

New England Antique Tractor and Truck Association – NEATTA Newsletter #31
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Next regular meeting – November 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Francis Farm



Please bring a toy, unwrapped, to our **November** meeting. These will once again be donated to children of our National Guard servicemen and women. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

The Neatta Christmas Party is planned for Sunday, Dec. 6, at 1:00 PM at Francis Farm. BBQ Chicken, Garden Salad, Ziti with Meat Sauce, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Rolls/butter Ice Cream, Lemonade and Coffee - \$20.00 Please Reserve by Nov. 22. 508 222-7109
No gift exchange is planned this year.

The New England Antique Tractor and Truck Association held a successful Two Day Fall Show in October (despite the rain on Saturday) featuring antique tractors and trucks, tractor pulls, a harvest supper. Highlight of the event was “Hay Day on a New England Farm” with horses, mules and antique equipment. The club thanks all who volunteered at the event (more than 70 people), and thanks to all those who attended. We hope you enjoyed everything including the displays & pulls.

Walt Munroe of Rehoboth led the equestrian group, with help from Dave and Lee Trott along with Walt’s team of mules, and horses belonging to Ellie and Tom Horton of ET Farm, Dighton. The demonstration on a nearby farm followed the process of cutting the hay with a mowing machine, tedding it to dry it, and then raking it into rows with a side delivery rake, which would then be prepared to be baled or loaded onto a wagon. One could just imagine being in a different era by witnessing this demonstration. What a historic and pastoral moment it was for those who were there. Bill Copeland of Assonet and his team of helpers also demonstrated a hand fed stationary baler owned by the Freetown Historical Society back at the Show.

The Harvest Supper featured a locally raised barbecued pig roast and fresh local vegetables donated by AgCom members, and homemade desserts topped with ice cream. A Neatta meeting was held after the supper, with the introduction of Wayne Timchuk of Ohio, the Regional Director of Edge & TA, who addressed the NEATTA club members and then answered questions about the national organization. NEATTA members were honored to welcome him to our show and meeting. Entertainment then followed with the Goat Ropers, a country western band from Westport.

Annual Raffle Ticket Winner of the Wood Tractor Sculpture was Nick Main of Rehoboth, and winner of the John Deere Pedal Tractor was John Friedman of Attleboro. Winner of the quilt made by Gert Messier was Danielle Bowen of New Bedford. Thanks to all who purchased tickets.

Children who participated in the “Painted Tractor Art Show” were Curtis Briggs, Drew Briggs, Kristin Briggs and Jenna Boivin. (See website photo) Jenna Boivin needs to call 508 252-6296 so her little green tractor can be returned. There were four beautiful entrees into the show.

Many children enjoyed the Pedal Tractor Pull (with sound effects by the DJ).

See photos on the website www.neatta.org. Go to past events to view photos.

Winners of the trophies at the Pulls are at the bottom of this newsletter.

Walt Munroe and his mules, Mike and Jake, with side delivery rake. Thanks Walt for donating your time and expertise. You put on a wonderful show.

Frank Gouveia and Billy Benoit, two of many men, who worked at the gate collecting entrance fees on both days. Don't they look great in club hats and shirts!!!!



Recently \$400 was donated at the request of Bristol County Agricultural School to defray the costs of two students, Alex Moitozo of Rehoboth and Justin Pavao of Dighton, who are Future Farmers of America members, as they attended the National FFA Convention in Minneapolis. These students competed statewide to earn the privilege to represent Massachusetts at this convention. We understand they brought a Bronze Medal home from this national event. Nice work!!

A meeting has been tentatively scheduled for December 16 for a CPR Class led by the Rehoboth Ambulance Committee. Please check website or call 508 222-7109. Enrollment suggested.

The Marshfield Fair Committee has donated \$200 to NEATTA for our participation in their fair. They have also donated a side delivery rake to the Museum. Kudos to Ray McKay et al.

Plan to attend the Arts and Craft Show at Araujo's Farm and Greenhouses, 1460 Williams St., Dighton on Nov. 1, 2009, sponsored by the Dighton Lions Club. We have been invited to show our tractors and trucks there. Inside the greenhouses will be lots of interesting arts and crafts, so come on along, bring your tractor or truck if you can, or just come to see this great show.

A Ham and Bean Supper is being planned for Feb. 2010. STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO.

A member has mentioned a need for a used hot tub as therapy for a person with Cerebral Palsy. Anyone wanting to donate this could contact Jane at 508 758-4572.

Tractor Pull Winners from the Big Show (Trophies given)

Garden Tractors

A stock: 1st – Mark David, 2nd – Mike Lopes, Jr., 3rd – Mike Gagnon
 B Stock: 1st – Greg Leffort, 2nd – Dick Shope, 3rd – Zack Carvalho
 Open Class: 1st – Greg Leffort, 2nd – Frank Kowsic, 3rd – Dick Shope

Farm Tractor Class

3500 lbs.: 1st – Jim Shepard, 2nd – Mike Perry, 3rd – George Simcock, 4th – Bob Speakman, 5th – Mike Amaral

Farm Tractor Class continued

4500 lbs: 1st – Ken Perry, 2nd – Adam Simcock, 3rd – Mike Perry, 4th – Russ Morgado, 5th – Ray Morgado
 5500 lbs: 1st – Dave Simcock, Sr., 2nd – George Costa, 3rd – Cameron Souza, 4th – Dave Simcock, Jr., 5th – Mark Ferry
 7000 lbs: 1st – Garry Costa, 2nd – Marc Costa, 3rd – Manny Costa, Sr., 4th – Wayne Costa, 5th – Amanda Coelho
 9000 lbs: 1st – Wayne Costa, 2nd – Mike Perry, 3rd – Marc Costa, 4th – Gary Costa, 5th – Dave Simcock, Sr.

Congratulations to all!