

CENTRAL KANSAS FLYWHEELS YESTERYEAR MUSEUM

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President's Message

Greetings Spring. For most in a farming community those are good words to hear. Planting season is upon us and what you plant when is dependent on how you were raised. Do you always plant potatoes by the dark of the moon? My grandparents had certain times of the year they planted certain vegetables. Did that make them grow any bigger or smaller? I really don't know the answer to that but they believed in it. My Mom just celebrated her 80th birthday this month. She always had a garden and planted in phases also. At the time I really didn't pay attention to any of that as I was just interested in the end result and eating it out of the garden. My great Uncle Elvey made the paper years back for growing a pumpkin that weighed over 200 pounds. From what I have been told this was pretty common at his farm. I used to garden when my son was smaller. I just planted whenever I had time and some things grew and some didn't. I could grow tomatoes and peppers but not much else. At Flywheels we plant different crops during the year. I always like to watch the old time machinery work. Farming in the old days was really hard work. Over the years as we have improved equipment it has gotten somewhat easier but more expensive. Only a farmer would spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on a combine just to use it a few times a year. In the end I suppose it does make good business sense to do that. Another thing we plant at the Flywheels is knowledge. The younger people that visit and see what the equipment used to look like and how it used to operate gives them a better understanding of how generations past worked and how back then they made do with what they had and didn't need the latest TV, phone, or computer. One of our Board members fell and broke his back and is still in the hospital. From April until September we are temporarily moving the monthly Board Meetings to the second Wednesday of the month. In October we will move back to our normal Thursdays. Have a great planting season.

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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.

The General Membership meetings will be held on the second Wednesday for the following months:

May 10, 2023
July 12, 2023
September 13, 2023

Featured Exhibits

George Washington
Carver

RCA Television

International Time
Recorder Co.

Volunteers Needed

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
- Repair and paint Chuck Wagon
- 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 12, 2023

March 9, 2023

May 10, 2023

July 12, 2023

September 13, 2023

November 9, 2023 (Elections)

2023 Board of Directors

Officers

President - *Monty Hole*

Treasurer - *Will Cooper*

Board of Directors

2023 Term Expiration

Adam Hummel

2024 Term Expiration

Jamie Samson

Dave Rettele

2025 Term Expiration

Kenny Fuller

Mike Boldenow



Thank you to those members who have renewed their membership for 2023!

If you haven't sent in your membership as yet, we look forward to your continuing support of the Central Kansas Flywheels.

Thank You!

George Washington Carver Display

The Central Kansas Flywheels was the recipient of a display researched and put together by Jettie Condray, director of the Ottawa County Historical Society. This display depicts the life and achievements of Mr. Carver. It originated as a display honoring the life and accomplishments of Mr. Carver at a celebration held in Washington, D.C. in the late 1990s. After the celebration, Mr. Condray donated half of the display to the Central Kansas Flywheels for viewing at the museum. Sadly, Mr. Condray passed away last year of health complications but we proudly continue to display his work.

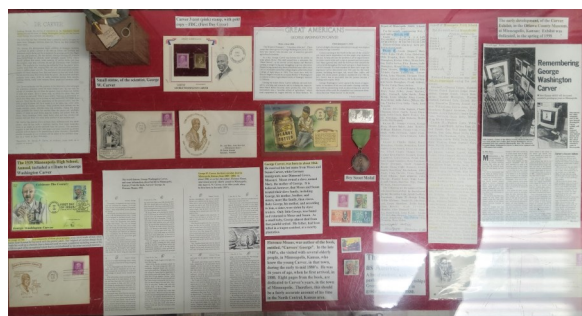
George Washington Carver, was born circa 1861, near Diamond Grove, Missouri, and died January 5, 1943, in Tuskegee, Alabama. Mr. Carver was an agricultural chemist, agronomist, and experimenter whose development of new products derived from peanuts (groundnuts), sweet potatoes, and soybeans helped revolutionize the agricultural economy of the South. For most of his career he taught and conducted research at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute (now Tuskegee University) in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Carver was born into slavery, the son of an enslaved woman named Mary, owned by Moses Carver. During the American Civil War, the Carver farm was raided, and infant George and his mother were kidnapped and taken to Arkansas to be sold. Moses Carver was eventually able to track down young George and returned him to his plantation. With the complete abolition of slavery in the United States in 1865, George was no longer an enslaved child. He remained on the Carver plantation until he was about 10 or 12 years old, when he left to seek an education.

