

Greater Kansas City Two-Cylinder Club

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November Meeting and White Elephant Auction

From the Desk of the Club President:

As your President, I want to be the first to say Happy New Year from the Greater Kansas City Two-Cylinder Club! With another year behind us... I would like to thank last year's Directors (Jon, Joe, Lloyd, Jay, Don, Wes, and Justin Mooney).

As I am writing this, we just finished our first Board Meeting of 2020. We have a lot of great activities planned for this year and I look forward to being here to see everyone through the year. I would like to apologize to the members at the November meeting, as our guest speaker Ken ran way over his 20 minutes. Unfortunately, I did not get to talk to him before the meeting as he arrived late. In the future, our guests will be given a time limit before the day of the event. I guess I should have known as a sidekick to Don Hrabik that he would like to talk.



Justin Read

2020 Club Officers

Listed below is the current elected officers for both 2019 and 2020:

President:	Justin Read	1st Vice President:	Jon Pirie
2nd Vice President:	Joe Meyer	3rd Vice President:	Lloyd Mesmer
Treasurer:	Jay Pruett	Secretary:	Justin Mooney
Historian:	Wes Storm		

Note: Wes Storm is our historian. If you have pictures of any club activities please send them to him at 1808 SW Bird Ct., Blue Springs, MO 64015-5314 or waley01@att.net. It is important to put specifics regarding the event in with the pictures (Event, Date, People Present, and a Short Description).

Dues for 2020

Speaking of club dues, they are \$25 a year and worth every penny. The award winning newsletter every two months and the great activities make it a real value. Please check the mailing label on your newsletter. If the label says "Paid Member 2019 or earlier at the top, then you will want to pay your 2020 dues soon to not miss anything (the cut-off date is the May-June Newsletter mailing). If the mailing label is not correct please let the Treasurer know (913-302-1273 or jay70nc@yahoo.com). We will be collecting dues throughout the year. If you can't be at the meeting you can send your dues (\$25) to Jay Pruett as listed below:

Jay Pruett - Treasurer
GKC Two-Cylinder Club
P.O. Box 14071
Lenexa, Kansas 66285

Trivia: What is a John Deere Holt Forklift? See Page 8 for the answer.

Club Website and Newsletter

The club website <http://www.gkctcc.com/> counter was reset in July of 2012 (it currently reads around 17,600 visits). The Webmaster(s) continue to do a great job of putting it together and keeping it up to date. The web site gives our club world wide recognition along with reaching prospective members. Checkout the articles, pictures, and more. We are looking for member stories for future issues of the newsletter. If you have any, please contact Secretary Justin Mooney at 2401 Queen Ridge Dr. Independence, MO 64055, 816-868-2318 email: GKCTCC@outlook.com

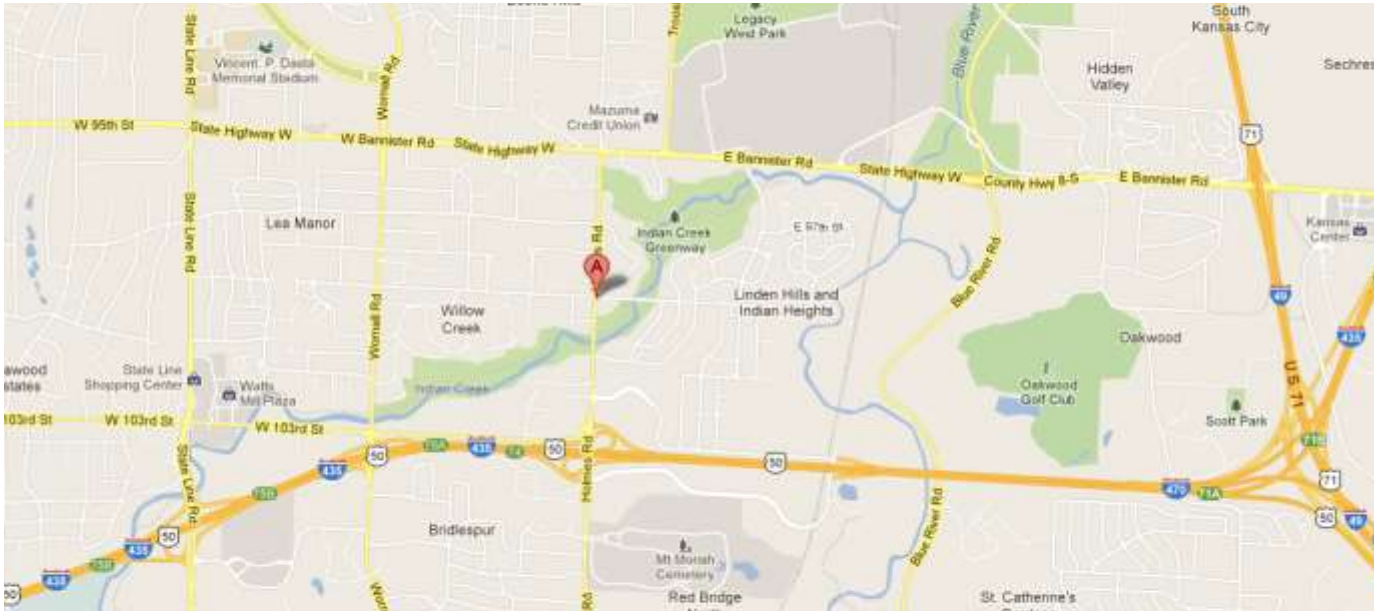
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GKCTCC>

