

Next Regular Meeting January 21, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Francis Farm

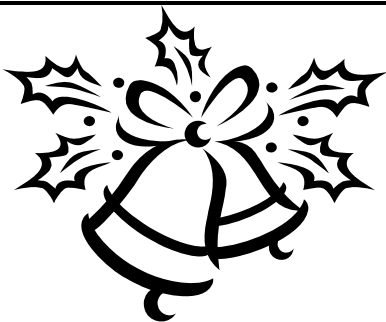
No December Meeting – Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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A GREAT BIG THANK  
YOU FOR THE MANY  
WONDERFUL TOYS  
THAT MEMBERS  
BROUGHT TO THE  
NOVEMBER MEETING.

(These will be going to  
National Guard children to  
make their Christmas a little  
brighter while a parent is  
away serving our Country.)

Member Nick Main poses with the many gifts at November 19, 2009 meeting.



*NEATTA ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DEC. 6, 2008 6:00 P.M.  
FRANCIS FARM*

Members are invited (adults and children) to participate in our NEATTA Christmas Party. Tickets are \$16.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 6 – 12 years old, Free for children under 6. Reservations must be made ahead, and there are still some tickets left. A Chicken Barbecue will be served, and will include Ziti with Meat Sauce, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Garden Salad w/ Dressings, Rolls, Butter, Ice Cream and Beverage. Call today for tickets. 508 222-7109 Don't miss out on the fun.

For those attending, a gift swap will be held for those who wish to participate, with men asked to bring a wrapped man's gift, and women to bring a wrapped woman's gift. Please label – "man" or "woman". (Usually around a \$10. value) Also, Santa is expected to bring some surprises for the youth.



"Charlene" will be singing her great country western songs.

## Here Is What's Been Going On -----

The Big Fall Show on Oct. 5 was a success, showing a profit of \$1,217.25. Thanks to all who gave of their time and efforts on behalf of the club. New this year was the working display of a Shingle Mill by Steve Yeaw, member, and corn grinding by Ed Darowski, member. Again we were fortunate to have The Chapter 18 IH Group to display their corn chopping machine. The Rehoboth Helping Hands Food Pantry thanked the club for raising \$476.57 in cash and 14 milk crates of donated canned goods, which we requested instead of an admission fee. Thank you to Betty Dyer and Ed Tessier for manning the gate all day long.

Members also showed their tractors and trucks at the Noons' Farm Corn Maze in Rehoboth on Oct. 19. Members paraded briefly from Manny Veader's home to the Corn Maze as an added attraction.

Members and their tractors and trucks were welcomed at the Araujo Farm and Greenhouses in Dighton on Nov. 2, to display during the Dighton Lions Club Arts Show.

The Museum Committee is gearing up for the long winter, after having great displays throughout the year. There are some new tractors there now.

The Pulling Committee is looking forward to next year, with plans moving ahead to relocate the track, fence in certain areas for safety, and put up bleachers to keep spectators from any harm, and purchase of a transfer sled. All agree that this has been a great way to introduce our youngsters to the fun and sport of pulling with antique garden tractors, and a way for adults to get together in friendly competition on their antique farm tractors. We are being challenged by some in the neighborhood to curtail the operations, and we are looking forward to resolving this dilemma in the very near future.

The Club made a donation of \$100 to a fundraiser for Greg Reynolds, a young man who was in a serious motorcycle accident this past summer.

A "Supper" of some kind is anticipated sometime in January-February, to keep up the momentum of past efforts to raise money, and also to get the members together for good fellowship. (Nothing like tractors and trucks to keep a conversation going and going .....and going.) Call 508 222-7109 in January for info.

Sponsoring a CPR Class is in the near future..... It is anticipated this could be scheduled after the first of the year. If you are interested please make it known to the Board. A minimum number of participants is needed. Here is your chance to do something important that you may have been putting off for years. Call Richie Lemieux at 508 252-3976 to sign up.

We thank John Fistori of Interstate Batteries of North Dartmouth for making a presentation at our meeting. A question and answer period followed his presentation and John brought a box full of t-shirts and also pads and pens to hand out. (Future speakers are always welcome. Just make the suggestion to the board.)

Paul Dean reported that he and Don Sasin participated in the New York Tractor Run and only two tractors were lost along the way. (Gee, we hope they eventually got home.) The parade on the following day in Vermont included 150 tractors from all over the Northeast.

Don Leffort is taking orders for club jackets. Adults - \$85.00- the tan jacket includes club logo handsomely stitched on the back. Call Don 508 889 -7798.

Suggestions for next year's annual raffle event are being considered. Lots of suggestions. No decision yet. Also be thinking of goals for 2009.

Don't forget that we now have individual club flags for sale at \$20.00, and a gorgeous canvas bag with the embroidered club logo \$25.00. Both items are nicely presented and you would be proud to have one (or give one to your wife). Thanks to TJ Mello for his artistic work and Dave Auclair for his footwork.  
Call 508 252-6296

There will be no meetings in December and no newsletter..

Jan. 13, 2009, 6:00 PM at Francis Farm there will be a meeting for 2009 Big Fall Show Committee. If you are a part of this committee, and have been attending these meetings, please be sure to come.

January 21, 2009, 7:00 PM at Francis Farm -NEATTA MEMBERS MEETING. Hope to have a date set (and tickets available to sell) for the Supper/Fundraiser. Plan to attend the meetings during the winter season, catch up on the news and see your old friends. Find out what the club is doing!!

February or March (no date yet) - Ham and Bean Supper (or some other type of meal) – Raffle – Entertainment. Plan to have a good time while you are supporting the club.

April 25 and 26, 2009 –NEATTA Spring Show and Swap Meet. More details will be available soon. Please tell your friends and vendors NOW to save these dates, as they may want to rent a space. The more the merrier.

Summer of 2009 will probably be filled with many of our regular events, parades, pulls, fairs. As soon as we know the dates we will let you know. Remember that if you suggest any, it is up to you to get all of the details and coordinate the club's participation in the event.

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October 3 and 4, 2009 Our Big Fall Show will also include the Edge & TA Northeast Regional Show and Meeting. Plans include our usual show and pulls, along with participation by local organizations with the theme "Autumn on a New England Farm. Vendors of farm related products will be invited to participate, also. A special evening dinner is planned with entertainment, as well as a working display of "Haying Equipment" from past to present on a nearby field..



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE PAST YEAR SUCH A SUCCESS FOR THE CLUB. WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT AND ATTENDANCE AT OUR EVENTS?