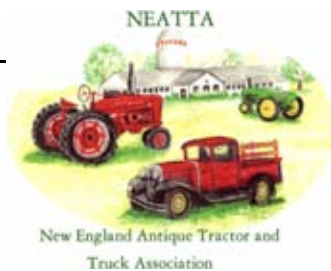


# New England Antique Tractor & Truck Association

## EDGE & TA Chapter 176

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The spring season is dawning, shedding new light on the upcoming year. We can see more changes on the horizon. Richie Lemieux has been looking over the old club charter and the Board of Directors has put forth some suggestions. The first change deals with Article VI, Section 1 which has to do with how the club determines the amount of membership dues for an individual or a family. The current article reads: 'Dues shall be \$10.00 per individual and \$15 per family per annum and shall be effective for one calendar year beginning April 1.'

The recommended change would not set any specific amount so that each year upon the recommendation of the board of directors, members can decide on what the dues will be and the amount can be easily changed, lower or higher, without a charter change each time. **The revised Article VI, Section 1 would read: Dues shall be set each year by the recommendation of the Board of Directors and decided upon by the vote of a simple majority of the general membership at the regular February general membership meeting and shall be effective for one calendar year beginning April 1.**

The second charter change deals with Article VII – Insurance which is currently left blank. The new article is written below.

### ARTICLE VII: INSURANCE

#### Section 1:

**All NEATTA members who participate\* in any NEATTA sanctioned event are required to have an up to date EDGE & TA Insurance membership card.**

**\*Participation is defined as the display of trucks, equipment, or tractors or the operation of any motorized vehicles, trucks, tractors or equipment at NEATTA sanctioned events such as shows, parades, tractor pulls or swap meets.\*\***

**\*\*Swap meet vendors will require EDGE & TA Insurance membership cards. Business vendors at swap meets must provide proof of their own liability coverage. Volunteers who staff a NEATTA sales table are not required to be club members or carry EDGE & TA insurance. NEATTA members or guests who ride on a people mover do not need EDGE & TA insurance. Club members who help at the pulls are required to have EDGE & TA insurance.**

A sanctioned event is defined as any event that has three or more NEATTA members participating and listed on our event calendar.

The membership was notified of these suggested changes at our regular February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be a vote on them at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Get your membership dues in to Jayne Gagnon by St. Patrick's Day. If you are planning on taking part in the pulls in April you must have your membership cards in hand before then.



Also at the March meeting will be the nomination of officers with the vote being taken at our April meeting. The club is looking for a treasurer. Anyone????

Speaking of April, our Swap Meet and Show is set for April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> which is the last weekend in April. Gather ye all your iron of old and set it out for sale, spring clean your shed and barn - maybe make a few bucks, talk tractor, and meet some great people. Call Jerry or Bev Baker 508-222-7109 to reserve your space.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Ham & Bean Supper was another huge success, thanks to all the wonderful people who helped. John Skurchak of Uncle Ed's Front Porch (now with two locations, Rehoboth and Norton) cooked and seasoned the hams to perfection. Bette Dyer made her secret recipe Cole slaw. (psst... it's made with Dave's Original Cole Slaw dressing!) Dave Messinger, of KP Diner fame, gave the club an excellent discount on the two gallons that we needed. Dave has smaller jars for sale at KP. You have to get some! Bette also worked her culinary craft with the beans and applesauce. Richie and Paul Lemieux, Rachel Smith and Bev and Jerry helped out in the kitchen. Tom & Ann Soares along with the Gagnon family pleasingly piled our plates high. Jayne Gagnon was a natural as MC for the raffle drawings while earlier in the evening daughter Caitlyn and friend Shannon sold the tickets for the many items generously donated by so many members. Many thanks go to the cleanup crew of Bob Baker, Paul Moroni and Eric Dussault who made short work of clearing off the tables. Thanks also to Paula LaStarza our bar keeper, kitchen consultant and culinary equipment engineer, and thanks to Ken Foley and the Foley family for their gracious hospitality once again. Manny & Margaret Veader and Gil Larrabee were honored for their dedication to the club with lifetime membership awards.

Some Upcoming events:

March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting when we will vote on charter changes and nominate a slate of officers.

April 21st meeting when we will elect officers for 2010, all membership renewals must be in by then if you are planning to take part in the swap meet & show the following weekend.

April 24 & 25 - NEATTA Annual Swap Meet & Show

May 8<sup>th</sup> - Community Gardens in Wilbraham MA

May 31<sup>st</sup> - Memorial Day Parade in Dighton

Peter O'Lien from CE Beckman Co. in New Bedford spoke to the members about the new types of motor oil available today. Most of our antique vehicles should use non-detergent motor oil but it is getting harder and harder to find due to new Federal Clean Air Regulations. If you find the old type of motor oil, Peter recommends that you purchase as much as you can. Soon the old type of oil that most of us use will only be available at a specialty lube dealer. Thank you Peter!

Both divisions of the pulling committees are planning to meet together to decide on a wish list for the upcoming season and to outline plans on the development of the track. It was decided that both the Farm Tractors and the Garden Tractors will pull on the same day. Our first pulls will be at the Swap Meet & Show in April.

It was learned that Board member Paul Dean recently underwent hip surgery. A get well card was made available for members to sign. We hope he gets better quickly! (or he may be surprised to find himself appointed to something at the next Board meeting)

As always, check out these websites [www.neatta.org](http://www.neatta.org) , [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org), and [www.FrancisFarm.net](http://www.FrancisFarm.net) or e-mail Bev with your news at [BG Bake@comcast.net](mailto:BG Bake@comcast.net) .

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To all things there is a season...

is it spring yet?