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70TH ANNUAL THRESHER SHOW

This year we featured Hart-Parr and Oliver with a bonus feature of farm trucks and pickups. With the help of Central States Hart-Parr Oliver Collectors, we had an amazing show! The weather wasn't the best but it didn't stop the spectators. Our membership count is up this year.

The remodeled Eggers Building was a big hit this year. Did you get a chance to take a tour? If not we are going to be open on Saturdays throughout the fall beginning October 14h.

This year we had a change in the Country Kitchen. The United Methodist Ladies turned it over to the Association this year. We wanted to make this a fundraising opportunity for the local community. Thursday we had the Bird City Firefighters, Friday the Bird City Wesleyan Church, and Saturday SWITCH youth group. A big thank you to these three organizations for keeping us all fed during the show.



A special thank you to Carl Svec from Northglenn CO for sending us some amazing pictures of the show!

2023 Tri-State Mule & Draft Horse Show

The 2023 Tri-State Mule & Draft Horse Show is being enlarged to make it a two-day event this year. It will be staged on October 6 & 7, 2023 at the Bird City Thresher Association grounds east of Bird City, KS.

Along with the many multi-horse hitches events a couple of new items are planned to take place this year. One is a hay trolley to transport hay to the hay loft of a barn. The current plan is to have the trolley system set up to work next to and north of the existing barn. It is being set up outside the barn so more people can watch the complete process of grabbing the hay from the wagon, lifting it up to the hay loft level, then moving it inside the barn and depositing it where needed in the hay loft.

Hay trolleys were used for many years and were quite popular before the advent of the hay baler. However many different grabbing mechanisms were built and many could be adapted to pick up single or several bales at one time. However, as baling hay became more popular the grain elevator concept was adapted to move hay bales by enlarging the grain elevator width. Bales of hay could then be elevated to the hay loft much faster and more efficiently than with the hay trolley.

The grain elevator and bale elevator could be driven by a gas engine or lacking a gas engine a horsepower unit or sweep could be used to drive the elevator. Vance Redden has restored a Winona H team sweep that is used to power a corn sheller during the show but could be used to power a hay elevator if needed or desired.

Another new item on the menu this year is a demonstration of an IHC Reaper that was recently restored by Vance Redden. This machine is pulled by a team of horses and cuts hay or grain and can be set to deposit a wind row of bundles that then can be picked up by a horse-drawn forage loader behind a wagon. The bundles could then be threshed for grain or unloaded in a stack for future feed. The “hay” could also be unloaded into a barn using the hay trolley mentioned about.

The Reaper Vance has restored and demonstrates was manufactured in 1931 and is similar to the Reaper McCormick invented and patented in 1831. A reaper similar to this machine could harvest 4 to 5 acres per day compared to one acre per day harvesting with a scythe. The reaper, the threshing machine, and the steel plow are considered the three main inventions that produced the greatest impact on the advancement of farming and the relief of heavy labor farming.

Food vendors will be onsite both days of the show. Friday breakfast and lunch will be available. Friday evening we will have a community BBQ and be entertained by Jeff Davidson as we sit around the campfire. Saturday breakfast will be available and we are serving our famous Cowboy Stew and sorghum cookies at a free will lunch starting at noon. Camping will be available with a limited number of electric hookups available.

Written by Norm Hays



7th Annual Tri-State Mule & Draft Horse Show

**Oct 6-7 2023 Bird City Kansas
Starts at 10:00 am**

**Come See Horse Powered Farming.
Continuous Demonstrations Going on All Day!**



**Join us Friday at 6:00 pm for a
community BBQ followed by Jeff
Davidson singing at the campfire!**

**Cowboy stew is served at noon on
Saturday!**

For more information
visit
www.threshersshow.org
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Tickets are \$10.00 per day for adults, \$5.00 for children 12 and under, and children under 5 are free.
2023 Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association members get in free with their buttons.
We are located at 1375 Co Rd 29, Bird City Kansas. Please contact us if you need a camping space.



