New England Antique Tractor & Truck Association
EDGE & TA Chapter 176

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How quickly time is passing! By now the fields have been plowed and planted. Some cool weather crops have been harvested and the first cut hay is baled and up in the barn. The strawberries have ripened and the growing season looks promising if the good weather holds out. The weather cooperated beautifully for the Memorial Day Parade in Dighton. About 25 tractors paraded their American made pride before enthusiastic crowds all along Route 138 in honor of our veterans. Many thanks go to Bill Copeland for being the club liaison and thanks also to those who took part either by driving their vehicles, riding on the wagon or cheering for the club along the route. The only complaint came from one orange tractor owner concerning the glare from the exceptional paint job of Snooky Roberts' restored 1951 Case VAC. It was a sight to behold and so beautifully done! After the parade, some members met up at Francis Farm for the open house event under the tent.

Coming events of interest at Francis Farm:

The restaurant under the tent is open for the summer every Friday and Saturday from 4 pm to 10 pm. Sundays from 11 am to 6 pm.

Upcoming NEATTA events for July:

July 5th – Monday, Arnold Mills Parade, Cumberland, RI- Contact Bev or Jerry 508-222-7109
All are welcome. Free lunch with "show girls"! www.arnoldmillsparade.com

July 14th thru July 18th – Westport Fair with Garden Tractor Pull on July 17th
Contact Tony Oliveira 508-636-2496

July 18th – Francis Farm, farm tractor pull.

July 21 – NEATTA members meeting, 7:00 PM at Francis Farm.

A non NEATTA event on July 23rd - 25th is the Raitt Farm Show in Eliot, Maine. This show is approximately a two hour drive away and well worth it just for the swap meet.

At new event that NEATTA will take part in is a fund raiser for NIKE Park being held at Hobby Horse Farm on August 15th at 9 AM. This looks to be a very interesting event with an exposition on various horse breeds. There will be more details to follow at the July 21st meeting. The club will probably meet at Francis Farm to off load our tractors and then drive down to Hobby Horse Farm on route 118 (near Route 44). This is a rain or shine event.

Upcoming NEATTA events for August:

August 15th – Smith Neck Show –S. Dartmouth – Contact Norma York 774-328-1490

August 15th – Hobby Horse Farm – NIKE Park fundraiser- contact Richie 508-252-3976

August 17th –NEATTA members meeting 7 pm at Francis Farm

August 20 – 22 – Rochester Fair – a really fun time! Contact Mike Kuczera 508-763-9610

August 20 – 29 – Marshfield Fair with tractor pulls, both divisions, on the 29th. Contact Dave for Farm tractor pull 774-991-1224 or Don for Garden tractor pull 508-889-7798

A nice non-NEATTA event is the John Deere show on August 20th in New Boston, NH.

It's about a three hour ride from Rehoboth with more green stuff there than anyone would ever want to see.

At our May meeting, the club awarded our former Vice President Greg Abrams, one of the original founding members, with an honorary lifetime membership. Greg was essential to the development of the pulls at Francis Farm and the implementation of our EDGE & TA insurance. He was the first to suggest that the club donate toys at Christmas time to the National Guard and collect contributions for the Rehoboth Helping Hands Food Bank at our shows. Thank you Greg!

At our June meeting the Board of Directors also awarded Gail Abrams an honorary lifetime club membership. She too was instrumental in the founding of the club and was the first secretary and our Big Show coordinator. Thank you Gail!

The new insurance by-law change was finally voted on and adopted. The complete by-laws will be available on the web site and at Francis Farm. The new by- law explains who is required to have liability insurance at our club events.

Richie Lemieux is still looking for some good ideas for displays at the museum for next year. If you have something you would like to put on display please let him know. Richie also took some extra time this week to replace a load cell on the scale that had malfunctioned at the pulls last week. Thanks Richie. Now there will be no "guessing" on the weights for you pullers.

Coming soon to the web site will be a new page for an order form for club merchandise including photos of club hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets. Everyone will be able to download a form, fill it out, and send the check to Tom Soares. As always, club merchandise will be available at the pulls and at some of our upcoming events.
The board of directors is looking into developing an annual calendar featuring members' tractors and trucks. If you have a photo of your tractor or truck (vehicles only, no people) that we could use for the calendar please let Bev know. The board is trying to have the calendar available for the September 29ths show...we'll see!
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