Upcoming Event News

February GKCTCC Meeting -- February 9, 2020, 1 PM

The first scheduled meeting for the year will take place on Sunday, February 9, 2020, 1:00 p.m., at the Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes, Kansas City, MO. (Additional parking is available across the street to the north of the building). During that time we plan to install a 2020 slate of officers as approved in the November 2019 meeting. Don will give a presentation on the 2020 Western Farm Show. The Ag Hall tractor cruise committee needs a chairperson to head the tentative 9th annual Ag Hall Tractor Cruise. Pending a volunteer chairperson, this would be scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020. Discussion of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 15th, 2020, and Heroes Pull (benefitting the Special Olympics of KS) event on April 26th, 2020. Other topics of discussion will include the 2020 budget, a 2020 raffle as a fundraiser, and the Glenn Ratzlaff Scholarship.

Directions: Exit I-435 onto Holmes Road and head north 1/2 mile to 9901 Holmes Rd.



October 30th, 2019

Glenn Ratzlaff Memorial Scholarship
GKC Two-Cylinder Club
P.O. Box 14071
Lenexa, Kansas 66285

Dear Scholarship Committee:

My name is Cole Kliethermes and I was a 2019 recipient of the Glenn Ratzlaff Memorial Scholarship. I was honored to be selected for this scholarship and am grateful for the opportunities it will provide me. There are not many scholarships that a second-year college student is eligible to receive so I am extremely appreciative of this award.

I regret not being able to attend your November 3rd meeting to receive the scholarship in person. I will receive my FFA American Degree in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 2nd and I am not able to make back to Louisburg in time for your meeting.

I plan to finish my two-year degree at Fort Scott Community College in Fort Scott, Kansas in May 2020. I chose to attend this college because they offer a certification as a John Deere Service Technician with an Associate of Applied Science Degree. My goal is to begin as a service technician and finish the four-year degree to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Technology. Kansas State University has joined with Fort Scott Community College to offer a 2+2 program which will enable me to attain my educational goal. I can complete my associate degree then complete an entirely distance-based bachelor's degree through K-State.

Without a doubt, this scholarship will play a key role in achieving my educational dreams. Because of your generosity, the financial burden placed on me to pursue my education will be reduced. That means I can spend more time on my studies, research and extracurricular activities and less time worrying about my finances.

Thank you for your investment in me and the futures of students like me.

Sincerely,

Cole Kliethermes



Items Wanted / For Sale:

Currently No Items are Listed For Sale.

