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Community Pot Luck Dinner

Location: Dining Hall on the Thresher Grounds

Wednesday • July 30th • 6:30 PM

One of the many highlights of every years show is the "meet and greet" pot luck held on Wednesday evening. Everyone is encouraged to attend and invite additional guests.

A big THANK YOU to our local volunteers as well as those you who come from all over the nation to help put on our show. We could not do it without you!

Potluck Dinner

Bring a Dish to Share



TRACTOR CONVOY and/or RODEO

A couple of ideas discussed during the annual meeting was adding a Tractor Convoy and/or Tractor Rodeo? The Tractor Convoy would start in Wheeler, KS on Thursday, July 31st, arriving at the show grounds by 10:00 am. The Rodeo would involve entering your own tractor and being able to complete some type of a course or driving skills competition within a certain time limit. Several tractor clubs in our area have used this to encourage local collectors to bring their tractors to their shows.

If you would be interested in participating in one or both of these events, please contact Rod Klepper 785-734-7369. If enough people show interest, we will be advertising these event(s) prior to the Show.



2014 Show Button

1924 Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller

The show button will feature our 1924 Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller that was donated by Randy McDonald last year. With an appraised value of over \$20,000.00 it is a rare item that will create a lot of interest and questions during the show.

We are in need of the following Thresher Show buttons

1956 • 1959 • 1960 • 1963
1965 • 1966 • 1972

If you have any of these buttons that you would be willing to part with, please contact:

Darci Schields 785-734-7172

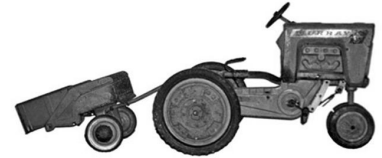
CLARK BUILDING

This has become one of the most popular buildings on the grounds. Their collection of farm toys makes a lot of children envious. Their world class drag tractors are always a highlight. When you have a chance during the show stop in, take a look around and thank them for sharing their time and many collectible items.



WILKENS BUILDING

Art Wilkens is in the process of finishing the interior display room and installing shelving along the exterior walls to highlight his large collection of Pedal Toys. When completed, the Wilkens Building will be displaying one of the largest private collection of Antique Farm Toys in the Nation.



CENTER CHURCH BELLS



Due to lack of members and interest the friends and families of the Center Church, located about ten miles southeast of Bird City, have decided to allow their charter to expire. They voted to donate both of their historical bells to the Association. This addition to the show grounds is great and hopefully the memorial being planned will honor their ancestors.

Country Church by Ken Beougher

The Neville Methodist Episcopal Church was closed after 74 years in 1984. The church was moved to the show grounds in 1984. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the church at the show grounds. If anyone would like to share any history of the church, contact Ken Beougher and we will get the information in next year's newsletter.

The Neville Church service will be Sunday, August 3, 2014 from 9:00-9:30 am with special guest: Robert Dodrill from Jackson, Tennessee doing the service

**Come for the worship service to conclude the show
Praising the Lord!!**

THREE DAY EVENT • JULY 31 - Aug 2nd



It has been decided to continue the YARD SALE. A large area southeast of the church will be made available for YARD SALE vendors. Only cost to Vendors and Buyers wanting to participate is their show ground admission. If you know of someone who might be interested, please pass the information along.

Reserve a spot by calling Rod Klepper at 785-734-7369.

KIDS
AT
PLAY

TREASURE DIG

Discover toys,
trinkets and buried treasures!



The large tank of corn with all the treasures was a big hit last year and it gave the little kids a safe place to play and a chance to make memories of the great time they had at the Bird City show.



PARKING

We voted to enlarge the NO PARKING AREA to include a line from the south end of Building 5 to the north end of the Eggers Building. This will allow the development of a kids area including corn tank and possibly a petting zoo.

Due to the large number of vehicles entering thru the north gate, parking in the way and not paying admission, we will be manning both the north and south gate. If you would like to help, or know of someone who would, please let us know.

