

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 September 19 at 7:00 P.M. at Francis Farm

Wow, what a busy summer for all tractor and truck enthusiasts!! Hope you've had some fun at the many shows and pulls. More to come – keep up the momentum.

Our display under the big green and white striped tent at the Rehoboth Fair was well put together, with a show of a variety of makes and models- tractors and trucks. Many members stepped forward to haul in their machines, volunteer their time manning the tent and selling t-shirts, hats and memberships. Thanks to Bev and Jerry Baker, Don and Dot Sasin, Kay and Bill Waite, Wanda Taylor, Ed Darowski, Bob Reed, Bob Baker, Richie Lemieux, Nick Main, Gayle and Greg Abrams, Manny and Margaret Veader, Chris Rebello, Danny Francis who spent time watching the tent and to many others who took the time to stop and chat. Bev also brought a huge bouquet of sunflowers to adorn the tent and Bob Reed brought an easel with Winnie Pray's old truck photos to share. We sold more raffle tickets and also signed up 5 new members (293 so far). Have you seen our "new" t-shirt with same design as before but on stone blue colored shirts with "2007" added to the text? You might want to purchase one at the next meeting. Also we have lots of hats in 10 colors. You can't buy a hat anywhere else for as little a \$6.00. And there is one to match every tractor color.

The August meeting of NEATTA was attended by 50-60 members. And the 50/50 raffle was won by Eric Perry. Hats were won by Nick Main and Manny Silvia. We sent get well wishes to Paul Dean who just underwent knee replacement surgery.

Rockbuster members Charles Capone and Bill Weston reported that at their construction equipment show in Connecticut July 20-22, 10 – 12,000 people attended. There were over 300 pieces on display, with 100 "working" pieces. They plan to donate a movie of the show to the Museum. (Incidentally, the museum now has a TV screen to show DVD's during museum hours.) A plaque was presented to Ken Foley for allowing them the use of his Farmall to pull a hay wagon at the Rockbuster Show.

Our club has set a date with the EDGE and TA national board, to hold their Northeast Regional Meeting and Show here in Rehoboth on Oct. 3 and 4 in the year 2009. We will coordinate that with our own show that year. It is two years away, but we need to start preparations. Please keep that date open. More on this later.

It was suggested that this winter the club restore an old tractor, which could be raffled off later. This would be a learning experience for some and a teaching experience for others.

Some members attended the Little Compton Show and sat under some cool shade on Aug. 4, while others opted to parade in Mattapoisett. (Man, was it hot, they said.)

Also club members showed up in full force at the Rochester, MA Fair August 18 for the pulls and Aug. 19 for the parade. Weather was perfect for both days.

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If you have not paid the \$9.00 for EDGE & TA membership (and insurance) please do immediately. Remember, this was voted on earlier this year.  
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If you'd like to volunteer at the Museum for 2 or 3 hours on a Friday, Sat. or Sunday afternoon, please call Richie Lemieux 508 252- 3976 The Museum will be busy through September.

UPCOMING EVENT - URGENT

August 26 – Marshfield Fair (Ray McKay) has invited everyone to display their tractors and trucks on Sunday, Aug. 26. from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Should be in place by 10:00 a.m. If unsure about directions, meet at Richie Lemieux's house 136 Tremont St, Rehoboth. at 7:30 a.m. Also, see flyer with this newsletter. They may have a small parade during the show, so be sure you have gas.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8 – (Rain Date – Sept. 9) Fall Harvest Kick Off at the CN Smith Farm, East Bridgewater, MA. We have been invited to participate. (Read poster attached)(Call Joe Podles 508 326-4747)

FOUR EVENTS ON ONE WEEKEND (If this event is in your area, PLEASE SUPPORT it if you possibly can.

September 15 (Rain Date – Sept. 16) Rehoboth Block Party at Redway Plain. Everyone meet at Redway Plain to display your tractor or truck for the day.

Sept. 15, 16 – Soule Fair in Middleboro

Sept. 15, 16 – Wrentham Cracker Barrel Classic, Antique Tractor, Engine and Implement Show

Sept. 15, 16 – Cranberry Flywheelers Show PLEASE NOTE – THIS IS A NEW DATE – SHOW WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR SEPT. 22,23 They are coordinating with an Air Show to be held at Plymouth Airport.

OCTOBER 14 – OUR BIG SHOW – at Francis Farm

We will be doing more of the same – like last year – Pulls, Games, (a new game??) Children's Pedal Tractor Pulls, Lots of Music, Food (hamburgers, hot dogs, chowder and clam cakes,) Show of Tractors and Trucks, Promoting the Club – Selling Club Shirts, Hats, and Tractor Raffle Tickets – Drawing the Winner of the John Deere Lawn Tractor – a Raffle Table of *items donated by club members*. Museum will be open also. ***

Plans will be finalized at our next meeting – September 19 at 7:00 p.m. If you can help in any way, be sure to attend meeting.

This will be a great way to end the season of Fairs and Shows. Tell all your friends about it.

******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. ******