

# Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Assn., Inc.

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The Official Tri-State  
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## McGilvray Wagon & Wheels

### CHUCK WAGON BREAKFAST

FRIDAY:  
MOUNTAIN MAN



SATURDAY:  
BISCUITS & GRAVY

MEAL INCLUDES: COWBOY COFFEE & ORANGE JUICE

Served  
8:00AM until gone



Special  
EVENT

SATURDAY EVENING  
BANQUET

JULY 31, 2021 6:00PM

CATERED MEAL  
GUEST SPEAKER: KORY ANDERSEN

Korey will be sharing the journey of how his dream came to life. The process from research, planning, creating the molds to cast the parts, and the skills required to build his legendary J. I. Case 150 Horsepower Steam Engine entirely from scratch.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - CALL: 785-734-2291

# Country Church

The Neville Church service will be held at the show grounds  
**Sunday, August 1st, 2021 from 9:00-9:30 AM**

The Neville Methodist Episcopal Church was chartered on March 18, 1910. The Church closed in 1984 and was moved from Neville to the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City. This will be the 37th anniversary of the Church at the show. The Church will be open during the show. Please stop by and visit the Neville Church and read the article about how the Neville Church celebrated its Golden Anniversary. This article is on the north wall of the Church as you enter.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT - \$48,531

WRIGHT BUILDING ACCOUNT - \$8,077

BUILDING ACCOUNT - \$33,338

ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT - \$49,978

Cheyenne County appraised value on our land and buildings \$680,240

Special thanks to  
Next Generation:

Tucker Burr will be our summer 2021 Intern. Tucker has grown up working on the Show Grounds, helping his Grandmother Bonnie Burr and Mother Ann Burr clean the Eggers Building prior to the annual show and helping Gerald Wright with the Steam Engines and Antique Tractors.



# TRAVEL MUSEUM

Jim & Cindy Leach opened their Travel Museum last year on our show grounds.

Their amazing travel display is a great addition to our show and was a very popular building. On display are many one of a kind and unusual

souvenirs from all over the world. Having the Leach's onsite to talk about their extensive travel and where they obtained each souvenir captivated last year's attendees.



# FRESH PAINT

Thanks to Rosemary Powell, we received a \$300 donation from the Tri-State Auto Club towards the purchase of paint for the exterior of the School House.



# Fall Mule & Draft Horse Show

**STARTS AT 10:00AM**



Please plan to join us for our 5th Annual Fall Show! This has become a big event for us and is perfect for guests of all ages!

Each year we have increased activities for our guest to enjoy. Our fall show continues to grow in participants and guests and could become a two day show in the future.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the fall weather and demonstrations of farming with horse power.



- ◆ Shirley Oschner donated a John Deere Model A tractor in excellent condition.
- ◆ Nathan Sowers donated the meat for our Annual Meeting.
- ◆ Stan Wamhoff donated an air compressor & roll of cable.
- ◆ Ken Beougher, Hal and Cort Antholz donated a wagon load of ear corn.
- ◆ Doug Flemming donated a bundle of threshing twine for display, a hand operated seed cleaner, grinder belt, and several other items.
- ◆ Richard Samson donated a wagon running frame that has a steel tongue and wheels.
- ◆ The Sager Family donated 2 large tarps & 6 plastic trash cans.
- ◆ Cheylin Schools donated two monkey bars and a large swing set for our children playground area.
- ◆ Kent Vorhies family donated Bob & Trudy's wedding suit & dress.
- ◆ Kay Miller donated several items including; a 1902 Butterick Fashion Catalog that her Grandparents Edward & Anna Greene used in their General Store located in Hiawatha, NE.
- ◆ Eldon Zimbelmin donated 4 office chairs, swivel chair and an assortment of power belts.
- ◆ McCarty Dairy donated the meat for our Community Bar-B-Q during our 2020 Show.
- ◆ St. Francis Redi-Mix donated and delivered a truck load of sand for our horseshoe pits.
- ◆ Ken Klemm donated Turkey Red seed wheat, the original wheat seed from Russia that was grown in this area during the Home Steadier Days.
- ◆ Sheridan County Historical Society donated a horse drawn two bottom plow, lister, and rare planter.
- ◆ Lesa Beamer from Colby, KS donated a player piano in excellent condition and several music rolls.
- ◆ Howard Raymond donated 22 cows to the Association, which were sold in North Platte, NE. Generating a \$33,000 donation to be used towards another building on our Show Grounds.



