



EDGE & TA Branch 256

Hello Members!

We had another great turn out for our meeting on March 20th with about 40 members in attendance. We had our elections and made the By-law change to our membership year.

**Elections:** Steve Dors, Lynda Ellis, Jerry Baker, and Bev Baker were re-elected. Brad Wills, Bob Phillips, Dave Auclair, Bob Walter, and Kevin Benson were voted in for the Board of Directors. Bob Phillips stepped up as the Safety Officer. Bob Walter has taken over for Josh Newey as our website guy. Congratulations to everyone. Now it's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work! It's going to be a busy year!

The first task undertaken was the Ham & Bean Supper on March 26th. We had so many volunteers that the event ran very smoothly. It was a fun get together after a two-year drought of no social gatherings and no tractor talk. Many thanks to everyone; those who helped, those who donated to the raffle table, those who brought desserts and goodies, and those who came. We brought in a few bucks for the club and a great time was had by all.

Another fun event was our first plough day of the season held in Rochester, MA. About a dozen tractors took part. They started at 9 am and finished up around noon, just in time to be treated to a banquet of great food provided by JJ Pereira and his mom, who made some delicious pies. If you missed this plough day, the next one is on April 30<sup>th</sup>. (See details below)

**Upcoming Events:**

**April 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>** : Edaville Railroad Show to celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Members who bring a tractor can get a free train ride (\$50 dollar value) Call Steve Dors to sign up 508-947-9624 The weather is supposed to be beautiful this weekend! Please try and bring a tractor either day.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** (rain date May 1<sup>st</sup>) 9 am -Plow, Harrow and Show Day, Holly Hill Farm, 1465 Crandall Rd. Rt. 81, Tiverton RI 02878. Come by and plow, harrow, or just bring a tractor to show. The food is great here too but be sure to let Steve Dors know you will be coming 774-766-8542 [stevedors@verizon.net](mailto:stevedors@verizon.net)

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**- Dunstable, MA Engine Meet Up, 7-3, 64 Main Street, Dunstable, MA

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Retired Iron Show in Greenfield, MA (maybe get Mom a tractor for Mother's Day which is on May 8<sup>th</sup>?)

**May 7 & 8** – Zagrav Farm Show, Colchester, CT



**May 14<sup>th</sup>**, (rain date 15<sup>th</sup>) – NEATTA & EDGE & TA Branch 256 Spring Show and Swap Meet. This will be held at beautiful Silverbrook Farm in Acushnet just up the road from the Grange Hall. See the poster attached to this newsletter. We will have a club sale table (donations needed) There will be wagon rides, a plowing demonstration, tractor show, truck show, engine show and farm equipment show, tractor games, etc. Spread the word!

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Members meeting to be held at the Freetown Historical Society! The meeting will start at 1:30 pm and of course a partial tour of these amazing facilities will be included. Thanks to member Bill Copeland for making the arrangements for us. The address is 1 Slab Bridge Road in Assonet, MA 02702. Don't miss this one!

**May 27/28/29** Bernardston MA Gas & Engine Show.

Ans: 1B, 2B, 3D 4A, 5C, 6B

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Seekonk Memorial Parade. contact Bev 774-254-4748 or Jerry Baker 508-269-8304  
Raynham Memorial Day parade – contact Steve Dors 774-766-8542

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** - Rehoboth Memorial Day parade – more info will be forthcoming on the parades, contact Bev or Jerry Baker or check the club website [www.neatta.org](http://www.neatta.org)

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Saturday, 9 am – 3 pm, Cranberry Flywheelers Show & Swap Meet, Plymouth MA airport.

**June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>** – Granite State Gas & Steam Engine Show, Hollis, NH

**June 23/24/25** – Red Power Roundup, Springfield, Ohio

**June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** – Yankee “Engine-uity” Show, (Ha! see what they did there, ingenuity!)  
80 Airport Road, Orange, MA

And there's more to come! The next newsletter will have the list of events for July, August, September, October, and November. Whew! Well, we *do* have two years' worth of catching up to do!



If you have not renewed your membership, this will be your last newsletter.



Have you been working on a project? Would you like to show it off to the rest of the club? Just email your photos and information to Bev Baker [bgbake@comcast.net](mailto:bgbake@comcast.net)

The photo below is a follow up of the project that Richie Lemieux was working on since the last newsletter. All finished and ready to roll!



Richie Lemieux (right) shows Jerry Baker the completed project all painted and ready for a parade!

As always, check out our website [www.neatta.org](http://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](http://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

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook. We have a club home page and a club group page. Lots of great news & photos.

Here's some fun tractor trivia for you with thanks to Lynda Ellis! Answers are somewhere in this newsletter. (Tee, hee!)

## 1. What does ROPS mean in relation to tractors?

- A. Release over pull system
- B. Rollover protection system
- C. Reverse order plow set.
- D. Real optics plowing system

## 2. How do modern tractors ensure straight lines when they're being used?

- A. Locked steering columns
- B. GPS
- C. External sensors
- D. A compass



**3. What did tractor drivers use to ensure straight lines back in the day?**

- A. Field guides
- B. Farmhands
- C. Rope
- D. The hood ornaments

**4. Do you know what a FEL is?**

- A. Front end loader
- B. Full emergency lever
- C. Farm environment lead
- D. First-ever lean

**5. The word tractor didn't just come out of nowhere. What does the Latin word "trahere" mean?**

- A. To grow crops
- B. To plant
- C. To pull
- D. To farm

**6. What innovation to protect farmers appeared for the first time in 1966?**

- A. Seat belts
- B. Safety roll bar
- C. Emergency engine shut off
- D. Speed limiter



Good luck everyone! Hope to see you at some of our events!

Happy Spring!

Plow Day April 10<sup>th</sup>, from a video on our Facebook group page posted by JJ Pereira. Check it out!

