



EDGE & TA Branch 256

Hello Members!

Well, we knew it was coming and now it's here. Brrrrr! May the memories of the tractor events that we had this past year warm you until spring.

President Steve Dors message:

I would like to say we had a very event-filled past year and a challenging year as well. The disappointment of the year was not being able to have our own show. One of my favorite highlights was the President vs. Vice President slow tractor races that happened. We will be trying again in 2024.

This year we expect there to be many events with the possibility of some new ones, with a March Ham & Bean Dinner, Plow Days, and Parades, along with a NEATTA show and many other shows to attend.

I hope everybody will have time to work on their projects this winter and I look forward to seeing what new pieces of equipment will be coming out for us to see.

I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy and Healthy New year!

Steve

Can you believe there were tractor events almost every weekend all spring and summer until the first weekend in November! It was a battle with the rainy weather, but we still managed to get together in spite of it!

On a sad note, our condolences go to Bill Copeland of N.Dighton whose wife passed away in October. Also, condolences to the family of Pete Santos of Rehoboth who also passed away in October. You may remember Pete and his wife Jean who were founding members of NEATTA.

Our next membership meeting will be February 4th, (snow day February 11th) at the Acushnet Grange Hall, 1121 Main Street, Acushnet, MA at 1:30 pm. We will be opening up nominations for our elections to be held in March. Want to be on the Board? We are also accepting membership renewals (and new members too) for the upcoming membership year.

It was decided at our November 2023 meeting to keep our membership dues the same at \$25.00 per person, this includes EDGE & TA membership with insurance. It should be noted that the EDGE & TA membership fee has gone up by \$3.00 and is now \$20.00 per person. Our part of the dues is only \$5.00.

A Spring Ham & Bean Dinner is planned for Sunday, March 10th at the Bridgewater Veterans' Club, 85 Cottage Street, Bridgewater, MA. An informational poster is included with this newsletter. We are asking for donations to the raffle table and finger food desserts. Please call Lynda Ellis if you can donate 774-260-1117. Tickets will be available at our February 4th meeting.

Our 2024 Spring Show & Swap Meet is planned for May 18th (rain date May 19th) at The Silverbrook Farm in Acushnet. In June we have been invited to the Dighton Lions Cow Chip Festival. There will be parades for Independence Day as usual in July. On September 14th we are once again the featured club at the Rehoboth Historical Commission Agricultural History Show. Also, a show is also being considered in Marshfield at the Smith Trucking Co. More plow days are in the works too, so stay tuned!

These dates are from our website, www.NEATTA.org Please check with our site from time to time for updates. Thanks to Bob Walter for keeping everyone in the loop!

*Indicates a NEATTA insured event

- **March 17th** – Maple Festival, Hebron CT – Contact Steve Dors
- ***March 23rd** – Membership Meeting, Acushnet Grange Hall, 1:30 pm
- ***May 18th – NEATTA Spring Show**, 9 am- 3 pm, Set up by 8 am. Tractor and antique truck displays, swap meet, food, tractor games, wagon rides. The Silverbrook Farm, 934 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743. Rain Date May 19th. More information to follow.
- **May 27th Rehoboth Memorial Day Parade** – 9 am Meet up at the old Anawan School, 53 Bay State Road, Rehoboth, MA. rain or shine! The parade steps off around 10:15 am.
- **May 27th Plympton Memorial Day Parade** - 11 am start.
- **June 1-2 Dighton Cow Chip Festival**, Dighton MA, more information to follow.
- ***June 8th- Saturday, Foxborough Founders Day Parade** - parade, and field activities. 9:00 – 9:30 am unload at the Church of Emmanuel parking lot at 106 Central St., Foxborough, MA 02035. 9:30 – 9:45 drive to parade assembly spot for 10 am kickoff. The parade ends at Booth field. NEATTA has an assembly/display area on the edge of the field. Note: this is a very large parade, and the police close the road at 9:45 sharp.
<https://www.foxboroughfoundersday.com>
- **July 4th** – parades TBA
- **July 26 & 27 Riatt Homestead Farm** tractor show featuring Massey Ferguson tractors.
- **August 14-17- 76th Annual Rough and Tumble Threshermen's Reunion**, Kinzer, PA. The largest east coast gas and engine show and the 2nd oldest in the country!
- ***TBD: August 16th – 25th Marshfield Fair!** www.marshfieldfair.org NEATTA will be showing tractors on the last day of the Fair. More information to follow.
- **TBD August 24 & 25th Musterfield Farm Days** at the Musterfield Farm Museum, 10 am – 4 pm Harvey Road, North Sutton, NH 03260 www.musterfieldfarm.com

- **September 14th Tractor & Truck Show** at Redway Plain, Rehoboth, MA sponsored by the Rehoboth Historical Commission. Rain date September 15th.
- **October 13th , East Charlotte Tractor Parade**, 3278 Spear Street, Charlotte, VT
9 am assembly, 11 am start.
- **October 19-20 44th Annual Waters Farm Days**. Antique tractors, antique cars, tractor pulls, 4H displays, vendors, crafts, blacksmith demonstrations and more! Tractor pulls (all brands) on Saturday only. 53 Waters Road, W. Sutton, MA. www.watersfarm.org
- **November 3rd – Araujo’s Farm**, Dighton Lions Arts Festival, 9 am set up.

The winning bidder for the Case DC donated by Greg Abrams’ family was Randy White, who got it running in no time! The winning bid was \$900.00 Also, the club was able to sell the Ford 231 tractor on Facebook Marketplace for \$600.00.

Update on our scholarship awards – Nicholas Baker won the Manny Veader Scholarship at Bristol Aggie. Bethany MacDonald won the scholarship at Norfolk Aggie.

Remembering Pete Santos, at the Rehoboth Memorial Day Parade 2011



Hope to see you all soon!



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