



Happy Spring!

It's time to welcome another new year and fresh start on the farm, a new show season and a new pulling season. Looking back over 10 years, we've come a long way.... from a group of a few dozen, to a membership of nearly three hundred, from a loose association of antique tractor owners to a strong non-profit corporation, showing off our old farm machines and equipment, some of them from nearly 100 years ago.

Richie Lemieux at Bristol Aggie Plough Day 2016 with his 1926 Fordson, Model F and a 1926 Ferguson Sherman two bottom plough.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2017:

Our first meeting of the year will be on March 15th, 7 pm at Francis Farm. We will be developing our slate of officers for the year and nominee for one board member. We will be voting at the following meeting on April 19th. Reminder: our club membership meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month (except in July due to Westport Fair).

The Board of Directors held a meeting on February 26th at the Ponderosa Sports Club in Acushnet to review a report of the work done on the Garden Pulling sled and the club loader and to plan the start of the new year. Andy Harding has been working diligently on the equipment and it will be ready for our test and tune in April.

Update: The Accountant has completed the forms needed and they were sent to the Attorney General's office. We are up to date on all documents required from the Federal Government, the Massachusetts Secretary of State and the Massachusetts Attorney General.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS (NOT A COMPLETE LIST)

APRIL EVENTS: (list may not be complete)

April 19th ... Membership meeting, 7 pm at Francis Farm.

April 23rd...Our first tractor event will be the Test and Tune at ROCHESTER FAIRGROUNDS.
More info at our March meeting as start time.

April 29th ...Saturday. Benefit pull for Rochester Fair. All hook fees will be donated to the Fair.

On another note for Rochester Fair (August 18, 19, 20) any member who brings in a tractor for the Fair will receive free admission by showing their NEATTA membership card!

April 30th ... Sunday, of interest to the members but not a NEATTA event, Cat Country will be holding a Touch-A-Truck Event at Cardis Furniture in Swansea.

MAY EVENTS (list may not be complete)

May 7th... Sunday, Garden Tractor Pull at Francis Farm, 9 am.

May 13th ... Saturday, Bristol Aggie Spring Expo show and Plough Day.

May 27th... Saturday, Seekonk Memorial Day Parade, 11 am.

May 29th ... Monday, Dighton-Rehoboth Memorial Day Parade, 11 am.

JUNE EVENTS (list may not be complete)

JUNE 11, Sunday, NEATTA 11TH ANNUAL SHOW, PULLS AND SWAP MEET. FRANCIS FARM
More info at our upcoming meetings. Help needed! Raffle table items needed! We are asking that every member take part in our Annual show in any way they can. Bring a vehicle for display, sell your stuff at the swap meet, take part in the pulls, or just bring your family down to see everyone!

JUNE 18TH... Sunday, Father's Day pull, Public Clam Bake at Francis Farm 9 am.

JUNE 21ST.... Wednesday, Membership meeting, 7 pm Francis Farm.



All times and events are subject to change (like the weather!) Please check the NEATTA website, www.neatta.org and click on the FORUM tab to check for any last-minute changes.

In reading a Massachusetts Dept. of Agriculture report recently, the amount of family farms in Massachusetts is on the increase! Small Farms average about 60 acres and have diversified to cater to the local clientele demands for fresh grown produce. Buy Fresh, buy local! And thank your local farmer today!



Membership renewal forms are included! Mail them to Keri Jones, 420 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA 02780

Anyone interested in helping with the Farm Pull Division, please call Ray Morgado at 401-575-8246 or send him an email kimray57@comcast.net This division is in dire need of help!

<http://jokes.cc.com/funny-blue-collar/gd00yb/farmer-and-the-cow>

FARMER AND THE COW



A farmer was in a bar drinking and looking all depressed.

His friend asked him why he was looking depressed and he replied, "Some things you just can't explain. This morning I was outside milking. As soon as the bucket was filling the cow kicked it down with her left foot so I tied up her left to a pole.

I began to fill up the bucket again and she kicked it down with her right foot, so I tied her right foot to a pole too.

As soon as I started milkin' her again, she knocked down the bucket with her tail so I took off my belt and tied up her tail with my belt.

As I was tying up her tail, my pants dropped down, then my wife came out and well, trust me, some things you just can't explain!

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As always, for the latest announcements, check the NEATTA web page [www.neatta.org](http://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.