Wanted / For Sale Ads: Club Members \$1/issue or \$5/year, Non-Members \$10/issue or \$50/year. (Save some money and become a member) Contact Justin Read to place an ad, 22715 W 50th St., Shawnee, KS 66226 (816) 547-8608 or email to: GKCTCC@outlook.com

Club Shirts: Interested in ordering a club shirt?
Call Don Hrabik at 913-262-5904 (Tax included.)
Shirt w/o pocket:

S-XL = \$15.00, XXL = \$17.00, XXXL = \$18.00

Display Ads - Business Cards: Club Members \$10/issue or \$50/year, Non-Members \$20/issue or \$100/year (save some \$ and become a member). Contact Justin Mooney to place an ad, 2401 Queen Ridge Dr., Independence, MO 64055 (816) 868-2318 or email to: GKCTCC@outlook.com

Past Event News

Fall Plow Day -- Nov. 2nd, 2019

Plow Day was held on Sat., Nov. 2, 2019 west of Bonner Springs starting around 9:00 a.m. and ending around 4:30 p.m. The weather was cool under a blue sky. Three John Deere tractors made the journey (Don Hrabik 520 w/2 bottom plow) (Bob Antes 630 w/3 bottom plow) and (Lloyd Mesmer 620 w/ 3 bottom plow) along with a (Lloyd Mesmer Gray Ford tractor w/3 bottom plow) for someone to drive. The river bottom ground was great to plow with a few problems from bean and gardening stubble. As a result, the 520 JD got stuck a few times and the driver of the Ford tractor lost a shoe trying to operate the tractor -- maybe next year he can find it. The group attended the Ag. Hall Volunteer Luncheon at 1:00 p.m. because Lloyd Mesmer was recognized for outstanding workmanship at the Ag. Hall. Lloyd did a great job of organizing Plow Day again this year but was concerned about the lack of attendance. Hopefully next year we will have a rainbow of colored tractors with the end of the rainbow setting west of Bonner Springs.

November Meeting -- Nov. 3rd, 2019

The last club meeting of the year was held on Sunday, November 3rd at George and Betty Reed's Farm in Louisburg, KS. We had a good turn out for the November meeting (about 40 + people). Topics included highlights of the 2020 Western Farm Show booth, discussion of the possible 2020 Ag Hall Tractor Cruise – tabled until the February meeting, 2020 Shawnee St Patrick's Day and Heroes Pull Special Olympics Event—separate dates for 2020, meeting locations for 2020, 2020 budget committee, and 2020 Officers -- (President) Justin Read, (1st Vice President) Jon Pirie, (2nd Vice President) Joe Meyer, (3rd Vice President) Lloyd Mesmer, (Treasurer) Jay Pruet, and (Secretary) Justin Mooney. The raffle drawing was held with the winners being: McKenzie Reed \$250, Cassy Talbert SPD \$50, Brad Hrabik \$50, Troy Mooney \$50, Wes Buhler \$50 and Emitt Thurkiltson \$50. Following the meeting a white elephant auction was held with Justin Read and Wes as Auctioneers. Many good items were available for the auction, which benefited the club. Thank you to the Reed family for hosting the meeting.

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GKTCC Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2019 — 2:00 PM
Reed Farm, Louisburg, KS

President Read opened the meeting with the flag salute and asked for any new members or guests. Jeff Gast, a new member, was present and Ken DeVan, our guest speaker, was present.

The President asked for approval of June 3rd meeting minutes as printed in Newsletter. Wes Storm moved to approve, Joe Meyer seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Jay Pruet gave a financial report regarding in and out of funds. He stated that the Club would make a scholarship fund payment today. Don Hrabik moved to accept the report, President Read seconded. Motion passed.

The President discussed meeting locations for 2020. (Trailside Center-Feb. 9, 2020 1:00 pm), (Overland Tow “Joe Meyer” – March 29, 2020), (Ag. Hall- June meeting and picnic June 7, 2020 1:00 pm), (G.A. Salmon Farm - Nov. 1, 2020 1:00 pm). Don Hrabik moved to accept the identified locations as discussed, Herman Sachse seconded. Motion passed.

The Western Farm Show scheduled for Feb. 21-23, 2020 was discussed. Booth No. 3000A will be the same as last year and it is planned to set up on Tues. 18th or Wed. 19th depending on the weather. The group recommended unstyled tractors: (Dave Mooney 37 A) and (Tina Neu and Jeff Gast 35B), toys and a video.

Barn Yard Babies at the Ag Hall was discussed for 2020. The date will be April 25th, 2020.