SCHOOLHOUSE *by: Rosemary Powell*

Once upon a time a small Schoolhouse stood on a hill south of the Republican River. Known as Cheyenne Co. Dist. 66, called the Highland School, evidently because of it's site above the Republican River Valley approximately nine miles southwest of St. Francis. School terms lasted from three months to nine months as schools changed from patron financing to state supported taxes. Very few of these remain.

This little school has been many things in it's service to the area. It was moved to become the "Little Red Schoolhouse" near the service station operated by Bill Wellman in St. Francis. The Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association is proud to display this example of a country school that was so important in the lives of our rural settlers. These small schools were the community center for each developing area with the teachers using their abilities to provide the best education possible.

For many years we have developed a historical lesson and craft for the youth. In 2013, we learned how windmills were so important in developing this "so called Barren Land". We are happy to welcome visitors into the Schoolhouse to learn how schools such as these were so important

The Schoolhouse is open from 10 am - 4 pm each day. Stop in to visit!



Thresher Queen

By: Phyllis Wright

The 2013 Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Queen was Mrs. Carol (Ervin) Peters. They live on a farm, south of Bird City, where Ervin was raised. Carol was born in Jewell Co, Mankato, KS, where she too was raised on a farm with 6 brothers and 1 sister. Today, only 3 brothers, her sister and Carol are still living. Carol was the typical farm girl. She learned gardening, canning and cooking delicious (and nutritious) foods and meals. This was a real asset when she became a farm wife. Prior to that, they lived in California and Colorado. Their children, Darrell and Vickie, arrived before their return to the family farm.

She has many interesting hobbies and also enjoys their four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They all enjoy being together, especially at the farm. Thank you, Carol, for a year of royalty. We wish you and Ervin many happy days ahead!

The 2014 Queen will be introduced on Thursday, July 31st at 1:15 pm. In the meantime, watch your newspapers for clues in July and see if you can guess who she is. We'll see you at the Show, where there's something for everybody.

Eggers 8 Museum

By: Ann Burr

The Eggers 8 building, lets you take a step back in time. When entering the building you are greeted by the yester year. See what an early parlor once looked like. See how women had to cook and prepare foods. No modern conveniences here. Visit the washroom, let the little ones take turns washing clothes in the ol' wash tub. See the fashion from the past, and all the hats. Sit down and enjoy conversation and music. Travel through the queens doll case and take time to see the hidden gems within the building.

New this year to the building is a Mothers Corner. A place for parents of babies to come and rest, cool off and take care of their infants needs. A cozy place to rock and nurse if needed. We enjoy all visitors to the building.

See you there!



STEAM ENGINES

"NO NO NOT NOW" by Gerald Wright

Rex Weishapl, alternate, and Gerald wright, Boiler Inspector, left Bird City, KS at 6pm and arrived at Salina, KS around 9:30 pm on March 7, 2014. They joined Mike Levin of Olathe, KS and his friend, Jerry Hoffa, that helps in keeping the Undermount Avery Steam Engine in top condition.

The March 8th meeting of KASSA (Kansas Antique Safety Show Association) - Officers: Ted Housa, President; Craig Schikles, Vice-President; and Clifford Silsby, Secretary/Treasurer, were retained.

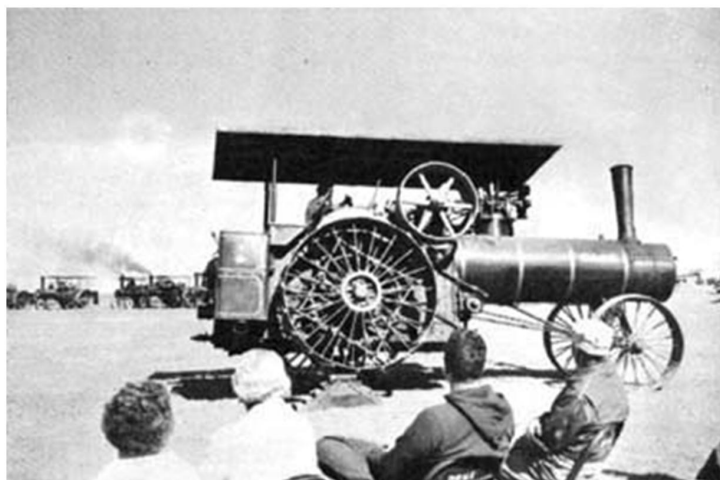
We had quite a discussion on the EPA ruling on emissions. Are we subject to this overstepping of authority? As it stands research indicates we are not subject to this at this time.

