



# CENTRAL KANSAS FLYWHEELS YESTERYEAR MUSEUM



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## *President's Message*

*A Living History Museum  
Memories of our Heritage*

As I look back at some of the early issues of the Nuts and Bolts. I find the very first issue: Volume 1, Jan-Feb 1984. One of the articles was the 1983 Annual Report by Glenn Forsberg. Part of it is as follows:

The first building had just been erected at the museum site and plans were being made to install balconies. Twenty trees had been transplanted and watered through the summer.

When I read this I am reminded about how hard those volunteers worked and the passion they had to make this a great place to visit. Contributing on:

A large sign was being designed that would be visible from I-70. Two steam generating plants were being reassembled in a prominent place in the museum. On weekends rock and concrete were being crushed and the crushed concrete was used to surface the roads. A well was being drilled for the windmill.

I am reminded that in the early days, when a family would find a piece of land and the first things they would do were build a house, dig a well, and start planting. Thirty six years later, we are still in the process of growing and acquiring new exhibit items for the Flywheels Yesteryear Museum.

As I enter my second term as President, I find that "museum time" is sometimes slower than even "government time". Things move at a slow pace when it comes to changing exhibits, adding new items and getting donations accessioned in. I realize it sometimes seems we move too slowly when it comes to completing tasks, but our volunteers work as fast as they can. A lot of the volunteers out here give us a lot of time because of their passion for this place and the memories it holds. Others support us financially and I thank them for the extra donations that everyone gives. Volunteer labor helps keep the place looking nice and it does take money to pay the bills.

The last paragraph of the 1983 Annual Report is as exciting today as it was in 1984:

We are looking forward to the coming year as we gain momentum. We are going places. Your help is most important. If you have any suggestions please let me know. If you would like to help please let me know your interests and talents. Email or phone is fine. There is an exciting past ahead of us. Together much can be accomplished to keep Central Kansas history at home, at our museum.

Moving forward.

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### **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.

### **Events**

Farm Expo  
March 24, 25 & 26

**Tractor & Car Show**  
April 25th  
10:00am - 4:00pm

Discover Salina  
Naturally  
May 3

### **Featured Exhibit**

Please come see the  
**Cox School House**

## *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 these projects, please contact Monty or Will.

### **Projects**

- Paint Bleachers - any or all
- Repair and paint Chuck Wagon
- Paint Mailbox
- Repair back porch of the School House
- Paint and hang new Church doors
- 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.)

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES**

January 9, 2020  
 March 12, 2020  
 May 14, 2020  
 July 9, 2020  
 September 10, 2020  
 November 12, 2020 (Elections)

## *2020 Board of Directors*

### **2020 Officers**

President - Monty Hole

Secretary - LaVonne Sutton

Treasurer - Will Cooper

### **Board of Directors**

2022 Term Expiration

Kenny Fuller

2021 Term Expiration

Jamie Samson

Dave Rettele

2020 Term Expiration

Adam Hummel



### **REMINDER**

PLEASE RENEW  
 YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
 FOR 2020

## *Cox School House*

Commissioned and built in 1923 by the Cox School District #31, this one room school house replaced the previous building.

The fully restored building has two cloak rooms. The west room was for girls and had a table for a water container. The east room was reserved for the boys. The cloak rooms were also used by the students to put on costumes when they put on a play. The raised platform under the chalkboards was used as the stage.

The main teaching room housed a coal fired stove on the north wall with the students desks located between the stove and the front entry door. The upkeep of the building was done by the teacher as one of his or her many duties.



**Cox School House**

The only other buildings associated with the school were an outhouse shared by boys and girls and a coal shed.

We are fortunate to have photos and records from a teacher who taught at the school. Mabel Jungel had a history with the school before becoming a teacher. Her mother was a student in 1890. Mabel herself was a student in 1914. Mrs. Jungel has provided photos of both her and her mother as students, along with their classmates. These pictures are on display in the school along with late 1800's diplomas and teaching certificates given to the Museum by Mabel.

In 1929 Mabel began a three year stint as a teacher at the school. She remembers pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln hanging on the east wall above the chalkboards. She taught 10 to 12 students from grades 1 through 8 and said they brought their lunches and would all sit outside and eat when the weather allowed.

She recalled organizing games during recess such as baseball, hide the thimble, marbles, hide and seek, dare base, foot races and jump rope. Mable stated that these activities were needed to work off the energy of students after sitting at their desks for lengths of time.

The Museum undertook a major renovation to recreate the school house as it would have been when it was first built. Window and door placement were kept original and as much material reused as possible during the renovation.

We were honored to have Mabel in attendance for the dedication of the Cox School House and we are extremely grateful for her donation of material specific to this particular school.

### *From the Office*

As of now, you should have received a membership renewal letter. If you haven't, please call the office so we can get you signed up as a 2020 member. And if you know of someone that you think would be interested in the Museum and its mission, please contact the office and we will send them our membership information. We would like to see our membership numbers grow while attracting more active members as well.

Look for our staffed information booth at the upcoming Farm Expo held March 24, 25 & 26. We would appreciate the opportunity to visit with you and get you feedback.

Please come and see our demonstration on Saturday May 3 at the Discover Salina Naturally event. This event promotes historical and environmental education within Salina. Participating vendors offer a diverse display of interesting items. The weather has been typically good and you can enjoy and be entertained from 11am till 4pm at this outdoor event.

We are happy to be hosting a variety of functions again this year, including the International Harvester Collectors organization, the Kansas Archeology Society and various families who have chosen the Yesteryear Museum to host their events. We are pleased to welcome them to our facility!

### *2019 Annual Christmas Event*

The Museum hosted its annual Christmas event on December 16, 2019. From 6 to 8 pm over 150 visitors and members came to enjoy our Christmas Celebration. Santa was on hand to greet the public and interact with the children. A good time was had by all! Thank you to Adam, Kenny and Jerry for braving the cold and providing hay rack rides; to Dalene, LaVonne and Carolyn for crafting with the children; to Sandy, Ron, Cayla, and Mary Jo for preparing and serving refreshments; and thanks to Monty. A special thank you goes to Bill Burrow for providing the wonderful music during our event.

### ***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 and for small groups. The Church is also available for weddings.

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*

## **Tractor & Car Show**

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10am-4pm



Registration starts at 8am

Entry fee is suggested donation of \$10/vehicle

Free Admission for spectators

1100 W. Diamond Dr. Salina, Ks

Awards will be presented at 3pm

Lunch will be available from noon to 1pm

(Minimum donation of \$5.00)

(Pulled pork, tater salad, beans, & bottled water)

For more info contact: Central Kansas Flywheels 785-825-8473

*A Living History Museum*



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