

NEATTA News

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Our Tenth Year! 2006-2016

Greetings fellow members,

I was sitting here writing this newsletter as the second storm of the season blows down my outdoor Christmas decorations. (which I should have taken down during the God given January thaw.) I was smug in the forecast foretold by that Pesky Phil, dismissing the remainder of winter. Should have known better after 60 plus winters here. One good thing about this time of year, now that football season is over, I can get ready for Spring and the new NEATTA show year.

What a year this is promising to be! The NEATTA 10th Anniversary Committee has been busy meeting with Ken Foley at Francis Farm to make arrangements for our show. The date will be Sunday, June 12th. (Originally, we planned on the event to be two days but have decided on a one-day show instead.) The show will start at 9 am to go until 4 pm. There will be a Tractor & Truck Show, a Swap Meet, Raffle and Garden Tractor pulls and Farm Tractor pulls. There will be trophies for the show Tractors & Trucks, as well as for the Pullers. All are invited to celebrate the day, past members, and non-members. At the close of the day, there will be a chicken BBQ put on by Francis Farm. The Raffle coordinator is none other than Janet Kowzic, Garden Tractor Puller extraordinaire and better half of our own dynamic duo, Frank & Janet. Raffle donations will be accepted at any meeting up to the day of the show in June.

This is also the time of year when we renew our NEATTA membership. A form is attached to your email or included with this letter. Please fill it out and mail it with payment to Kerri Jones, 420 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA 02780. *****DO NOT SEND IT TO THE FRANCIS FARM ADDRESS!*****

In previous years, we have had our Ham & Bean Supper right around this time of year. Instead, we are having a chicken BBQ as part of our 10th Anniversary Show, as mentioned, on June 12th. Tickets for the BBQ will be on sale at our next meeting, March 16th, 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.

🚫 TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!

As always, there will be more information in the upcoming months.

Our next meeting is on March 16th, 7 pm at Francis Farm. We will be nominating officers for the 2016 year. There are a few vacant seats on the Board of Directors. Anyone can throw their hat in the ring!



Test and Tune: The date for the Garden Tractor Test and Tune has been set for April 24th at Francis Farm. More information to follow.

Update on Club Business 2016

Our insurance carrier, Allied Specialty Insurance, will remain the same for this year and so will the pricing. The cost per event is \$200 and we expect to host or take part in about 20 events again this year. There is also extra insurance for the Board of Directors at a cost of \$700.00.

This year is also the renewal year of our Non-profit Corporation status. The Board of Directors will be reviewing the Club's mission statement, by-laws, and activities while trying to develop goals to create a vision of the future for our group.

June 12th we will be having a 10th Anniversary Show at Francis Farm. All members past and present are invited to take part. Bring a truck or tractor, machinery or working display, spend the day reconnecting with old friends, stay for the chicken BBQ. There will be trophies for all three divisions; Garden Pullers, Farm Pullers, and Show Tractors/Trucks. There will be a swap meet and huge raffle too. Spread the word and come on down!

At our November meeting, the members noted the passing of long time member Walt Munroe of Rehoboth. It



was voted to donate \$200 in his memory to the Rehoboth Agricultural Trust Fund. Walt made many contributions to the club including a pig for our pig roast in 2009. Walt ran the horse drawn hay demonstration at our Big Show that year too. He was a strong advocate for local farms and reportedly owned the oldest continuously owned family farm in Rehoboth. He will be sorely missed.

(Photo by Mike Gay of the Taunton Gazette)

The Ferguson Enthusiasts of North America (FENA) Club is looking for new members, especially in Rhode Island, which is the only state where they currently do not have any members. More information is posted on our Website forum under the General Discussion Tab. Their website is www.fergusonenthusiasts.org

On the lighter side...

A big-city California lawyer went duck hunting in rural Iowa. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing. The attorney responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going in to retrieve it." The old farmer replied, "This is my property, and you are not coming over here." The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in the U. S.; and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own." The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we do things in Iowa. We settle small disagreements like this with the Iowa Three-Kick Rule." The lawyer asked, "What is this three-kick Rule?" The farmer replied, "Well, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times, and so on, back and forth, until someone gives up." The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom. The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the city feller. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick nearly wiped the man's nose off his face. The barrister was flat on his belly when the farmer's third kick to a kidney nearly caused him to give up. The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet and said, "Okay, you old coot, now it's my turn." The old farmer smiled and said, "Naw, I give up. You can have the duck."

source: http://www.jokebuddha.com/joke/Iowa_3-Kick_Rule#ixzz416fpm4IN

Think Spring!!!!