

NEATTA NEWS

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EDGE & TA Branch 256

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Hello Dear Members and Happy New Year!

Hoping your holidays were good ones, surrounded by family and friends! This year is NEATTA's 20th year! Those who have been with us a while can remember the old NEATTA days. We met every month at Francis Farm. We held two day shows, tractor pulls, an auction once, swap meets, and some great get-together dinners! Those were the days! We are looking for old NEATTA photos of the past. Please let us know if you have some!

On a sad note, word has been received of the passing of long-time member Ed Peixe of Westport. We send condolences to his wife Brenda and family.

Now a word from our President:

Hi to all NEATTA members,

I hope everybody had a happy holiday season and are doing well. Hopefully, you have had time to work on some tractor or truck projects. I know we can be in the winter doldrums with our hobby but there will be plenty of things to look forward to.

There are two meetings scheduled with elections coming up. Please make an effort to attend because, if we don't have enough for a quorum, we can't move forward with our elections and items that need to be voted on.

There is a spring dinner scheduled for Saturday, March 21st. We need some help to make this a success. Contact Lynda Ellis at 774-260-1117 if you are interested in helping with set up or clean up. Dinner tickets and membership renewal forms will be available at the next two meetings and are included in this newsletter.

There will be plow days this spring also. Check our website for updates on events as the year moves on.

This will be our 20th year anniversary. We have some things in the works to celebrate this club mark.

Hope to see you soon, Steve

A note of interest for our membership at our February 7th meeting: **By-law change!** Word has been received that our usual meeting place, the Acushnet Grange Hall, is up for sale. In thinking ahead, it is suggested that we change our physical address to the Freetown Historical Society. The FHS has given us permission to do this if the membership will approve it at our next meeting. Our PO Box addresses are not affected. Steve Dors will explain more at the meeting.

Events list for 2026 Tractor Fun: events listed in **BOLD** are NEATTA endorsed or sponsored events. Those with regular type are events of interest. Those with an * indicate a NEATTA/EDGE & TA insured event. New events are added so check the website!

- **February 7th (Saturday) NEATTA Membership Meeting 1:30** at Freetown Historical Society, 1 Slab Bridge Rd. Assonet section of Freetown. Board meeting at noon prior. The 1:30 meeting is open to all members and to anyone interested in joining the club. Meeting includes event planning, 50/50 raffle, light snacks and more. Nominations for officers and board members will be open at this meeting. (Snow date Feb. 8th) Also available to order will be 20th Anniversary T Shirts!
- **March 14th (Saturday) NEATTA Membership Meeting 1:30** at Freetown Historical Society, NEATTA Board meeting at noon prior. The 1:30 meeting is open to all members and to anyone interested in joining the club. Meeting includes event planning, 50/50 raffle, light snacks and more. **Elections!**
- March 22nd (Sunday) Hebron Maple Festival Hebron CT Maple Fest 2pm start Tractor parade <https://www.thetowncenterproject.org/maple-fest> For those driving a tractor also please join this page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/543340254490692>

- **March 21st (Saturday) Club Spring dinner.** (members and families only) Celebrating 20 years of NEATTA! !!! Wareham 1:30-5:30pm Price: \$20 adults, 6-12 \$10, 5 and under free. Raffle, door prizes and fun! Call Lynda Ellis for Tickets, 774-260-1117 A flyer for the Spring Dinner with a ticket order form is included in this newsletter. Don't wait to order your tickets!

- April 12th (Sunday) Tractor Pull Water's Farm Preservation, 53 Waters Road, West Sutton, MA, United States <https://watersfarm.org/events/list>
- May 10th (Sunday) Tractor Pull Water's Farm Preservation, 53 Waters Road, West Sutton, MA, United States <https://watersfarm.org/events/list>

--exact date TBD: May ??(Sunday) 18th annual Hillside Tractor Ride 97 Fairgrounds Rd, Cummington, MA 01026-9701, 9:30am start <https://www.facebook.com/p/Hillside-Tractor-Ride-100066648971035/>

***June 6th (Saturday) Foxborough Founders Day Parade** and field activities. 8-9am unload at Church of Emmanuel parking lot 106 Central St, Foxborough, MA 02035 9:15 drive to parade assembly spot for 10am kickoff. Parade ends at Booth field- NEATTA has an assembly\display area on the edge of the field. **Note: This is a very large and busy parade, and the police close the road at 9:45 SHARP. <https://www.foxboroughfoundersday.com/parade>

- **June 13th (Saturday) Angers Conway** 3rd Annual Antique Tractor Pull and Antique Truck & Tractor Show swap meet, food trucks, ice cream truck, music. 11am-6pm. Gates

02347 <https://www.angersconwayfarm.com/tractorpull> *For those showing or pulling, please complete the registration form: <https://www.angersconwayfarm.com/about-4>

- *July 4th- North Middleboro Parade.** Meet at 9am 38 Plymouth St Parade kicks off at 10am. Alternate option: Parking at Steve Dors house on Plymouth St., if interested. (please let Steve know if this is your plan) This is a fun parade and get together!

- *September 26th Tractor & Truck Show at Redway Plain, Rehoboth, MA** Featuring NEATTA and sponsored by the Rehoboth Historical Commission. NEATTA 20th Anniversary Celebration. If we have enough volunteers, there will be tractor games, kids' crafts, trophies for show tractors, and lots of fun!

Now, a great story about safety and being prepared, from one of our members;
A reminder of how important fire extinguishers are in your antique vehicle. As I'm now more involved and a board member of the North Uxbridge Fire Museum, I noticed our 1940 Seagrave, despite being a fully equipped fire truck, only had antique, and empty, fire extinguishers on it. So, 2 days before the town Christmas parade I bought a new DOT approved style extinguisher and placed it in the driver side running board compartment. Since I was driving our 37 Maxim, the Seagrave driver was informed of the new extinguisher and its location.

After the parade the driver accelerated and headed back to the museum. Apparently, a brake band was stuck, overheated, and ignited. Fortunately, the new extinguisher was available, and the truck saved unharmed. The brake cables have since been cleaned and lubed and a new extinguisher is to be purchased. You just never know... Regards, Joe Podles

Thanks Joe! Do you have a project you are working on? Do you have a good story to tell? Please let us know so we can put it in our newsletter!

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Included with this newsletter is a membership form for 2026. Please print it out and send it in with your check to our membership secretary Lynda Ellis, PO Box 250, Middleboro, MA 02346. Our dues for 2026 will remain at \$25 per person as voted on by the members at our November 2025 meeting.



Pictured here is a 1926 Fordson Model F, owned by the Lemieux family of Rehoboth when it was on display at the museum at Francis Farm. Richie Lemieux also has a 1926 Ferguson Sherman plough to go with this tractor. You may have seen him plowing with this combo at Bristol Aggie plough days in the past. This tractor celebrates its 100th birthday this year and she looks better than some tractors that are half her age! Amazing!

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