President Read discussed the Ag. Hall Tractor Cruise being in Wyandotte Co. or in Johnson Co. KS at the Turner Red Barn. He asked for a volunteer to head up a committee to organize the 2020 cruise. The Turner Red Barn area has not been checked out yet but will be done in the future, pending a committee chairperson. Joe Meyer moved to table the topic until the Feb. meeting, President seconded. Motion passed.

Budget committee for 2020 was discussed. The committee consists of 6 board members and 2 at large (Wes Storm and Don Hrabik). A committee meeting will be held at the Don Hrabik residence on January 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm. at 6206 Craig St., Merriam, KS. Donations to different organizations were discussed. Last year the Club gave \$250 to the Ag. Hall and \$250 to Wounded Warriors. The group was asked for other possible donations. Don Hrabik moved the Club give the same donations as last year. Wes Storm seconded. Motion passed.

The tractor on the Club button for 2020 was discussed. Wes Storm suggested Lloyd Mesmer’s JD 620 propane. Will have a button for the 2020 tractor Cruise and one for the Western Farm Show in 2021. Don Hrabik moved to accept the tractor on the button and the two different buttons, Herman Sachse seconded. Motion passed.

President Read discussed the display at the John Deere 150th Anniversary in Kansas City and the \$1000 donation they made to the Club. Don Hrabik also mentioned the Lineman’s Rodeo, held at the Ag. Hall, will be donating \$400 as a result of help from the Club.

Ken DeVan made a presentation regarding future ideas to supplement the Ag. Hall: He mentioned the need to get veterans back on the farm, what could be done to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Ag. Hall, driving tractors to Washington D.C. to get attention and support agriculture (probably in July), and having a National Tractor Show at the Ag. Hall in Bonner Springs. He also talked about planting crops at the Ag Hall, about 42 acres of soybeans and 2 acres of sweet corn. He requested the plowing be done by the Club.

Slate of Club officers for 2020 was discussed. Presently (Justin Read- President), (Jon Pirie-1st Vice President), (Joe Meyer-2nd Vice President), (Lloyd Mesmer-3rd Vice President), (Jay Pruet-Treasurer) and (Justin Mooney- Secretary). Don Hrabik moved to keep the same 2019 officers for 2020, Marvin Halverson seconded. Motion passed.

The three Vice Presidents came forward to discuss the scholarship fund and awarded Cole Kliethermes from Eldon, MO the scholarship of \$750. Jon Pirie thanked everyone for helping with the fund to honor Glenn Ratzlaff.

Lloyd Mesmer discussed the recent plow day and the lack of attendance in November. Four tractors showed up with one driver on a Ford losing a shoe after a round or two so he didn’t last long. Maybe next year he will be back to find it.

Raffle drawing was won by Bob Antes, G.A. Salmon and Troy Mooney

The Scholarship Raffle winners were: McKenzie Reed \$250, Cassy Talbert SPD \$50, Brad Hrabik \$50, Troy Mooney \$50, Wes Buhler \$50 and Emitt Thurkiltson \$50.

Herman Sachse moved to close the meeting, Dalamar Read seconded. Motion Passed. 4:00 pm

2020 Schedule of Events - To be approved at the March 29th, 2020 meeting.

(All dates and events are subject to change. Call contact for verification if necessary.) (Club Meetings are in Bold)

