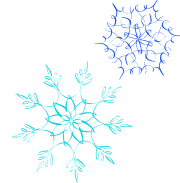


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Happy New Year to all! Let's hope that this year will be even better than the last.

It isn't easy to think about the upcoming spring when there is over two feet of snow on the ground and yet another storm is being forecasted. The seed catalogues are starting to appear in the mailbox (if you still have a mailbox), the groundhog didn't see his shadow, but the most encouraging sign of spring was getting the new Valu-Bilt Tractor Parts Catalogue. Spring is coming, though not soon enough for most of us!

To quickly summarize the past year, the club was quite busy, taking part in more than twenty events which included parades, shows, dinners and pulls. In a brief financial summary, the club netted approximately \$ 23,000 in gross receipts and donated over \$ 6,000 in cash, food and toys. This is all possible because of the generosity of Ken Foley, all the folks who volunteered for the events, the various businesses who helped sponsor the activities, and all the members who took part. The Spaghetti Supper on December 4th was another huge success. The club was able to donate \$ 1,932.00 to the Rehoboth Helping Hands Food Pantry as well as a pick-up truck full of food and toys. Special thanks to Derek Horta and Fun in the Sun Party rentals of Taunton, MA for donating the Jump room rental for the raffle and to Jayne Gagnon who won that raffle and re-donated the rental for the Spring Show on April 30th/May 1st.

This year is planned to be a busy year again starting with the Ham & Bean Supper on March 12th, 6 PM at Francis Farm. Tickets are on sale now, \$10.00 for adults, half price for children 5-12, and free for children under 5. Call Bev 508-222-7109 or e-mail me bgbake@comcast.net to reserve your tickets or purchase them at the next meeting on February 16th.

At our January 19th meeting, Vice President Richie Lemieux spoke of some of the upcoming goals that the club is working on. There will be new exhibits in the museum and improvements to the pulling track. Our big fund raiser this year will be a consignment auction in September in conjunction with our Fall Show/Swap Meet.

In pull news, Frank Kowsic is working on the garden tractor sled. The goal is to make the sled self-propelled. Also in the works are plans to complete the expansion of the track and make improvements to the surface. New Farm Pull rules are being developed which may include extra insurance that will cover what EDGE insurance doesn't, which will allow for expanded classes with increased horse power. (Pullers gone wild!)



For those of you who are anxious to renew your memberships, the EDGE & TA insurance will remain the same as last year, at \$8.00. The club dues for 2011 will be decided on by the members at the February 16th meeting. You may remember that the club enacted a Charter change last year that allows the members to set the amount for dues each year.

Upcoming events: February 16th, Membership meeting, 7 pm Francis Farm
March 12th, Ham & Bean Supper, 6 pm Francis Farm
March 16th, Membership meeting – nominations, membership renewals

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Looking to trade 24 hit and miss gas engines for an old pickup size truck in restorable condition that tickles my fancy, depending on what you have, some or all the engines may be involved.

I will supply list and pictures. Call George 845-635-3168 between 3:30 and 8:30 PM. I appreciate your interest; will not sell any engines separately at this time.

Happy Valentine's Day! See you at the next meeting!

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