

Summer greetings!

It's finally here! The gardens and fields are plowed and planted, the first cut of hay is in (hopefully!) and our lives are busier than ever! It is very much appreciated when members take time to participate in club events.

The clouds parted and the sun shown just long enough for plow day at Ferolbink Farm in Tiverton on May 15th. Richie Lemieux brought his 1926 Fordson and Ferguson plow (featured in January on the Club calendar). In all about twelve tractors enjoyed plowing at the beautiful farmscape along the Sakonnet River with surrounding salt marshes.

The club had a FANTASTIC showing at the Rehoboth Memorial Day parade with more than thirty members taking part either by driving a farm tractor, garden tractor, truck, golf cart, or riding on the hay wagon. It was something to be proud of! Thank you all. Thanks to Margaret Veader for making video and slide show disks of both events for museum goers to enjoy.

THE BIGGEST NEWS IN CLUB HISTORY!!!!

A film crew from 'Cruisin' New England' will be filming our club on June 26th! There is a scheduled pull that day at Francis Farm but the show would also like to see AS MANY TRACTORS AND TRUCKS on display as we can get- and all kinds! Farm tractors! Garden tractors! Kids' pedal tractor! Red ones, orange ones, yellow ones, green ones, grey ones and blue ones! Antique trucks too! Here's your chance to get your tractor or truck on TV! The show will be aired about 8 times this fall. The club is asking for everyone to take part. Please be in place by 8:30 am. Let's show everyone what we've got!

SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 26th at FRANCIS FARM!



WE NEED ALL OF YOU!

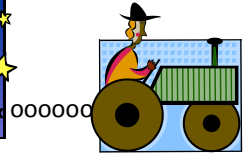




Our next big (and very fun!) event will be the Arnold Mills July 4th Parade in Cumberland, RI. This will be our fourth year at the parade. All are welcome. Meet the club's mascot, Hadley, and enjoy a FREE picnic lunch after the parade featuring Willow Tree Chicken Salad sandwiches and lots of homemade goodies!

Family members, especially US Service members are invited to ride on the Francis Farm hay wagon. The club will stage behind St. John Vianney Church again this year (access from Metcalf Drive off Rt. 114) Call Bev or Jerry Baker for directions 508-222-7109. We can help with trailering too!

Our next regular meeting will be on July 20th, 7pm at Francis Farm. The club is planning on a night pull at Francis Farm on July 30th. More info to follow!



Other events in the area that club members may be interested in are:

First Annual Joe Monteiro Memorial Tractor Ride in Rochester – June 25th, contact Slim Bernier 508-763-2414, George Hall 508-763-2122, or Courtland Ridings 508-758-3220

John Deere Expo Show – July 7,8,9th Canandaigua, NY, www.newyorkstateexpo.com

Westport Fair – July 14th thru July 18th.

Elliot Antique Show – Raitt Homestead – July 29-31 (not the 22-24!)

(The date had been changed after our club calendar was already printed)

All dates for events subject to change. Verify before you load up your tractor or truck!



In other club news...

The Farm Tractor pullers division has purchased a loader for the pulls at a cost of \$4,700.00 as voted on by the members at last month's meeting. The club no longer has to depend on using Francis Farm's equipment and so we are able to maintain the track at any time as needed.

Richie Lemieux and Manny Veader have put the finishing touches on the club's Farmall Cub and it looks beautiful! It is currently on display along the back wall of the museum at Francis Farm. The plan is to auction it off at the Fall Show & Consignment auction on Sept. 25th. Club members are encouraged to take a good look at it so that a reserve price can be agreed upon. After all the hard work that the members have put into it (especially Richie!) we don't want to let it go for less than what it is worth. Thanks to everyone who helped!

The Dighton Lions Cow Chip festival pull netted \$ 140.00 a piece for the club and for the Lions. The crowd seemed to enjoy the pulls and we are invited back next year! Thanks to Steve Jones, Kerri Jones and Jim Vincent for organizing the pull for that event.

The Club scholarship recipients have been chosen! Former member Brendon Lord of Westport won at Bristol Aggie and Jake Woodward of Sherborn, MA won at Norfolk Aggie. Congrats to them and best wishes for success in continuing their education!

Membership renewals are (OVER) due now!

Membership forms are available on the website www.neatta.org or from Jayne Gagnon 508-758-4572

Helpful websites www.neatta.org, www.edgeta.com, www.francisfarm.net, or e mail Bev (me) bgbake@comcast.net

Travel to Heaven

This 85 year old couple, having been married almost 60 years, had died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years mainly due to her interest in health food, and exercise.

When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and Jacuzzi. As they "oohed and aahed" the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost.

"It's free," Peter replied, "this is Heaven."

Next they went out back to survey the championship golf course that the home backed up to. They would have golfing privileges every day and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on earth.

The old man asked, "What are the green fees?" Peter's reply, "This is heaven, you play for free."

Next they went to the club house and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out.

"How much to eat?" asked the old man?

"Don't you understand yet? This is heaven, it is free!" Peter replied with some exasperation.

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly.

Peter lectured, "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

With that the old man went into a fit of anger, throwing down his hat and stomping on it, and shrieking wildly. Peter and his wife both tried to calm him down, asking him what was wrong.

The old man looked at his wife and said, "This is your entire fault! If it weren't for your blasted bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago!"