



# Maine Antique Tractor Club

2011 MATC Newsletter

Founded in 1994

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## President's Message:

Greetings to all of our members: I think this early April weather has taught us all a lesson. That lesson is that you don't rush Mother Nature. We must be patient and work with what we have at hand. At our April Meeting, we heard from a lot of people about our exciting summer events. I thank all of our committee members for their work and urge all of our members to try and support all of the events that you can. Keep them tractors rolling.

*Bob*

## Notice from Union Farm Equipment

We now have an on line store with **Tisco** for all makes of tractor parts.

<http://www.unionfarmequip.com/store/tisco.html#front>.

Any club member that is registered with us as a MATC member can order parts for their antique tractor direct from this site and will receive the 10% discount when we process the sale.

## Treasurers Report for March, 2011:

<b>Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$ 4,592.02</b>
<b>Balance in Savings</b>	<b>\$10,934.22</b>
<b>Balance in CD's</b>	<b>\$45,556.39</b>
<b>Total Balance in Banks</b>	<b>\$61,082.63</b>

*Terry V Spencer*

## Highlights of the April Meeting:

The meeting was held at Bill & Harriet Clark's home in Skowhegan. The April Fools' Day blizzard made the preparations for the meeting a little more challenging for the Clarks.

Thank-you notes were read from the families of Nancy Peabody and Dick Larrivee.

Union Farm Equipment has an on line store with Tisco for all makes of tractor parts. It was voted to have this information in our newsletter on a regular basis.

A letter was read from the Southern Maine Tractor Club thanking us for our hospitality and accepting their invitation to a tractor pull May 22.

The progressive drag tractor pull at the summer festival will be dedicated to Dick Larrivee.

Charlene Quimby was thanked for all the work she has done to make the flea market a success over the years.

There will not be MATC tractor pulls at Topsham and Farmington Fairs this year.

It was voted to make Martha Larrivee and Linda Hooker life members.

Jeremy Chabe is going to create a Facebook page for MATC. He was excited about the Northern Maine Tractor Club's page.

David Brown won a special raffle for Make.A.Wish, maple syrup made by Bill Clark and family.

Several members won door prizes.

## Next Meeting:

May 1, 2011

Hosts - Sanny & Sueann Salsbury

54 Knox Rd.

Bar Harbor, ME

(207) 288-3982

The Salsburys always furnish Kentucky Fried Chicken, potato salad, and coleslaw. Please bring desserts or drinks.

Lunch is at 12:00 noon and the meeting is at 1:00 pm.

When we make this meeting, I know Spring is here.

*Harriet Spencer, Secy.*

## EVENTS COMING SOON TO AN AREA NEAR YOU!!!!!!

The full Summer Schedule begins on page 4

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Just in from Pam Vaillancourt ....Hi Dorita,

I snapped this picture of our club President and his #1 sidekick when they were suppose to be selling raffle tickets at the Hammond Tractor open house. Looks like their Clowning around instead!! Could you let the rest of the club know what is really going on at these events by putting this in the newsletter? Thanks so much! ...

Oh Yes!!!!



## A LITTLE BIT OF 'this 'n that....

Friday, April 29 is World Wish Day for Make-A-Wish. Nine year old Caitlin McKenney of Harmony, Maine has requested, as part of her wish, that a parade be held in Harmony that day.

Some MATC members have responded and will bring tractors to that parade and are asking that other members consider joining them. Bob Davids also plans to bring the Make-A-Wish raffle tractor that day so the public will have a chance to contribute by buying raffle tickets.

Caitlin's story was the subject of an article in the Bangor Daily News recently, prompting local MATC members to respond. Caitlin, who had a Wilm's tumor, a kidney removed and has an excellent prognosis after surgery and chemotherapy. She wants to be a surgeon so she can help others when she grows up.

If you are able to participate, please call Ralph Bagley at 683-2391 or Bob Davids at 938-3258 for details. The parade is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. but call for an update as well as a location for parking trucks and trailers.

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On May 21, 2011, the Franklin County Home and Leisure Show being held at the Farmington Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. has reserved space for the Maine Antique Tractor Club. If there is a member that would be willing to volunteer to take either the Make a Wish raffle tractor or the Summerfest raffle tractor to this event, please contact Mike Pratt s at 585-2336. (Which one of these two tractors to be taken to this event still to be determined)

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**Good News:** Our application for tax exempt status has been approved. We are classified as a public charity. We thank Ernest Hilton of Madison for all his time and effort putting this application together. We also thank Bob Clark and Terry Spencer for all the work they did. Not paying Federal income tax will save us a lot of money. Hopefully, it will help some of us realize our goal of owning a piece of land in the future.

