



Our Tenth Year! 2006-2016



April 2016

Hello Fellow NEATTA Members,

You are probably more than ready for Spring but it looks like Spring isn't ready for us. The warm weather that teased us earlier in March was like a cruel joke. (see the link below to download a free groundhog target <http://www.gunnersden.com/index.htm.free-groundhog-target.html>). Unfortunately, there's nothing we can do but bear with it and keep on keeping on. It is New England after all. If you think we have it bad today, look up "weather in the year 1816", known as the Cold Year or the Summer That Never Was. There was snow in New England every month that year. These days, in spite of the weather changes that happen, and sometimes on an hourly basis, I love living here. Always a topic of conversation, and always amazing!

REMINDER: In the last newsletter, a membership renewal form was attached to your email or included with the newsletter. Forms are also available on line www.neatta.org Please be sure to fill one out and mail it with payment to Kerri Jones, 420 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA 02780. *****DO NOT SEND IT TO THE FRANCIS FARM ADDRESS! *****

At our last meeting on March 16th, a slate of Officers and Board members were nominated. Since then a few more nominees have been added. Here they are so far;

President: Tom Soares, Vice President: Brian Chasse, Treasurer: Liz Ferguson, Recording Sec: Bev Baker (yours truly), Membership Sec: Keri Jones, Insurance Sec: Paul Camara, Safety Officer: Tony Jerome. There are three open seats on the Board of Directors. The nominees are: Jim Durfee, Mike Oliveira, Tony Jerome, Bob Alves and Andy Harding. In the coming year, the Board of Directors will be making recommendations to the members about the future of our club. Our 501(c)3 non-profit status is up for renewal this year and there are other factors about our club's existence that will need careful consideration. Choose your Board members wisely.

Richie Lemieux will be stepping down as Safety Officer and Vice President, two positions he has held since our 501(c)3 was formed. We can't thank him enough for all the wisdom and guidance he has shown us over the past ten years. Richie has achieved Vice President Emeritus status on the Board of Directors and his input is welcome any time.

Paul Camara has been working overtime to develop a new Club logo which will be printed on our club merchandise to help mark our tenth year. The beautiful new design incorporates part of the old logo and at the same time shows that we have been a club since 2006. Liz Ferguson has designed the Tenth Anniversary event poster attached with this newsletter which introduces our new logo. Thanks to both of them! Great job!

UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL & MAY:

April 20th - Our next meeting, 7 pm at Francis Farm. We will close out the nominations and vote in the officers and board members for the 2016 year.

APRIL 24TH - Test and Tune: The date for both the Garden Tractors and the Farm Tractors Test and Tune has been set for Sunday, April 24th at Francis Farm. Please be sure to read the rules for your division now posted on the NEATTA web page. You must comply with the rules to be eligible to take part in the pulls at Francis Farm. If you need a paper copy of the rules, please call me and I will send them to you. If you have questions about the rules, contact Tony Jerome 508-995-9745 for the Garden Tractor Division, John Ferry for the Farm Tractor Divisions 508-379-9822.

APRIL 30TH - PLOUGH DAY AT BRISTOL AGGIE EXPO – Calling all plough boys! Please come out on Saturday to help plough the fields at Bristol Aggie for their Expo. Please call Jerry to sign up at 508-269-8304, or sign up at our April Meeting. Link to BCAHS below for Expo information.

http://www.edline.net/pages/Bristol_County_Agr_High/Spring_Expo

MAY 8th - Stone Boat pull and Garden Tractor Pull, 9 am at Francis Farm.

MAY 22nd – Dick Shope Memorial Pull, 9 am Francis Farm, Garden Tractor Pull & Farm Tractor Pull (drop sled)

MAY 28TH – Seekonk Memorial Day Parade, more info to follow.

MAY 30th – Dighton-Rehoboth Memorial Day Parade – in Dighton. More info to follow.

JUNE 11TH – Foxborough Founders Day Parade, Foxboro, MA

JUNE 12TH – TENTH ANNIVERSARY SHOW - POSTER IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

June 12th we will be having our 10th Anniversary Show at Francis Farm. All members past and present as well as non-members are invited to take part. Bring a truck or tractor, static machinery or working display, spend the day reconnecting with old friends, stay for the chicken BBQ. There will be trophies for Garden Pullers, Farm Pullers, Show Tractors and Show Trucks. There will be a swap meet and huge raffle too. Spread the word and come on down! Admission is a cash or non-perishable food item for the Helping Hands Food Pantry of Rehoboth.

A chicken BBQ will close out the event at the end of the day. Tickets for the BBQ will be on sale at our next meeting, April 20th, and each meeting after that until June 1st. Ticket prices are \$15.00 for adults, under 12 are \$7.50 and under 5 are free. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

🚫 DINNER TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!

The club is looking for donations to the raffle table. Please bring in donations at our meetings in April & May and see Janet Kowzic. Also swap meet space is available for \$25.00, free with an equal value donation to the raffle table.

As always, for the latest announcements, check the NEATTA web page www.neatta.org our Facebook page, or call Tom Soares 508-763-8594, Richie Lemieux 508-252-3976, or Bev Baker 508-222-7109.

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A little levity on a rainy day:

A farmer drives across his field one day in his tractor, when half ways across the field the tractor breaks down. "Damn it" he said.

He sees his wife in the farm yard feeding the chickens, he catches her attention and shouts to her and signals with his hand that he needs a pair of pliers to fix the engine in his tractor.

His wife cannot hear him and raises her arms in the air to indicate this. The farmer shouts over again louder this time and signals with his hand that he needs a pair of pliers to fix his tractor.

This carries on for a while with the farmer and his wife until eventually she makes out what he is saying.

As soon as she realized what he was saying she signaled back. She put both hands on her breasts, then on her crotch and then on her backside.

The farmer looked at her with a very puzzled stare, he couldn't believe what she was doing. His wife repeated this over and over until eventually the farmer gave up and walked over to the farm yard.

He walked up to his wife very irate and shouted at her "I told you to bring me over a pair of pliers for my tractor, it was broken down"

His wife snapped back "yeah, but I told you, there was a pair, in the box, under the seat".

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