By both books and experience, George acquired a fragmentary education while doing whatever work came to hand in order to subsist. He supported himself by varied occupations that included general household worker, hotel cook, laundryman, farm labourer, and homesteader. In his late 20s he managed to obtain a high school education in Minneapolis, Kansas, while working as a farmhand.

After a university in Kansas refused to admit him because he was black, Carver moved onto Simpson College in Iowa, where he studied piano and art, subsequently transferring to Iowa State Agricultural College (later Iowa State University), where he received a bachelor's degree in agricultural science in 1894 and a master of science degree in 1896. Carver left Iowa for Alabama in the fall of 1896 to direct the newly organized department of agriculture at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, a school headed by noted African American educator Booker T. Washington. Despite many offers elsewhere, Carver would remain at Tuskegee for the rest of his life.

Below are examples of the numerous documents in our exhibit depicting the life of George Washington Carver.



RCA Television

RCA has consistently delivered innovation and quality for consumer electronics products since its beginning in 1919. The story of RCA begins with the emergence of wireless communications made possible by the discovery of radio waves and amplification technology in the early years of the 20th Century. What began as wireless telegraphy, sending dots and dashes through the air instead of over wires, grew to become voices, music, and eventually video transmitted and received over the air with the development of more sensitive transmission and receiving equipment. In the early 1920s, RCA's General Manager, David Sarnoff, publicly speculated on the possibility of "every farmhouse equipped not only with a sound-receiving device but with a screen that would mirror the sights of life." The idea of television was not new, and mechanical systems had demonstrated crude pictures. But it was Sarnoff's historic meeting with engineer Vladimir Zworykin that set the stage for RCA's success at perfecting electronic television transmission and reception. The engineer had already successfully demonstrated his "iconoscope" camera and "kinescope" receiver. Sarnoff sought out the Zworykin to learn more about his work and ask what it would cost to continue his experiments and develop a marketable system. Zworykin replied "\$100,000 and a year and a half." Ten years and \$50 million later, Sarnoff introduced television service at the 1939 World's Fair in New York City.



**An early RCA Victor TV
In the Agricultural Display Building**



International Time Recording Co.

Did you know that the Yesteryear Museum has a very early example of an IBM piece of equipment? The Norwood Western Ice Co., donated a time recording clock (picture on left in Heritage Building) used at their facility located on Fifth and Elm Street. The facility was torn down for the new Post Office we use today.

The time recording clock was supposed to eliminate the need for timekeepers and watchmen, who would be required to insure that workers were diligent in performing their work.

Willard and Harlow Bundy established the Bundy Manufacturing Company in 1889 in Binghamton, NY. This manufacturer of time keeping devices went through a series of mergers, which included the International Time Recording Co., eventually to become International Business Machines.

In 1924, the company was renamed as International Business Machines (IBM)

From the Office

Thank you to the Earl Bane Foundation for their financial support of the Agricultural Display Building and Morton Building lighting project. The work has been completed and with the upgrades to LED lights, security lighting, additional electrical outlets and power supplied to the pole shed, we can now provide an enhanced visitor experience along with the maintenance required on our equipment.

The Yesteryear Museum hosted our annual Christmas Celebration on December 17, 2022 (pictures below) and provided refreshments, crafts and hay wagon rides to over 75 families. We are happy to share the holiday season for those people who return every year for our event.

The Order of the Arrow held their annual dinner at the Yesteryear Museum in January. This Scouting event of approximately 55 people makes use of the Museum of Scouting and the Heritage Building

A memorial for longtime member and volunteer Pam Gipe was held at the Heritage Building in January. The afternoon memorial was open to those celebrating her life. It was gratifying to see so many people attend and remember her many accomplishments.

In February the Kansas Tractor Club held their meeting and elections at the Museum. Over 50 people attended the meeting which provided a catered lunch prior to their elections for the 2023 year.

The Kansas Archeology Society returned for two days in February for their quarterly meeting. This year 3 archeologists provided seminars from various projects being done in the State of Kansas. The society had 24 members participate in the seminar which provided detailed information on ongoing archeology projects.



Live music by
Bill Burrows and friends

Crafts were a big hit with
the children



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