

**Next Regular Meeting April 15, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Francis Farm**

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Over 75 attendees at the March Meeting

Winner of the 50/50 raffle was Gil Larrabee. Joe Rossi won a box of chocolate covered strawberries donated by Paula Simmons, who works for Edible Arrangements. Todd Nunes won a Massachusetts Agricultural Calendar donated by Joe Podles. (Congratulations to Joe Podles who received an honorable mention for one of his photos which is published in this calendar.)

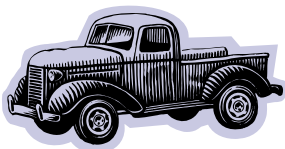
The successful Ham and Bean Supper realized a profit of \$1,679.00. Almost 200 people attended, and everyone had a good time. Thanks for attending! And a Big THANKS to cooks Betty Dyer and Jimmy Rosa for preparing the delicious meal and to Gil Larrabee for overseeing the whole event. (When you suggest something, Gil, you sometimes end up being in charge of the whole event. A lesson to be learned.)

Thanks to the Foleys for providing the hall and amenities: for the sound system, thanks go to Jerry Baker; for preparing and supervising the raffle table – Gayle Abrams, Bev Baker, Holly, Cody and Jacob Roy, and Ken Foley (for announcing); for ice cream – John Skurchak; kitchen help – Richie Lemieux, Nick Main, Ryan Kelley; servers – Jane Gagnon and her daughter, along with Paul Dean, Greg Abrams, Dick and Dottie Waite, Kay Waite, Rachel Smith; ticket handlers – Bev Baker, Jean Santos, Margaret Veader; also Ed Tessier, Joe Rossi. Official welcome wagon master – Manny Veader!!

The following donated prizes: Ellen Dean, Gayle Abrams, Tony Vacca, Monroe Grain, Jane Gagnon, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilbur, the Roy Family, Paula Lastarza of Francis Farm, Joe Rossi, Don Leffort, Main family, Betty Dyer, Paula Simmons, Richie Lemieux, Margaret and Manny Veader, Peter and Jean Santos, Tom Mello family (Rainbow Turkey farm), Kay and Bill Waite. The prizes were fantastic.

**NEATTA SPRING SHOW, SWAP MEET AND TRACTOR PULL**

**April 25 and 26, 2009 – Francis Farm, Off County Street, Rehoboth 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**



*Swap Meet, Tractor & Truck Show – Both Days*  
*Garden Tractor Pull 4/25 – Antique Farm Tractor Pull 4/26*  
*ATHS RI chapter (OSVH) (trucks) invited on 4/26*

TJ Mello is in charge of the Swap meet – Call 508 272-5474 or 508 222-7109 to rent 20' X 30' space.  
Member fee \$10.00 (1 day)- \$15.00 (2 days)      Non-member fee \$20.00 (1 day)- \$25.00 (2 days)

**There are plenty of spaces to rent. Tell all of your friends.**

**We need Members to bring Show Tractors and Trucks!**

**In lieu of admission, we will again ask for non-perishables (canned goods) or cash donations for the Helping Hands Food Pantry. Household paper products also accepted.**

**A Special Entertainment Feature -Michael Higgins of the Magic Garden, will create a “surprise” chainsaw sculpture on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>, (Sculpture to be raffled Oct. 4.)**

**On Sunday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11-2 he'll hand craft small surprise creations for children to buy. Bring all the kids to see what they can get for a dollar to take home to paint. Wow, kids will really like it!!!. Please bring it back to the October Show to display.**

Please make copies of above information and hand out to friends.

**Safety Topic at the meeting:** Richie Lemieux urged all members to teach the younger generation to avoid injuries that will last their lifetime, such as injuries to their spine, eyes and ears.

Don't forget the safety goggles, and respirator masks and ear plugs and protectors, and how about "asking" someone to help you lift something. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure (a saying many seniors can attest to).

**Update on trailer inspections:** Trailers 3,000 pounds and over must be inspected if commercially registered. If in doubt about your own circumstances call RMV hotline 617 351-9345 or 866 941-6277

**April 5, at 9:00 A.M. Work Party at Pulling Track at Francis Farm, Rehoboth**

**April 21 at 7:00 PM (note change of time to 7:00) at Francis Farm 2009 Fall Show Comm. Meeting.**

**Reminder - Membership dues (for April 1) is now being collected.** Individual membership \$18.00 and Family memberships will cost \$23.00, plus \$8.00 for each "additional participating member". Please be sure to include the children who will participate in the Garden Tractor Pulls. You will need to pay their \$8.00 insurance fee. Give us their name and age, please. Try to enroll before the April Show!!!! Things get really hectic the morning of the show.

You can mail the check, made out to NEATTA, to Margaret Veader, 16R Davis Street, Rehoboth, MA 02769. Be sure to include your name and address and any change in phone number or e-mail address. (Or pay at the meeting.) Include names of additional members, also.

**Thanks to all who have renewed their membership already.**

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### *Upcoming Election*

*Nominations for Elective Office were received at the March Meeting and can also be made prior to elections at the April Meeting. An absentee ballot may be requested from the Secretary and returned to the Secretary in time to be opened at the April Meeting.*

*Please think about serving as an Officer or on the Board of Directors. (Some are willing to step down to allow others to serve.)*

Nominated so far to serve as officers of NEATTA  
April 2009 through March 2010

Pres.: Ken Foley  
V.Pres. Greg Abrams  
Recording Sec.: Beverly Baker  
Corresponding Sec.: Margaret Veader  
Treasurer: Gilbert Larrabee

Current Board of Directors: Richard Lemieux, Manny Veader, Ed Darowski, T.J. Mello, Paul Moroni, Dan Roy, Don Leffort, Jerry Baker (The Board also includes the President and Vice President.)

The following were nominated to fill ONE position on the board (that of Richard Lopes, deceased):

Nominees are:  
Joe Rossi, Paul Dean, David Carpenter and Terry Jarvis

**Plow Day:** We have been invited to Ferolbink Farm (Peckham Brothers) in Tiverton on May 3 for a Plow Day. Sign up is necessary. Call Frank Soares 401 662-9131

Also, we have been invited to plow the same area as last year on Providence Street at the Rehoboth/Seekonk line at end of May or early June. See Manny or Richie for updates.