

New England Antique Tractor and Truck Association – NEATTA

Sponsored by Francis Farm, Rehoboth, MA

Member of EDGE & TA Branch #176

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Next Regular Meeting March 19, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at Francis Farm

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*A full house – at the February meeting. Members must be looking forward to spring and planting gardens, working on their pet projects, attending the Swap Meet and Tractor Pull on April 26 and April 27, and going to other tractor and truck events. Winter is “almost” over. Don’t fret.*

*A graduating senior of Bristol County Agricultural School will be the happy recipient of a \$500 Scholarship, thanks to NEATTA. Ed Darowski is doing the legwork on this project. THANKS, ED. We will apply for a recipient thru the school using their criteria. The scholarship will apply to a student continuing their education after graduation.*

*The Rehoboth Lions Club has invited our club to “earn money” on the Lobster and Meat Raffles that they are holding. We will receive half of the profit, and we only need to promote and attend the Raffle. This appears to be an ideal situation. So please support this if possible. The Raffle consists of various excellent meat cuts, and lobsters, and surf and turf and other nice prizes. If you win a lobster, they will even cook it for you. It is a nice way to spend a cold winter Sunday afternoon. Raffles are held on Sundays at Francis Farm (Francis Hall), Rehoboth, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., on Feb. 24, March 2, 9, and 16. Tell all of your friends to come on down. It was suggested that the Museum be open during this time.*

*The Board of Directors has chosen the following for our annual raffle, drawing to be held Oct. 5: 1st prize – John Deere LA115 Lawn Tractor with 42” mower. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Kawasaki String Trimmer, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – John Deere Pedal Tractor. You will get a preview and chance to purchase a raffle ticket at the Ham and Bean Supper, March 1, at 6:00 p.m.*

*Hope you have purchased a supper ticket for the Ham and Bean Supper.. If not, you can call 508 252-6296. There are still tickets left. We will have a raffle table, like last time, with lots of new items. Ken Foley has donated a “suite” at the Dunkin Donuts Center for a specific event. Still accepting donations for the table. Hurry – Supper is March 1, 6:00 P.M. at Francis Farm.*

*Richie Lemieux, Safety Chairman, gave a brief talk on Battery Safety this month. Everyone knows of instances of batteries blowing up. So use extreme care when connecting to other people’s batteries. They may not have a safe setup.. And you could be endangering yourself and others with an improper connection. If you don’t heed this warning, and do get hurt, the most we can do is send you a “Sorry About Your Accident” Card. You will have to do the rest.*

*Richie will also be calling a meeting of the Museum Committee (volunteers) soon to plan what will be displayed in the Museum this year. This is not an easy task, keeping the Museum full at all times. Contact Richie 508 252-3976 if you can assist in any way.*

*Don Leffort plans to get information online for the Tractor Rules, and for the Youth Training Certification. Watch [www.neatta.org](http://www.neatta.org) for updates. Copies to be available at next meeting. See Don.*

*The Pull Committee is also looking into the best deal for a SCALE. Prices range from \$1100 all the way up to \$3700. \$1,500 was appropriated at the last meeting. Greg Abrams has been looking into this for the best deal for the club. Good Luck, Greg. And a member has volunteered to help build a TRANSFER SLED. This Pull Committee will meet on March 9 at Francis Farm at 9 A.M.*



*The Antique Truck Committee will meet soon. Ken Foley, Terry Jarvis, and Joe Rossi are among the people who have trucks and want to promote them, and will meet soon. They hope to find ways to attract more antique truck enthusiasts.*

*Manny Veader and Walt Munroe are working together on possible Plow Day to be held sometime before summer.*

*Don Leffort wore his spiffy new tan jacket with Neatta Logo in color on back and club name on front. He can order one for you (\$85.00- please prepay), so call him if interested (508 252-4990) or talk to him after a meeting.*



*The 50/50 raffle was won by Ron Motha, and the delicious arrangement, brought by Paula Simmons (Thanks, Paula) from her employer, Edible Arrangements in Taunton, was won by Tony Oliviera. Toys were won by Mario Pasqua and Don Leffort.*

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With this newsletter you will find an enrollment form. Please renew membership by April 1. And you will automatically be enrolling in membership in EDGE & TA, for insurance. Please note that you should bring the plastic EDGE card you received last year when you paid the extra \$9.00. We will place a 2009 sticker on the card when this years dues are paid. Also you will receive an EDGE & TA Badge (Pin).

If you can help the club save money on postage, and are willing to receive your newsletter by e-mail – please check the appropriate box and write your e-mail address clearly on the enrollment form.

You can mail your form with a check, per instructions – or you can pay at any meeting with cash or check.

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*Two bylaw amendments will be voted on at the next meeting.*

*Amendment to Article VIII: Leadership Section 2*

*There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of seven elected members in addition to the regular elected officers. The President and Vice President will also serve as board members, making a total of nine board members.*

*Amendment to Article XI: Elections*

*Regular Elections shall be held in April for the purpose of electing officers for the next fiscal year. Nominations for elective office shall be submitted at the March meeting and may also be made prior to elections at the April meeting. An absentee ballot may be requested from the Secretary and returned to the Secretary in time to be opened at the April meeting.*

**Our Swap Meet (April 26) and Tractor Pull (April 27) will be held at the Francis Farm, Rehoboth. More details next month. By making this a two day event, we should have more room for vendors, pulls and parking and maybe allow MANY members to participate in both events, instead of just one.**

**Our Big Fall Show is planned for October 5, 2008**

**EDGE and TA Northeast Regional Meeting and Show is scheduled in Rehoboth on October 3 and 4 of 2009. Please plan to help out on this big endeavor.**

*Please keep the above dates on your home calendar!*