

TRI-STATE ANTIQUE ENGINE & THRESHERS ASSOCIATION



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From the Board of Directors,

What an amazing year we have had so far! The Association has had some great projects completed that we can't wait for you to see this year. In April we completed the building of the new Sawmill Building! Last year the Sawmill received some significant damage after a windstorm. With grants and donations from the Helen Brubaker Trust, Bird City Century II Development Foundation, and The Dane G. Hansen Foundation we have built a new larger building.

In August we are breaking ground on the Koons-Webb building. This will be a 7,200 square foot building featuring crawler-style tractors and the family's personal collections.

In October we are breaking ground on the long awaited Brent Family Building. This building is going to be 16,000 square feet and packed with the Brent Family's collection of rare tractors and automobiles.

In May we began opening to the public five days a week. We have had a countless number of visitors from around the United States. The Board of Directors is very excited about this new adventure.

We are hoping you are making plans to join us in Bird City on July 25th, 26th, and 27th as we celebrate our 71st Annual Thresher Show! There are a lot of new things to see and do.

Sincerely,

The Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association
Board of Directors

Meet the Summer Interns

Alex Rodrigez



Alex will be a Senior next year at St. Francis Community High School. He has been a great help with everything from mowing to lighting off fireworks during the July 4th Celebration.

Dawson Geibler

Dawson will be a Junior next year at Cheylin High School. He has been very helpful with all the many project we give our interns.



Rubie Yost



Rubie was a 2023 graduate of Cheylin High School and is currently attending Fort Hays State University studing social work. Rubie is helping finish the cataloging of the Eggers Building. She has been a tremendous help!

New library acquisition



The month of May saw an exciting new addition to our Resource Library. A set of John Deere parts manuals was cleaned up and moved into the Visitor Center. It was several years ago when I noticed this set of manuals stored in the open up overhead in our maintenance shop. Various times I would consider them and think what a valuable resource they would be if they were accessible. I was also concerned that stored as they were, that their condition would deteriorate and thus a valuable collection be lost. As I already owned a fairly significant collection of manuals and books myself, the thought occurred to me that we should have a suitable place on the grounds for a reference library. This is what was the main driving force behind the planning and eventual erection of the present Visitor Center.

This specific collection includes 38 Company binders. They are currently being cataloged and added to our database. There are manuals for most of the new generation tractors from the 1010-4440, plus many for harvesting and tillage machines. We also have collections for JI Case, Minneapolis Moline, Allis Chalmers, International Harvester, and Massey Ferguson. We are actively seeking to add to these and other brands to make a complete reference source for our members and friends. Any of these manuals are available for viewing and making copies. The only thing that we ask is that the books not leave the building. Please direct any inquiry to myself and I will be

happy to help you find what you need or add your contribution to in turn help others.

Thanks, Howard Raymond 308-650-1527

Renew your membership today!



The 2024 Membership Button

Skip the line at the gate and renew your membership today!

Mail a check to PO Box 9, Bird City, KS 67731 or visit

<https://threshersshow.org/membership/>

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
- electrical help
- restroom cleaners for each show
- painting
- parade coordinator
- marketing
- story writers
- tractor drivers
- show set up
- mowing & grass maintenance
- general cleaning
- kitchen help
- merchandise sales
- photographers and videographers
- if you have a skill, we will find a job to use it!



A project that has been several years in the making is finally coming to fruition. When you arrive at the Thresher Show this year you will be greeted by all new signage for the tractors. The old wooden parade number plaques, faded, worn, and missing, have gone away. In their place are attractive new full color metal signs, printed by our Association Treasurer, Kris Oldsen and her husband Steve. We want to thank them for their dedication to see this project completed.

Several years ago, Howard Raymond and Will Clark began recording serial numbers of tractors and trying to verify them with the Sager parade tractor listings. We would also pull up files of donated and loaned tractors and attempt to verify those. It became a very tedious process and that system began to be replaced when Howard assembled a spreadsheet list, tractor by tractor with serial numbers of the machines that were actually present here on the grounds. Once that list was complete Kris and Howard were able to match those tractors up with files and or the parade information. Older Association members were consulted in cases where information was lacking.

This winter Howard installed the new signs on the tractors and we trust that they will be well received. As with any project of this magnitude and spanning 70 years of Association history, there are bound to be omissions and errors. We earnestly solicit your patience and understanding to correct any mistakes.

The signs themselves contain, in addition to the statistics, a QR code that will direct you to a webpage containing additional information and comments for each tractor. This, we believe, is a very exciting improvement to our collections here at the Thresher Museum and will help tell the story of farm life on the High Plains in times past. Once the tractors have all received their signs we will expand the program to include drawn machines and implements, and from there signs in a smaller format will be developed for all other Museum artifacts and collections including the autos and steam engines.