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**CORRECTION: In the March NL in the List of 2011 Committee Members we misspelled one of our members names. Coval Conant is serving on the Pulling Committee. We apologize to Coval for this error. Judy**

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**For Sale or Trade:** 2 Cockshutt tractors  
-1 runs good/good puller.....-1 has engine issues  
2 12.4-24 rear tires in good condition  
For more information call Reggie Lee at 645-4977

## If you are graduating this year, the Guidelines for a Scholarship are below.

All members seniors who apply for scholarship will receive monies. The amount they receive depends on how many apply.

To all graduating high school seniors who are requesting scholarship money:

1. You must be a dependant of a current MATC member who has been a member for the previous year.
2. You must write a letter requesting scholarship money.
3. The request must be received in writing, no later than May 1st, 2011.
4. Please include the name of the high school you are graduating from and the name of the principal. The name of the higher education facility you will be attending, courses you will be taking, and some personal information such as :
  - work experience,
  - high school extra curricular activities,
  - awards, and
  - civic affiliations.
5. If you turn 19 years of age during the year in which the scholarship is to be awarded, you must become a member of MATC in your own right.
6. Submit your letter of application to Michael Pratt, 225 Center Hill Rd, Weld, ME 04285

**Festival Highlights:** The first of June we will be putting out the posters in public places and the ads are now being placed in magazines, etc. The progressive drag pull during the festival will be named the Dick Larrivee Memorial Pull. Anyone who can volunteer at the gate during the 3 days please contact Laurie Pratt at 585-2336 or email [metrans@tdstelme.net](mailto:metrans@tdstelme.net) We are composing a list of committee members names and the area/job they are responsible for and it will printed in next months newsletter.

*Judy*

## Maine Antique Tractor Club

### 2011 Event Calendar as of April 11, 2011

Remember, there may be some additions as the season progresses. Check this listing every month.

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#### JUNE

**June 2, Antique Tractor Display Skowhegan Fairgrounds,** contact Bob Clark @ 696-3698 Maine Chapter American Public Works will sponsor a tractor display at the Skowhegan fairgrounds. The club raffle tractor will be there for ticket sales.

**June 11, MAPA Show at Skowhegan Fair Grounds.** Contact Bill Clark @ 474-6664 Lawn/Garden **PULL** begins at 10:00 a.m. (all classes using progressive drag). Tractor **PULL** begins after Lawn and Garden with all classes using progressive drag.

**June 24 Strong Parade** contact Bill Birden @ 684-2234 Line up at 5:00 p.m. at the north end of town for 6:00 p.m. parade.

**June 24 -26 FARMINGTON TRACTOR FESTIVAL** Contact Glenn Dewitt @ 737-9206 or [dewitt1603@roadrunner.com](mailto:dewitt1603@roadrunner.com)  
**FARMINGTON FESTIVAL OUR BIG EVENT OF THE YEAR !** This year featuring Cockshutt Tractors. Parade is Saturday at noon. Something for everyone! For camping information contact Dale or Judy Fairbanks @ 207-778-2157 or cell phone 207-317-1872 or email [dalejudy@beeline-online.net](mailto:dalejudy@beeline-online.net)

