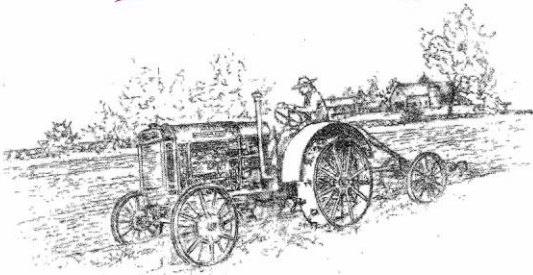


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Spring 2015 Newsletter

East Coast Antique Tractor Club
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Upcoming Meeting Dates...

May 13, 2015

June 10, 2015

July 8, 2015

East Coast Antique Tractor Club 2015 Spring Newsletter



Thank goodness the snow has finally melted, I don't know about you but I was pretty tired of shoveling and moving snow. Bring on the warm weather.



ECATC Minutes 2/11/15

Call to Order & Welcome: Welcome and call to order at 7:45pm. No new members.

Minutes: January Minutes, Megan Read, motion made and accepted, so carried

Treasurer's Report: Frank read the treasurers report Motion made and accepted so carried.

Announcements- -Dues for 2015 need to be renewed by April to be current for this year.

We need volunteers for a newsletter committee, members to submit articles, compile the newsletter, help with copying, mailing etc. Jim volunteered.

Committee Reports-

review of Christmas Party- only 40 attendees- consider ticket price increase to 30.00 to cover added cost to club for low attendance. Is there anything you want to change, it's your party. Restaurants don't offer the same type of service that we get at the Green Gate. We have the entire room, we are not hurried. If we have money in the treasury then we should keep the ticket price the same. Consensus was to keep it at the Green Gate. We will continue to discuss that at the next few meetings.

Jim talked about getting the spark lite again in the club. Having speakers at the meetings, etc. Your input is what is needed.

Deerfield Fair- 2015 Contract needs to be updated and sent. Megan has a copy of the 2015 insurance coverage. Jim will contact Dan Briggs and see what he can do. Then Megan will send out the contract and insurance coverage page.

Old Business- T-shirts and mugs available see Jeff or Megan

New Business

1. Need volunteers for refreshments for;

January- Done

February- Roger Laplante & John Gamble

March- Langdon Plumer

April- Gail Eaton and Don Sowa

May- Barry Moore & Bill Cousins

June- Bill Megrath

July- Jim Rosencrantz

September- Barry Cooley

October-John Noyes

November-Tom Reed

2. Is anyone interested in the Alternate Directors position? No Response

3. Who would like to help update the event list for 2015? Langdon Plumer will help with April, May and June

4. Trailer registration- who can do this? Need two checks? Jim will take care of.

5. Question and answer session...Mark ask does anyone have any questions or problems with tractors they are working on.

Question about starters in JD 300 tractor.

Question about hydraulic fluid, how often should you change it. Most likely problem is water in the fluid. Check to see if there is water in the fluid. In a 1020 John Deere. Check the suction screen for junk, oil won't make it to the pump.

Question about weight of fluid in old tractors...summertime 140, wintertime 85/90..

Question- Tire repair.....vulcanize tires anymore? No, you can buy heavy duty patches or put liners on the inside.

Question-new points- probably 12 volt, not sure if they have them for 6 volt,

6. Suggestion made to ask if there are any visitors at the meetings.

Thank you to Roger LaPlante and John Gamble for this evenings refreshments. Langdon Plumer will be providing Marchs refreshments.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15p.m. followed by 50/50

Thank you to Don Sowa and Judy McLaughlin who donated items for the 50/50.

Respectfully submitted, Megan Megrath, Secretary

ECATC Minutes 3/11/15

Call to Order & Welcome: Welcome and call to order at 7:36.

Are there any new members present?, Bill Sherman visitor, with Scott Williams. Please give your name and where you are from and what type of tractors you have?

Is anyone visiting tonight?

Minutes: February Minutes, Megan read, Motion made, accepted and so carried.

Treasurer's Report: Frank read the report, motion made, seconded and so carried. Beginning combined balance of 10424.19, combined ending balance of 10460.78.

Announcements- -Dues for 2015 need to be renewed by April to be current for this year.

We need volunteers for a newsletter committee, members to submit articles, compile the newsletter, help with copying, mailing etc.

Committee Reports-

Safety Committee?????set date at next meeting

Deerfield Fair- 2015 Jim talked to Dan Briggs, Dan would like 2-3 of the committee members to attend a fair association meeting in April to discuss adding more static displays to our exhibit.

We may have more space this year.

Also need to discuss tent rental- Marshall Tent is now charging \$1800.00 for the 40x100 ft tent, and increase of \$600.00 from last year. Sighting higher insurance costs as the reason for the increase in their rental fees.

