

NEATTA NEWS

Newsletter #108



EDGE & TA Branch 256

Early Winter 2020



Early Winter Greetings,

Hoping all is well with our members and their families.

It has been a quiet year for the Club. There were only two events that members attended, the Soule Farm Show and the Daniels Farm Show, both in September. Both events were held outdoors and in keeping with the Covid-safe regulations at the time.

It seems Covid-19 cases have only increased since the cool weather has started to creep in. The prospects for an in-person membership meeting are not good, however, the club still needs to conduct business, following our by-laws as much as possible. November is when the club decides on dues for the next year. Since we all couldn't meet in person, the Board of Directors met and voted to keep the dues the same for 2021, i.e. \$25.00 per person, \$17 for EDGE & TA Chapter dues, and \$8 for NEATTA. A new membership form will be up on the club website in January 2021.

The next date that the club needs to act on is in February for the nomination of officers and board members. Usually the nominations open up at our February meeting and close at our March membership meeting. This year will be different, but still trying to uphold the bylaws as much as possible. Nominations will be open a little earlier and nominations will be sent in by mail. Since no one will be present to accept a nomination, you can only nominate yourself. A nomination form is included with this newsletter. Nominations will open on January 1, 2021 and must be returned by February 15, 2021. From the nominations received, an absentee ballot will be developed and then be sent out to all members via snail mail before March 1, 2021. Completed ballots must be returned by March 21st via US mail. The results will be published on the website and in the newsletter by April 1st, 2021.

The open positions at this time are all the officers because their terms expire on April 1, 2021; President*, Vice President*, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and Safety Officer. There are no vacant Directors positions at this time, but that could change

after the election of officers. If at that time, any Directors' position(s) becomes open, we could have another election to fill any vacancies or the newly elected Officers and current Board members could appoint people as needed.

*Our current President, Tom Soares will not be running for re-election.

*Richie Lemieux, our current Vice President, will not be running for re-election.



WE NEED YOU!



In other news, the club has been gifted a rare 1956 Farmall 100. It came with a sickle bar, land plough (not usable) and a rear bench type carry-all. IH only made about 16,000 of these over a short two-year production period. It does run,



smokes some. The plan is to create a video of the tractor and put it up for sale, either via listed ad or at auction in the spring. It was on display at the Daniels' Farm show this year. It would be a project but definitely worth doing due to the rarity of it.

The Daniels' Farm Show was a lot of fun. This year, the farm opened up the displays to antique cars and trucks. It was well attended by NEATTA members and the public. The antique vehicles were absolutely amazing. Let's hope next year we will be able to have a show of our own or at least be able to attend a few more in a safe, outdoor environment such as this one was.

The Soule Farm Show was also a lot of fun and was well attended. The tractor slow races were hysterical! The farm is such a beautiful place! Thanks to Steve Dors and Lynda Ellis for organizing this event.

Just recently, the club was also gifted a 1955 Ford 650. (sorry no photo yet) It runs ok. It has a loader (fair condition) and rear tire chains. Hydraulics are fair, pistons leak when extended. This tractor will also be sold, either at auction or as a listing, and the proceeds will benefit the club. It's another project tractor, needs work here and there.



These times are different, to be sure! They are trying, frustrating, and frightening and seem to be never ending. Let's hope and pray that everyone will be with us when the tide turns, and we are able to get together again.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happier New Year!



A funny for you sent in by FB Friend and former member Ray Morgado. Thanks Ray!

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great... I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'



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.

Merry Christmas



MAIL IN NOMINATION FORM FOR NEATTA
Branch 256 of EDGE & TA 2021 Elections
This form must be returned by February 15th, 2021

I, _____, wish to nominate myself for the position of

(President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Safety Officer)

The term of service runs from April 1, 2021 to April 1, 2022.

Important:

Return this nomination form to
NEATTA
PO Box 654
Rehoboth, MA 02769

This form must be received by February 15th, 2021.

NEATTA will not be responsible for undelivered or misdelivered mail. Nominations received after the February 15th deadline will null and void.