

TRI-STATE ANTIQUE ENGINE & THRESHERS ASSOCIATION



To our Members,

Can you believe it's already 2025?

What an amazing year we had in 2024! The 3rd Annual Military Show was marvelous. The 71st Annual Thresher Show featuring Gibson Tractors was a huge success. The 8th Annual Tri-State Mule & Draft horse show was notable and we are talking about changing it up in 2025. We had record attendance through the gate and many new members have joined the association.

We have finished construction on the Koons-Webber building. It is just about ready to be filled with crawlers and tracked equipment. The long awaited Brent Family building is built and waiting for electrical and flooring. We plan to fill it with rare tractors and automobiles in early spring.

We are excited to see what 2025 has in store for us!

Sincerely,

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The 2025 Membership Buttons will be available in early February



VOLUNTEERS *NEEDED*

We are looking for volunteers to join us in the shop weekly to work on various equipment. We are trying to determine what day of the week works best for most people. If you are interested, please, contact a board member and let us know you are willing and what day works best for you.

Semi Annual Membership Meeting

Attention members of the Tri-State
Antique Engine & Threshers Association

The semi-annual Membership Meeting
will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025,
at 10:00 am in the Visitor Center on the
Thresher grounds 1375 Rd 29, Bird City.

Please join the board of directors as we
discuss our plans for the future. We will also
be making plans for the upcoming shows as
well. We would appreciate your input!

Join us for lunch after the meeting.

If you can not attend in person but would like to
attend via Zoom, please email
BCThresher.Treasurer@gmail.com to request a link.

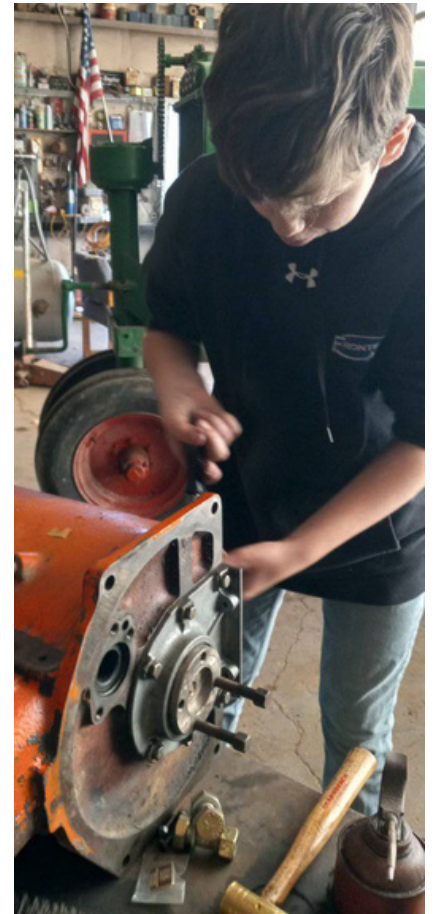
News around the Thresher Grounds

Just recently a stash of books was discovered and added to our Reference Library. There are currently over 2500 items cataloged in our system including farm machinery advertising, instruction and repair parts manuals, and textbooks on steam engine operation and related fields. This is a valuable resource that we encourage our membership to take advantage of. We do not allow the books to be taken from the premises but you are welcome to view them and we can make photocopies for you. Just this week I was able to help a man out with information on a tractor he was repairing. We also solicit any new additions that would add to this collection. Contact Howard Raymond.

Cabinets have arrived and are being assembled for the new coffee bar to be installed in the Visitor Center. This will make a more convenient place to serve meals when we host meetings.

The restoration of two Allis Chalmers tractors is taking place this winter. A model B Allis is being revived in our shop with the help of a couple of Bird City students, Taysen and Tevin Delano. The boys overhauled the motor and are now preparing the tractor for new paint. They plan to operate the tractor during the Thresher Show. A second Allis Chalmers tractor, a model WD has been sent up the the Bird City High School where Mr Keltz' shop class is giving that one a new lease on life.





Did you get a chance to watch Cottonwood Connections?
If you missed it you can now watch it on YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yy5tkjbsyQ>



In 2024, Bird City Century II Development Foundation offered to match all donations we raised up to \$25,000.00. Also, Jim and Cindy Leach offered to match the first \$10,000.00 we raised. We are super excited to announce that with your help we raised the full \$25,000.00 and with the two matches we turned that \$25,000.00 into \$60,000.00! These funds are necessary to make improvements to our buildings and shows.

Thank you to the following for making this happen:

Randy Koons
Leroy & Barb Thomas
John & Lisa Rourke
Rodney & Beth Klepper
Karen Hooker
Jim & Cindy Leach
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James Dorsch
Kenneth Dorsch
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Wade & Tammy Carmichael
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Barbara Waters
Rod & Jane Young

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John & Lisa Blea
Scott Dorsch
Dale & Stacey Hazuka
Kent Chapman
Dave Flemming
Judith Miller
Steve & Kris Oldsen
Norm & Diane Hays
Kermit Klepper
Lonnie & Brenda Coon
Robert Berquist
Mary Smith
Ralph & Dawn Brent

S.A. Malon
Kennard Boldt
Alana Wamhoff
Wayne Erickson
Stan Wamhoff
Christopher & Peggy Ertler
Della Martinez
Leslie Thomas
Steve & Jan Busse
Judith Soehner
Willy Martinez
Ethan & Mady Young
Three Hounds Printing
KC Custom Woodworking

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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**

Photo credit to R.C. Prentice

It's time to start making plans for the 72nd Annual Thresher Show

The 2025 Thresher Show is going to be one of the largest shows we have ever had! We are excited to be teaming up with the Rumely Collectors as they will be having their 33rd Annual Expo during our show.

Things to start thinking about:

Camping and lodging - Space will be filling up fast. If you are planning to camp at the grounds and need space with hookups please contact Mary Smith at 785-443-1702. Contact Howard Raymond at 308-650-1527 if you need a dry camping space. There are also camping and lodging options in Bird City and the surrounding area. Please visit our website at www.threshershow.org/camping/ for a list of options.

Exhibitors - We are expecting a record number of exhibitors this year. Please register before the show at www.threshershow.org/exhibitor-registration-form/

Vendors - If you need a space to sell your items or food you must register before the show at www.threshershow.org/vendor-registration-form/

If you have questions please visit our website at www.threshershow.org



Gerald Wright at the 1958 Thresher Show on his
1917 Rumely 16-30 Oil-Pull Model H

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72nd Annual Show



**Featuring the 33rd
Annual National
Rumely Collectors Expo**

**July 31st to August 2nd, 2025
in Bird City, KS.**



**19+ Operational Steam Engines
300+ Antique Farm Tractors
35+ Antique Cars and Trucks
150+ Pedal Tractors**

**45 Acres * 39+ buildings * Daily
Antique Parade * Steam Engine
Races * Tractor Pull**



**Daily Demonstrations:
Threshing * Plowing * Binding &
Harvesting * Corn Shelling**

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Join us at our 72nd Annual Show July 31-Aug 2, 2025

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