

# GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

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**JOE MEYER**

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## From the Desk of the Club President:

Spring is here and the weather has been pretty nice lately. The farmers are still working on getting in the crops between rains.

Those that knew Joe Meyer are all greatly saddened at his untimely departure. Joe was a great member, officer, cook, and friend to everyone he met. He was a part of the GKCTCC family and will be greatly missed by his families - blood and brethren. This newsletter is dedicated in his honor.

The Tractor Cruise was a success; what a beautiful day with some great scenery and good food. Those of you that were not able to attend missed a good time. A special thanks to Lloyd, Don, and Wes for all they did to make it a success. Thank you to the check-in crew, lunch cooks (Old Jefferson Town Society), and organizers as they all did an outstanding job to make the event a complete success. Mostly though, thank you to all of the cruise participants for making the 45+ mile trip and raising the much-needed funds for the Ag Hall.

The rest of the summer will hopefully be busy with shows, parades, and cruises. Please plan to attend as many events as possible; this helps to promote our Club. See the schedule of events on page 6 for our Club approved events. Be sure to call the contact listed for the event before loading the tractor.

*Justin Read*

## 2021 Club Officers

Listed below is the current elected officers for 2021:

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

Note : Wes Storm is our historian (and Trustee). If you have pictures of any Club activities please send them to him at 1808 SW Bird Ct., Blue Springs, MO 64015-5314 or [waleye01@att.net](mailto:waleye01@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 2021

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 2020" or earlier at the top, then you will want to pay your 2021 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](mailto: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

## Club Website and Newsletter

The Club website <http://www.gkctcc.com/> counter was reset in July of 2012 (it currently reads around 19,400 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 Michelle Pirie at 913-634-1389 email: [GKCTCC@outlook.com](mailto:GKCTCC@outlook.com)

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

## Upcoming Event News

### June GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic -- June 6th, 2021, 1 PM

The third scheduled meeting (and bring your own picnic) for the year will take place on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, KS. The picnic will be at 1pm followed by the meeting at 2pm. This year you will need to bring your own sack lunch due to the local health department guidelines. The activity will be held in the air-conditioned Red Barn at the Ag Hall.

### July Ag Hall Tractor Show -- July 31st, 2021, 9 AM--4 PM

The Ag Hall of Fame will have a tractor show July 31 and Don Hrabik has been coordinating on behalf of the GKCTCC. Club members are being asked to bring tractors to have on display for the show. Events during the show will include: tractor display, parade of power, tractor games, tractor pull and children pedal tractor pull. Food trucks will be on site during the show!

## Past Events

### GKCTCC April Meeting / BBQ -- April 18th, 2021, 1PM

The second Club meeting of the year took place on April 18, 2021 (1:00 p.m.) at Overland Tow. There were approximately 45 people in attendance, and we started with a wonderful barbecue meal prepared by Smokey Joe Meyer and family. Lloyd discussed the Ag Hall Tractor Cruise scheduled for May 1st. The 2021 schedule of events list was updated and discussed. The Ratzlaff and Speiker Scholarships were discussed, and it was announced that raffle tickets will be available at the June meeting. The silent auction made the Club about \$400. It was great to see everyone that came out and thank you everyone for making this a great event. A special thanks to Joe, Lori, and their family members for the great hospitality.



### 2021 Ag Hall Tractor Cruise -- May 1, 2021, 8 AM

Wow! What a ride. The Greater Kansas City Two Cylinder Club held the Ag Hall Tractor Cruise on Saturday, May 1, 2021, with beautiful weather. About 40 tractors started the cruise at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds in Tonganoxie, KS and ended at the same place around 4 p. m.. The 45-mile ride took the group through rural Leavenworth and Jefferson counties in Kansas. We had morning and afternoon breaks at McLouth. The lunch break was at Old Jefferson Town in Osaloosa, KS, where we enjoyed delicious pulled pork sandwiches with lots of sides and wonderful desserts. A big thank you to the people who joined us on a wonderful ride and made sure we got back safe. The cruise is definitely one we won't forget. A special thanks to Lloyd, Don, and Wes for putting the cruise together.