## JULY

- July 2, BOOTHBAY Antique Tractor & Engine Meet** Contact Glen Dewitt@737-9206 or [dewitt1603@roadrunner.com](mailto:dewitt1603@roadrunner.com)  
Boothbay Show is from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Barrel train will be present all week.
- July 4, FARMINGTON PARADE,** Contact Dick Hutchinson @645-2067 4th of July Parade Park and unload in UMF parking lot on high street. Line up at 8:00 a.m. for 9:00 a.m. parade.
- July 4, BATH HERITAGE DAYS PARADE.** Contact Burl Ewell @ 242-1182 or [Burl1949@roadrunner.com](mailto:Burl1949@roadrunner.com). Details to be determined later.
- July 4, Grand Lake Stream Parade.** Contact Dave McCullough @ 839-4205 or 712-8294 Parade starts at 11 AM. Contact Dave for additional details.
- July 09, HARRISON OLD HOME DAYS PARADE,** Contact Brian Winslow @ 450-1220 Line up at 11:00 a.m. on Tolman Road off Route 117 west of town for 12:00 noon parade.
- July 15 – 17 WATERFORD FAIR,** Contact Brian Winslow @ 450-1220 or [bbwinslow@aol.com](mailto:bbwinslow@aol.com) Waterford Worlds Fair - stressing Agriculture during their fair and want a line up of Antique Tractors and Equipment. **Tractor pull** on Sat July 16 starting at 12 pm. Barrel Train active all 3 days.
- July 16, 2009 ST. ALBANS Summer Fest.** Contact: Bob Davids @ 938-3258 [2davids@tdstelme.net](mailto:2davids@tdstelme.net) Park and unload at rear of St. Albans Elementary School on the north side of Route 43, about 1 mile west of St. Albans Village. Line up at 9:00 a.m. for 10:00 a.m. parade from the school. Lions Club will sell BBQ Chicken near where the tractors will park and be displayed after the parade.
- JULY 30, ALBION FIREMENS FIELD DAY,** Contact Carroll Quimby @ 437-5203 Line up at 9:00 a.m. on Hussey Road for 10:00 a.m. Parade
- July 29 through Aug 7th, Bangor Fair, Bangor Fair People Mover** will be providing service on July 29 through August 7 from 2 pm to 7 pm. Anyone who can provide a tractor to pull the people mover and anyone who can ride the people mover should contact Dale Fairbanks @ 778-2157 or 317-1872 or email [dalejudy@beeline-online.net](mailto:dalejudy@beeline-online.net). This is a great money maker for the club so anyone who can participate in helping out for a day or two would be greatly appreciated.

## AUGUST

- Aug 04 MONMOUTH FAIR PULL,** Contact Jeff Kemp @ 933-2073 Monmouth Fair **PULL** Aug 04; Weigh-in at 3:00pm with Pull starting at 4:00pm. All classes using progressive drag.
- Aug 6 & 7 SCRIBNERS MILLS BACK TO THE PAST,** Contact Brian Winslow @450-1220 Tractors will be displayed for both days.
- Aug 6 Wilton Blueberry Festival. Contact Mike Pratt @ 585-2336 [metrans@tdstelme.net](mailto:metrans@tdstelme.net)** Blueberry Festival Parade and **PULL**. Line up for parade at 8:00 a.m. at Nichols Expo (formerly G. H. Bass) on Route 156, Weld Road. Parade begins at 9:00 a.m. Club pull (all classes) using progressive drag begins at 1:00 p.m. at Kineowatha Park
- Aug 11- 20 Skowhegan Fair.** Contact Bill Clark @ 474-6664 Tractors will be displayed at fairgrounds all week.
- Aug. 8-14 Topsham Fair,** Contact Glen Dewitt @ 737-9206 Tractor Display and barrel train will be there all week
- Aug 19, PHILLIPS PARADE.** Contact: Steve Lee @ 585-2286 Phillips Old home Days Big Parade with line up at 4:00 p.m. at the Ballpark west of town on Route 142. Parade begins at 5:00 p.m., usually with a funny theme.
- Aug 24 & 25 Maine Farm Days at Misty Meadow farms in Clinton.** Contact Bill Clark @ 474-6664 Need big tractors and drivers to haul wagons with visitors on farm tour. There will also be ground plowing and harrowing both days using trailer plows and disk harrows. *Please no hydraulic stuff.* This will be for demonstration to visitors on how plowing and disking used to be done. Should be a fun two days!
- Aug 21-28 Union Fair,** Contact Glen Dewitt @ 737-9206 **Tractor Pull** with progressive drag on Saturday Aug 21 at 10:30am
- Aug 27, Anson-Madison parade.** Contact Bob Clark @ 696-3698 Line up on main street in Anson at 9:00 a.m. for 10:00 a.m. parade start time.

**Aug 26-29 DOVER-FOXCROFT** Piscataquis Valley Fair. Contact Bob Clark @ 696-3698 Tractor will be displayed all three days. Lawn & Garden Pull on Friday August 26 starting at 9am with Antique Tractor Pull to follow.

**Aug 28 – Sept 5 Windsor Fair** Tractor display all week. Contact Terry Spencer @ 362-3351

## SEPTEMBER

**Sept 2, BLUE HILL FAIR.** Contact: Dale Fairbanks @ 778-2157 or 317-1872 or [dalejudy@beeline-online.net](mailto:dalejudy@beeline-online.net) **Tractor Pull** on Friday Night at 5:30 p.m. All classes using Progressive Drag. This is one of our pulls that is most appreciated by the audience and Blue Hill Fair association.

**Sept 2 – 5 Harmony Free Fair.** Contact Ralph Bagley @ 683-2391 Labor Day Free Parade. Unload at Chadbourne Road, there will be a sign for directions. Line up at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 5 for 9:30 a.m. parade. Display on fairgrounds afterwards for about one hour.

