

*Next Regular Meeting August 20, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at Francis Farm*

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This newsletter will try to cover 2 months worth of news since we did not publish one last month. Hope you are enjoying the summer, doing some fun things while the sun shines, but know some are haying, picking vegetables like delicious corn, irrigating, and tending to the horses, cows, sheep and goats.

Individual and family memberships now exceed 245. We have picked up many new members (WELCOME), but a number of our old members have not renewed. Please urge them to rejoin!

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE CLUB AND PURCHASE A BOOK OF TICKETS!!**

This month we are sending the newsletter to every household (rather than some by e-mail) so we can enclose a book of RAFFLE TICKETS. We urge you to support the raffle and return \$5.00 along with the ticket stubs to treasurer, Gil Larrabee, 167 County Street, Rehoboth, MA 02769. This is a major fund raiser for NEATTA, and the prizes are awesome: 1st prize – John Deere Lawn Tractor, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Kawasaki String Trimmer, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, awesome John Deere Pedal Tractor (a collector's item). We have only until Oct. 5 to sell tickets. The prizes can be viewed in the Museum at Francis Farm.

Meeting attendees can pay for tickets at the regular meetings. If you think you can sell more tickets, Call 508 252-6296 and we will send them out to you. Tell all of your friends and co-workers about the raffle.



The Youth Driver Training Certification Cards are now here and will be given to: Mark-David Coelho, Spencer Crooks, Erin Fazzina, John Ferry, Jr., Kayla Leffort, Andrew A .Prata, Jr., and Kenny Wetherell. Congratulations to our young drivers, and our future club supporters. Have fun, but be safe.

The club will be purchasing an American Flag for our meetings. Also, a club flag with our logo will be purchased: thanks to Dave Auclair for getting prices on this. We look forward to displaying it. If there is enough interest, smaller versions of the same flag may be purchased to display on your tractors and trucks at shows and parades. A price will be obtained if smaller ones can be manufactured.

**FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF EVENTS – THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES & ADDITIONS**

July 27, 2008 – Tractor Pull at Francis Farm – please call Don Leffort or Greg Abrams to confirm. Pull starts at 9:00 AM. Youth class and garden tractor pulls in addition to farm tractor pulls.

Aug. 10, 2008 – (8:30 am – 10 am – set up) Show 10 am – 4:30 pm Antique Farm Equipment and Engine Show, Smith Neck Friends Meeting House, 594 Smith Neck Rd, , Dartmouth, MA Call 774 328-1490

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE IN DATE**

August 17, 2008 (not the 24<sup>th</sup>)– Antique Tractor and Truck Show at Marshfield Fair from 10 – 6. This is the opening day. Call Ray McKay at 508 543-2503 to sign up. (Please register ahead.) Fair runs 8/15 -8/24. If enough participants – a tractor pull may be held also. Call Don Leffort 508 889-7798.

August 20, 2008 – Board Meeting 6:00 P.M. at Francis Farm  
Regular Membership Meeting at Francis Farm at 7:00 P.M.

August 22, 23, 24 – Rochester, MA Fair Theme this year is “The Wild West”. Tractor pulls on Saturday, Parade on Sunday. Details and an entry form can be obtained at [www.rochesterma.com](http://www.rochesterma.com)

August 31, 2008 – Tractor Pull at Francis Farm – please call Don Leffort 508 889-7798 or Greg Abrams 508 252-4809 to confirm

Sept. 13, 2008, 10 am to 5 pm. Block Party- Redway Plain – Rehoboth ( Rain Date – Sept. 14) subject to change

Sept. 13, 2008- 10 am -2 pm Our club has been invited to display their tractors at CN Smith Farm and Apple Orchard in East Bridgewater, MA (rain date – Sept. 14)

September 17, 2008 Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. at Francis Farm  
Regular Membership Meeting at Francis Farm at 7:00 PM

October 5, 2008 – The Big Show – at Francis Farm. Our own fabulous event with Show and Pulls and Entertainment and Food. Plan to be there. Mark your calendar!!!! We are looking into having a Chicken Barbecue at end of day. Plan to be there, with your family and that special antique or two.

October 11, 12, 2008 – Vermont Foliage Tractor Run 8 – 4, Westport, NY, Parade in Charlotte VT. Call Don Sasin at 339-237-1202 for details and names of motels. Please plan ahead for this one.