# Completed Projects



- ◆ Dave Flemming surveyed and set grade stakes for the Hays building pad.
- ◆ Dennis Wright applied fertilizer to our show ground fields.
- ◆ We restored and painted the seed cleaner donated by Doug Fleming.
- ◆ Larry Shults repaired and winterized all our restrooms.
- ◆ Willie Martinez removed the Holiday Stars from their posts, attached the electric cords and loaded them on the trailer.
- ◆ City crew repaired a large waterline leak and replaced the meter connection to the Bacon Building.
- ◆ Larry Shults removed the Fiberboard siding, obtained metal siding, replaced all the electric wiring, secured the framing, and installed metal flashing on the Observatory.
- ◆ Steve and Craig Busse picked up and cleaned Oschner tractor, then delivered it to the Show Grounds.
- ◆ Anddrist Truck & Tractor installed a new starter and tuned the motor on our Ford scoop tractor.
- ◆ Larry Shults removed all of the old paint, repaired the sides, installed skids, donated and installed a storm door on our ticket booth.
- ◆ Larry Shults and Willie Martinez primed and painted the Ticket Booth in traditional J I Case colors and moved it to it's location on the Show Grounds.
- ◆ Willie Martinez relocated the limestone Bruder sign to the south side of the Red House.
- ◆ Larry Shults installed furring strips and the metal siding we received from the City on the west side of the Leach-Hendricks Barn. This saved the Association a lot of money vs commercial application.
- ◆ We cleaned, restored and painted a carbide generator, donated by Roy Shrader that was used in the old days to generate acetylene gas for welding purposes.
- ◆ The crew at Nutrient Ag repaired our weed sprayer that we pull with the Barrel Train tractor.
- ◆ Royce Chambers removed the burner and spent several days working on the Corliss engine.
- ◆ Grace Wright and Leslie Thomas spent several days preparing and painting the interior and exterior of the Bressler-Young Hanger.
- ◆ John Eley located, picked up and delivered a trailer load of Colorado pine logs to our Show Grounds.
- ◆ Curt Holste repaired the motor, painted the blades and moved an original wind charger donated by the Steve Busse family to our Show Grounds.
- ◆ Mike and Ben McGilvray bound and loaded two wagon loads of wheat in preparation for thrashing during our Mule & Draft Horse Show.
- ◆ Larry Shults removed the old electric wires and boxes, replaced the boxes, wires and installed new receptacles and flood lights on our antique tractor display on the highway.
- ◆ Larry Shults installed Rope Lights on our antique tractor holding our U. S. Highway 36 sign.
- ◆ Gerald Wright and Rod Klepper loaded and delivered two antique Ford trucks originally owned by Phillip and Margaret Saddler that were donated by Earl Treat of Gem, KS to the Association.
- ◆ Gary Meyer, who had experience with saw mills, spent a day prior to our Draft Horse Show tuning the saw mill donated by the Sappa Valley Association.
- ◆ Gerald Wright and Willie Martinez cut, assembled, and welded rebar to make 17 metal Snowflakes for the 2020 addition to our Show Grounds Holiday of Lights display.
- ◆ Leslie Thomas, with the help of Rod Neitzel, and Steve & Jan Busse attached the wiring and bulbs, organized, and installed the Holiday Snowflakes on our Show grounds.



- ◆ Mike & Ben McGilvry were the first to harvest wheat in Cheyenne County by binding & loading 2 wagon loads to be used for our show.
- ◆ William White provided us with a documentary video filmed at our Show in 1956 that includes good footage of our first members and steam engines.
- ◆ We received a federal SPARKS Grant that funded the purchase and installation of 2 new lavatories and 4 Touchless faucets in our Restrooms.
- ◆ Mike & Ben McGilvry harvested ear corn needed for next years shows.
- ◆ Steve and Craig Busse offered to store the Holiday Stars on their farm.
- ◆ Don Wright loaned us his lift truck to reach the high areas when painting our barn.
- ◆ The Klepper Family organized and/served the lunches and Bar-B-Q dinner during our 2020 Show.
- ◆ Gerald Wright & Rod Klepper attended the International Harvester National Auction in Larned, KS.
- ◆ We purchased an excellent IH display on how a sickle sharpener for a horse drawn mower was used.
- ◆ Dennis Wright gave a tour of our Show Grounds to a group of parents and Home Schooled children.
- ◆ Beth Klepper prepared and gave out 20+ dozen sorghum cookies during the Mule & Draft Horse Show.
- ◆ Anita Burton & Beth Klepper, under the supervision of Jan Busse prepared and served five large roasters of cowboy stew during the Mule & Draft Horse Show.
- ◆ Two large photos of the Cromwell 1946 Super H Farmall tractor and the 1909 Auto Wagon taken at our 2019 Show were featured in Harvester Highlights Collectors magazine.
- ◆ The "Work Day " on June 30, 2020 was very productive. With 12 volunteers showing up, Will Clark and Howard Raymond supervised removing everything out of the Anderson Building so we could clean up the equipment in storage prior to installing asphalt millings. The Randall Neff family flew in from Emporia, KS and operated our fork lifts and provided much of the heavy lifting.
- ◆ Last year we hosted the J.I. Case Heritage Foundation International EXPO during our annual Show.

