

New England Antique Tractor and Truck Association – NEATTA – www.neatta.org
Sponsored by Francis Farm www.francisfarm.net Member of EDGE & TA -Chapter #176
Next Meeting – May 16, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in Miller Hall, Francis Farm, Rehoboth

Wow, the **Swap Meet and Tractor Pull** Event, April 29 was well attended. Everyone was there doing something; pulling, showing, swapping, selling, eating, chatting. Thanks to all who helped, especially to TJ Mello who headed up the Committee and to Greg Abrams who with Gayle, took charge of the Tractor Pull, an all day event that was won by J.D. Martin of Orleans, MA on his John Deere 60. Well over 35 tractors participated in this event – all members of NEATTA. **Lots of spectators for this event!**

There were 52 vendors: **some tractors** and **equipment** sold along with variety of items.

Also members brought about 40 tractors and trucks to **show – outside the Museum**. And inside the new **Francis Farm Clambake Museum was an array of some “spiffy” restored tractors & trucks**. The Museum Committee worked diligently, along with Paula Muggleton, the museum curator, to produce a professional display, one the club can be very proud of. Hope you spent some time looking over these antique machines. R. Lemieux, TJ Mello, Nicholas and Alec Main, thanks for preparing exhibit.

The Club Display Table (Jean, Kay, Lisa, Kerry and Margaret) signed up new members, sold hats, shirts and JD Lawn Tractor raffle tickets. Also, Bette Dyer manned the coffee and donut table for us, to warm everyone up early in the morning. Brrrrrrrrrr!

Francis Farm did a great job on the food. They took care of the lines of hungry spectators. And they always provide a safe, friendly, attractive environment for our events. Kudos! At the recent meeting of NEATTA, members vote to change the NEATTA year for dues to **April 1 to March 31**. (This will work better with EDGE & TA fiscal year).

Members who joined between August 1, 2006 and March 31, 2007 will get a pass until next April. But they must pay the additional \$9.00 fee for Edge & TA membership and insurance NOW.

Many have already done this so they could participate in the Swap Meet and Memorial Day Parade – May 28.

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Dues for new members as of April 1, 2007 (NOW) will also include the fee - for insurance and membership in EDGE & TA. (That is a total of **\$19.00** for the individual membership.) Family membership will be **\$24.00** plus another \$9.00 for insurance and membership in EDGE & TA for each **additional participating member**.

The new fee schedule has not deterred anyone from joining. **34 joined at the Swap Meet**. Members are actually joining 2 clubs at the same time and securing Liability insurance. **A really good bargain**.  
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If you want to learn more about EDGE & TA, go to www.edgeta.org and check out branch locations. We are listed as Chapter #176.

You can also check out our own website www.neatta.org while on the computer.

Site administrator Mike Darowski says if you do not want to “register” for the forum (where you can post items yourself – for sale), you can e-mail him all the information: he will post it.

Or just give the info to Ed Darowski at a meeting and he’ll forward it. Remember, the postings are only for members of NEATTA .

While we are talking about the website: NEATTA often uses photos of the various events. If any pictures are posted that you are embarrassed about (i.e. You are a John Deere man, and someone caught you standing next to a Farmall, smiling: ooh, how out of place you look) you can just click on “site administrator” and tell him you want to “opt out”. Mike will remove it ASAP. **Seriously**, some people really don’t want to have a photo shared online, and we need to respect that. (And maybe some would prefer not to have their children’s pictures there) So share this info with others, especially at events. At the April meeting, the 50/50 winner was Steve Gianlorenzo. (And the club also wins!)

Members got to meet this one time (April) in the New Museum and look around. Hope it will enthrall many to place their tractor or truck there for a few months. It is an ideal spot to show off a special antique. (Please try to remind everyone that food and drinks are not allowed in the museum. This is a quality showplace, and not the place for someone to set food on someone’s running board or tractor seat. Do you agree?) There will be more surprises in the museum in the future. Also the club members have been asked to spend time in the museum when it is open to the public to sell our products, and to watch over the exhibits. Anyone wanting to volunteer should add their name to a list at the May meeting. Thanks to Tony Oliveira who volunteered to stay in the Museum during the Swap Meet.

Upcoming Event:

Chicken Barbecue / Memorial Day Parade

On Monday, May 28, club participants in the Rehoboth Memorial Day Parade should meet at Francis Farm at 9:30 to unload and to proceed to starting point of parade. Parade kickoff is at 10:30 A.M. After parade the members will return to Francis Farm where at 2:30 p.m. there will be a Chicken Barbecue, sponsored by New England Antique Tractor and Truck Association. The public is also invited to this event. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and they WILL be sold at the May meeting. Menu includes chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and watermelon. Price is only \$9.95 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6 – 8 years old, free for under 6. You can also call Gayle and Greg at 508 252-4809 to get your tickets or call Francis Farm 508 252-3212. The Francis Farm will also be holding a public clambake on the same day, so if you prefer a clambake, you should reserve thru Francis Farm.



Parade tractors will be displayed at the Barbecue. Just for Fun.

Reminder: No coolers allowed AT ANY of our events held at Francis Farm

DON'T FORGET THE FLAG

The parade is a great way to show your respect for fallen US Soldiers and their families and to honor veterans. No better way to spend Memorial Day!