John Deck brought before us a ruling from the National Boiler organization and thought we should vote on it right now. John really got heated up because we would not vote on it. It made us feel like when Pelosi said vote on it and then find out what is in it. It was voted to hold the matter till next year. The resounding "NO" was not what he wanted.

KAESSA has to keep a close eye on these matters. They tried years earlier to seek a ruling that Antique Boilers should be under the 5 to 1 safety factor. Our boilers were never designed or built to a 5 to 1 factor when new. If this was to be implemented most of the steam engines would be parked. That is why we stay with the 4 to 1 safety factor. Copies of this ruling are to be available for all Delegates to read and study before next years meeting on March 14, 2015. Even the state of Kansas, has not voted on this matter yet. Don Jenkins, the State of Kansas Boiler Inspector, informed us he now works under a new boss, the State Fire Marshal, Doug Jorgensen.

John Deck, Darren Gunderson, Ted Housa and Cliff Silsby are on the committee to organize an educational class on antique engines for 2015.

A generous donation of shop machinery from Randy McDonald of Denver put Rex Weishapl, Rod Klepper and Gerald Wright to coordinate retrieval of the equipment from Denver. These new items will assist in the restoration of current artifacts for the local show. The representatives also located an appropriate storage location while rearranging the current available space.



(1968) Gerald Wright performing the Pyramid Stunt.
Still one of the most enjoyed features of the show.

If you would like to learn to operate anything, learn how something works or have an idea to improve the show, please contact:

Our new President,
Brendon Haack, 785-332-4120

Rex Weishapl, 785-734-7136

Gerald Wright, 785-734-2502
or 785-332-6131 (cell).

See you all at the Tri-State Antique Engine and
Thresher Show in Bird City, Kansas starting
Thursday, July 31st!



FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

We are working on the logistics of qualifying our Kiddie Tractor Pull as a sanctioned event. Therefore, kids can go on and compete at the State Fair. This can become a big draw and based upon the comments and past participation the kids really enjoy it.

Please watch for additional details in regards to this event!

THURSDAY EVENTS

Community Club Meal + Entertainment

Location: American Legion Hall

Thursday • July 31st • 5:00 PM Dinner Served • 6:00 PM Music Starts

A group familiar to us who has performed previously, is planning to return for this year's entertainment. The very talented "*Heart City Heartwarmers*" of Valentine, NE will be playing for us. Join Paul Bader, born and raised in Cheyenne County, and his other musicians for an enjoyable evening of good ol' down home fiddlin'. You might even wanna dance and kick up your heels!! See ya Thursday!!



FRIDAY NIGHT EVENTS

The Cheylin Golf Team will once again host the Dinner on Friday night. The menu will be similar to last year which was Country style pork ribs, party potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, dessert, tea or water. The Cheylin Golf team is totally funded by money raised by the team members. This is their major fundraiser. For the past

several years the team has gotten first or second at regional's and participated at the state meet.

The 2014 members include: Casey Vandike, Ty Carmichael, Eddie Frisbie, Connor Hazuka, Jacob Brubaker, Shawn Pochop, Ivan Kemp, Derek Vandike, Kevin Estrada, and Jorge Gonzalez.



Fundraiser BBQ

Location: Dining Hall
(Thresher Grounds)

Friday • August 1st

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

**TRACTOR &
STEAM ENGINE PULL
FRIDAY
AUGUST 1ST
6:30 PM**

The change to Friday evening for the Tractor Pull allowed us to see a tremendous increase in attendance last year. Several owners have indicated they plan to participate this year. Please contact everyone you know who might have an interest with the date and time.

