

New England Antique Tractor and Truck Association – NEATTA Newsletter #29

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Next regular meeting – August 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Francis Farm

Next Big Fall Show Meeting - July 28, 2009 at 7:00 at Francis Farm (Note change)

This is the best season to display your tractors, take part in the local parades, attend the many tractor pulls, drive your antique trucks, take in a picnic or two, swim in the ocean, take a long awaited trip. (It is also the season for the farmers to do the most work. Whew! Baling hay, tending the crops.) We hope you are able to do all of these things in spite of the crazy weather.

The recent meeting (July 15, 2009) was attended by about 30 members. Some of our members were participating in the Neatta Sponsored Garden Tractor Pull at the Westport Fair that evening. And others were trying to get the “haying” done before the expected rain. And some probably just forgot that we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We missed them all!

At the meeting the secretary read thank you notes from Rehoboth Rescue Committee for a donation and from Lt. William Saunders for our participation in the Rehoboth-Dighton Memorial Day Parade. It is always nice to know that the efforts of the club are well appreciated.

Gayle Abrams announced the meeting dates to prepare for the Oct 3 and 4 Show as follows:

All will be held at Francis Farm at 7:00 PM.: August 25 (Tues) and September 23 (Wed.)

All projects need to be firmed up soon. So please attend and give a hand where you are best qualified. Posters are being sent out in this mailing, and will also be available at the meetings and events, and on the website. Get them out ASAP. Spread the word. Help us to advertise.

Winner of the 50/50 raffle after the meeting was Joe Podles.

A video of the Ferolbinc Farm Plow Day was viewed in the Museum after the meeting. This will be kept in the museum for future viewing. Just ask Richie Lemieux to set it up.

Sixteen Members attended the Arnold Mills Parade in Cumberland, RI and were well received by the large crowds. It was nice to have the wagon from Francis Farm so members and wives could ride in the parade. The invitation stands for all members to ride in the future. ***Be prepared to wave.*** Thank you to Francis Farm/ Ken Foley for allowing us to use this equipment. (Incidentally the covered people mover will be at Rochester Parade.) Thanks to Bev and Jerry Baker for taking care of all plans and also for the delicious lunch after the parade. They were the best hosts.

Captured at the Cumberland Parade: Ed Darowski driving a red tractor admires a green tractor. Is he thinking, “Gee, I wonder what it’s like driving that pretty green tractor”?



July 4, 2009
NEATTA
Participated in the
Cumberland –
Arnold Mills
Parade



Patriotic Don Leffort and the Red, White and Blue



John Ferry of Westport on JD – D and Nick Main of Rehoboth on M Farmall at Pray Farm Plow Day.

Don Leffort reported that over 60 garden tractors participated in the NEATTA sponsored pull at the Westport Fair. Pullers are urged to help out at the pulls whenever possible. Help is needed operating the pulls. Please arrive early and volunteer some of your down time. Many thanks to the Gagnon family of Mattapoisett for procuring, grilling and serving food and drinks at the home pulls.

SOME REALLY GREAT EVENTS COMING UP THIS SUMMER

Tractor Pull Dates - Aug 23 (Note: for Farm Tractors Only) at Francis Farm,
Note Neatta Sponsored **Garden Tractors ONLY Pull on Aug. 30 at Marshfield Fair (Noon to 4)**
Sept. 27 – at Francis Farm, Farm Tractors and Garden Tractors.

Smith Neck Show in South Dartmouth, MA will be held on August 9. Call Norma York 508 763-2420 for information. (Enjoy a beautiful ride by the water to this show.)

Rochester Show will be held Aug. 21 – 23. Show and pulls on Saturday at 10:00. The annual parade is Sunday, Aug. 23. Check in between 8 and 9:30. Parade kicks off at 10:00. www.rochesterma.com for more information and applications.

Tom Soares generously offered to take care of a booth for us on Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Rochester Show selling hats, raffle tickets, signing up members. Please support Tom's efforts!!

The Seekonk Gun Club (in Rehoboth) will celebrate 100 years on Aug. 23, and they are including a tractor show at this event (with prizes). Also a skeet shoot, band, fishing derby and refreshments. Call Manny 508 252-6296 to participate. Tractor Show at Noon – Plan is to drive tractors to the Gun Club from Manny's house, 16R Davis St., Rehoboth. Meet at Manny's at 11:00 am.

The Marshfield Fair will feature NEATTA Tractor and Truck Show and NEATTA sponsored Garden Tractor Pull on Aug. 30. Call Ray McKay 508 543-2503. Call Don Leffort for specific info about pull. Don says there is plenty of room for more garden tractor participants. Pull time is noon to 4 PM. (For Neatta members only)

Joe Podles of *The CN Smith Farm in Bridgewater* has again invited us to attend their fall event at their Apple Orchard on *September 12 (rain date is September 13)*. ***If you bring your tractor to show,*** you can pick a 5-pound bag of apples to take home (for free). (And the picking is EASY.)

The Wrentham Cracker Barrel Classic Show (Antique Tractors, Engines and Implements) will be held **Sept. 17 – 20**. Registration Forms will be available at the meetings or contact Todd Davis, P.O. Box 144, Wrentham Developmental Center, Wrentham, MA 02903.