. It will arrive from the east and leave to the west.

The 4014 was on display in Los Angeles when the Union Pacific decided to drag it back to Laramie, Wyoming to begin the restoration so it would be ready for the Transcontinental Railroad's 150th anniversary this year.



Teach Your Kids to Drive

Attending the Assaria Fall festival gave me a chance to teach my Granddaughter, Madi. How to drive my Farmall H. I started her out in first gear. I anticipated that using the clutch would be a slight problem. Lucky we were that the trac-

tor stayed running after she dropped the clutch. I had her maneuver around the cones and work out way up to 2nd gear. She is 13 and had a blast. Wants to do it again!

Send me your Events

If you know of an event that you think others would be interested in attending, please forward the information to me, Dhelm537@gmail.com. I will add the event to the Kansastrac-

torclub.com web site and on our facebook page. Please include any flyers or web page links. As you can see, our calendar is a little week for the month of August and October.



We are accepting Scholarship applications now

The Kansas Tractor Club wants to award a college student with at least 1000 dollars. This is for anyone attending any 4 or 2 year college

and and vocational school, like Salina tech. Encourage anyone to fill out the application located at the Kansas Tractor Club web site. We must have all applications

before July 15th and we will award the winner on or before September 15th. Go to www.kansastractorclub.com and click on the scholarship link. Complete the form

online and email or print it out, and send it to...

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Prevent Tractor Rollovers

Rollovers account for a large majority of tractor fatalities, and can happen in a matter of seconds. There are two types of rollovers: a rearward rollover and a sideways rollover. A rearward rollover occurs when a tractor tips to the rear when the rear wheels cannot rotate enough to move the machine forward. A sideways rollover can happen when a tractor turns too sharply or on too steep of an incline. The wider the tractor, the more stable the machine is.

Rearward tractor rollovers can be prevented by:

- Avoiding driving on steep hillside
- Backing the tractor up steep hills
- Changing tractor speed gradually by applying

power smoothly

- Properly stabilizing the tractor for the work to be done
- Using tire chains, boards and other materials to improve traction of wheels
- Hitching loads to the drawbar correctly

Sideway rollovers can be prevented by:

- Properly stabilizing the tractor
- Avoiding driving on steep hillsides
- Avoiding turning at excessive speeds
- Avoiding driving too close to the edge of roadside ditches or slopes



Send you Stories

Please send me your stories. It could be about an event you attend this year or years ago. Tell us about your favorite tractor and how it came to be. We would like to add your story to the Kansas Tractor Newsletter.

Farm Safety For Kids

When working with youth on the farm, provide age-appropriate tasks, give clear instructions and help them if needed. Youth should not be allowed to operate equipment that they are not old enough to operate or have not been given instructions on how to use. They should also wear personal protective equipment when working with tools or other machinery. Youth should never be allowed to work with chemicals and fertilizers found on the farm.

Some farm families show livestock and allow youth to work with them at a young age. It's important to teach them to treat all animals with respect and care, and how to interact with them safely. It's also important to wear a helmet when riding horses to protect your head in case of a fall.

When helping out on the farm, youth should never ride on a tractor fender or ride as a passenger unless the tractor is equipped with a buddy seat and a safety belt.

After working with animals, it's always a good idea to clean up and wash your hands before moving on to another task.

Many young people enjoy riding four-wheelers and ATVs around the farm. Be clear on safety rules for operating, including riding a size-appropriate ATV for youth, always wearing a helmet and not driving on public roads unless absolutely necessary to move from farm to farm.

When helping out on the farm, youth should never ride on a tractor fender or ride as a passenger unless the tractor is equipped with a buddy seat and a safety belt. They should also ride safely in the cab of a farm truck or other piece of machinery.

Children enjoy exploring at a young age and can find themselves in potentially dangerous situations around the farm. Be sure you know where your child is on the farm and that they are playing in safe areas. Children should not be allowed to play in grain bins, wagons, or silos or in areas where tractors and heavy machinery are operating.



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