TWO NEW ADDITIONS TO THE GROUNDS SINCE THE SHOW

In August we got two murals painted on the grounds. With a grant received by Cheyenne Community Development from the Kansas Department of Commerce TIFFI Seed grant. We commissioned Some Girls and a Mural from Limon Colorado to paint these two masterpieces.

We hope everyone will enjoy these two new additions for years to come!



COMMUNITY WORK DAY



Get your gloves on and help us get ready for the 7th Annual Tri-State Mule & Draft Horse Show. Saturday, September 30th starting at 9:00 am. Before every show, we put on a community work day to get the grounds ready. As the saying goes it takes a village. Well, getting ready for the shows is no different. It takes countless hours of volunteer work to make everything happen. We are very grateful for all of our volunteers and all that they do!

For more information about the community work day, please give us a call at 785-734-2291.

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The semi-annual membership meeting is scheduled for November 11th starting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the visitors center at the grounds in Bird City. If you can't make it in person you can now join via Zoom. To receive a Zoom link please send an email to BCThresher.Treasurer@gmail.com.

As a member, we want to hear from you. These meetings help us plan better and make decisions for the betterment of the association.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

We would like to welcome our newest member to the Association! Sheryl and Will Clark welcomed Grant Jack Clark on August 3rd at 9:18 pm. Grant weighed 6lbs 7oz, 20" long. Mama and baby are going great, and thanks Grant for waiting until after the show to join us!!

We can't wait to see you on a steam engine at next year's show.

3RD ANNUAL MILITARY SHOW

We are already making plans for the 3rd annual Military Show. Join us on April 26th and 27th, 2024 as we feature World War II. Our Military Show is fast becoming a new favorite among both young and old. It's a great new way to experience history.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in the show either as a reenactor or vendor please have them contact our show chair Kris Oldsen at 785-772-5266 or BCThresher.treasurer@gmail.com.



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3rd Annual Military Show

APRIL 26-27, 2024

BIRD CITY, KS

Bring the whole family and see a World War II reenactment. Spend the day and tour the grounds to see living history military exhibits and demonstrations. We have food and RV parking available. The fun begins at 10:00 am each morning. On Friday at 6:00 pm enjoy a community free will donation dinner. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 & under.

**For more information please visit
www.threshershow.org or call 785-734-2291**

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers! It takes a lot of volunteers to keep this association going.

We have a job for everyone and can accommodate just about anyone's availability. Even if you can only help for one hour during the show it will help more than you will ever know. Think you don't have the skills we need, well we can find something for you, just ask.

Currently, we need volunteers for the following:

- fun run coordinator
- plumbing help this fall
- restroom cleaners for each show
- painting
- parade coordinator
- marketing
- story writers
- general cleaning
- kitchen help
- merchandise sales
- photographers and videographers
- if you have a skill, we will find a job to use it!

CORRECTIONS TO THE ANNUAL NEWSLETTER THAT WAS SENT OUT IN JUNE

We missed adding some very special donations that were received in 2022. Dana Dillow and Stephen Estep donated a player piano that was previously owned by the Kehlbeck family in Bird City. They also donated a 1927 Twin City 17-28 tractor owned by Ernie Kehlbeck and the wedding dress of Edna Kehlbeck which is a new feature in the Eggers Building.

We also misspelled the 2022 Princess's names! Ashleigh & Haileigh Hickert were the 2022 Thresher Princesses.

Thank you for your forgiveness of our errors!



DONATION MATCH EVENT

This year match day will be done different than in years past. Instead of just one day, we can now collect donations over a longer period of time.

All donations received by Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association from now until Saturday, October 7th, 2023 - the last day of the 7th Annual Tri-State Mule & Draft Horse Show will be matched dollar for dollar by Bird City Century II Development Foundation.