Jim talked to them before he left for Florida. Marshall Tent is requiring a \$900.00 deposit by March 15, to secure the tent for Deerfield. Jim asked me to present the following proposal to the club on his behalf. Motion made to rent the tent and have the club pay the full price. Motion seconded and so moved.

The club will request that Deerfield Fair give us \$300.00 again this year toward the tent rental (this may be negotiable after we meet with them in April we will know more).

Jim stated that he will pay \$500.00 toward the tent rental, providing all of his tractors are under the tent. (I believe this to be 10 tractors)

Deducting these two reimbursements means that the club would be paying \$1000.00 for the tent, which is \$100.00 more than the club paid last year last year.

We have to make a decision on this tonight and have a motion approved submit the down payment.

Old Business- Mugs available see Jeff or Megan

New Business

1. Would you like to have a swap meet at the club pulls? Yes we will try it at the June 7th pull.
2. Who would like to help update the event list for 2015? No response.
3. Is anyone interested in filling the alternate directors position, no response
4. Andy will be visiting Applecrest to see if they want events.

5. Mark lead a question and answer session. Are there any questions? Where can you find tractor weights that are inexpensive.....put notice in newsletter, they are currently going for 1.00 to 2.00 a pound. Bring weights to swap meet.

Allis Chalmer AC with a cracked block made of cracked iron, is there any place you can send them to get it fixed.

How does a magneto work.....

Thank you to Langdon Plumer and Blanche Levesque for this evenings refreshments. Gail Eaton and Don Sowa will be providing April's refreshments.

Thank you to Blanche Levesque and Don Sowa for their donations for the 50/50.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Megan Megrath, Secretary

Club Announcements

Spring Tractor Pull is Sunday June 7th- NEW THIS YEAR-We are going to try something new this year and include a swap meet at this pull. So clean out the tractor shed and bring those items and parts you want to rehome or sell to the pull along with your pulling tractor.

Also as usual we will have a pot luck lunch. The club will provide burgers and dogs and drinks (soda and water). The rest of the culinary delights are up to you who attend. Salads garden and pasta, baked beans, chili, meatballs, desserts, donuts, just a few suggestions.....

Start time for set up is usually around 8:30 am. Pulls are held at Rosencrantz's. Drive out back of the main building to the open field. Lunch is held in building behind main building.

Interested in getting more involved in the club.....

Member needed for the alternate directors position;

Committee members needed for the following committees;

Newsletter: member generated articles, copy, collate and mail/email newsletter.

Deerfield Fair: set up and break down, organize displays, work displays

Christmas Party: organize, help with decorations, sell tickets.....etc

Contact an officer or director if interested.

2015 Meeting Refreshment Volunteers

May- Barry Moore and Bill Cousins

June- Bill Megrath

August- no meeting

October-John Noyes

December-no meeting

July- Jim Rosencrantz

September- Barry Cooley

November –Tom Reed

2015 DEERFIELD FAIR

The fair association has requested that the club increase the number of static displays. What is a static display you ask??? A static display is any object that is not moving, ie; tractor, farming implement, hit-n-miss engine for display etc,etc

Does anyone have any ideas or equipment that they can display this year? Contact one of the committee member with your ideas..also let them know if your interested in joining the committee.

Gail Eaton	603-370-7323	Roger Laplante	207-361-2102
Brian Matarozzo	603-235-5780	Megan Megrath	978-948-2823
Barry Moore	978-857-7003	Mark Nickerson	603-772-6017
John Noyes	603-500-3373	Andy O'Book	603-772-6016
Jim Rosencrantz	603-765-8235	Peter Rousseau	603-396-6120
Cliff Tilton	603-893-3021	David Tilton	603-898-7122
Don Sowa	603-647-4171		

In Memoriam

Ed Nicholas passed away on December 14, 2015

A remembrance by Nick Brett

On December 14 Ed Nichols passed away at home with his family after a lengthy illness. Ed will be missed by his family and many friends. Born in 1928, he had a life long interest in farming and many aspects of rural life, shared with both friends and family. Ed became a collector of antique tractors and equipment. A self-taught mechanic, he was un-afraid to tackle difficult jobs in the restoration process. He was decisive and made things happen fast. In the time I knew him he put together an impressive collection of Fordson tractors including a rare Trackson unit. Ed was one of the few people I know who was undaunted by the Fordson coils and ignition system. Ed collected many other brands and tractors. He was an enjoyable person to be around. On numerous occasions when Ed and I traveled hunting for parts and tractors, we had many laughs and good times finding those rare items.

If you asked Ed for help he would always come through. He was a great supporter of ECATC, and with the help of his sons, even got much of his collection to the 2014 Deerfield Fair. When he really could not have been there---- he was. With his tractors. I will really miss Ed. I was very fortunate to share a small part of his life and love of antique tractors and farm life.

Michael Bulgaris of Byfield, MA passed away on February 13, 2015.