**Sept 9- 11, Litchfield Fair,** Contact Glen Dewitt @ 737-9206 Maine antique tractor club is invited to display tractors all three days. Barrel train will be active all three days.

**Sept 10, Garland doodle bug bowl,** Contact Lloyd Holland @ 285-7582 Doodle bug bowl at 12 am on Saturday. Call Lloyd Holland for details and directions.

**Sept 11 Oxford Fair,** contact Bill Davis @ 539-2597 **Tractor pull** with Progressive Drag will be on the 11th at 4:00 p.m. MATC is invited to come early and display tractors.

**Sept 23-25, Unity Common Ground Fair,** Contact Glen Dewitt @ 737-9206 One of our most popular events! Need at least 5 or 6 big tractors to haul people movers from parking lot to fair grounds. Members are encouraged to attend and help drive the tractors. **All drivers who want to park inside the fair grounds must be inside before 8:00 a.m.**

## OCTOBER

**Oct 2 - 9, Fryeburg Fair. Antique tractor show on Tuesday October 4 which is senior citizens day.** Contact Don Chandler @ 925-2904 for tractor show details. Tractor pulls on Oct 2 and 4 with Fryeburg rules. Contact fair office for information on pulls.

**Oct 8 & 9, Gorham Plow Day.** Contact Dave McCullough @ 839-4205 or 712-8294 Annual plow days at the Bill Rust farm in Gorham. This is not just plowing, but many activities to numerous to list here. Watch for details in the September newsletter.

**Oct 15 New Gloucester Community Fair** contact Kevin Buck @ [kbuck@maine.rr.com](mailto:kbuck@maine.rr.com) or phone number. Fair is from 10 am to 7 pm with tractor display welcomed. Fairgrounds are on Bald Hill road or check out the web page at [www.newgloucesterfair.com](http://www.newgloucesterfair.com) for map.

**October Cellar Door Winery Fall Harvest Festival.** Contact Bob Clark @ 696-3698 The club has participated in this event at the winery located in Lincolnville for two years and expect to again this year. Details will be available in the September newsletter.

## NOVEMBER

**Nov 11, Richmond Veterans Day Parade,** Contact Glen Dewitt @ 737-9206 Parade Line up at 10:00 a.m. for 11:00 a.m. Parade. Unload in parking lot of old Etonic Shoe plant on west side of town (Route 197). After parade, lunch and trophies at American Legion Post #132.

**Nov 27, Oxford Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade.** Parade details later.

# 2011 RAFFLE TRACTOR





*Our Sincere  
Sympathy to...*

Our very sincere condolences to Martha, Christine and David Larrivee and their families on the passing of Dick Larrivee. Dick spent many dedicated hours for the good of The Maine Antique Tractor club. He was well respected for his knowledge, skills and his ability to do most anything. He was willing to help in any way that he could from purchasing the bus, painting and working on it, getting it ready for it's first

trip to a pull, maintaining it and making sure it got to all of the pulls safely and on time. This he did even when he wasn't feeling well. Dick was Chairman of the Summerfest and along with his devoted wife, Martha, they put in many hours of planning and work to be sure each one was a success and they always were. Dick liked to have fun and he made sure everyone around him was laughing and having fun right along with him. Dick was a gentle and kind man who cared deeply for his friends. He would visit with Eben Quimby in the hospital to 'talk tractors' and take Eben's mind off his battle with cancer. And when Eben was able to attend the pulls, he often would be pulling one of Dick's Oliver Tractors as well as Brandon and Aaron Lane and other young people who wanted to get in the ring and pull a tractor. As Martha said, if Dick was your friend, you had the best. We will miss him, his story telling, jokes and his especially his laugh.

Goodbye good and faithful friend.

Our sincere condolences to Charlene Parker and family on the death of Doug Parker. In 1991, Doug became the 19th member of the Maine Antique Tractor Club. He was an avid tractor collector and enjoyed restoring antique tractors from the early 1930's and 1940's. He and his tractors took part in many statewide parades and fairs. He was the chairman of our very first Summer Festival also formed, along with other members, the Southern Maine Tractor Club with the idea that the club should be run like a business. Doug will be missed by his many Maine Antique Tractor friends.

. A Thought to Remember:

As I've been doing membership renewals for 2011, I'm reminded of the many we have lost this past year. We are just beginning to start our many events of the new year. In reading one of my magazines I read this line,

*"Live each day as if it were the last cookie in the bag, savoring every bite."*

Please try to keep this thought in mind. Have a great year.

Harriet