

Next Regular Meeting March 18, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Francis Farm

Number of attendees at the February Meeting – over 85

Eric Perry - Winner of 50/50 raffle: Ray McKay -winner of fire extinguisher and lube pen, donated by Don Leffort: Greg Abrams – winner of tape measure donate by Dave Auclair: Lyle Booth- winner of lube pen donated by Don Leffort

Guest Speaker – Lance Oliveira of Rehoboth, displayed very striking Memorabilia Posters that he is commissioned to create. They are artistically created and customized to individual's collections or hobbies. Anyone interested should call him at 508 252-9617 or visit [www.oliveiradesign.com/MSBL](http://www.oliveiradesign.com/MSBL)

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There are still some tickets left (hurry) for the Ham and Bean Supper and Raffle. And we need your help to donate raffle prizes. Call 508 222-7109 or 508 252- 6296 for tickets

Ham and Bean Supper and Raffle - March 14, 2009 - 6:00 P.M. – Francis Farm

Tickets \$Adults - \$8.00 -----Children 8 years and under - \$4.00

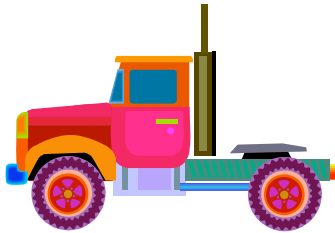
Menu: Ham and Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Brown Bread, Coffee/Punch,  
Ice Cream with Chocolate or Strawberry Sauce for Dessert

There will be a 5050 Raffle also.

And tickets will be available for the October Big Show Raffle Prizes. This year will feature a Chainsaw Sculpture (a surprise to be artistically created at the Swap Meet), a John Deere Pedal Tractor, and a Handmade Quilt made by Gert Messier.

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### NEATTA SPRING SHOW, SWAP MEET AND TRACTOR PULL



*April 25 and 26 9:00 am to 4:00 pm*  
*27 Francis Farm Rd., Off County Street, Rehoboth, MA*  
*Swap Meet, Tractor & Truck Show – Both Days*  
*Garden Tractor Pull 4/25 – Antique Farm Tractor Pull 4/26*

TJ Mello is in charge of the Swap meet – Call 508 272-5474 or 508 222-7109 to rent 20' X 30' space. Member fee \$10.00 (1 day) and \$15.00 (2 days)

Non-member fee \$20.00 (1 day) and \$25.00 (2 days)

A Special Entertainment Feature will be Michael Higgins of the Magic Garden, who will create a "surprise" chainsaw sculpture on the 25<sup>th</sup>, and who will hand craft Small Wooden Creations for children to buy on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Sculpture to be raffled Oct. 4.

In lieu of admission, we will again ask for non-perishables (canned goods) or cash donations for the Helping Hands Food Pantry. Please hang up the enclosed POSTER where lots of people will see it. And direct friends to [www.neatta.org](http://www.neatta.org) for details.

At the present time we are extending an invitation to a local Antique Truck Club to attend.

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The Pulling Committee has received a donation of chain link fence, thanks to Propane Plus.

Richie Lemieux presented the Safety Topic at the meeting: Be careful when charging batteries this spring. Be sure the water level is above the plates since not enough water could create explosive hydrogen gas. Also check chains and lubricate binders on your trailers. Grease wheel bearings on trailers that have been sitting all winter. Take care when loading and unloading. Be aware of new Mass. Law requiring trailer inspections...

Trailers 6,000 lbs. and over must be inspected. And whatever is on the trailer must belong to you.  
\*\*\*\*\*Anyone with more specifics on this new law, please bring to next meeting.\*\*\*\*\*

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October 3 and 4, 2009 Our Big Fall Show including the Edge & TA Northeast Regional Show and Meeting. See below for current info.

March 24, 2009, 7:00 PM (note change of time to 7:00) at Francis Farm 2009 Big Fall Show Committee Meeting. Plans are progressing, but there is still a lot of work to do. The committee is looking at purchasing vests for workers, putting out a booklet (soliciting and including sponsors), putting on a Supper, providing entertainment, ordering special t-shirts, hiring buses to shuttle people from Redway Plain to Francis Farm, having an information booth, and involving other local organizations. Show will include Mule Team, and Work Horses. It is a big project, and lots of people are needed. The Committee is looking for "old" haying equipment such as old "side delivery rake". (Call Walt Munroe 774 930-3948)

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Membership dues (for April 1) is now being collected. Individual membership \$18.00 and Family memberships will cost \$23.00, plus \$8.00 for each "additional participating member". Please be sure to include the children who will participate in the Garden Tractor Pulls. You will need to pay their \$8.00 insurance fee. Give us their name and age, please. Try to enroll before the April Show!!!! Things get really hectic the morning of the show. Over 90 members renewed so far.

You can mail the check, made out to NEATTA, to Margaret Veader, 16R Davis Street, Rehoboth, MA 02769. Be sure to include your name and address, and any change in phone number or e-mail address. (Or pay at the meeting.) Include names of additional members, also.

For \$18.00(individual) you will be joining 2 clubs, Neatta and EDGE & TA\* and you will be purchasing some insurance as well. It's a pretty good deal! You can learn about Edge & Ta by visiting the website. [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org) \*Edge & TA stands for Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association  
Thanks to all who have renewed their membership already.

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Some members of the 2009 Show Committee  
Gayle Abrams - Chairwoman

### *Upcoming Election*

*Nominations for Elective Office will be received at the March Meeting and also 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.*

*Please think about serving as an Officer or on the Board of Directors.*