Date	Location	Event Contact#
Feb. 9	K.C., MO. GKCTCC Meeting (Trailside Center) 9901 Holmes Rd.	816-547-8608 1 PM
Feb. 21-23	K.C., MO. Western Farm Show, Governors Building, (Setup Day Feb. 19)	913-262-5904
March 15	Shawnee, KS. Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade	1 PM (Joe Meyer)
March 27-28	Adrian Spring Swap Meet (Nixon Auctioneers Consignment Auction March 28).	Bob 816-797-4243
March 29	Merriam, KS. GKCTCC Meeting & BBQ, Joe Meyer (Overland Tow)	
April 25	Bonner Springs, KS. Barnyard Babies Festival at the Ag Hall of Fame (10 AM-4PM)	913-262-5904
April 24-26	Pleasant Hill, MO. Railroad Days.	816-987-2595
April 26	Shawnee, KS. Heroes Pull. Weigh in at 1:30, Pull at 2:30.	Jon 913-238-2505
May 1-2	Lathrop, MO. Swap Meet, (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.).	J. Plowman 816-528-3511
May 8-9	Fort Scott, KS., Pioneer Harvest Fiesta Swap Meet (8 a.m.).	A. Warren 620-224-7761
June 7	GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, 1:00 p.m., Ag Hall Red Barn	816-547-8608
June 5-7	Lee's Summit, MO. Downtown Days	
June 6	Shawnee, KS. Old Shawnee Days Parade. (10 AM)	Jay Pruett 913-302-1273
June 18	Lathrop, MO. Tractor Cruise, (8:30 a.m.).	Heath Hisel 816-812-0858
June 18-21	Lathrop, MO. Antique Car, Tractor & Engine Show.	Jim Plowman 816-528-3511
June 25-27	Oskaloosa, KS. Old Settlers Parade.	Matt Miller 785-233-8200 x4208
June 26-28	Adrian, MO. Antique Tractor, Steam and Engine Show.	Bob Surber 816-797-4243
June 27-29	Rockville, IN. Parke County Covered Bridge Tractor Ride.	765-569-1619
June 27	Stanberry, MO. Heart of America Tractor Cruise.	Marty From – (660) 582-1453 or Kathy Roach 816-244-1785
July 4	Lenexa KS. Community Days Parade. (10:00 a.m.)	Jay Pruett 913-302-1273
July 4	Sugar Creek, MO. Sugar Creek Parade. (9:00 a.m.)	Francis Brenner 816-804-5271
July 4	Basehor, KS. Independence Day Celebration Parade (Line-up 6:45).	Melissa Bosley 816-868-3931
July 6	Harrisonville, MO. Tractor Show on the Square.	Scott Beck 816-645-8480
July 7-11	Wyandotte Co Fair Tractor Show	
July 17-19	Meriden, KS. Threshing Show.	785-876-3030
July 14-18	P. Hill, MO. Cass County Fair. (Parade Saturday)	816-540-2622
July 18	Buchanan County, MO. MO Farm Bureau Tractor Cruise. (8 am)	816-279-2985
July 23-26	Macon, MO. 40th Antique Tractor Show.	Danny Primm 660-385-3639
July 25	Savannah, MO. Tractor Cruise.	Kathy Roach 816-244-1785 or Nancy Wilson (816) 324-5634
July 28	Tonganoxie, KS. Leavenworth County Fair Parade.	
Aug. 1	Eudora, KS. Tractor Show. (2-5 p.m.) and Parade (6:30 p.m.)	785-542-1606 or 785-760-7878
Aug. 1	Kingsville MO. Tractor Cruise.	816-258-2373
Aug. 1	Adrian MO Tractor Cruise.	Bob Surber 816-797-4243
Aug. 1	Gardner, KS. Johnson County Fair & Parade. (10:30)	
Aug. 5-8	Overbrook, KS. Fair Parade. (Aug. 7 @ 6:30 p.m.) (Aug. 8 @ 6:00 p.m.)	Wes 816-228-2660
Aug 6	Tracy, MO. Platte Co Tractor Cruise.	Alan Goodwin – (816) 550-0481 or Jim McClung – pctesteamshow1961@gmail.com
Aug. 7-9	Tracy, MO. Platte County Antique Tractor, Steam & Gas Engine Show.	816-858-5826
Aug. 7	Atchison, KS. Atchison County Fair Parade.	816-229-9998
Aug. 8-9	Lamar, MO. Parade and Show.	
Aug. 12	Sedalia, MO. Missouri State Fair Tractor Show and Parade. (Fair runs Aug. 10-20)	
Aug. 15	Cole Camp, MO. Antique Tractor Pull.	660-723-6241, 316-201-8620
Aug. 15-16	Bethany, MO. Antique Tractor Show.	660-439-2485
Aug. 15-17	Hamilton, MO. Antique Tractor Pull and Show.	816-583-4823
Sept. 3-6	Boonville, MO. Antique Tractor Show. (Cruise on 9th)	847-526-7318
Sept. 3-6	Shelbina, MO. Antique Tractor Show.	660-676-0256 and 573-439-5583
Sept. 5	Olathe, KS. Old Settlers Day Parade.	Don 913-262-5904 (2020 Feature Massey)
Sept. 7	Everest, KS. Everest Tractor Drive.	Keith Olsen – (785) 741-0208
Sept. 11-13	Ottawa, KS. Antique Tractor & Engine Show.	785-418-2190
Sept. 12	Archie, MO. Fall Festival and Parade. (10 AM)	
Sept. 12	Blue Springs Parade, Blue Springs, MO.	Wes 816-228-2660
Sept. 12	Troy, KS. Doniphan County 4-H Club Tractor Cruise.	Megan Jenske – (785) 741-0999
Sept. 18-20	McLouth, KS. Threshing Bee.	Austin 785-691-6749, Darin 816-803-8500, or Chris 785-393-0524
Sept. 18-20	Princeton, MO. Calamity Jane Weekend-Tractor Cruise. (Fri.) Parade and Tractor Show. (Sat.) Car Show. (Sun.)	660-748-4438
Sept. 17-20	Cole Camp, MO. Fall Tractor Show. Tractor Pull Sept. 24.	660-438-0928
Sept. 17-20	Fredonia, KS. Antique Tractor Show. Tractor Pull Sept. 24.	660-378-3307
Sept. 18-20	Marshall, MO. Antique Tractor Show.	660-837-3422
Sept. 18-20	Chilhowee, MO. Antique Tractor Show.	660-647-5876
Sep 25-26	Adrian, MO. Swap Meet.	Bob Surber 816-797-4243
Sept. 28-29	Meriden, KS. Fall Show.	785-876-3030
Oct. 3	Harrisonville, MO Burnt District Festival Parade (Sat).	Bob 816-797-4243
Oct. 3	Abilene, KS. Tractor Show w/Parade of Power.	913-381-5661
Oct. 2-4	Lathrop, MO. Living History Show.	816-528-3511 and 816-896-5546
Oct. 3-4	Lake JaCoMo, 1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display.	Wes 816-228-2660
Oct. 15-18	Fort Scott, KS. Pioneer Harvest Fiesta Annual Show. Parade 25th @ 6p.m.	
Oct. 17	Baldwin City, KS. Maple Leaf Festival and Parade.	913-486-5534
Oct. 31	Independence, MO. Halloween Parade.	Wes 816-228-2660
Nov. 1	GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction (Hosted by G.A. Salmon)	
Nov. 8	Bonner Springs, Fall Plow Day.	Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180
Dec. 6	Oak Grove, MO. Christmas Parade	Wes 816-228-2660



