

NEATTA NEWS

Newsletter #106



EDGE & TA Branch 256

Early Summer 2020



*"It was the best of times. It was the worst of times."**

Summer Greetings,

Somber greetings. Our condolences go out to the family of long time member Paul Dean who passed away on April 22rd. Paul had been with NEATTA for most of our club's history. He was on the Board of Directors for many years. He organized and took part in many parades, club shows and plough days. He will be sadly missed. Here is link to the obit.

<https://www.robertsandsonsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Paul-J-Dean?obId=12771213>

A NEATTA tribute to Paul will be held at a later time when we can gather safely.



At our last NEATTA Members' meeting on March 15th, we held elections for officers and two Board member positions.

The results of the voting was as follows: President, Tom Soares; Vice President and Safety Officer, Richie Lemieux; Recording Sec, Bev Baker; Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Lynda Ellis; Don Sasin of Canton, MA and Rob Woodbury of Halifax, MA were elected. Other Board members not up for re-election and currently serving are Jerry Baker, Steve Dors, Ralph Travers, Josh Newey and Ann Soares.

As you probably know, all of our events that we had planned to attend this summer, including the Acushnet Grange Show, the July 4th Parade in Cumberland** and North Middleborough, the Rochester Fair, the Raitt Homestead Show, and the Marshfield Fair have been cancelled due to Covid-19. Some clubs are still having events this summer and there may be some in the fall, depending if the virus makes a comeback in September or not. If you know of an event that you would like to attend (with or without your antique tractor) and you would like to be covered by EDGE & TA Branch 256 Insurance, please let Richie or Tom know so that they can approve it and we can list it on the club calendar. An approval form is included in this newsletter. Here is the link from the EDGE & TA website

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k_IH3mmjUm06sM0-oG6HMzPjp3WUvn7c/view

* A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

Some events of interest that have not yet been cancelled:

** Arnold Mills Parade on July 4th will be a rolling rally starting at 10 am on Route 120 at the Cumberland/North Attleboro line. The route is about 7 miles long and goes through the town of Cumberland. Participation is limited. Please call or email Bev or Jerry Baker 508-222-7109 or bgbake@comcast.net. All safety precautions in regards to Covid 19 must be followed so no picnic lunch gathering after the rally.

Pepperell Crank Up Show – Pepperell, MA July 12 – still on, will be updated soon.
<https://www.facebook.com/pepperellcrankup/>

Zagray Farm Museum Summer Show – Colchester, CT July 18 & 19.
http://www.zagrayfarmmuseum.org/Meetings_Shows/Summer_Show/Summer_Show.html

Franklin County Agricultural Society Retired Iron Show – Greenfield, MA July 25, rain date July 26, <https://retirediron.org/>

Dublin Gas Engine Show, Cricket Hill Farm, Dublin, NH Sept 11 12, 13
<https://dublinnhgasenginemeet.com/>

Greenfield Harness & Draw Bar Club, at Oak Park, Greenfield, NH Sept 19 & 20
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/greenfield.HDC/posts/>

Zagray Farm Fall Show – Colchester, CT October 3rd & 4th
http://www.zagrayfarmmuseum.org/Meetings_Shows/Fall_Show/Fall_Show.html

Dighton Lions Arts Festival at Araujo Farms – (NEATTA listed event) Dighton, MA Nov 1st
<https://www.araujofarms.com/>



There are many more events where the current status is not known, Acushnet Apple Peach Festival, Soule Homestead Fall Harvest Days, Daniels Farm Show, East Charlotte VT tractor parade, Waters Farm in Sutton, MA. If we get word that they will be happening it will be posted on our website.

As the current times and events are uncertain, you should always check to see if the event is still happening before you head out. Please use caution and practice government safety guidelines whenever you need to go out and about.

Take a look at our updated website www.neatta.org, check the EDGE & TA website and learn the safety rules www.edgeta.com, and check out our Facebook Page too.

A funny for you:

Farmer John to Farmer Jim, “ I don’t know, Jim. My flock of cows has been giving me a lot of trouble lately. Farmer Jim replied, “ Herd of cows, John.” John says, “Of course I heard of cows, I have a whole flock of them!”