East Coast Antique Tractor - 2015 Club Events

April 25th , 18th Annual Goudreault Farm Plow Day- rain date Saturday May 2, Plaistow, NH, Contact: Sam Cafiso, at 603-767-6281 or email, iplow@hotmail.com or call the farm 603-382-8298.

May 9th, Litchfield Plow Day- Charbonneau Farm, Contact: Brian Matarozzo, 603-235-5780

June 7th, Spring Tractor Pull and Swap Meet- (Rain or Shine) J.R. Rosencrantz, Kensington, NH, Contact: Jim Rosencrantz 603-772-4414

June 20th(tentative date), Marini Farm Strawberry Festival- Ipswich, MA, Contact: Bill Cassidy, 978-356-4767

July 25th Canterbury Fair, Canterbury NH. Shingle Mill and Antique Tractor Display. Contact: Brian Matarozzo, 603-235-5780

August 2nd, Annual Club Picnic and Summer Pull and Swap Meet (Rain or Shine), J.R. Rosencrantz, Kensington, NH, Contact: Ralph Capobianco, 603-435-6361

August 15th, Farm and Country Days, J.R. Rosencrantz, Kensington, NH. Contact: Jim Rosencrantz 603-772-4414 for tractor display.

September 20th, Rowley Agricultural Day on the Common- Rowley Common, Rowley, MA, Contact: Barry Moore- 978-948-2549

October 1-4, 139th Deerfield Fair- Deerfield, NH- Contact: Jim Rosencrantz, 603-772-4414

October 11th, Fall Tractor Pull and Swap Meet-(Rain or Shine) J.R. Rosencrantz, Kensington, NH, Contact: Jim Rosencrantz, 603-772-4414

October 24th, Trailer & Equipment Cleaning- J.R. Rosencrantz, Kensington, NH, Contact: Jim Rosencrantz 603-772-4414

November 21st, ECATC Christmas Party, Green Gate Inn, Exeter, NH, Contact:

November 29th, Salem Christmas Parade, Salem, NH- Contact: Dave Tilton, 603-898-7122

December (date not available yet) , Rye Christmas Parade- Rye NH, Contact: Ed Kolhase

Upcoming Events MAY 2015

May 1-3, Quinbeaug Valley Eng. Assoc. Spring Show, Colchester, CT, Contact: Ned 860-537-2252 or www.qvea.org

May 2, Annual Connecticut Antique Machinery Spring Power Up, Rte 7, Kent, CT. Contact: CAMA-860-927-0050 or www.ctamachinery.com

May 2, IHCC Chapter 18, Plow Day Hunt Farm, Orange, MA Contact: Kim Spaulding, 978-433-5540

May 3, NH Power of the Past Collectors, Dunstable, MA Contact: David Beard 603-623-2217

May 8-9 - Rough and Tumble Engineers Historical Assn. Spring Steam Up, Kinzers, PA Website: www.rouchandtumble.org

May 9, Chapter 18 Plow Day, Charbonneau Farm, Litchfield NH, 36 acre site, Contact: Brian Matarozzo, 603-235-5780

May 9, Cranberry Flywheelers Spring Show, Plymouth Airport, Plymouth, MA. Contact: David Moore @ 508-697-5445 or www.cmsgma.com

May 17, New England Antique Tractor and Truck Association Spring Show and Swap Meet @ the Francis Farm, Rehoboth, MA Contact: www.neatta.org

May ????, Hillcrest Farm & Truck Meet, Windham, ME, Contact:?????

May 22-24, Bernardston Gas Engine & Tractor Show & Flea Market, Bernardston, MA Rte 10, exit 28 off Rte 91.


May 30-31, Spring Auto Show, pre 1995, Owls Head, Maine, Contact: Owls Head Transportation Museum @ 207-594-4418 or www.ohtm.org

June 2015


June 6 Annual Strolling of the Heifers Parade- Brattleboro, VT, Contact: Andy O'Book 603-772-6016 or www.strollingoftheheifers.com

June 6-7, Granite State Gas & Steam Show- Franconia Notch, NH, Contact: Steele Lightbody-508-380-3054

June ?????Annual Old Iron Tractor Club Show- Woodstock Fairgrounds, Woodstock, CT. Website: www.oldirontractorclub.com

 **June 7 ECATC Spring Tractor Pull-** (Rain or Shine) Rosencrantz, Kensington, NH, Contact: Jim Rosencrantz- 603-772-4414


June 13, Maine Antique Power Association Engine Show and Flea Market, Skowhegan State Fair Grounds Contact Joe Kelley 207-862-2074

 **June 20, Marini Farm Strawberry Festival**, Ipswich, MA. Contact: Bill Cassidy, 978-356-4767

June 27-28 Central Massachusetts Steam Gas & Machinery Assoc. Annual Show, "Yankee Engine-uity show" @ the airport, Orange, MA, Contact: Mike Toomey 978-249-4946

June 27-28, Maine Antique Power Association Engine Show, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Skowhegan, Maine. Contact: www.oldengine.org/members/mapa

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