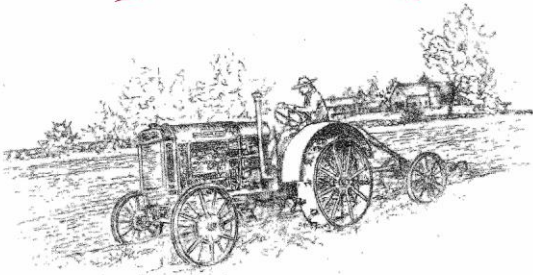


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Spring/Early Summer 2016 Newsletter

East Coast Antique Tractor Club
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Upcoming Meeting Dates...

July 13, 2016

September 14, 2016

October 12, 2016

ECATC 2016 Spring -Summer Newsletter

Discussions at the April Meeting

President Nickerson reminded members about the upcoming plow day at Applecrest Farms on May 1st. Don Simard gave the club a list of tractors he has for sale. Gail informed members that the Green Gate Inn has been sold.

Discussions at the May Meeting

Several items were discussed at this meeting.

At the April Officers and Directors meeting a recommendation was made to raise the club dues to \$20.00. This was put to a vote at the May meeting and passed. As of 2017 the dues will be \$20.00 per year.

Other items discussed were a letter of recommendation for Nicholas Lytle for Alvirn High School, the upcoming club pull and swap meet, and the DVD player and donated TV. Gail Eaton updated the club on the quest for a location for the Christmas party and Jim updated members on progress with the Deerfield Fair tent rental and contract.

Club Announcements

2016 Meeting Refreshment Volunteers

July- Jim Rosencrantz

September- Barry Cooley

October- ***Anyone, volunteer?*

November- Tom Reed

New Boston Tractor Show (formerly known as the Two Cylinder Expo)

August 26-28, 2016- The club will be represented at this show. Looking for club volunteers to work selling club items at this show and manning an information area about our club.

June 5, Spring pull and swap meet.

Despite a very foggy, dank, misty, rainy day.....the pull was surprisingly well attended. 10 members brought tractors and the competition continued well into the afternoon. Norman Poitras persevered and was the last man pulling (12,000 lbs) with a John Deere 730 (granted it was Jim's tractor). At least forty brave souls attended the pull and shared good food and companionship despite the rain. Items at the swap meet sold fast.

The next pull and swap meet is August 7th at the summer picnic.



Rosencrantz Farm and Country Day is Saturday August 13th. The club will have a display of tractors, a table selling club t-shirts, sweatshirts and mugs, along with memberships. New this year we will have an area for a flea market for club members and their family only. Club members will be responsible staffing their own table at the flea market. Bring any items that you would like to sell to the flea market, it is not limited to tractor related items. Volunteers are needed to help with parking cars, and staff the sales table. We would also like to have a large display of all colors of antique tractors and equipment at this event. Contact: Jim Rosencrantz at 603-765-8235, if you have any questions.

Ten Count Method to Start Old Engine by George Merrill

Some time ago I was given a 1939 John Deere Model A tractor. A good friend let me use his car carrier truck to haul it home. As it had set unused for 20 years I winched on with flat tires and stuck brakes. Because there were no spark plugs or exhaust pipe left on it, now the question is..... how stuck is the engine? First try of the fly wheel and yes it is stuck. As this is a hand start tractor I placed a short chain through the flywheel and with a 3' pry bar I was able to get it unstuck. Hurray!!!

After adding fluids and checking ignition comes the attempt to start the engine. After opening the compression release pet cocks I try starting it. Here comes the fun....how much to choke? How much throttle? Best guess--two turns with choke closed and one half throttle.

I turn and turn and turn the flywheel and no start. Let's check the spark plugs... they are soaked with gas. That means a flooded engine. I will try again tomorrow because I have run out of energy.

Next day after pulling the stuck brakes out, my son helped me to tow it to see if it will start. We towed it and the engine rolled over a couple of turns and the old engine started. LOOK OUT!

As there was no exhaust pipe, little critters had filled the manifold with rocks, sticks, nuts, and nut shells. They all exploded out like a shot blast. After all this, the old tractor was alive and running well.

I will try the hand start tomorrow.

Next day a new idea. One turn with choke closed. Still at one half throttle. Open choke and wait ----count to ten. Theory is to let gas evaporate in the cylinders. Next turn of the flywheel and the engine started. Hurray again!!!!

The count method works!

East Coast Antique Tractor - 2016 Club Events

Saturday, June 18th(tentative date), **Marini Farm Strawberry Festival**- Ipswich, MA, Contact: Bill Cassidy, 978-356-4767

Saturday, July 30th, **Canterbury Fair**, Canterbury NH. Shingle Mill and Antique Tractor Display. Contact: Brian Matarozzo, 603-235-5780

Sunday, August 7th, **Annual Club Picnic and Summer Pull and Swap Meet** (Rain or Shine), J.R. Rosencrantz, Kensington, NH, Contact: Megan Megrath, 978-948-2823

Saturday, August 13th, **Farm and Country Days**, J.R. Rosencrantz, Kensington, NH. Contact: Jim Rosencrantz 603-772-4414 for tractor display.

