Greetings Flywheels Members,

As we close out May, I remember the old saying about April showers bring May flowers. I am not sure what May floods bring but hopefully drier weather. We haven’t been impacted by the rains and flooding very much, just limited access to the facility a couple of times and soggy grounds. We have a good group of volunteers that continue to work away despite all of this.

Mowing has been a challenge but Jerry and Kenny are working it in. We have been working on restoring and repairing equipment and are still moving forward. Thanks to everyone who has helped keep us on track and moving that way. We still have projects to complete and would love to have someone volunteer to help, even for an afternoon.

I talked to a couple from out of town who wanted to see the church. They had seen it from their motel window and just wandered down. As luck would have it I just happened to be here after hours and I was able to let them see it. I explained the history and some of the unique things about it, and they loved it.

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at our 4th of July celebration. You just can’t beat homemade cobbler, ice cream and friends getting together. Thanks again to all of the members, volunteers, staff and people that work behind the scenes to keep this complex up and running.

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The following is a list of projects that need to be done around the Museum. If you have an interest in working on or wish to fund one of this projects, please contact the Museum.

**PROJECTS**

- Paint Bleachers - any or all
- Repair and paint Chuck Wagon
- Paint Mailbox
- Repair back porch of the School House
- Paint and hang new doors of the Church
- Repair and paint picnic tables
- Caulk and paint Church windows
- Wooden posts on front fence need replaced
- Make new signage for exhibits
- Sort and organize exhibits of south balcony (Display Bldg.)

**WISH LIST ITEMS**

- Lights and power to Pole Shed
- Build covered walk way over the main entry doors and overhangs for the other entry doors (Grant money of $2500 has been provided)
- Build pavilion in center square behind Heritage Building similar to one covering the Sawmill

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Volunteer Opportunities / Monty Hole

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- 2021 Term Expiration
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OMC TRACTOR - Made in Salina

According to a news article F. Amos Ostenberg, a partner in the Ostenberg Motor Parts Company, built a tractor in a year’s time with an investment of $3,000. An interesting thing about the OMC tractor is how it was put together.

The tractor was assembled. That is, as Amos Ostenberg explained, it was put together from stock parts of regular auto makers. This was made possible by the design of the frame, an exclusive patent, known as a T-type box made out of a six inch angle iron.

The only parts made by Ostenberg are the frame, which made such assembly possible, the enclosed oil-bathed chain drive, the front axel assembly, and such accessories as grill, hood and tanks. The specifications in the Ostenberg Manufacturing Company (OMC) brochure give the details of the tractor’s construction.

The tractors were made one at a time and each was kind of individual. They were red with hand painted yellow OMC. The later ones had fenders and yellow wheels.

Amos Ostenberg and his brother Luther began an auto parts business in Salina in 1918. Their father had been in the tractor and implement business. Amos didn’t recall just how he happened to get into the tractor manufacturing game. He said that he got the idea for the T-Box frame, wondered why nobody had used it before, and went ahead and started building some to see how it would work. It worked. Construction of the tractor began at the Ostenberg Motor Parts Company building at 136 South Fifth Street in Salina.

The Ostenberg plant burned down in 1954 after making about 50 tractors and the company records were lost in the fire. Whatever was left from the fire was bought by and transferred to the Norse Tractor Company of Canada.
Outside Events

June 1 - 2
Boy Scouts Cub Scout Day Camp
Scouts attended a Day Camp where activities included archery and bb gun target practice.

June 4 - 6
Girl Scouts Day Camp
18 Girl Scouts spent 3 days at a Jurassic themed Day Camp. Dinosaurs were the subject for crafts such as fossil impressions, painting both dinosaur models and eggs. The 7 - 9 year olds also crafted lava flowing volcanoes for the finale at the end of day three.

June 21 - 22
Kansas Association of Straw Artists
The Straw Artists will be meeting and practicing their skills for two days at the Heritage Hall. This group creates amazing artistic pieces out of wheat stalk and are truly talented.

July 6
Parke Family Reunion

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Need event space?

Keep us in mind when you have the need for additional space when hosting an event. With our fully functional kitchen, dining hall for seating up to 70 people and all the outdoor space you need, we are the perfect solution for those events requiring room for large groups.
Call the office at (785) 825-8473 and talk to Will about pricing and availability.
Don’t forget, all museum exhibits and building are available for your group to tour and enjoy!
Central Kansas Flywheels Yesteryear Museum
1100 W. Diamond Drive
Salina, Kansas

The Central Kansas Flywheels Yesteryear Museum would like to invite you to our July Appreciation Party on July 4th from 5pm till 7pm. We will have homemade cobbler cooked in dutch ovens, ice cream and reminiscing of the past. Everyone is invited to attend!

Please join us for an

APPRECIATION PARTY

As our way of saying

“THANKS”

We will have the Bill Burrows Band performing as an added treat!
Jerry May was finally able to get into the field on the north grounds of the Museum to plant corn. After working the ground, the previous couple of days, he was able to plant corn on June 5th. This is the latest date he has planted corn on the Museum grounds.

Several weeks ago, Dana Brown visited the Museum. You might wonder at the significance of one person visiting our Museum. In fact, Dana is a signature member of the National Water Color Society and participates in juried exhibitions around the county as well as doing commission pieces for clients. The interesting part to her work is that she is well known for her subject matter which happens to be old farm equipment. She explains, “I’m only interested in the forms, shapes and color and the fact that the equipment was designed to perform a specific function.” She adds, “I’m not a mechanic or an engineer, but then most landscape painters aren’t botanists or horticulturalists either.” Her painting are done in crisp lines and bold colors. The subject of her painting is foremost on the canvas with little background showing. Dana stopped to take more photographs of our equipment since that is exactly what she wants as her subject matter. She generally will spend one to two hours taking various photos in different lighting. Below is a watercolor she created and presented to the Museum in appreciation for providing her with inspiration.

Kenny Fuller and Jerry talking it over.
Discover Salina / Will Cooper

The Museum had an information table and a rope making table at the Discover Salina Naturally event on May 5th.

This was our 6th year of participation and the event has grown from a few exhibitors and vendors into an event that hosts around 4,000 attendees.

The day was beautiful and well attended by families learning about what Salina has to offer.

We made over 67 ropes for kids of families wandering the grounds.

We are grateful for the opportunity to promote the Museum and include the children in activities at this yearly event.

Hope to see you there next year!

From the Office / Will Cooper

The Museum has hosted several groups so far this year, KS Tractor Club, Int'l Harvester Collectors, Family Reunions and numerous Scouting groups.

We gave the St. Johns Military cadets their annual tour for the last time. Over 10 cadets toured the Museum in early May and sadly this was the last time due to the school closing.

The Wells Church continues to be popular for weddings and another 3 are scheduled for this year. It is gratifying to see a couple enter their next phase of life beginning with their wedding held at our Church.

Hopefully we are close to being done with the rainy cycle from the last couple of months. As usual, we have had water standing in the low ground at the Museum. Only once did the water raise to a level that the Museum had to close. It washed over the road in front of the Museum and flooded our entry.

Please, if you have any news or articles that you feel would be of interest to our members, please forward them to Will at the Museum office.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

January 10, 2019  
March 14, 2019  
May 9, 2019  
July 11, 2019  
September 12, 2019  
November 14, 2019 (Elections)
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