

New England Antique Tractor and Truck Association – NEATTA

Sponsored by Francis Farm, Rehoboth, MA

Member of EDGE & TA Branch #176

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Next Regular Meeting October 17, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at Francis Farm

Our September meeting was attended by over 90 members. Good to see the crowd! Believe it or not, we are still signing up new members. Remember, the membership runs through March 31, 2008.

We will try to get everyone to renew at least a month before that, so we can keep in tune with EDGE & TA renewal of April 1. It would be nice to have most members renewed and paid up by April 1, 2008. Please keep this in mind when you are recommending membership to others. In order to participate in the October 14 show, you need to be a member in good standing, and have paid the Edge & TA fee.

The 50/50 raffle was won by the Dan Roy family, and winners of other donated prizes were bag of apples won by Joe Silvia, tractor magazine won by John Machado and John Deere hat won by Dave Sousa. Thanks to those who donated prizes to add to our 50/50 raffle. If you tell Margaret who you are, she will post this in the next letter.

Since we are a non-profit organization, we were eligible to apply for a grant offered by Bristol County Savings Bank. Thanks to Richie Lemieux and Gil Larrabee for working under pressure to get the application in on time. So keep your fingers crossed that we might receive a grant on November 7 – which we will use to buy a single axle enclosed trailer to hold all of the club's belongings when we attend events. This will allow us to carry tables, chairs, fire extinguishers, items to sell, signs, etc. Talk to Richie if you want to learn more.. We applied for about \$3,900.

A thank you is in order to Stanley Mitchell who donated a "parking lot striping machine" for use at our shows and swap meets.

SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 10

If you can, try to make an open meeting on October 10, at Francis Farm, at 7:00 P.M. to pull together last minute details for the October 14 Show. Your help is needed to run the event. The more hands we have, the lighter the load for each one. There are many jobs – you can come on Saturday Oct. 13th to help plot out the area, you can sign people in on the day of the event, help at the tractor pull, run some of the children's games and adult tractor games, help set up the sales table, sell items, or just be a messenger from one area to the other. If you'd like to hang out street signs the morning of the event, that help is needed also. And help is always needed to clean up and take down tables at the end of the event. The Francis Farm staff allows us to use their grounds, rest rooms, tables, trash barrels, cones etc., but we need to put everything in order before we leave.

Talking about the October 14 show, Greg says he has a P.A. system for the tractor pull and this year they will also have a garden tractor pull, and a lighter weight sled will be obtained.

Attendees and participants should not bring in coolers, and all member/ participants will receive a wrist band. There will be no alcohol sold to anyone wearing a wrist band during the event. Remember, safety is an issue. We don't want anyone getting hurt.

The club will have a raffle table of donated items. Gayle can issue a letter for tax purpose to anyone making a donation to us (since we are a non-profit organization). Hope you will help here or ask a business if they can donate something. Don't forget the tickets that were sent to all members for the John Deere Lawn Tractor. Have you sold yours yet? Drawing will take place at the show – Oct. 14. in the afternoon.

Bring tractors and trucks in on Saturday – or Sunday before 8:30. Show starts at 9:00.

Any young people who plan to participate in this event will need to take the Safety Course ahead of time. Contact Richie 508 252-3976 or Greg 508 252-4809.

We have some entertainment coming, but could use more. If you know of anyone willing to do it for only a small fee, call Gayle Abrams 508 252-4809.

Rehoboth Rescue Committee will be selling coffee and donuts this year. Remember how cold it was last year?

SEE POSTER ATTACHED – PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS – OCTOBER 14 – BIG FALL SHOW AT FRANCIS FARM – ALL DAY – FREE ADMISSION

Club members were thanked at the meeting for their participation in the Marshfield Fair and the Apple Festival at CN Smith Farm. And they were thanked at the Rehoboth Block Party for their exhibit.

Congratulations - At Rochester fair, we had a few members who won the parade judging. Scott Chadwick's 36 John Deere "B" took 1st place and Bill Copeland from Assonet's - 1937 Farmall won 3rd place in the Tractor Division. Bill also took 1st place in the Most Historical Division with his 1940 International Model 15 Hay baler pulled by the 37 Farmall.

We have been invited to participate on September 29 at the Pardon Gray Preserve Day on Route 77, Tiverton, RI which includes tractor pull. (Contact Bill Hathaway 401 524-9421 or Frank Soares 401 624-3345) Bill says they have a scale – if you are interested in weighing your tractor. Rain date Sept. 30. Lots of children's events. \$5.00 fee per child pays for all events.

Also we can participate in the Norman Bird Sanctuary Harvest Fair on September 29 in Middletown, RI (Contact Joe Silvia 401 683-2246) This Fair has lots of crafts (ladies take note) and other interesting things. Tractors are invited to show, of course. Famous mud pit. An admission fee.

An interesting event for the future ??????? is a 50 mile tractor ride on the VT-NY line – which includes a ferry ride, and an overnight stay. Don Sasin is looking into the details (he has done this ride)

On October 15, around 7:00 p.m. a tour group from the Farm Bureau will take in the Tractor Museum at Francis Farm. If you want to chat with people from out of town, please come, too.

Our next REGULAR meeting is October 17, 2007 at Francis Farm at 7:00 P.M. A guest speaker has been invited – from Travelers Insurance to talk about insurance for collectors (tractor collectors, be there!!!)

Our November meeting will be held on Nov. 28 (the fourth Wednesday – to avoid night before Thanksgiving) please note this change on your calendar!

Our Christmas Party date is set for Dec. 21

The date for next year's Swap Meet has been set at April 27.

Let's hope we have a great day – October 14, with lots of tractors, trucks, fun, music and food. And spectators.