Friday, August 26-28th Classic Tractor Expo, New Boston, NH. Contact: Jim Rosencrantz 603-772-4414

Sunday, September 4th Applecrest Fall Harvest, North Hampton, NH, Contact Andy O'Book, 603-686-0581

Sunday, September 18th, Rowley Agricultural Day on the Common- Rowley Common, Rowley, MA, Contact: Barry Moore- 978-948-2549

Thursday September 29-October 2nd, 140th Deerfield Fair- Deerfield, NH- Contact: Jim Rosencrantz, 603-772-4414

Sunday, October 9th, Fall Tractor Pull and Swap Meet-(Rain or Shine) J.R. Rosencrantz, Kensington, NH, Contact: Jim Rosencrantz, 603-772-4414

Sunday, October 16, Applecrest Fall Plow Day- North Hampton, Contact Andy O'Book

Sunday, October 23rd, Trailer & Equipment Cleaning- IF NECESSARY-J.R. Rosencrantz, Kensington, NH, Contact: Jim Rosencrantz 603-772-4414


Saturday, November 19th, ECATC Christmas Party, Contact: Gail Eaton, 603-370-3732

Sunday, November 27th, Salem Christmas Parade, Salem, NH- Contact:

Saturday, December 3, Rye Christmas Parade- Rye NH, Contact: Ed Kolhase

Upcoming Events

June 2016

 **June 18, Marini Farm Strawberry Festival**, Ipswich, MA. Contact: Bill Cassidy, 978-356-4767

June 25-26 Central Massachusetts Steam Gas & Machinery Assoc. Annual Show, "Yankee Engine-uity show" @ the airport, Orange, MA, Contact: Mike Toomey 978-249-4946

June ???? **Maine Antique Power Association Engine Show**, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Skowhegan, Maine. Contact: www.oldengine.org/members/mapa

July 2016

2017 John Deere Two-cylinder Expo Canandaigua, New York. Contact: John Jensen 585-526-6607 or www.newyorkstateexpo.com

July 10, Pepperell “Crank Up” Show, Town Field Pepperell, MA, For more information; check out Pepperell Crank Up on Facebook.

July 16, Tractor Show, Woodstock, NH, Contact: Lester Bradley 603-745-8037

July 16-17 Quinbeag Valley Eng. Assoc Summer Show, Colchester, CT. Contact: 860-721-1385 or www.qvea.org

July 21-24, Stratham NH Fair, Stratham, NH, Contact: www.strathamfair.com

July 23-24, Owls Head Museum, Trucks, Tractor Trailers, Commercial Vehicles Owls Head Transportation Museum, Owls Head, Maine
Contact: 207-594-4418, www.ohtm.org

July 24-25, Annual John Deere Show, Waterloo Boys Two Cylinder Club, held at Rough & Tumble Engineers Historical Association, Kinzers, PA, Contact:
www.roughandtumble.org

July 27-31, North Haverhill Fair, North Haverhill, NH Contact: www.nohaverhillfair.com


July 29-31, Annual Antique Tractor & Engine Show & Flea Market, Raitt Farm Homestead- Eliot, ME, Contact: Lisa Raitt, 207-748-3303
www.eliotantiquetractorandengine.org

July 30, Canterbury Fair, Canterbury NH, Contact: www.canterburyfair.com

August 2016

August 5-7, Northeast Rock Busters Diggin’Dozen’ and Hoistin’ in the Past Show, Plainfield, CT. More information <http://nerockbusters.weebly.com>

August 6-7, Owls Head Transportation Museum Auto Festival and Antique Aeroplane Show, Contact: 207-594-4418, www.ohtm.org

 **August 7, Annual ECATC Club Picnic and Summer Pull-** (Rain or Shine), JR Rosencrantz’s, Kensington, NH, Contact: Jim Rosencrantz 603-765-8235

August 7, Billings Farm Museum Tractor Day, Woodstock, VT. Preregistration required, Contact: The Billings Farm 802-457-2355 or www.billingsfarm.org

August 10-13, Pageant of Steam; featuring Ford/Fordson, Canandaigua, NY. Contact: Mike Wellman 315-462-5747 or www.pageantofsteam.org

August 11-20, Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan, ME, Contact:
www.skowheganstatefair

August 13-14, Chapter 18 Power of the Red, All IHC Show, Dublin, NH, Contact: Matt Petz, 603-493-3335 or <http://ihcne18.com>

August 13-14, Straw Hollow Engine Works Show- Pine Ridge Farm, Boylston, MA, Contact: J. Resseguie 508-869-2089

August 16-20, Vermont State Fair- Rutland, Vermont, Contact:
www.vermontstatefair.net

August 17-20, Annual Threshermans Reunion, Rough & Tumble Engineers Historical Association, Kinzers, PA, Contact: www.roughandtumble.org

August 19-21, Cornish NH Fair, Cornish NH, Contact: www.cornishnhfair.com

August 21, Granite State Old Truck Meet (formerly Barrington Truck & Tractor Show), Feather Airport, Deering, NH. Contact: Don Smith 603-664-9761

August 25-28, Antique Tractor & Engine Show, & the 144th Cummington State Fair, Cummington, MA, Contact: www.cummingtonfair.com

August 26-28, Classic Tractor Expo (formerly the New England John Deere Expo), New Boston, NH, Contact: Tom Miller @ 603-487-3883 or sailingneedle@msn.com

August 27-28, Musterfield Farm Days, North Sutton, NH, Contact: 603-927-4276, www.musterfieldfarm.com

WANTED

F-12 Parts- Call Jeff Reynolds-603-401-1783

Flywheel wrench for a John Deere Model A- Contact- Rick Gladding- 603-973-9150

FOR SALE

1949 Case SC, 1942 Oliver 60, 1950 Ford 8N, 1953 Ford Jubilee, 1942 JD B, 1936 JD B unstyled, 1949 JD M, Massey Harris Pony, 1949 Massey Harris 22, 1942 International IH
Contact Don Simard 603-235-7317

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