



Maine Antique Tractor Club

January 2010 MATC Newsletter

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Persident's Message:

Greetings to all our Members: I guess we got our storm days and our meeting days mixed up, but we can't seem to control the weather. I hope we didn't interfere with too many of your other plans with the meeting change. I would like to thank all the club members that took part in Eben Quimby's honor in Albion. For a 15 year old young man, he left a lot of great friends here that day. I'm sure Eben is not done making us proud of him! I'm looking forward to another year of good times with all the club events. I hope all of you are too. Thank you for your support. Keep them tractors rolling. *Bob*

FYI: The 2010 Summerfest raffle tractor is a 1949 Ferguson TO-20.

The Treasurers report for November is:

Balance in Checking	\$17,655.32
Balance in CD's	\$34,072.38
Total Balance in Banks	\$51,722.63

As a member service, if you have an article of interest (not too long), or swap, sell or trade, please send them to our Editor to be included in an upcoming newsletter as space is available. dpdownes@msn.com ...or 415-1868(cell); 778-5950 (land line) Thanks, Dorita

Highlights of the January Meeting:

A card of thanks was read from Carroll and Charlene Quimby in appreciation of the love and support shown to them and their family during their recent loss of their Grandson, Eben, and thanks for the many tractors that showed up for the tractor trek to honor Eben.

Bob Hamlin read a card from the Oxford Chamber of Commerce thanking us for our participation and support of the 16 tractors in their Christmas parade. They gave us a CD of the parade. A thank you to Jim and Linda Hooker for their work in getting it organized.

Glenn DeWitt reported on the Festival Meeting. Everything is going right along on all aspects on the "things to do" list. We could use some help during the festival, especially on the gate. If anyone can work at the gate on Friday, Sat or Sun, June 25, 26, 27, please contact Laurie Pratt at (207) 585-2336.

New Committee Members are Linda Ames, Scholarship and Al Ladd, Pulling Committee. All the rest of the Committee Members remain the same as last year.

A donation of \$500 will be made to the Richmond Fireman's Relief Association for the use of their building for our meetings.

The 2010 December Meeting and Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 5th from noon to 5 pm at Jeff's Catering in Brewer.

President Bob asked all members who have a budget to bring in their proposed 2010 amount to him at the February Meeting along with what was spent from their budget in 2009. *JUDY*

UPCOMING MEETING:

- **Notice to the Pulling Committee: A Pulling Committee Meeting is schedule for Saturday, January 23 at 10 AM at the Monmouth Fire Station. Call JR Rose at (207) 491-3096 if you have questions.**

Proposed By-Law Changes:

Proposed By-Law Changes are required in order for MATC to apply for a tax exempt status. Therefore, a portion of the current BY-Laws need to be changed to bring them in line for an Application for Tax Exempt Status. If you would like to have a copy of the proposed changes, contact Mike Pratt at (207) 585-2336 and he will see that you get a written copy. The proposed changes will also be posted on the web site as soon as possible.

Proposed MATC Safety Rule Changes:

Safety Chairperson, Dale Fairbanks explained a proposed change in the Safety Rules and Tractor Parade and Trek Rules. Proposed change is the age of a youth, 12 through 17 as is now in the MATC Rules, to read age 12 to 16. This change is to make MATC Rules to read the same as our Insurance Company, EDGE-TA Rules.

It has been one year since the Northern Branch separated from MATC and formed their own club naming it NMATC. They were very busy this year with many pulling events, parades, charity rides and other fun-filled events. We extend our appreciation and a big thank you to the members of NMATC for their very generous donation towards the tractor restoration project that MATC members are working on. If anyone wishes to belong to both clubs, you only have to purchase insurance through one club as both are covered by EDGE-TA. Their contact information can be found on their web site www.northernmaineantiquetractorclub.homestead.com or contact Cheryl Boulier, Secretary, 65 Dupont St, Presque Isle, ME 04769.

These proposed changes were discussed at the January Meeting and will be voted on at the February 7th Meeting. There can be discussion for clarification purposes only but there can be no amendments made to these proposed changes.



