

Members of the **Kansas Chapter of Singles in Agriculture** (SIA) gathered in Salina KS at noon on Friday, August 27, 2021. After a meal at IHOP, the next stop for the carpool was at Rex Russell Auto Museum in the small town south of Salina, Mentor, KS. Eighty-eight-year-old Rex and his car enthusiast helper, Thelma, welcomed our group to the museum lobby which was decorated with car themed décor. Around 100 antique vehicles were on display with all being in running condition. In the newer building the cars were doubled up by using hydraulic lifts to place the vehicles on two layers to display and store them.

Our next planned stop was in downtown Salina to do a Sculpture tour along Santa Fe Avenue, but since the temperature was around 100 degrees everyone retreated to the motel to rest or gather in the lobby for visiting.

The Annual Meeting was held in a reserved room at Matties Grill & Chill just after all evening meals were ordered. There were 17 people present (12 Kansas members, 2 guests, 1 member from Nebraska and 2 members from Oklahoma). Elections and business discussion took place.

On Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> eleven SIA members carpooled north of Salina to a farm location just south of Concordia KS for Prairie Plowing Days/The Big Dig. There were trams available to ride to tour the large outdoor event. Each hour the antique equipment was put to use doing a different activity. That morning they were building roads and a dam, plowing and rebuilding terraces. It was especially impressive to watch the Parade of Power as many of the powerful old tractors and the like passed in front of the grandstand crowd as the speakers described their abilities and age.

Some of the members drove to a remote location not far from Prairie Plowing Days/The Big Dig to see the monument of the Boston Corbett dugout site. He is the man who killed Abe Lincoln's killer and then lived in a hole in the hills of northern Kansas.

Saturday evening and the two-day event were very fittingly concluded with the SIA members attendance at Jill McCullom and Kendel Dilli's outdoor wedding, just a few blocks from the motel. Jill and Kendel, both SIA members, are now Singles No More! Following the comfortable but gorgeous ceremony the newlyweds hosted a supper buffet with plenty of delicious food and homemade desserts for everyone. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dilli!!

(Pictures of the event)

At Rex Russell Auto Museum – standing in front of the FORD fireplace.



Delores visiting with Rex.



Delores looking over the VW Thing.

Stacked vehicles using a lift.



LEONARD THE BULL giving Emilie a mean glance



Field work being done with antique equipment





Boston Corbett monument

Jill walking in with fellow SIA members looking on



SIA members with the newlyweds Jill and Kendel