This is an opportunity to make your donation go twice as far.

SCAN TO
DONATE NOW



Donations can be made payable to Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association, mailed to PO Box 9, Bird City, KS 67731, given to any board member, in person at the show, or donated online at www.threshersshow.org/matchevent. Any donation over \$250.00 will receive a donation letter for tax purposes.

On July 7th we lost a great friend!

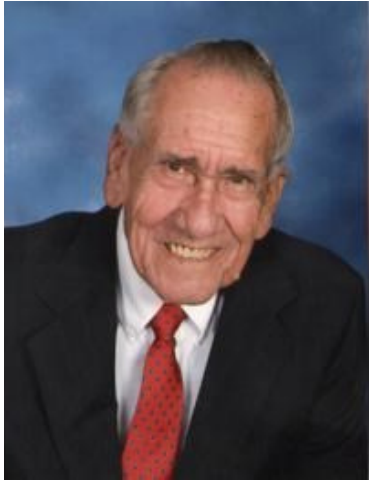
Art Wilkens

Art's memory will live on in the building he had built and his amazing collection. This year the Wilkens family brought back the pedal tractor races and they were a big hit with the kids. They plan to keep this a yearly event. Visitors enjoyed the popcorn from the new machine.

One of Art's favorite pieces was on display. The Paymaster was built by Dean Hobbensiefken in Lyons, Oregon. It is one of the last built of 14. The original owner put over 2 million miles on it. Art had it rebuilt by Dean and restored to its current condition.

For the 2024 show, we will feature Gibson tractors. You will want to stop by the Wilkens building to see their collection of Gibsons. They have consecutive serial numbers I's, H, E, super D2, D2, D, and A's.

Written by Lonnie Coon



The Eggers Building Remodel is complete!

Countless hours went into the remodel. It took almost 9 month from the day the first box was filled to the day the last box was emptied. We are still adding a few final touches, but overall its done! We had so many volunteers I won't be able to list them all but I would like to thank Larry Shults, Rod Klepper, Willy Martinez, Wayne Erickson, Howard Raymond, Sarah Mellinger, Steve Oldsen, Domenic Baldwin, Mike & Sue Feters, Leslie Thomas, Jan Busse, Beth Klepper, Cindy Leach and Candy Glasco. We would have never been able to finish this project with out you!

Thank you all! Written by Kris Oldsen



Have you ever wished you could tour the building on the Thresher grounds after the show? Maybe when it was not so hot! Do you want more time to just look at all the amazing items on display?

Well, now you can!

**THE TRI-STATE ANTIQUE ENGINE &
THRESHERS ASSOCIATION IS EXCITED
TO ANNOUNCE THAT BEGINNING
OCTOBER 14TH FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

The grounds will be open to the public every Saturday or by appointment on other days of the week. There is no admission charge we just ask for a donation. Start your Saturday adventure at the visitors center and pick up a map of the open buildings. You can also pick up a souvenir while you are there.

For more information please visit our website at www.threshersshow.org or give us a call at 785-734-2291. Join our Facebook page at Bird City Thresher Friends for the most up-to-date information