FOR SALE

- Allis Chalmers #4 Sickle Bar Mower
- It fits a "G" Tractor.
- Mostly restored/comes with a manual.
- \$450.00

For more information call Tim Wright at 978-374-4774

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2010 Meeting Schedule

Date - Place - Address - Host

Jan. 3, Richmond, Rte 197, Glenn & Liz DeWitt

Feb. 7, Richmond, Rte 197, Glenn & Liz DeWitt

Mar. 7, Richmond, Rte 197, Charles & Norma Hawkes

Apr. 4, Skowhegan, 398 Middle Rd, Bill & Harriet Clark

May 2, Bar Harbor, 54 Knox Rd, Sanni & SueAnn Sallisbury

June 6, Orland, 32 Leaches Pt Rd, Don & Joyce Nelson

July 4 NO MEETING

Aug. 1, Weld, 225 Center Hill Rd, Mike and Laurie Pratt

Sept. 12, Oxford, 195 Pleasant St, Jim and Linda Hooker/Bob Hamlin

Oct. 3, Denmark, 1129 Denmark Rd Jim and Lynn Harrington

Nov. 7, Lewiston, 19 Orestis Way, Joe and Irene Landry

December 5 Banquet Jeff's Catering in Brewer.

- **All meetings are pot luck, bring a dish to share. Lunch at 12 PM, meeting starts at 1 PM**

MATC dues for 2010

January 1 - December 31

Please print clearly

Name (print) _____

Company Name (If Sponsor) _____

Spouse/other (print) _____

Names of children less than 18 years:

_____ B.D. _____

_____ B.D. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

___ I will read the Newsletter on the Club's Web Site: www.maineantiquetractorclub.com

Do not send a paper copy to my address unless I request one at a later date

* Membership is \$20.00 per year for a family

* Sponsor Membership is \$30.00 per year and family

* Insurance is \$10.00 extra PER PERSON

Membership only \$ _____

Both Membership & Insurance \$ _____

Name of person (s) for which Insurance is being paid:

Make checks payable to MATC for both Membership and Insurance and send to:

Harriet Spencer, Secretary
35 North Shore Dr,
Smithfield, ME 04978-3021

****Note the dues this year is \$20.00 per family**

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Remember - if your dues are not paid by March 1
you will not receive any more newsletters by mail
until your 2010 dues are paid.

- Membership in MATC is for a family, except any person who is 18 yrs of age or older and still living at home must become a member on their own..
- Insurance is SEPERATE from membership and each member who participates in ANY Club function must join EDGE&TA and purchase Club insurance in their own name..

★ • Insurance questions? contact Terry Spencer, 35 North Shore Dr, Smithfield, ME 04978, 207-362-3351 or teriet1@tds.net

MATC NEWSLETTER



ALL OF US AT MATC EXTEND OUR SINCERE CON-DOLANCES to the family and friends of those we have lost this past month..

JOHN TYLER of Farmington: John was passionate about restoring all antique tractors and farm equipment and he was a perfectionist at it. He will be missed at the Annual Summerfest where he always had a nice display of tractors for us to admire.

EBEN QUIMBY of Albion: Eben was passionate about all tractors but especially his Allis Chalmers model B. He was very well educated on all brands of tractors and when he wasn't able to be driving his tractor, he was reading about other makes and models. He enjoyed being involved in the pulling events and he won many trophies pulling with his and other tractors. Relatives, neighbors, friends and MATC members participated with about 45 tractors in the tractor trek where his casket was taken to his final resting place. A great tribute to an amazing 15 year old. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. We will miss his sense of humor and his grin as he stepped up into the seat of a tractor.

Jonathan Mullis of Dover-Foxcroft: Jonathan, 7 year old Grandson of members Bob and Ellie Davids, lost his battle with brain cancer on December 30. Jonathan loved to go to school, read, play golf with his Grampy Bob and spending time with the family at the family camp in Sangerville. Jonathan managed to give as many smiles to his family as he possibly could right to the end, it's those smiles his family will cherish and hold in their memory of their little one.

Kendall Baker of Smithfield: Kendall lived on a farm in Norridgewock for 38 years prior to moving to Smithfield in 1992 when he retired. He enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and camping at North Pond. He was a member of the Smithfield Moonshiners Snowmobile Club and MATC.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Randy Grant & Pam Vaillancourt family on the addition of a new baby boy, Grant Asahel Kendrick was born on 11/24/09. His Mom is Randy's daughter, Katrena Grant and Dad is Brian Kendrick. Randy is one proud Grampa. Randy and Pam spent a week vacationing in Sunny, but cold,

Florida. They left during the 4 day snowstorm and when they got back Pam thought she had taken a wrong flight and ended up in the Artic, it was one of those January nights when the temp was about zero. They had a good time despite the chillier than they would like to have had weather.