



Military Feature

Horses, Half-Tracks, and More!

We had another great Thresher Show in July! Featuring our U.S. Military touched the hearts of many Americans throughout the Tri-State region and brought us many first time attendees. The combination Farm Show and Military Displays, plus the Buffalo Soldiers and WW II reenactment on Saturday put us on the map.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we want everyone to know we appreciate all the extra effort required by our volunteers to prepare the show grounds and host a show this large by our volunteers.

Our 2023 Show will feature the Central States Chapter of the Hart Parr and Oliver Association, so if you or someone you know has a Hart Parr or Oliver that you would like to show, please feel welcome to be a part of our show next year. ~ Rod Klepper—Association President

New Addition: Barber Shop—Building 5

Some time back, Rod Klepper told me about a collection of barber shop related items: an antique barbering chair, shoe shine chair, copper bathtub, towel warmer, among other items that might be available to add to our collection. We were able to negotiate a purchase price, and Wayne Erickson and I crafted a new room out of old barn wood in Building # 5 to house our barbershop. We now have a Bank, Jail, and Barbershop in our old-time “Mainstreet” display inside Building #5—be sure to check them out next time you are at the show-grounds! ~ Willie Martinez—Association Vice-President

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- Pictures from this year’s show are featured throughout this newsletter!
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Draft Horse Show—October 7-8th

One of the newest features to the TSAE&TA annual agenda is the Draft Horse and Mule Show held each fall. It was instigated five years ago as a one-day event and has grown to the point it has been decided to present the show as a two day event in 2022. It will held on October 7th and 8th at the showgrounds.

The show has grown from a few teams and animal powered exhibits to an event attracting teams from at least four states along with several unique pieces of equipment. This

year we plan on having an operational hay baler, sorghum press, corn sheller, wagon lift, corn and wheat binders, mowers, manure spreaders, hay rakes, disc, plows, and planters. A special attraction is a rare, operational corn picker sheller pulled by a team of four animals.

Drinks and food will be available both days—so join us in experiencing farming prior to tractor and modern-day conveniences! Daily Admission: \$10.00
~ Norm Hays

From Old-Town Mainstreet...



Financial Summary 9/6/2022

Main Checking: \$20,294.02

Endowment: \$120,166.19

Building Fund: \$1,125.30

**Remember Match Day—
November 29th!**

We now have a barber-shop along with the county sheriff's office and a bank!



...To Field Hospital!

Membership Roll

New Members to the Association this summer:

- ◆ Philip Atwater
- ◆ Griff Malleck
- ◆ Robert Pope

We currently have 151 members who have paid their dues for 2022, and 144 on our register who have not yet renewed their memberships. Post-cards have been sent out reminding unpaid members to renew! Your memberships help cover basic operating expenses for the association each year!

Unicycles???

Did you know that we have our very own unicyclist on the Association Board of Directors? Long-time show participant Gerald Wright built two of his own unicycles now on display in the Wright Building . Here is his story:

I built both unicycles in 1962—one is about six feet tall, and the other one is eleven and a half feet tall. The shorter one was a challenge to learn on. It looks easier on TV than it really is! Riding on the gravel farm yard tested my balance. Then I got the urge to ride the tall one at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show at the Roy Kite farm. This was very challenging riding over tufts of sod, deep wheel lug marks, and loose broken dirt. I did not ride too far because I was afraid I would fall on someone!

Next time you are at the show grounds, take a peek to discover Gerald’s craftsmanship and engineering ingenuity displayed in his unicycles! And if you catch Gerald, you will likely be able to hear more stories about his experiences riding around from eleven and a half feet above ground on one wheel!

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association is to receive, collect, display, and demonstrate items from the past showcasing life on the High Plains of Western Kansas.

Upcoming Events

2022—

- ◇ Draft Horse Show: October 7th—8th.
- ◇ Fall Membership Meeting—November 5th, 10:00 AM at Administration Building
- ◇ Match Day—Donations to Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association matched by Bird City Century II Foundation: November 29th.

2023—

- ◇ March 4th—Spring Membership Meeting at Administration Building
- ◇ July 27th—29th: 70th Annual Threshing Show