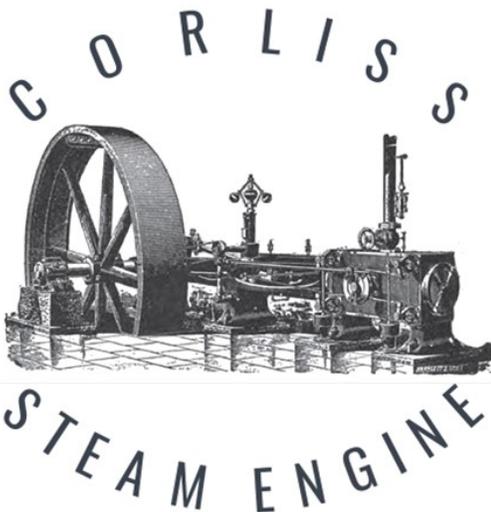


# STEAM ENGINE NEWS

Norm and Brad Hays from Colorado and myself (Royce Chambers) attended the KAESSA (Kansas Antique Engine Show Safety Association) Steam School in Wichita April 17th and 18th, 2021. Although I've been running steam engines for almost 40 years now. I thought I could stand to learn a few things and I wasn't disappointed. While the school is geared towards new operators even the old dogs gained some valuable education. The instructors were extremely knowledgeable and put on an excellent school. I would recommend it for anyone that operates steam tractors or engines.

Safety is the main focus but there was plenty of instruction on the care and feeding of a steam engine. To operate an engine at a KAESSA affiliated show in Kansas requires an operator's license issued by KAESSA. New regulations require 50 hours of documented training to get a license and the school provides sixteen of those hours.

I would especially urge new operators of any age to attend the school. You can contact any of our boiler inspectors for more information.



After taking the year off in 2019 the Corliss Steam Engine in the dining hall was up and running again in 2020. The old Clever Brooks boiler that supplies steam for the Corliss had several issues that kept it from working in 2019. All of those problems were sorted out and repaired in time for the 2020 show. Many people commented they had missed hearing the big whistle and watching the engine run and they were very happy to see and hear the old girl going again.

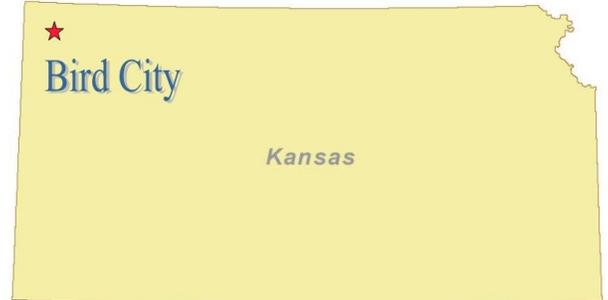
More updates are planned for 2021 including work on the feed water pump and injector. Plans also include a steam supply line to be available for anyone that has a steam engine they would like to bring and run during the show. If you have any questions please contact Royce Chambers at 970-571-3082.



# 68TH ANNUAL SHOW

**JULY 29-31, 2021**

- 15+ Operating Steam Engines
- 300+ Antique Farm Tractors
- 35+ Antique Cars and Trucks
- 100+ Pedal Tractors on Display



Show Grounds are located on the east edge of Bird City, Kansas on HWY 36 and Road 29.

- 45 Acres • 25+ Buildings • Daily Antique Parade • Steam Engine Races • Tractor Pull Demonstrations: Threshing • Plowing • Binding & Harvesting • Corn Shelling • Sawmill Working Blacksmith Shop • Tool Museum • Print Shop • Country School House • Creamery Authentic Sod House • Quilt Shop • Community Church • Toy Museum • Travel Museum

*Showcasing everything from machinery to vintage household items.*

## WORLD'S LARGEST STEAM ENGINE

150 H.P. Case Steam Engine

50 people • 7 years • 8000 hours • \$1,500,000  
15 ft. wide • 14 feet tall • 28 feet long • 75,000 lbs.

*This is a once in a life time opportunity for this area!*



## Kid's Events

- \* Tug-O-War (Kids vs Steam Engine)
- \* Petting Zoo
- \* Scavenger Hunts
- \* Kids Crafts
- \* Playground
- \* Corn Tank Treasure Hunt
- \* Old Fashion Stilts
- \* Barrel Train Rides



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Join us for our 68th Annual Show  
July 29 - 31, ~ 2021



### **CAMPING / RV ELECTRIC HOOKUPS**

Camping is available at T-N-T RV Parking, located along US Hwy 36, approximately 1/4 mile from the show grounds. They have 30 & 50 amp electric hookups and water.

For reservations call:  
# 785-332-5590



**Yearly Membership: \$25.00**

Includes: Three Day Pass, Souvenir Show Button, Quarterly E-Mail & Yearly Newsletter

**Three Day Pass: \$20.00**

Includes: Souvenir Show Button

**Daily Admission: \$10.00**

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

**DUES**