NEATTA News Spring





May 2016

Happy Spring Fellow NEATTA Members,

YES!!!! Spring is finally here! Our Club season has begun. So far we have had a Test and Tune, and helped out by ploughing at the Aggie's Expo. Note: There will be changes to some upcoming events so please check the website for details. Our main club event is still scheduled for June 12th so please plan to attend this show any way you can; bring a truck or tractor or other vehicle to display, take part in the pulls or swap meet, volunteer your time for a few hours, or just come out and visit at Francis Farm. Don't forget the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

Congrats to the newly elected and re-elected officers and Board Members. Tom Soares, President; Brian Chasse, Vice President; Liz Ferguson, Treasurer; Bev Baker (your truly) Rec. Sec.; Keri Jones, Membership Sec.; Paul Camara, Insurance Sec.; Tony Jerome, Board of Directors and Safety Officer; Bob Alves, Board Member; and Andy Harding, Board Member.

All of you should have received an Anniversary Event poster in the last newsletter. More posters will be available at our next meeting on May 18th. **This is our last meeting before our Anniversary Event.** This will be your last meeting to bring in raffle items or purchase BBQ Chicken dinner tickets. Raffle items may be brought in the morning of the show if you can't make the meeting. The deadline for ordering BBQ tickets is June 1. All dinner tickets must be purchased in advance. NO WALK INS! Don't miss out!



Richie Lemieux of Rehoboth, MA, ploughs with his nicely restored 1926 Fordson, Model F. His was the oldest tractor to till the fields at the Bristol Aggie Expo on April 30th.

In 1926, this tractor would have been a modern miracle. Most farmers were still using horse power to work the land.

UPCOMING EVENTS MAY:

MAY 18th - Members' meeting at Francis Farm, 7 pm. Bring in a raffle item, purchase your BBQ tickets.

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 coming on our web page, <u>www.neatta.org</u>)

MAY 30th – Dighton-Rehoboth Memorial Day Parade – in Dighton. We will park and unload at Bristol Aggie for 8:30 am, then drive down to the start of the parade. We will stage at the DPW yard on Main St. The parade steps off at 10 AM.

JUNE 4th – Dighon Lions Cow Chip Festival – Farm Tractor Pull, drop sled, 3 pm start

JUNE 5th – Dighton Lions Cow Chip Festival – Garden Tractor Pull, noon start

JUNE 11TH – Foxborough Founders Day Parade, Foxboro, MA (more info coming on our web page)

JUNE 12TH – TENTH ANNIVERSARY SHOW - Francis Farm, 9 am to 4 pm, followed by a Chicken BBQ at 4 pm. All are invited!

JUNE 26th - Francis Farm, Garden Tractor Pull and Farm Tractor Pull (stone boat) 9 am

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY - MORE INFO WILL BE COMING

JULY 4th – Arnold Mills Parade, Cumberland, RI

JULY 4th - Freetown Independence Day parade

JULY 9th - Acushnet Farmers Market Show

JULY 16th – Westport Fair, Garden Tractor Pull

JULY 23rd - Barnstable Fair

JULY 31st - Francis Farm, Garden Tractor Pull and Farm Tractor Pull (stone boat) 9 am start

As always, for the latest announcements, check the NEATTA web page www.neatta.org our Facebook page, or call Tom Soares 508-763-8594, Brian Chasse 508-644-2627, or Bev or Jerry Baker 508-222-7109.

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