

# CENTRAL KANSAS FLYWHEELS YESTERYEAR MUSEUM



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## *President's Message*

*A Living History Museum  
Memories of our Heritage*

My Mom recently had to have her knee replaced. Not a big deal unless it is the first major surgery you have had in your almost 80 years. They live in Chanute, Kansas so I went down there to help. We had to replace part of her porch, re-arrange parts of the house, and make her steps bigger so she could get around. It was good to see my brothers and sisters and actually work together for a while. While out at the farm I wandered around a little bit just to look at things. Being a Red tractor guy, I asked Dad about the Farmalls that he had. One is in decent shape in the barn, one he gave to someone in Humboldt Kansas, and one sat outside and is probably non-working now.

I also asked about an old Gibson that he has. It is about the size of a medium garden tractor with a ten to fifteen horsepower motor. When my son was five or six we drove it around the yard. Twenty years later my son still remembers that tractor. Most notable is the fact that it is a lever steer tractor. Now it sits in the barn. Dad thinks there is a problem in the rear end so it isn't usable right now. I asked him about getting it from him to fix up. So far no luck on that.

Fast forward to Salina. As I look around at the Agriculture Display building, we are very fortunate here at the Central Kansas Flywheels to have a lot of unique tractors and other items that probably some five or six year old kid rode or played on and now has a chance to see it again. I looked at the new steel wheel tractor we have on display and think of the stories it could tell us. First it was in Durango, Colorado for a while before coming to Kansas. It had stayed in the family all of these years and I bet the owner can remember when he was five or six and probably rode on it. As I look back on the tractors that I remember as a young kid, I am grateful for all of the people who donated display items here so we can enjoy them now. If you are in the area come on by and see if there is anything we have that you remember as a five or six year old kid. Better yet bring some of those five or six year old relatives and share your stories with them.

Monty Hole, President

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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.

### **EVENT**

4th Annual  
**FALL BREAKFAST**  
Saturday  
November 13th  
7am - 9am

### **Featured Tractors**

1920 Case  
Crossmount

1927  
Allis-Chalmers

## *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
- Repair back porch of the School House
- Repair and paint picnic tables
- Caulk and paint Church windows
- Wooden posts on front fence need replacing
- Sort and organize exhibits of south balcony in the Agricultural Display Building
- Make new signage for exhibits

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**7 p.m. - Heritage Building**

January 7, 2021

March 11, 2021

May 6, 2021

July 8, 2021

September 9, 2021

November 11, 2021 (Elections)

## *2021 Board of Directors*

### **2021 Officers**

President - *Monty Hole*

Secretary - *LaVonne Sutton*

Treasurer - *Will Cooper*

### **Board of Directors**

2022 Term Expiration

*Kenny Fuller*

2023 Term Expiration

*Adam Hummel*

2024 Term Expiration

*Jamie Samson*

*Dave Rettele*



### *1920 Case Crossmount Tractor*



Located in the Agricultural Display Building

This 15-27 horsepower rated 4 cylinder vertical engine was mounted crosswise on the frame of the tractor.

The advantage of this type of engine mounting was that the pulley was mounted directly on the crank shaft and had the ability to use all spur gears. It also used the most simple type of transmission and permitted the tractor to have a shorter wheel base.

It was claimed that this construction added great strength, reduced weight and was helpful in the reduction of vibration and deflection.

This particular tractor was capable of pulling four plows! Gerald Dubbert of Cawker City donated this unusual tractor.

### *Allis-Chalmers from Green to Orange*

The very first Allis-Chalmers tractors were a shade of deep green. Everything changed in 1929, when Harry Merritt took a trip to California. Merritt was the manager of Allis's budding tractor department. He had been thinking over the idea of color in marketing when he traveled past a field of brilliant, blooming California poppies and the color struck a chord with him.

He went back to the factory and convinced his colleagues that bright orange was the right choice. The shade was named Persian Orange after the poppies.



1927 Allis-Chalmers

The company actually used two different shades of Persian Orange, the original Persian Orange #1 and later Persian Orange #2 which had more red in it.

Oliver Hagg of Salina donated our wonderful green Allis-Chalmers tractor.

# FALL BREAKFAST

Breakfast consists of  
two biscuits and gravy  
with coffee or juice

\$5.00 Donation

Two eggs available for  
additional \$1.00



Come out and enjoy  
breakfast and socialize  
with your friends!

November 13th, 2021

6:00am till 9:00am

Central Kansas Flywheels 1100 W. Diamond Drive, Salina, KS  
(Across from KOA Campground) For more info call 785-825-8473

### *From the Office*

Heat and humidity. Two words that describe the weather lately. Even with hot muggy days, we still continue to receive visitors interested in the Museum. July was an especially busy month and I look forward to that trend continuing.

Long time Flywheels member and volunteer Donna Morgenstern was part of the Wheat Weaving Guild that made use of our Heritage Building in June. It is always a pleasure to see the creations made of wheat stalk by these talented artists.

June also saw the resumption of Scout activities after a long hiatus due to the pandemic. The Cub Scouts held a Day Camp on June 3rd, 4th and 5th. Several organizations brought out service vehicles for the Scouts to learn about their function and use in the community. Activities were held on various parts of the Museum grounds and the event was very well organized. All in all, attendance was good and I believe everyone was happy to participate.



### *Church Sidewalk Project*

For his Eagle Scout project Corbin Russell elected to rework the sidewalk leading up to the Well's Church. Needing bricks replaced and re-laid, the walkway was widened to match the dimensions of the front entry. The project was completed late July with the help of family and volunteers. We very much appreciate Corbin selecting this endeavor for his Eagle project. The new sidewalk will be especially nice for weddings.

### *Fire Pit Completion*

Matthew Schutz, along with family and volunteers, has completed his Eagle Scout Project at the Yesteryear Museum. Benches attached to brick work were added for seating and pavers were laid surrounding the fire pit. We are grateful to Matthew for choosing our Museum for his project and for his unique vision. It complements the grounds and is a wonderful addition.



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