We have been open Saturdays this winter and as the weather warmed up we started receiving many guests through the Harvest Hosts program. Harvest Host members utilize our facilities for overnight camping as they travel through the area and bring new exposure to our

facility. Starting May 28th we are open to visitors Tuesday through Saturday throughout the summer.

We have multiple buildings that are set up as museum collections and we are eager to show these off to the community.



Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association

71st Annual Show

July 25-27 2024

Bird City Kansas

Featuring Gibson

Tractors

and a bonus feature of

Pre-World War II

Automobiles & Trucks



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 hunts, 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 onsite shower house

For more information:

www.threshershow.org

Facebook: Bird City Thresher Friends

Show Phone: 785-734-2291

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The Thresher
Museum is now
open 5 days a
week!
Tuesday through
Saturday
10:00 am to
4:00 pm

Community Work Day July 20th at 9:00 am

Let's clean up the Thresher Grounds and get ready for the 71st Annual Thresher Show!



We will have a project for everyone. We need to move equipment, do some painting, set up some displays and do some dusting and cleaning the buildings.

Bring your gloves and let's get this done together. We will be providing lunch for all the helpers. If you have any questions, please call 785-734-2291.

NEW

REGISTER NOW



Vendors

Are you planning on selling items during the show? We are asking vendors to pre-register for their space before the show to make it easier for everyone. This is for anyone selling either inside or outside.

To register please go to:

<https://threshershow.org/vendor-registration-form/>

SCAN ME



Exhibitors

Are you bringing a tractor, steam engine, or item to display at the show? We are asking that all exhibitors pre-register. This will make it easier at the gate, we will have everything waiting for you when you arrive. To register please go to:

<https://threshershow.org/exhibitor-registration-form/>

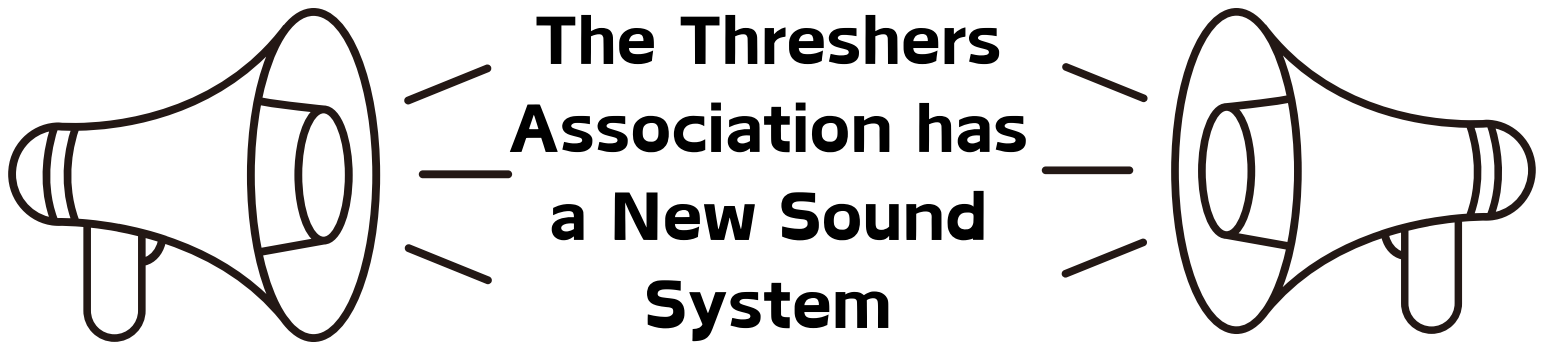
SCAN ME



Parking

Please remember that there will be no parking of vehicles on the grounds during show hours. The gates will be closed.

Please park in the main parking lot. If you need assistance getting from your vehicle to the grounds please let a parking attendant know and we will happily pick you up and take you to where you need to be.



Yes, you heard that right! At the end of April the Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association installed our new sound system. This was a much needed upgrade to our property and to the show. Now you will be able to hear the announcements and enjoy music as you spend the day with us.

The new sound system was made possible from a generous donation from the Helen Brubaker Trust. It was designed by Bob Gallo of Psonic (the same Bob from the steam shop and sawmill) and installed by our volunteers with Bob's guidance.

We are very excited for you to hear it at the 71st Annual Thresher Show!

Meet Thresher the Cat

In April before the Military Show, we got an unexpected addition to our membership and we thought it was fitting to give her the name Thresher!

