



# Newsletter

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## *Keith Jones:*

### THE VISIONARY BEHIND THE KEYSTONE TRUCK & TRACTOR MUSEUM

Keith Jones, the founder of the Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum in Colonial Heights, Virginia, is a man whose life story intertwines with the very machines he cherishes. Raised in the small town of Charlotte Courthouse, Virginia, Keith's early years were steeped in hard work and a deep appreciation for machinery. As the son of a sawmill operator, he began hauling lumber at a young age, learning the ropes of the trucking world alongside his four brothers. Their collective efforts at the family service station not only supported their education but also instilled in them a strong work ethic that would define their futures.

In 1986, Keith and his brother Kolen founded Abilene Motor Express, a trucking company that has become a part of Knight-Swift. Despite the demands of his expanding business, Keith's passion for vintage machinery remained unwavering.

His journey into collecting began in 1987 when he purchased his first tractor—a 1950 John Deere M—from his late uncle's estate. This acquisition sparked a fervor for restoration and preservation, leading Keith to amass a collection of over 350 antique farm tractors and vintage road trucks. This personal collection eventually found a permanent home in the Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum, which opened its doors in 2010.

Keith's dedication to preserving agricultural and automotive history is evident in every corner of the museum. His commitment to sharing this heritage with the public reflects his belief in the value of hard work, family, and passion. As he continues to expand and enhance the museum, Keith Jones remains a steadfast guardian of the past, ensuring that future generations can appreciate the machines that shaped our history.

## MISSION STATEMENT

At the Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum, we are dedicated to preserving, showcasing, and celebrating the rich history of trucks, tractors, cars, agricultural and industrial machinery. We go far beyond these items with our eclectic and diverse variety of artifacts that helped shape our world and sparked technological progress. Our mission is to share our wonderful collection with everyone, making history fun and accessible through our exhibits and community events. We are here to inspire curiosity and a love for history in a welcoming environment.

## TRAINS, TRUCKS & TRACTOR: TITANS OF TRANSPORTATION

Saturday & Sunday  
July 19 – 20 & 26 – 27, 2025



## *All Aboard!*

Come and enjoy 8,500 square feet of collections of miniature model trains and villages.

Check our website for more information.

## RECENT ADDITION



This beautiful 1985 Jeep CJ7 was recently donated to Keystone by Bobby Conner. A dedicated friend of the museum and a life long friend of the Jones family growing up in Charlotte Courthouse, VA. **STOP BY TO CHECK IT OUT!**



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# LET US HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT

Looking for a unique venue that combines history, charm, and versatility? We offer an exceptional setting for a variety of events, from corporate gatherings to weddings and everything in between.

## Event Spaces Tailored to Your Needs

The museum boasts two distinct event rooms designed to accommodate a variety of group sizes and styles:

- **Room 1:** Ideal for smaller gatherings, this space comfortably seats up to 50 guests, making it perfect for intimate meetings or private dinners.
- **Room 2:** For larger events, this room can host up to 300 guests, suitable for weddings, conferences, or receptions.

Both rooms are equipped with modern amenities and are set against the backdrop of the museum's extensive collection of antique trucks, tractors, and automotive memorabilia, providing a distinctive atmosphere for your event.

## Catering and Dining Options

Enhance your event experience with catering services from the on-site Keystone Grill. Serving breakfast and lunch daily, the grill offers a variety of American diner classics.

## Convenient Amenities for Guests

The museum provides ample parking options, including spaces for buses, RVs, and large trucks, ensuring convenience for all attendees. Additionally, overnight RV parking is available, complete with water and electricity hookups, allowing guests to extend their visit comfortably.

## A Venue with Character

Hosting your event with us offers more than just a venue—it provides a memorable experience. Your guests can explore over 125,000 square feet of restored antique vehicles and artifacts, immersing themselves in a rich tapestry of agricultural and automotive history.

For more information or to book your event, visit our website or contact Anne Snead, event coordinator at (804) 525-9001. Let the museum's unique charm set the stage for your next special occasion.

*For our scheduled events please scan the code!*



## DID YOU KNOW?

Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum is a 501c3 non-profit organization? We appreciate your tax-deductible donations so that we can remain open for generations to come. You can donate on our website, [www.keystonetractorworks.com](http://www.keystonetractorworks.com) or send a check to Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum, 880 W. Roslyn Road, Colonial Heights, VA 23834. If you have questions, call Bob at 804-525-9005. *Thank you to all our loyal supporters.*

## EVENTS

AMERICAN RED CROSS

# BLOOD DRIVE

*Walk-ins  
Welcomed*

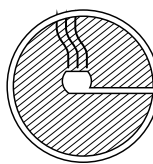
**JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**10:00 - 3:00**

**REGISTER AT**

**[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)**

also August 29th and December 19th



**Conclave Of  
Richmond  
Pipe Smokers**

**41<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

*Celebration & Exposition*

**SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

Scan for more information  
or visit



[conclaveofrichmondpipesmokers.org/  
annual-show](http://conclaveofrichmondpipesmokers.org/annual-show)

# THE KEYSTONE BLOWOUT



**Mark your calendars for our  
annual Blowout event!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**4:00 - 9:00**

This is a special afternoon of complete museum access, live music, and a delicious catered dinner.

Tickets available in the Gift Shop.