October 15, 2008 – Regular Members Meeting at Francis Farm at 7:00 PM

October 3 and 4, 2009 (Yes, 2009) Our Big Show at Francis Farm to include Edge and TA members

The Tractor Pulling Committee could use more support in running their events. If you can give an hour or two – or more- on a Sunday morning, please volunteer. They need helpers willing to do some physical work. Gayle Abrams is selling hot dogs, sodas and snacks to keep the participants fueled up.

Richie Lemieux and his team of volunteers have been faithfully manning the museum this summer. Why don't you bring your neighbors, relatives, co-workers in to see the display? The Museum is open to coordinate with events at the Francis Farm. Call to check hours with Richie. Also, contact Richie if you are interested in “showing” your truck or tractor in the museum. 508 252-3976

Thanks to the following participants in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Cumberland, RI: Drivers, Don Sasin, Dotty Sasin, Paul Dean, Don Leffort, Dylan Leffort, Pete Santos, Dan Roy, Richie Lemieux, Nick Main, David Carpenter, Ben Chace (from NY), Harry Duckworth, Jerry Baker, Beverly Baker, Jeff DeFontes (our only antique truck driver) (see photo to left) and Manny Veader (who somehow got tied up with a Chorale Group) Hope HE didn't sing. Riders: Jean Santos, Joanne Duckworth, Margaret Veader, Cody Roy, Jacob Roy, and members of Beverly's family. Many thanks to Beverly and Jerry Baker for handling all the details, directions and set up – and also the lunch after the parade. And Richie Lemieux for helping to get the wagons there. For future parades, those who attend with the drivers can now ride in the parade. There is always room.



There are two DVD's full of pictures of the Plow Day held on June 1, thanks to Manny Veader's sister, Anna Gomes. View the video in the Museum after next meeting. Thanks to participants who plowed 37 acres belonging to Dick and Marie Pray in one beautiful morning in June: Lyle Booth, Paul Dean, Dan Francis, Don Sasin, Frank Soares, Richie Lemieux, Nick, Alec and Jeff Main, Joe Machado, Todd Nunes, Dave and Adam Simcock, Bill Hibbad, Dan Pion, Dan Roy, Jon Veader, Tony Oliviera, and Manny Veader. Thanks to Rehoboth Rescue Committee for providing coffee and donuts.

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Website – Ed Darowski noted our current web host is not responding to the problems we have been having, and he is looking for a new carrier.

While on your computer, look up [www.edgeta.com](http://www.edgeta.com) and read entire safety rules (too numerous to mail), but a copy will be at all meetings. It is broken down to parades, shows and tractor pulling. You should already know 1. Only one person per tractor (see exceptions in rules) 2. Youths (age 12 thru 15) who drive in parade or on show grounds must have a Youth Driver Training Cert. Card. 3. Parade tractors need a fire extinguisher prominently displayed on the tractor. These are only a few of the rules – please read up.

Our Safety Officer discussed home fires, with emphasis on safely heating your home this winter. Space Heaters were involved in 32% of home heating fires, but 73% of the deaths in 2005. Leading cause is equipment too close to things that burn (combustibles). Other dangers are tipping over, and during refill. Be sure everyone in your house knows what to do in case of fire and how to evacuate. Keep fire extinguishers in home, car and on tractor. Go to [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) for statistics.

If you have the address or website of a publication where we can advertise, call TJ Mello 508 252-6773



Scholarship – in 2008 - \$500 was given to graduating senior Nicole Grennan, at Bristol County Agricultural School on May 29 to continue her education after graduating from Bristol Aggie. We hope she is successful in all of her endeavors.

Next Meeting Date – Aug. 20, 2008  
7:00 P.M. at Francis Farm

Please note that a board meeting is held at 6:00 P.M. and you are welcome to attend that also.

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Lawn tractor raffle tickets are available at meetings and also by calling 508 252-6296.

One ticket gives you 3 chances to Win one of the 3 available prizes

Thanks to donors for June 50/50 raffle: plant from Paula Simmons, gas can from Don Leffort, and hanging plant from Ray McKay. Manny Veader won 50/50 cash raffle. Kay Waite and Louis Gizzi won items.

Last minute news– Westport Fair Participants: Don Leffort, Bill Hathaway, Don and Dot Sasin, Dan Roy, Tony Oliveira, William Harvey Copeland, Manny Veader, Ron and Sue Motha, Paul Moroni, Bill Battles, Pete and Jen Santos, Paul and Ellen Dean and Eric Perry. Thanks for the good attendance. They “showed” their tractors and also played tractor games. (It was a very HOT and HUMID day. But they didn't complain.)

*Thanks to all the people who took time to participate in our many events.  
Hope to see you at an event. Or at the Museum, Or at a clambake! (508 252-3212)*