

CENTRAL KANSAS FLYWHEELS YESTERYEAR MUSEUM

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President's Letter



As Labor Day starts off September, I want to thank everyone who labors out here behind the scenes to keep things running. Ron and Kenny did a great job keeping up with things while Jerry was off.

There has been other labor out here as well. On the East side of the Heritage Building is a new walkway that is in progress. This is an Eagle Scout project of Nick S., Troop #80. It connects the side door with the Museum of Scouting sidewalk. Several workdays and lots of labor hours have gone into this. Nick and his crew have worked very hard on this and they hope to be finished by the end of September. Nick will make a great future leader for his generation.

Carter H. of Troop #214 is working on a Kiosk to be located by the entrance gate. The Kiosk will be a smaller scale version of ones you see at state lakes and parks. It will be an information booth as well as have a map of the grounds. He hopes to start on this project around the end of October. Eventually we are planning on a walking guide for the complex and hand outs to be located here.

We have a couple of more Eagle Scout Projects in discussion and I hope they work out also. There are always projects available for individuals or groups at the Museum. Contact myself or Will in the office if you would like to volunteer.

Staff are also busy with projects at the Museum of Scouting. They work so quietly up there I forget to mention them most times. They are a great asset to us and I want to thank all of them for all their labors that they do by cataloging new items, working on displays, or just keeping things clean and ready for visitors.

The labors of these volunteers help keep our facility looking sharp and ready for visitors. Thanks again to EVERYONE who helps our facility whether by volunteer labor or monetary support. It is truly a combined effort to keep this facility running.

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A Living History Museum Memories of our Heritage

Mission Statement

For the collection, preservation and display of artifacts that pertain to our heritage and provide enjoyment and education for our members and the general public.

Event

Christmas Party 12/14

Look for information
about our
Christmas Celebration
on our website

Featured Exhibit

Come out to see the
1913 Bull Tractor
on exhibit in our
Display Building

Volunteer Opportunities

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 replacing
- 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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1913 Bull Tractor - A Rarity

In 1913 Patrick Lyons established the Bull Tractor Co. to manufacture a new creation. A patent was applied for in September 1913 which was assigned to the Bull Tractor Co. It was for a revamped 4-cycle engine with two opposing cylinders which used gasoline only with no provision for kerosene.



1913 Little Bull Tractor
On display at the Flywheels Museum

Sales began in mid 1913 and the Little Bull sold surprisingly well. On December 30, 1913, Lyons entered into a contract with Minneapolis Steel to construct 20,000 Little Bulls during the coming year. A subsidiary, the Toro Motor Company, was founded in 1914 to provide engines for the completed tractors.

All sales of the tractor were in cash and no provision made for credit. An early advertising brochure gave the incentives of owning a Bull and were as follows:

- It pulls two 14-inch stubble bottoms in most soils
- It pulls the load of five horses
- It travels one-half faster than horses
- It costs nothing for harness
- Gasoline costs one-half as much as hay and feed and does not eat when it does not work

By early 1915, what had been the bestselling tractor in the United States was besieged by complaints from customers. The Little Bull was proving to be underpowered and underbuilt. Beginning in 1916, the Bull Tractor Co. decided to hold a “tractor school”. The classes were held in two sessions during the winter, each lasting 30 days, at a cost of \$20 per entrant. This was used to help farmers improve their experience with the Bull Tractor and to help sales.



For those dissatisfied with their Little Bull Tractors, the company made a proposition to take the Little Bulls back at near the original purchase price when applied to a new Big Bull Tractor. Even with more power and improvements, some had their doubts, and Bull sales continued to decline. In early 1919, the Bull Tractor Co. merged with The Madison Motors Corp.

HERITAGE BUILDING UPGRADE

As we enter September, we are making improvements to our Heritage Building in the form of a new ceiling.

Thank you to the Earl Bane Foundation for supporting this project.

All tiles will be replaced, the grid will be straightened and painted and heat and cooling vent connections will be checked.

The project will take approximately 2 business weeks to complete and should have minimal impact on any events or visitations at the Museum.

This is the first in a series of upgrades we hope to accomplish through grants to the Museum.

Our goal is to make sure our existing structures are kept in good condition and improved as needed to enhance our visitors experience.

Along with physical improvements, we are looking into advertising and promotion to generate even more interest in the Museum. We have had visitors from Australia, Belgium, France, China and most of the 50 states in the U.S. And the response to our collection of artifacts is positive!

We are very happy to offer this unique experience to everyone whether they have an agricultural background or are learning about farming for the first time.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

September 7

Neuschaffer Family Reunion

September 7

Girl Scouts Bonfire & Bonding

September 21

Tieking Wedding & Reception

September 28

Girl Scout Day Camp

November 16

Sondergard Family Dinner

November 23

Christiarcy Dinner

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!

Tri-Rivers Fair Parade

Did you attend the Parade? If you did, you would have seen Kenny Fuller leading the CKF contingent with the Bill Burrows Band playing atop a wagon with hay bales. Monty Hole, Adam Hummel and Will Cooper also drove tractors in the annual event.

Featured in the Parade was the OMC Tractor on display at the Museum. If you read the previous newsletter, you remember that the OMC was built here in Salina throughout the 1950's.

It was also driven and featured in the WaKeeney event the previous month.

Thank you to Jerry May for the photos below of the drivers and tractors as they passed by spectators.

Watch for us next year!



From the Office

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who keep the Museum looking good for the visitors. It certainly isn't easy in the heat and humidity, not to mention the rain we have had this year. It takes dedication and pride in our facility with volunteers providing time and effort on behalf of the Museum. Thank you!



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

January 10, 2019

March 14, 2019

May 9, 2019

July 11, 2019

September 19, 2019

November 14, 2019 (Elections)

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