

CENTRAL KANSAS FLYWHEELS YESTERYEAR MUSEUM

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President's Message

It's the right thing to do.

Many years ago the company I work for needed some emergency work done. We contacted a local shop and they agreed to have someone come in on a Saturday to work on this project. They had several employees that could do the job but the owner said we need to ask Employee "X" first because he has been here longer and even though he would probably turn down the extra time "it was the right thing to do" to ask him first. Several years later we had another project where this company did a lot of work for us on a single project and when the bill and the hours were turned in he picked it up and said they would have to figure things out better because we shouldn't have to pay that much for a job like that. I was happy to pay for everything, because I knew the issues they had and it wasn't the company's fault. I told him they didn't need to because I would pay for the whole thing. Again I was told "It's the right thing to do". This person and his family have donated a lot to the Flywheels in display items, time, and free services. He did so without complaint, because he thought it was the right thing to do to help others. It didn't really hit me until this gentleman passed away recently and I realized that I had used that line a lot over the years, at work, in Scouts, and at the Flywheels. Wisdom comes from strange places, like from our parents, school, books, etc. I never realized just how smart my Dad was until I was living on my own and remembered things he tried to teach me. He was really good at helping others also. At the Flywheels everything we have from a tractor to a threshing machine has a story and you can learn from it. It might not be a story or a skill you think you would use in the future but you never know. So the next time you hold the door for your wife, or pick up something your neighbor might have dropped you are probably doing the right thing.

Monty Hole, President

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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.

EVENTS

July 4th Celebration

Tuesday
July 4, 2023
5:00pm till 7:00pm

Car and Tractor Show

Saturday
September 9, 2023
10:00am till 4:00pm

Featured Exhibits

ROYAL Wheelbarrow
Grass Seeder

Sorghum Threshing
Machine

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



*To be a farmer is to be a student forever,
for each day brings something new.*

ROYAL Wheelbarrow Grass Seeder

We have been fortunate to acquire another unique implement for the museum. Recently a ROYAL Wheelbarrow Grass seeder was donated to the museum by Jay Sherwood. This implement is in excellent condition and a welcome addition to our collection.

With over 200,000 of these sold by 1911, this crafty and lightweight little seeder enabled a farmer, under his own power, to seed grasses and similar seed in twelve foot wide strips. This could be the only machine of its type ever manufactured in this country. Basically a wheelbarrow, a twelve foot long wooden box with holes in the bottom and a length of rope for seed release comprise the basics of this seeder, a simple, yet effective, implement for use by a single person.

It works like this: the rope passes through slots in the bottom of the 12' long hopper, blocking the slots almost completely. As the wheelbarrow progresses, the spokes of its wheel alternately force two long arms to the left, then the right, creating an oscillatory motion. That motion is transferred to the rope, moving it back and forth in the slots, thereby allowing a small amount of seed at a time to fall down past the rope and out the bottom. Brilliantly simple!

Based in Ypsilanti, Michigan, O.E. Thompson produced the ROYAL Wheelbarrow Seeder from the 1880s into the 1940s. Little is known about the company after the 1940s as information is scarce.

The ROYAL Wheelbarrow Grass Seeder

Single Hopper
No. 11
Chain Feed

DIRECTIONS:
Gauge quantity by the Pin and Holes in the Index Plate, which are marked plainly with figures, viz. 2 to 12, which indicate the amount sown per acre. Sow by Stakes or Drill Marks. Push the stakes down with the Wheelbarrow, pass over and pick up and stick it the length of the box to the right or left, as you may be sowing.

MANUFACTURED BY
O. E. THOMPSON & SONS, Ypsilanti, Michigan, U. S. A.

Don't Let This Hopper Get Wet, Take it in out of the weather Store in a dry place.

This Hopper is made to sow in accordance with the following table:

With Pin in Hole 2 it will sow 1	qt. per acre
" 3 "	2 "
" 4 "	3 1/2 "
" 5 "	5 "
" 6 "	6 "
" 7 "	8 "
" 8 "	11 1/2 "
" 9 "	15 "
" 10 "	18 "
" 11 "	24 "
" 12 "	24 "

© Clover, Timothy, Hungarian, Millet, Rape, Alfalfa, Crimson Clover, or any seed of like nature, mixed or Separate.

PRICE LISTS OF REPAIRS FOR THIS SEEDER

No. F1—Steel Wheel complete.....	\$3.00	Order by exp. or frt.
No. F2—Hub Cam.....	1.25	" " exp.
No. F3—R Lever Support.....	.75	Postage extra.
No. F4—Eye on center of rod.....	.15	" "
No. F5—Handle Castings, each.....	.20	" "
No. F6—Lever Casting with Rollers.....	1.75	" "
No. F7—Index Plate.....	.50	" "
No. F8—Slotted Lays Fork.....	.10	" "
No. F10—Index Pin.....	.20	" "
No. F11—Hub Bolt.....	.15	" "
No. F12—Bevel Washer.....	.10	" "
No. F13—Rod End Castings, each.....	.15	" "
No. F14—Chain Feed, each.....	.85	" "
No. F16—Wedge for Manila Ropes.....	.05	" "
No. F17—New Ropes.....	.85	" "

Use Ropes and Chains specify length—12, 14 or 16 ft. long
All Wood Parts Can Be Made at Home



CAR & TRACTOR SHOW

Central Kansas Flywheels
Yesteryear Museum

1100 W. Diamond Dr.
Salina, Kansas

Date: September 9, 2023

Show: 10am till 4pm

Entry fee is suggested donation of \$10 per vehicle

FREE ADMISSION FOR SPECTATORS

Lunch will be available from noon till 1pm
with pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans & bottled water
Minimum \$6.00 donation

(Alternate rain date is September 23, 2023)

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
THE 4TH OF JULY



THERE WILL BE
WATERMELON AND
SNOW CONES



5pm TO 7pm AT THE
YESTERYEAR MUSEUM
1100 DIAMOND DRIVE
SALINA, KANSAS



From the Office

The Central Kansas Flywheels had a variety of events taking place the past several months.

The Boy Scout Order of the Arrow Banquet was held at the Museum of Scouting and Heritage Building.

We were honored to host Pam Gipe's Memorial celebrating her life. Pam had been a long time member and volunteer at the Flywheels and will be remembered for her many contributions.

The Kansas Tractor Club held its annual elections and luncheon for its members in the Heritage Building.

The Kansas Archeology Association held a two day seminar teaching how to identify artifacts and discuss what sites are currently under investigation in the state of Kansas. Approximately 25 people attended the seminar to listen to the scheduled guest speakers.

The Museum of Scouting hosted the Pack 214 Pinewood Derby. Cub Scouts used a timed track to race cars they had created for the event. Family and friends were in attendance for encouragement for the races!

As we have for the past 20 years, the Central Kansas Flywheels had a promotional booth at the Farm Expo held at the Tonys Pizza Event Center. Thank you to Kenny Fuller, Jerry and Mary Jo May and Will Cooper for volunteering to work at the booth during this event.

Currently we are working on cleaning and rearranging the Agricultural building for visitation.

Sorghum Threshing Machine

Located for display in our Agricultural Building, this machine was built and patented by R.E.C. Yockers of Smolan, Kansas in 1929. The machine, made entirely of wood, was used to thresh Kafir and like grains. The bundles to be threshed would be stuck into one end of the thresher in such a manner as to cut off the heads, which would then go through the process of being threshed to separate the grain from the heads. The threshing machine used belts to provide power from a tractor's flywheel.

Unfortunately this machine was built at the time combines were coming into use and the combines proved more efficient for threshing grain. Only one of these machines was built and patented.



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