SATURDAY EVENTS

Tri-State Thresher Show

fun *adjective*
amusing or enjoyable

run *noun*
event in which people
run a long distance

Bird City, Kansas • August 2, 2014

6th Annual Thresher Show Fun Run

Saturday, August 2nd

Races start at 8:00 am at the Thresher Grounds
1 mile, 2 mile and 5K Races

Registration forms and additional information can be found at
www.cheylin.com • www.birdcity.com • www.threshershow.blog.com

Fee: \$15 (\$10 Early Bird fee if paid by July 1)

FOR ALL AGES!!!



Runners, walkers, and stroller-pushers welcome. No bikes, please.

Participants registered by July 1 are guaranteed an official Fun Run t-shirt.

Awards will be given out for the winners.

Proceeds go towards the Cheylin Class of 2017.

Packet pick-up will be at the Fun Run booth on the Thresher Show Grounds:
Friday (8/1) 1:00-4:00 pm and Saturday (8/2) one hour prior to race start.

Send registration forms and fees to:

Amy Hendricks - ATTN: Fun Run • 2525 US HWY 36 • Bird City, KS • 67731

Make checks payable to: Cheylin USD 103 - "Fun Run" in memo line

Questions: Email hendricksa@cheylin.com or call (785)-734-2341 ext. 112 or 785-734-2207

John Schaffner and his famous Chuck Wagon will be back serving an all you can eat breakfast.

Chuck Wagon Breakfast

Location: Thresher Grounds

Saturday • Aug. 2nd

7:00 – 10:00 AM

Breakfast is cooked over the coals. A little ash thrown in for taste and cowboy coffee will give you energy needed for the rest of the day!



HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2014

START TIME: 1:00PM

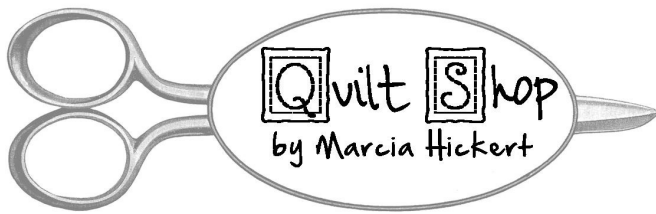
Anyone can enter • Prizes will be given
Tournament will be based on NHPA Rules

COST IS \$5.00 PER PERSON

Both Men's and Women's Divisions
Sponsored by Big Ed's Steak House



To register for the event,
or for more information,
contact Willy Martinez at
(785)-332-4059.



After many years of tending the Quilt Shop, Dee Dorsch has passed that honor to Marcia Hickert. Dee was the inspiration and instrumental in getting the Quilt Shop started and up and running. Dee and Stan spent many hours making hanging rods, finding a display case, and days and days of yearly clean-up to prepare the room and transforming it into the Quilt Shop for the Show. Quilts and quilting have been an important part of Dee for many years. Her knowledge and passion for this art was evident in her willingness to pass this information to others.

Dee has wanted to see the Quilt Shop expand into its own building, becoming the Fiber Arts Building. This would include not only quilts, but any and all items that include any type of fiber. So this year, we are not only showing quilts but also any fiber art item. We are looking for embroidered, crocheted, knitted, appliquéd, sewn, etc. items to show. The list of fiber art items could go on and on.

If you have any items that you would be willing to share, we would like to display them during the show. There are so many talented people, past and present, it would be our pleasure to show you items.

Hopefully, in the next few years, the dream of a Fiber Arts Building will happen. Until then, we will still be between the Clark Building and the Creamery sharing neighboring space with the Print Shop.

See you at the 2014 Show.

COOK SHACK

With the fresh paint, new curtains and chairs the younger children really enjoyed spending time pretending to cook in the Cook Shack last year. A nice couple from eastern Kansas, visiting the show for the first time, commented how they thought we had the best preserved Cook Shack in the nation.

