

TRAN 2012 June 2-10, 2012

Plattsmouth – Waverly – York – Grand Island – Kearney – Cozad – North Platte – Ogallala – Lisco - Lyman



Tractor Relay Across Nebraska is now in the history books. Nine Day Event traversing the entire State from east to west Nearly 200 tractors and drivers in Relay fashion concluded the run Sunday with the last group parading 3 tractors wide though Lyman out to the Wyoming state line, then had the 3 beautiful IH 06's lead us back to Lyman where they served drinks and great pulled pork sandwiches

Sunday June 10

Rolls and Coffee served at 6 AM at Ron Shearer residence

The participants meet the TRAN at Bridgeport at the Cenex gas station & started west @ 9:00

Chimney Rock & Scotts Bluff from the tractor seat! 80 miles scheduled and some of the most spectacular scenery in the State. What a ride!

Saturday June 9 Traveled Highway 26 alongside [Lake McConaughy](#)

[Ash Hollow State Park](#) 12 Noon

Tractors were allowed in park without permit

Oshkosh approximately 2:30 PM

Lisco approximately 5:00 PM

Dinner with Community at 6:00 PM

Friday June 8

TRAN Left The Heritage Museum in North Platte at 9:00 AM after a fine breakfast of Biscuits and gravy prepared by Bob Loghry From Plains Equipment Co. in North Platte. The Relay detoured around some road construction west of N Platte.

After a nice drive up the Platte Valley and noon was a fantastic dinner at [Ole's](#)

we arrived in Ogallala at aproximatly 3:00 P.M.

Thursday June 7th



Marvin Henry of Maywood ready to lead the troops!

Breakfast at 100th Meridian Museum at 8AM for a 9AM start. Mid morning rolled into Emen Park in Gothenburg where the tractors were parked on 15th Street. Lunch was fried chicken in Brady at noon. The day was a little cooler than the last few and a very enjoyable day to be out and about. The only mishap was a failed coil and that was quickly remedied with a new part from Miller Repair. See [KNOP News Story](#) as we arrived at the Lincoln County Museum

Wednesday June 6th

Another Beautiful day on the Relay, Gary Metzger, segment leader, and cohort Joe Gangwish reported in by phone to KRVN that the Relay was progressing on schedule. Gary did have a flat tire on his tractor at the close of the day but that was soon fixed



Tuesday June 5

Forget the GPS and auto-steer and don't even think about air conditioning. The state's longest antique tractor parade is underway, traveling border to border at ten miles an hour.

(NTV Steve White) [NTV News Story](#)

Monday June 4th



Charlie Case (left) of Ellston, Iowa, shares a story and a laugh with Donelle Moormeier of Cortland, who is sitting in the seat of her 706 Farmall tractor, along with her husband, Ron Moormeier, and Case's wife, Diane Case, all swapping stories about their ongoing experience participating in the Tractor Relay Across Nebraska, which arrived in Grand Island Monday afternoon. ([Independent/Robert Pore](#))

Nebraska Antique Farming has prepared commemorative letters that can be purchased and mailed with the Tractor Express. The letters will be carried on a trailer behind one of the tractors and will be mailed US mail from Lyman at the close of the Relay. Purchase yours from any Segment Leader as the Relay passes through your area. The price is only \$5 each and will make a nice souvenir.

DAY TWO June 3rd

Riders initially set a 13 mph speed limit for the journey, but according to Klepper, they hardly ever reach it. Cruise speeds rarely soar past 10 mph, and even then, some riders have trouble keeping up. "We slow up so everybody just stays together," said Klepper, who joined the group of 30 in Seward on a green and yellow 1952 John Deere A before continuing to York. "It's fun just driving, and when you're going slow, you really get to see the country."

Courtesy of Lincoln Journal Star

[Memory Lane](#)

DAY ONE June 2nd

Wonderful weather on a cloud-less day with a slight breeze produced a great first segment of the Tractor Relay Across Nebraska. Its 29 tractor drivers that drove the 43.5 mile route from Plattsmouth to Waverly today all indicated that they had a good ride. The initial segment of this inaugural event was coordinated by the Elkhorn Valley Antique Power Assn. and the Mid-States Antique Tractor Club (visit their websites). This ride had three rest stops build in along the route with no one drive longer than 13 miles. A combined hour-long lunch break and IH collection visit drew raves from the drivers. All in all, it was a day that will be hard to beat!.

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