Thresher enjoyed the Military Show and even spent the night with the reenactors. Around that time we started noticing that she was getting a little bit round and it was not because we were overfeeding her. Around May 20th she gave birth to 6 kittens in the corner of the shop!



Our regular volunteers have really enjoy her company. After the babies are weaned, she will have a visit to the Vet's Office so that we don't have any more babies. We plan to keep her around to help the mouse population. If you are interested in a kitten or to help with her vet bill please contact Kris at BCThresher.Treasurer@gmail.com

Plan Now To Attend!



Finishing the Wheat Threshing with Two Outfits

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION TRI-STATE AREA
of the

Antique Engine & Threshers Association Show

Will Be Held At
MRS. ROY KITE FARM

Located 2½ Miles East and 1½ Miles North of

BIRD CITY -- KANSAS

HI-WAY US-36

OCTOBER 3-4-5 - 1968

- ★ Welcome Flying Farmers
- ★ Good Home Cooked Food
- ★ Fun For Entire Family

Threshing Wheat, Steam Plowing with 12-bottom Plow, Prony Brake and Baker Fan Testing for Steam and Gas, Steam Engine Races, Engine Parade Twice Daily and Other Events.

SEE THE STEAMERS IN ACTION

also

SEVERAL EARLY MODEL GAS TRACTORS

FREE ADMISSION TO ALL LADIES,
CHILDREN UNDER 14,
ALL PAID-UP MEMBERS
CHESTER SAWYER, PRES.
ARTHUR PUMP, VICE PRES.

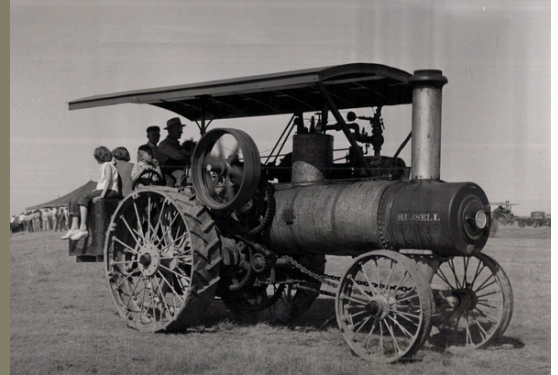
\$1.00 ADMISSION TO
ALL MEN 16 AND OVER
WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS
MELVIN WRIGHT, SEC.

Any Antique Machines or Small Articles Welcome for Display

Our History

For 71 amazing years, the Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association has put on a show in Bird City, Kansas! We have begun archiving our history for everyone to see on our website at:
Threshershow.org/history

We hope you enjoy the pictures and memories! If you have pictures, old show flyers, or programs you would like to share please contact Kris Oldsen at BCThresher.Treasurer@gmail.com



8th Annual Tri-State Mule & Draft Horse Show

Oct 11-12 2024 Bird City Kansas
Starts at 10:00 am

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

One - Two - Three - Four Horse Hitches

Starts at 10:00 am

-All Day Event-

Horse powered farming, featuring:

Walking Plows, Surrey Plows, Two-Way Plow, Single Gang Moldboard, Double Gang Moldboard, Disc Plow, Lister, Cultivators, Mowers, Rack, Straw Chopper, Single & Double Gang Disc, Road Grader, Dirt Slip, Fresno, Wagon Lift, Grain Elevator, Straw Baling, Corn Shelling & Grinding, Free Buggy & Wagon Rides,

**One, Two and Eight Horse Power Units Plus
Sawmill Demonstration, Wheat Threshing, and Corn Picking**

Community BBQ Friday at 6:00 pm

Cowboy stew served at noon Saturday

For more information visit www.threshersshow.org

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Follow us on facebook: Bird City Thresher Friends

Tickets are \$10.00 per day for adults, \$5.00 for children 12 and under, and children under 5 are free. 2024 Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association members get in free with their buttons. Food vendors will be on site both days.

We are located at 1375 Co Rd 29, Bird City Kansas. Please contact us if you need a camping space.





List of Events:

- July 3rd & 4th Bird City/McDonald Fireworks Show
- July 20th Community Work Day
- July 25th, 26th & 27th 71st Annual Thresher Show
- October 5th Community Work Day
- October 11th & 12th Tri-State Mule & Draft Horse Show
- November 9th Fall Semi-Annual Membership Meeting

TRI-STATE ANTIQUE ENGINE & THRESHERS ASSOCIATION

4th Annual Military Show & Reenactment

APRIL 25-26, 2025

BIRD CITY, KS

Bring the whole family and experience history like you never have before! See a World War II reenactment & spend the day touring 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. Gate admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 & under.

Friday at 6:00 pm enjoy a community dinner.

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

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Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association

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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