Centennial Sod House

by Mary Dorsch

More than the 442 persons stopped by the sod house and signed the book in 2013. Some for the first time, others for a repeat visit. The children hunt until they find the rubber snake. They enjoy seeing the "bank" where early settlers kept their cash & having it explained by the 12 to 15 local persons who serve as hosts an hostesses during the 3 day Antique Engine & Thresher Show.

Older guests may remember the days when they carried the water jug wrapped in a wet gunny sack to keep their water cool for a while, the treadle sewing machine, baskets for cobs and buckets for coal & cow chips, fuel for the range stove used for cooking & heating. What relief to use the coal oil stove in hot weather.

The sod house is mostly furnished by local men and women who want the "good old days" remembered. It's the coolest place on the show grounds. We welcome all to stop by for a visit!

BRUBAKER BUILDING

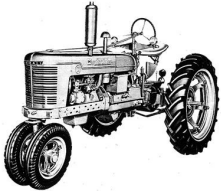
By unanimous vote building #15, the BRUBAKER BUILDING will be changed to the BRUBAKER - FIKAN BUILDING. Larry Fikan has been an active member of the club for many years and has 15 restored tractors in the building. Because of health reasons, Larry is no longer able to drive from Atwood. We sure miss him!

APPAREL

We have averaged over 100 T-shirts sold during the show the past two years and due to the number of requests we voted to order twelve dozen good quality neutral colored caps for this years show. This type of advertising seems to provide us the best value for money invested.

NWKS TECHNICAL COLLEGE
IN GOODLAND

The Northwest Area Vocational paint and body class is restoring the Farmall H tractor donated by Dan Dirks. This is a win - win for us and the school and something that will be utilized more in the future. They are only charging us for parts needed plus 20% and no labor.



VENDORS WANTED

Sign-up - Show-up - Sell

We have Building #5 & room outside for vendors. The locations are in the heart of the show grounds and the vendors all seem to feel like we provide excellent accommodations. The only charge is \$20.00 Annual Membership. Membership entitles you to unlimited access to all the buildings, events and displays during the 3 day show. If you know of someone who offers unique items or products that would add something to our show, please have them contact Rod Klepper (785-734-7369) to reserve a space.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

The Threshers Association Checking Account Balance reported at the Annual Meeting was \$23,125.27 . The Threshers Association Endowment Fund, introduced during the Annual Meeting last year, already shows a Balance of \$13,027.73. When you consider we invested \$7,319.50 in extra insurance payments, tools, air compressor, large water cooler a complete upgrade of the large Highway Sign we are still in good shape financially.

THRESHER ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

Established last year, the fund has already grown to \$13,027.73. This opportunity allows us to take advantage of tax reduction knowing the Association will benefit forever and become a permanent source of funding.

How can you contribute to this fund? An outright gift of cash, stocks or bonds, grain, real estate, or equipment qualifies for tax advantages under federal law. By designating a portion of your estate to the Thresher Association Endowment Fund you can, in some cases, receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate tax. For more information on making a charitable contribution, please contact the Bird City Century II Development Foundation office.

Yes, I want to invest in the future of the
Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show

Donor Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please list my contribution as ANONYMOUS



107 West Bressler Phone: 785-734-2556
PO Box 593 Fax: 785-734-2536
Bird City, KS 67731 E-mail: cathy@birdcity.com

Please make check payable to:
Bird City Century II Development Foundation
- Write **THRESHER ENDOWMENT** in the memo

You will be sent a receipt for income tax purposes.

TUESDAY IS CLEAN UP DAY

Doug Flemming and Brad Schneider have organized the clean up mowing prior to the Show for the past few years and can always use some extra help. Please mark your calendar and plan to spend an enjoyable evening working with the kids followed by a cookout.



Shop Talk



Without Larry Fikan to keep us motivated, it has been a little quiet at the Shop this past year.

