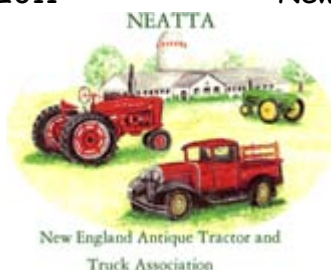


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Springtime greetings! Spring officially began this week even though there is still snow in the forecast. The daffodils are coming up, the crocuses are blooming and the rhubarb is starting to poke through the ground. Time to get your trailer ready, dust off the trucks and tractor(s) and prepare for the Spring Show/Pull and Swap Meet –it will be here before you know it!

The club got a jump start on fundraising with the Ham & Bean Supper earlier this month. Thanks to Richie Lemieux, his son Paul and Jim Rosa for manning the kitchen. Also thanks to Bette Dyer and Sandi Parris for making the Cole slaw. Margaret & Manny Veader came in early to set up the tables, then Jean Santos and Margaret greeted guests at the door. Tom & Ann Soares helped serve along with Rachel Smith, Jerry Baker, and Nick Main. Nick also was our run around guy and we sure kept him busy! Tom & Ann also ran the raffles. Thanks to all for donating to the raffle table and thanks to everyone for coming out to support the club. Special thanks to Ken Foley once again for use of the hall and kitchen, and to Paula LaStarza for working the bar. The club netted about \$800.00 at this first event of the year.



At our February meeting, the club decided to award \$500.00 scholarships to each Agricultural High School, Bristol County and Norfolk County. In the past, the club has chosen one school or the other, due to funding. This year, the club has enough revenue to afford both. Along this same topic, Ken Foley has donated a Farmall Cub to our fundraising efforts which the club has decided to spruce up and auction off at the Fall Show Consignment Auction. One suggestion is to use the money from the sale of the Cub as seed money for future scholarship funding. (See photo)

In this newsletter (or attached in the e-mail) is the new membership form to fill out and send in to Jayne Gagnon. The dues are the same as last year for both the club and the EDGE & TA insurance as noted on the form. It really helps the club save money if you choose to receive the newsletter via e-mail. It should also be noted that the list of members and their information is kept privately by the Board of Directors and is not distributed or sold.

At our March meeting we had nominations for officers and one board of directors' seat.
AND THE NOMINEES ARE.....

President --Ken Foley

Vice President --Richie Lemieux

Treasurer-- Terry Jarvis

Rec. Secretary--Bev Baker

Membership Sec. -- Jayne Gagnon

Board of Directors – TJ Mello



Nominations remain open until the start of our April meeting when we will be casting our votes. Only members in good standing may vote, be nominated, elected or hold office.

Our big fund raiser this year is going to be the Consignment Auction on September 25th in conjunction with our Fall Show. The auctioneer will be Steve Medeiros of Westport, MA. Steve will also be the auctioneer at a similar auction in Berkley, MA **on April 9th** hosted by Manny Ferry of Hillside Lawn and Farm Repair at Haskins Farm, 30 Padelford St. We encourage our members to attend this auction to see how it is run and to better understand what we will need to do to run our auction successfully. If you are interested in being put on the mailing list for Manny Ferry's or Steve Medeiros' auctions, call Manny Ferry 508-692-9595.



Upcoming April Events:

April 9th (16th Rain Date) – Auction at Haskin's Farm, 30 Padelford St, Berkley, MA (9am-7pm)

April 20th – Next Membership meeting, election of officers/board member, plan for the Spring Show/Pulls/Swap Meet

April 30/May 1 – NEATTA Annual Spring Show –Francis Farm (9 am-4pm)

Please note that the calendar incorrectly lists the show on Easter weekend, the 23rd & 24th.

It is the following weekend!

Also on the April calendar, Joe Silvia was surprised to see he was living in Tiverton, RI, as stated under the caption of his beautiful Model A truck. Joe actually lives in Portsmouth, RI, my apologies.

Price of a 10' X 30' open air space at the Spring swap meet is \$15.00 per day payable on that day. Please call TJ Mello to reserve your spot, 508-272-5474. Nonprofits and farms are offered a free 10x10 space under Miller Pavilion. Admission for the public is free with a canned good or donation to benefit the Rehoboth Helping Hands Food Pantry. Once again there will be kids' activities including a jump room donated by Fun in the Sun Party Rentals of Taunton, MA.

A new event of interest is a NEATTA show at Eastleigh Dairy Farm in Framingham, MA. This is a two day event scheduled for June 11th & 12th. A minimum of 12 tractors for display is needed in order for the club to have a show. If you are interested in taking part please call Tom Soares at 508-763-7472. East Leigh is a working dairy farm. Check out their website www.eastleighfarm.com . This could be a fun get away weekend!



Photo of the 1948 Farmall Cub that Ken Foley has donated to the club. Richie Lemieux has been doing the work to get it up and running. Ed Darowski has donated a sickle bar to go with it.

Such a cute little tractor than anyone would enjoy!

On a rural road a state trooper pulled this farmer over and said: "Sir, do you realize your wife fell out of the car several miles back?"

To which the farmer replied: "Thank God, I thought I had gone deaf!"

