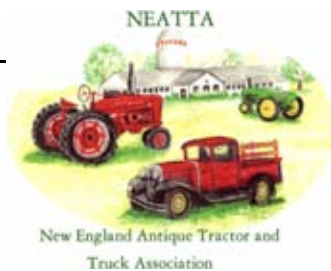


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The club got right down to business at our April 21st meeting with the election of officers for the year. Ken Foley remains our fearless leader and President, Richie Lemieux is our new Vice President, Bev Baker is the Recording Secretary and Treasurer and Jayne Gagnon is the Corresponding Secretary. New to the board is Frank Kowsic who we hope will bring some lively discussions to our meetings. Congratulations to all. Congratulations also go out to board member Don Leffort who was elected to the Board of Selectmen in Rehoboth.

Our Spring Show, Swap Meet, and Pull was a 50/50 success as far as the weather goes. Saturday was sunny and warm but Sunday was wet and raw keeping many people indoors. The pull committee did a great job of getting the track ready, moving the bleachers, and getting ready for the new scale for the garden tractors. The show tractors made for beautiful lawn decorations strategically scattered about the manicured grounds of Francis Farm. The transfer sled was purchased for the farm tractors and was used for the first time as the NEATTA transfer sled. We hope the Durfee family will be happy leaving their "baby" at its new home. Attendance and revenues were down from previous years, but the club still managed to collect about 25 crates of food and over \$500.00 in cash donations for the Rehoboth Helping Hands Food Pantry. Thanks to everyone who helped, took part or stopped by. Special thanks to Munroe Feed & Supply, 200 Agricultural Ave., Rehoboth, MA for donating the hay for our haystack game, and to John Skurchak of Uncle Ed's Front Porch, Winthrop St., Rehoboth and Uncle Ed's Back Porch, Old Colony Rd, in Norton for donating the free kid cones to the kids who found a needle in the haystack. Thanks to the Roy family, Don, Gail, and Jon for donating the potting soil for our Hairy Harry's, and once again, a great big THANK YOU to Ken Foley and the Foley Family for hosting our event at their beautiful facility, Francis Farm in Rehoboth.

Our events coming up for May are:

May 2nd – Plow day, 9:00 am, Ferolbink Farm, 993 Neck Rd, Tiverton, RI
Contact Frank Soares 401-662-9131 or www.neatta.org for directions and more info.

May 8th – Wilbraham Community Gardens – Wilbraham, MA contact Melissa Graves
at the Wilbraham Conservation Commission 413-596-2800 x119

May 19th – NEATTA members meeting 7:00 Francis Farm. If anyone knows of a guest speaker for the evening please let Bev know – 508-222-7109

May 23rd – NEATTA Pulls, Francis Farm, (both divisions)
Contact Dave Carpenter 774-991-1224 or Don Leffort 508-889-7798



May 31st – Dighton-Rehoboth Memorial Day Parade
 Contact Bill Copeland 508-824-5497 (There will be also be a meeting on
 May12, 6:00pm at the Veterans Hall in Dighton to help plan the parade)
 The club needs a tractor with a 2” ball to pull a people mover in that
 parade. Call Richie Lemieux if you can help 508-252-3976.

On another note of interest to our members:

May 31st There will be an Open House at Francis Farm from 11am to 6pm so why not
 load up after the parade in Dighton and head on over to the farm for clam cakes and
 “chowdah”. Also on Sat & Sun. of Memorial Day weekend at Francis Farm there
 will be a Cajun Festival with great Cajun music, dancing, and great Cajun food.

Laissez les bons temps rouler! (Google it!)



There is no date set for the Plow Day at the Seekonk/Rehoboth line but it will be some time
 in early June. More info on that will be available at the next meeting.

June 12th - Foxboro Founders Day – Contact Paul Dean 508-543-6801 for more info.

July 5th – Arnold Mills Parade in Cumberland, RI –note that is on Monday the 5th (not the 4th)
 Contact Bev or Jerry Baker 508-222-7019. Free lunch with “show girls”!

If you haven’t renewed your membership yet for this year please get it in soon. If you need
 the new form or more info on this call Jayne Gagnon 508-758-4572. We will be editing out all
 the former members and if you haven’t renewed you won’t be getting this very informative
 newsletter after July 2010 (except on the website).

To submit an ad for this newsletter, e-mail Bev at bgbake@comcst.net or submit one in writing
 at the next meeting.

As always, helpful websites: www.francisfarm.net, www.neatta.org, www.edgeta.org

A farmer went to the bank to get a new mortgage loan on his farm. The banker was hesitant and
 told the farmer that there isn’t much money in farming these days. To that the farmer replied,
 “I know there’s money in farming...I work two jobs just to put it there!”