GKCTCC Meeting Minutes

Date: April 18, 2021

Time: 1 PM, BBQ, meeting afterwards

Place: Joe Meyer's business (Overland Tow)

President Read opened the meeting with the flag salute at 2:02 PM

Joe and Lori Meyer thanked for hosting meeting and the excellent BBQ dinner

Stacey Speiker thanked for helping establish the Duane "Spike" Speiker scholarship

Introduction of new members: Jerry Seifert

Introduction of guests: Kenny and Carla Henz, Fred Seimore, Kate and Alley Arnote

President Read asked for approval of the Feb 7, 2021 meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Wes Storm moved and Bryce York seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Pruett was unable to attend and the financial report was tabled until the next meeting.

The silent auction was referenced and participation was encouraged. A live auction followed the meeting.

Vice-President Lloyd Mesmer discussed the Ag. Hall Tractor Cruise scheduled to occur May 1, 2021. There were only 21 drivers registered for the cruise and a higher level of participation was encouraged. Help was requested for the morning of the event. An 8:00 AM gathering time and 8:30 departure from LV CO fairgrounds. The route includes some pavement, some gravel with first rest stop in McLouth followed by lunch in Oskaloosa. Alternate return route to LV CO fairgrounds and conclusion of the cruise.

The June 6th meeting set for the Ag Hall at 1 PM was discussed. Don Hrabik reserved the Red Barn and members are welcome to bring their own picnic lunch. The meeting will begin at 2 PM.

Don Hrabik discussed the Ag Hall Tractor Show set for July 31, 2021 from 9 AM – 4 PM. He expressed the need for members to bring tractors for show. Food trucks will be brought in. The tractor show will include: display, parade of power, tractor games, tractor pull, and pedal tractor pull for kids.

President Read reviewed the parameters of Club's insurance policy: \$859.00 per year (base insurance plus the number of events at \$25 per event and \$1.75 per member). Only Club officers able to make claims.

2021 Schedule of Events as published in the newsletter were discussed. The Adrian event is now scheduled for June; July 31 tractor show to be included. President Read asked for motion to accept the corrections and additions. Bob Antes moved and Don Hrabik seconded. Motion passed.

Vice-President Jon Pirie discussed the raffle ticket program which supports the Club memorial scholarships. Ticket prices will be same as 2020 (\$2 per ticket; 3 for \$5). Raffle prizes will change for 2021 in effort to have more winners: first place=\$200, second place=\$100, third place 3x\$50 (total of prizes = \$450). Raffle tickets to be printed soon and sent to all members who are encouraged to sell to provide funds for scholarships.

President Read opened the floor for any additional announcements:

- Wes Storm advised proceeds from tractor cruise are donated to Ag Hall; members also encouraged to solicit donations for the Ag Hall.
- Bags of leftover BBQ were made available for \$5 each.

President Read called for a motion to close the meeting. Vice-President Lloyd Mesmer moved to close and Bryce York seconded. Motion passed (3:10 PM)

**Items Wanted / For Sale:**

For Sale: 1950 Styled AR, Serial Number 273481. Earlier Restoration, primed and repainted, Powertrol, recently rebuilt carburetor, wheel weights, new tires and tubes. Asking \$6000 O.B.O. - Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180



For Sale: 4 Throwaway Plow Shears for 14" Plow - Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180

**Currently No Other 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](mailto: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 Michelle Pirie to place an ad, (913) 634-1389 or email to: [GKCTCC@outlook.com](mailto:GKCTCC@outlook.com)