We have installed a new gas furnace and Norman & Bob Dorsch are restoring a D-19 AC tractor that was donated to the Association by the Hal Sager Family this past year.

2013 PROJECTS COMPLETED

- * Power-washed and painted interior of cook shack
- * Power-washed and repaired interior of caboose
- * Built, painted and installed glass on doors on display case for Don Bruder's "Sad Iron" collection
- * Painted, labeled and installed peg board displays for Don Bruder's barbed wire collection
- * Received a four wheel drive International 4156 tractor from the Valerie/Dean Clark Family
- * Received a 16 foot 3 point agricultural sprayer with tank - pump and booms from Ken Krien
- * Replaced hoses, nozzles and clamps on donated sprayer
- * Received donated chemicals, surfactants and dye to spray Thresher grounds from Bressler-Young
- * Restored and repainted the large Thresher Show sign along Hwy 36
- * Mike Boyson repainted tractor on the stand along Hwy 36
- * Built and installed large pipe hinges on people movers
- * Inspected, repaired and certified boilers on seven steam engines
- * Replaced rope and painted flag pole
- * Began construction on large interior room in Wilkens Building
- * Received two restored race cars and Chevrolet sport car for display in Thompson Car Museum
- * Century II matched grant from Midwest Energy of \$1,000 to start Endowment Fund
- * Purchased contents of Mabel Carsten's shop including welders, grinders, air compressor, anvil
- * Repaired and replaced leaking water lines on Thresher Show grounds
- * Redesigned and repaired large water stand used for steam engines and water tanks
- * Repaired and replaced door on outhouse
- * Cleaned up old machinery line and sold unneeded items for \$1,500 to scrap iron dealer
- * Replaced starter, bendix and solenoid on scoop tractor
- * Built eight heavy duty horseshoe pits with four foot stakes
- * Repaired and calibrated ultrasound machine used for boiler inspection
- * Received/Listed in the American Profile Publication papers in twelve states
- * Stan Wamhoff donated trailer load of logs for sawmill
- * Received Farmall H Tractor from Dan Dirks
- * Purchased tire/tube for Dirk's tractor
- * Received D-19 AC Tractor from Hal Sager
- * Received Railroad Nail Collection from Doug Klepper
- * Purchased Gas Powered/Portable Air Compressor/Hose/Reel
- * Purchased large water cooler from Elmer Ebler
- * Terry Burns donated labor and repaired Association's Cab Forward Truck



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Join us for our 60th Annual Show July 31, August 1 & 2 2014

www.birdcity.com

www.threshersshow.org

We have twelve 30 amp electric hookups available for RV's in the lot southeast of the church. This year we are asking that everyone interested in reserving a spot contact Mary Smith at 785-443-1702 and make a \$40.00 deposit. There is also a very nice RV Park along Hwy 36, about 1/4 mile from the show grounds that has full hook-ups, including 30 & 50 amp. electric hookups and water. They are offering a show special for only \$20.00 per night. For reservations contact T-N-T RV Parking at 785-734-7100



 **WRIGHT BUILDING** ~ The Maynard & Lucille Wright family have donated \$30,000.00 to be used towards the construction of a new building on the show grounds. Bird City Century II Development Foundation provided a Grant of \$50,000.00 and has agreed to match up to an additional \$50,000.00 of all future donations. Cheyenne County Road & Bridge Dept. hauled and prepared the building site with dirt donated by the City. The building will be 60' wide x 120' long with a 30' X 60' air-conditioned room and 30' x 60' balcony. As well as a 12' X 60' cowboy porch designed to encourage sitting and whittling. This will be a great place to meet and greet.

I would like to donate toward the construction of the new "Wright Building" on the Thresher grounds, with 100% of my contribution being MATCHED by Bird City Century II Development Foundation!

Donor Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please list my contribution as ANONYMOUS

Please make check payable to:
Tri State Antique Engine & Threshers Assn.
Write **WRIGHT BUILDING** in the memo

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