Fall 2019 Plow Day

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2020 (mini) SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: (All dates and events are subject to change. Contact the President for verification).

Date	Event	More Info
February 9, 2020	GKCTCC Meeting, Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO.	1:00 p.m.
February 21-23, 2020	Western Farm Show, Governors Building, Kansas City, MO.	913-262-5904 (Setup Day Feb. 18th and/or 19th)
March 29, 2020	GKCTCC Meeting/Barbecue, Joe Meyer (Overland Tow), Merriam, KS.	1:00 p.m.

Trivia Answer:

The John Deere Holt was a forklift built by John Deere and the Holt Equipment Co. The forklifts were based on the Utility chassis of the 420 and 430. Deere provided the basic tractor, with the following modifications: no rear wheels/hubs, no front axle, no mechanical steering parts, four speed transmission with direction reverser, crankshaft driven hydraulic pump, full width grill guard, and a power steering pump used to control a hydraulic cylinder for steering. The bare tractor was mounted to a forklift frame and running gear, provided by Holt. All were mounted on a tricycle front. Most of the forklifts used a gasoline engine, but at least one was fitted with an LP gas (propane) engine.

420-3T forklift--**25 built**, from 1956-1958

C.J. 237- forklifts assembled by Deere.

C.J. 238- forklifts assembled by Holt.

430-3T (F-3) forklift--**53 built**, from 1959-1960

C.J. 606- forklifts assembled by Deere.

C.J. 607- forklifts assembled by Holt.

Note: Not all of the 53 430-3T (F-3) tractors were built as forklifts, some were sold as regular tractors due to poor sales of the Holt forklift series. The 440I series forklifts (wheel versions) were built by the Henry Mfg. Co., of Topeka, KS, thus ending the John Deere Holt forklift line.



420-3T on Left & 430-3T on Right



November GKCTCC Meeting



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