Three Reapers to be Displayed in the Visitor Center

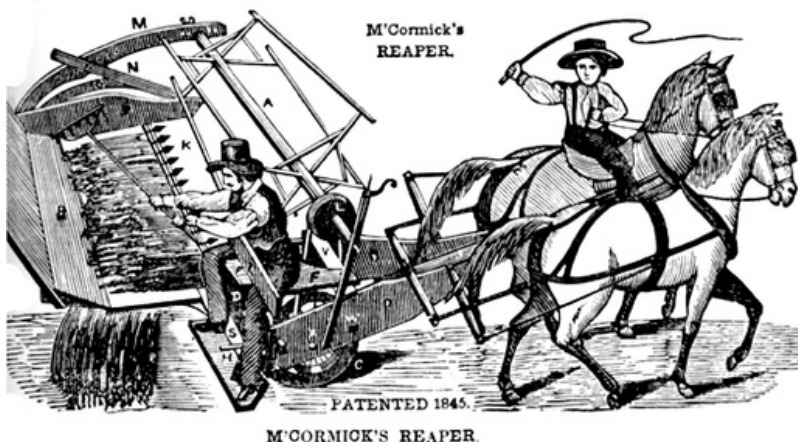
Three historic reapers have been received on loan from the International Harvester Collectors Trust. Howard Raymond traveled to Millville Pennsylvania to pick up the machines which recently arrived at the Thresher Show and will be part of the International Harvester Exhibit in the new Visitor Center. In 1831 Cyrus McCormick presented to the world a mechanical harvesting device, pulled by horses, that could cut and deliver the wheat or oats ready for threshing. This was a huge labor saving over cutting the grain by hand and made it possible for one farmer to feed many families.

Two of the reapers we have received are replicas of the 1831 design and were built for the Reaper Centennial in 1931 by the International Harvester Company. The third machine is patterned after patents issued in 1847 when McCormick began manufacturing in Chicago. It is thought that this machine is also a replica, probably built about 1900 as we have photographs from that time showing one working in a field. It is definitely a rare machine, perhaps the only one in the world. Research is ongoing.

These three machines arrived in wooden crates and will be assessed and assembled this winter. It is hoped that one of the 1831 machines can be demonstrated during the Thresher Show.

Currently, we have displayed a circa 1900 McCormick binder (which incorporates a tying mechanism with the reaper) and a horse drawn corn binder which cuts and binds with twine taller crops such as corn and sorghum. Not currently displayed is a Deering binder which is slated for restoration and display at a later time. We are fast running out of room! Two other harvesters, a McCormick push header and a self rake reaper are displayed in the Wright building.

Howard was also made aware of one of the first field ensilage harvesters now residing at Wayne NE. International Harvester pioneered the field ensilage harvester market with this machine patterned after a harvester built by Adolph Ronning of Boyd MN. We would like very much to acquire this machine to help complete the story of harvesting machines.



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71st Annual Show

July 25-27 2024

Bird City Kansas

Featuring Gibson

Tractors

and a bonus feature of

Pre-World War II

Automobiles



17 Operating steam engines, 200 + Tractors, 100 + Pedal Cars.

Visit our historic buildings and museums. There is something for everyone. Daily demonstrations of wheat binding, threshing, plowing, sawmill, blacksmithing, and tractor pull. See the gas engines, quilts, and printing press. Enjoy the chuck wagon breakfast and food vendors. Local vendors and parts swap. Kids activities, pedal car races, scavenger hunt, and pedal tractor pulls.

Fun for all ages!

Admission is \$10.00 per day for adults, kids 12 to 5 are \$5.00, kids under 5 are free. 3-day passes are available for \$25.00 and 2024 paid members get in free.

Gates open at 9:00 a.m. Located at 1375 County Road 29, Bird City, KS

Inviting all collectors to bring items for display!

We have RV parking, food vendors, and an onsite shower house

For more information:

www.threshershow.org

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Steam has always been his thing!

From the first show in 1953, we have always had steam engines. Gerald Wright has had a passion for steam since the beginning! He has been to all 70 shows and he wanted to share a list of all the steam engines that he can remember coming to the show.

