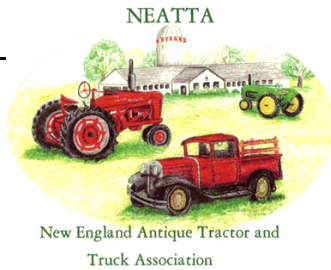


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The recent spring monsoons didn't dampen the NEATTA membership attendance at our March 17th meeting. Ken Foley wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day, especially the "green guys" (You know who you are!) If your fields aren't under water, they are already starting to green up. Planting season will soon be upon us! Ready, set-GROW!

The members nominated Ken Foley for President again this year, Richie Lemieux for Vice President, Bev Baker (yours truly) for Recording Secretary and Treasurer, and Jayne Gagnon for Corresponding Secretary. There's still time to throw your hat in the ring before the voting takes place at our next meeting on April 21st. Should Richie Lemieux be elected Vice President, it will create a vacancy on the Board of Directors, so think about who you would like to nominate to represent YOU. It was nice to see Board member Paul Dean in attendance after recovering from hip surgery.

Jayne Gagnon has been very busy taking membership renewals this past month. "Thank you" to the many members who have already sent in their dues. It is very important if you want to take part in the April show to have your renewal in before then. It is especially important to renew NOW if you plan to pull at the April Show!

The April Show and Swap Meet is on the 24th & 25th. Members can rent a 20' x 30' space for \$10.00 for one day, \$15.00 for the weekend. (A poster is included with this newsletter)

Call Jerry or Bev Baker 508-222-7109 or TJ Melo 508-272-5474 to reserve your space. Farms that sell plants, seeds, gardening equipment or any ag related businesses are welcome, as well as the usual old iron hoarders and colorful club characters.

Other upcoming events:

May 2nd – Plow Day in Tiverton– Frank Soares

May 8th - Community Gardens in Wilbraham MA

May 31st – Memorial Day Parade in Dighton (more info to follow) Bill Copeland asked for volunteers to help at the parade. The club will be bringing at least two people movers to the parade. Members who are veterans are especially invited to ride "in style" if you're not planning on driving your tractor in the parade. Francis Farm will be having an open house that day too.

July 5th (Monday) Arnold Mills Independence Day Parade- Cumberland, RI – Bev & Jerry Baker.

There are also the monthly pulls, a few fun pulls, more plow days, Rochester Fair, Westport Fair, Marshfield Fair, Smith Neck, Pardon Gray, Cracker barrel, CN Smith Farm, Araujo's Farm, NEATTA Fall show Sept. 25 & 26th.and a host of other events with more info to come each month. Call Richie Lemieux if you have questions 508-252-3976 or want to sponsor an event.

In other club business, Article VI, Section 1, which dealt with the membership deciding on dues, passed unanimously. Article VII, Section 1, which would have established EDGE & TA Insurance requirements for members, was tabled to improve the wording. When the by law changes are complete, copies will be made available to the members and on the website.

The NEATTA scholarship of 500.00 will be given to a student chosen by Bristol Aggie. Thanks to Ed Darowski for being our club's liaison.

Ed's son Scott recently enlisted in the Air Force. Scott is in Texas completing his basic training. Margaret Veader provided a card for the club members to sign and send to him. We will keep you posted as to where he will go next.

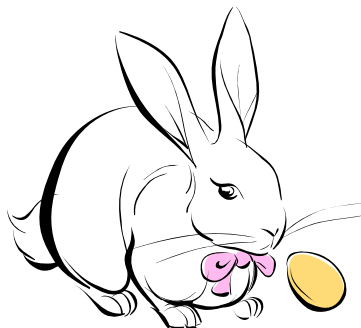


The club is moving forward with improving the pulls this year and there are plans to take the show on the road! It was voted to purchase a portable scale that the garden tractors can use at Francis Farm and being portable, the club can organize a pull just about anywhere. Plans are in the works to run pulls at Rochester Fair, Marshfield Fair and more. The club is also buying a transfer sled and a few loads of stone dust to improve the track at Francis Farm. The cost of all the new equipment and improvements will be about \$4,500.00 and well worth the investment.

A spring work day and clean up is planned for Sunday, March 28th at Francis Farm. Call Dave Carpenter at 508-252-4285 if you have questions.

Check your trailers and carrying gear to make sure all is in good condition. Change your fuel filters, your oil, check your tires and your batteries. Gentlemen (and women) - start your engines! It's going to be another exciting year!

As always, check out these websites www.neatta.org , www.edgeta.org, and www.FrancisFarm.net or e-mail Bev with your news at BGBake@comcast.net .



Why God made 24 hours in a day: 8 hours of work, 8 hours of play, and 8 hours of sleep. (This does not apply if you have a two year old child or a new puppy!)