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## 2021 Schedule of Events - Approved at the April 18th, 2021 membership 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. 7	K.C., MO.	<b>GKCTCC Meeting (Trailside Center) 9901 Holmes Rd. 816-547-8608 1 PM</b>
April 18	Merriam, KS.	<b>GKCTCC Meeting &amp; BBQ, Joe Meyer (Overland Tow) 1 PM - Please RSVP with Joe 913-927-0575 (call or text)</b>
May 1	Tonganoxie, KS.	<b>Ag Hall Tractor Cruise. Lloyd Mesmer</b>
June 6		<b>GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, 1:00 p.m., Ag Hall Red Barn 816-547-8608</b>
June 25-27	Adrian, MO	Antique Tractor, Steam and Engine Show. Bob Surber 816-797-4243
July 4	Sugar Creek, MO.	Sugar Creek Parade. (9:00 a.m.) Wes 816-228-2660
July 17	Buchanan County, MO.	MO Farm Bureau Tractor Cruise. (8 am) 816-279-2985 <a href="https://mofb.org/event/tractorcruise/">https://mofb.org/event/tractorcruise/</a>
July 27	Tonganoxie, KS.	Leavenworth County Fair Parade,
July 31	Bonner Springs, KS.	Ag Hall Tractor Show, Don Hrabik 913-262-5904
Aug 7	Adrian MO	Tractor Cruise. Bob Surber 816-797-4243 CRUISE ONLY
Aug. 11-14	Overbrook, KS.	Fair Parade. (Aug. 12 @ 6:30 p.m.) (Aug. 13 @ 6:00 p.m.) Wes 816-228-2660
Aug 12	Tracy, MO.	Platte Co Tractor Cruise. Alan Goodwin – (816) 550-0481 or Jim McClung – pcsteamshow1961@gmail.com
Aug. 13-15	Tracy, MO.	Platte County Antique Tractor, Steam & Gas Engine Show. 816-858-5826
Aug. 17-18	Sedalia, MO.	Missouri State Fair “Old & Wow” Tractor Show and Parade. (Fair runs Aug. 12-22)
Sept. 10-13	Boonville, MO.	Antique Tractor Show. (Cruise on 10th) 847-526-7318
Sept. 10-12	Ottawa, KS.	Antique Tractor & Engine Show. 785-418-2190 featuring Massey in 2020
Sept. 18	Blue Springs	Parade, Blue Springs, MO. Wes 816-228-2660
Sept. 17-19	Princeton, MO.	Calamity Jane Weekend-Tractor Cruise. (Fri.) Parade and Tractor Show. (Sat.) Car Show. (Sun.) 660-748-4438
Oct. 2-3	Lake JaCoMo,	1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display. Wes 816-228-2660
Oct. 16	Baldwin City, KS.	Maple Leaf Festival and Parade. 913-486-5534
Oct. 30	Independence, MO.	Halloween Parade. Wes 816-228-2660
Nov. 6	Bonner Springs,	Fall Plow Day. Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180
Nov. 7		<b>GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction</b>
Dec. 4	Oak Grove, MO.	Christmas Parade Wes 816-228-2660

**Note: All dates are subject to change. Please check with a contact person to confirm date. GKCTCC Meetings and event changes are in Bold. Non-insured events will no longer be listed in the newsletter, but will be included on the website.**

## Member Profile: Who was Joe Meyer?

Joseph L. “Joe” Meyer was born March 7, 1954, the first of ten children born to James and LaVerne Schmitt Meyer. Joe was born and raised in Huntingburg, Indiana on the 250 acre family farm where they raised various livestock including turkeys (10,000 at a time from hatchling to full size). Crops were also produced on the farm, including corn kept in harvestores on the property. A Farmall, Oliver and a couple of John Deere tractors were operated on the farm and Joe spent a lot of time on the family’s JD 530.



Joe graduated from high school in 1972 and moved to Grandview, MO to attend technical school. Joe met Lori Spieker in 1980 and they were married October 30, 1982. Together, Joe and Lori owned and operated multiple businesses including Overland Tow Service. Joe and Lori have three married children, Chris and Jodie Meyer, Dusty and Erin Meyer, Jon and Hannah McPherson. Joe and Lori have four grandchildren: Brandon, Farrah, Calvin, and James.

Joe enjoyed BBQ competitions, motorcycling, hunting and fishing. Joe was a race car builder and drag racing enthusiast and passed his love of the sport on to his children, each of whom he built cars to race. Joe enjoyed collecting and restoring antique John Deere Tractors and was a member of the Greater Kansas City Two-Cylinder Club (GKCTCC). While serving as vice-president of the GKCTCC, Joe was instrumental in implementing and maintaining two memorial scholarships, one in the name of his father-in-law, Duane “Spike” Spieker who joined the tractor club a few years after Joe. Joe and Duane participated in tractor club events together including driving their respective tractors in community parades.

Joe’s tractor collection began in 1994 when Joe and 10-year old son Chris went to an auction and purchased a 1937 John Deere B. One year later, Joe bought a 1938 A and both tractors were restored.

*Left: newly acquired unstyled A with Chris, Spike, and Joe.*



*Right: Joe with restored 1938 JD model A*



Joe’s collection of tractors includes: 1938 JD A, 1938 JD G, 1937 JD D, 1931 JD D on steel, 1949 JD R (inherited from father-in-law Duane Spieker), 1960 JD 730 Diesel Wheatland, 1959 JD 530, 1938 JD L, 1953 Farmall Super M.

Joe Meyer lost his life in a tragic work-related accident on April 29, 2021. Services for Joe were very well attended by the multitude of people who Joe had known and impacted.

# Memories of Joe Meyer