- 75 HP Case - Bergland engine owned by Roy Kite
- 65HP Case - owned by Roy Kite then Dennis and now Randy Paden
- Huber Special - owned by Roy Kite, purchased by Edgar Robertson, and donated to the Association.
- 60 HP Undermount Avery - owned by Roy Kite, then Harold Nelsen then donated to the association
- 16-60 HP Nichols & Shepard - owned by Seward Brubaker, then Ernie Bressler, Robert & Marian Bressler, and Phillip Bressler then donated to the Association
- 16-48 HP Russell - owned by Fred Brubaker and then sold to the association
- Russell Scale - owned by Fred Brubaker now owned by his grandson Stan Wamhoff
- 45 HP Case - owned by Ed Nelson, then his son Harold Nelsen, then Ron Boyd
- 28 HP Advance Rumely - owned by Ed Nelsen then Maynard and Donald Wright
- 50 HP Case - owned by Carl Logan of Leoti, Kansas
- 65 HP Case - owned by Carl Logan of Leoti, Kansas. Carl would bring one or the other to the show each year. They were sold at his auction.
- 50 HP Case - owned by Chet Sawyer, then Melvin Wright, and now his son Radean Wright
- 75 HP Nichols & Shepard - owned by Chet Sawyer
- Scale Undermount Avery - owned by John Brein from Athol, KS, then Jerome Brien and Mary Latt
- Case Scale Model - owned by Edward "Ed" Jacobs of Smith Center, KS
- Buffalo Pitts Scale Model - owned by Ed Jacobs of Smith Center, KS then sold to a person in California
- Case Scale by Emil Badenhop - owned by Maynard and the Wright Family
- 75 HP Case - owned by Dale Brunson from Norton, KS sold to Almena, KS
- 65 HP Case - owned by Willis Salter from Syracuse, KS
- 65 HP Case - owned by Mel Kesler
- 40 HP Case - owned by Christy Gauger & John Gauger
- Scale Model Steam Engines - owned by Christy Gauger
- Scale Model Steam Engine - owned by Sam Gauger
- 40 HP Reeves - owned by Jerry Horinek from Atwood, Kansas. Martenson brothers from Lamar, Colo. bought it at Jerry's sale and one was killed at the intersection of HWY 25 & HWY 36.
- 45-85 HP Nichols & Shepard - owned by Evertt Rohrer Denver, CO, then his daughter Melinda (Rohrer) & John Pickar, Boulder, CO. then Nick Owens Jacksboro, Texas and now Bob Mcconville, Indianola, Nebr.
- Scale Case owned by George McMurtry, Bayard, Nebr.
- 70 HP Minneapolis - owned by Ivan Middleton, then his son Bob Middleton.
- 45-74 Nichols & Shepard - owned by Mike Smith and Family, then L.J. O'Neal and Family
- 65 HP Case - owned by the Hunter family, then Maynard and Gerald Wright
- 50 HP Case - owned by Wesley Pittman from Scott City, Kans.
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- Corliss Stationary SteamEngine from the Hoag Broom & Feather duster factory in Monticello, Iowa
- 75 HP Case - owned by Dick Fredman, Garden City, Kans.
- Stanley Steamer - owned by Jim Howe from Denver Colo.
- Locomobile Steamer- owned by Jim Howe from Denver Colo.
- Advance - owned by Alan Pizel from Burlington, CO, then Mike Pizel from Denver, CO, then Ted Housas Bennington, Kans.
- 6 Hp engine - owned by Carl Bergman's from Aspen, Colo., then his son Bob Bergman
- 50 HP Case - owned by John Jenkinson from Lakin, Kans. He gives an AG report on NBC TV.
- Rumely Steam Engine - owned by Herman Reutzel of Trenton, Nebr. then Norman Hays Vernon, Colo.
- Cast iron steam boiler which an powered unknown engine to run a line shaft of belt dislays - owned by David Sole.
- Stanley Steamer from Colorado Springs, Colo. and one from Pueblo, Colo

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Join us at our 71st Annual Show July 25-27, 2024

Dues

Yearly Membership: \$50.00

Includes: Admission to all events & shows, large souvenir button, quarterly email and annual newsletter and voting rights at the semi-annual meetings.

Three Day Pass: \$25.00

Includes: Small Souvenir Show Button

Daily Admission: \$10.00

Children (12 & under): \$5.00 - Children (5 & under): Free