Hello Members,

Happy New Year everybody! I hope everybody enjoyed their Holidays and things are going well for everybody with the recent Covid surge. With a 2021 recap, things came around for events for us with Shows, Plow Days, and Parades. I am hoping for even a better 2022 and we try to take advantage of these events that are out there. We plan on having a Plow Day or two again, and a Show and Swap Meet. Your Participation is needed for these to be a success. We had a Director’s and Membership Meeting on Nov. 7th, 2021. We had pizza and some assorted foods made by Lynda Ellis and a slide show of events from the year. We could not conduct the Membership meeting business as we only had 3 members attend.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Steve

Last year we hit the century mark with our membership! As the world is slowly recovering from the pandemic, now in its third year, we are looking forward to getting out and going to our usual events. This year, we are planning a NEATTA show for the Spring, which will include a show and a swap meet! As always, more information will be forthcoming. What will make our show a success is YOU! Please take part any way you can. Bring a tractor to the show. It doesn’t have to be in restored condition, it can be dressed in its “work clothes”. Volunteer if you can’t bring a tractor, even for just an hour. Come to the show, bring your family. Tell your friends, put up a show poster in your neck of the woods. WE NEED ALL OF YOU! YOU are what makes our club a success!

At our last meeting on November 7th, the Board of Directors set the dues for 2022 at $25.00 per person (no increase). The renewal form is attached to this newsletter. Please send your dues with a completed form directly to Lynda Ellis at PO Box 250, Middleboro, MA 02346. Also at our last meeting, Lynda Ellis treated the members there to a delicious brunch and slide show to wrap the year. Thank you Lynda!

Thanks also to the members who brought in toys for our toy drive. The toys were donated to the Rehoboth Police Dept. for their Fill a Cruiser event in December.
Our next membership meeting will be on Sunday, February 6th, 1 pm at the Acushnet Grange Hall. At this meeting we will be accepting nominations for our officers and board members. Nominations will remain open until our March meeting when nominations close and we vote. There are five Board of Directors positions that will come open then as well as all the Officers. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to run for any position, a nomination form is attached to this newsletter. You can only nominate yourself (like last year). Nomination forms must be received by February 19th. Forms not received on time will be disqualified. Please try to attend this very important meeting.

A message from Jerry Baker, our Vice President: Hi Folks, I’d like to bring to your attention that our club will have a tractor & truck show with a swap meet this spring. Date TBA. We are looking for interested members to help plan for it. Please contact me at 508-269-8304 for more information. Thanks, Jerry Baker

😢 In some sad news, our past Vice-President and one of the NEATTA founding fathers, Gregory Abrams, passed away from lung cancer on December 12th. Greg was instrumental in establishing our club, developing it as a 501(c)3 and obtaining our club’s first membership into EDGE & TA. He was the club’s first Vice President. Greg was 60, just one month shy of his 61st birthday.

Another loss this month is former member Frank Kowzic. Frank built and maintained the garden tractor sled at very little cost to the club. Both he and his wife Janet volunteered countless hours at our events. He built a “necessity house” that was named The Pine Princess. He was on the NEATTA Board of Directors from 2010 – 2018 until moving on to a new garden pulling club. Frank was 75.

Upcoming dates to add to your calendar:

February 6th Sunday – Members meeting at the Acushnet Grange Hall, 1 pm

February 14th - Valentine’s Day - Don’t forget your sweet ❤️!!

February 19th Saturday – last day to receive any nominations!

March Members Meeting TBA –

March 13th – Daylight Savings Time begins! Woo! Hoo!

As always, check out our website www.neatta.org or the EDGE & TA website for new information. Check out the EDGE & TA website to review the safety rules www.edgeta.com

If anyone needs a printed copy of the EDGE & TA safety rules, call me, Bev Baker and I will print them out for you. 😊 508-222-7109 Contact Steve Dors if you have any questions 508-947-9624.