

# Maine Antique Tractor Club

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2010 MATC News-

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## Persident's Message:

Greetings to all our Members. The ground hog says six more weeks of winter and I believe him. Then comes the fifth season that we in rural Maine know quite well and that is mud season. We would not know what to do without mud season. It gives us a time to think about all the things we want to do and, maybe, to do some of the things we don't want to do. But they must be done. Keep them tractors rolling.

*Bob*

## Agricultural Trade Show

The first MATC event of 2010, the Maine Agricultural Trades Show, is over. The 1949 Ferguson TO-20 raffle tractor was on display along with Bob Hamlin's Case 444 garden tractor. Jeremy Chabe made a handout to advertise the MATC Summer Festival. Thanks to "Poulin Grain" for the box of antique tractor calendars. The members look forward to these every year.

Members were kept busy selling raffle tickets all three days. They also spent a good deal of time talking tractors. Our space seems to be a very good gathering spot. I was kept busy collecting the 2010 dues. I don't see some of the members very often. Usually, the ladies finish looking around before the men finish looking around and talking. They come back to our space to rest and visit. Norma Hawkes and I spent the day together Wednesday. Poor Norma, there wasn't a flower show this year.

This show has always been a good advertisement for the club. We look forward to another great show next year.

*Harriet*

## Highlights of the February Meeting:

The Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club sent us 100 of their 2010 "Tractor" calendars. Our members were thrilled to take one home.

Glenn DeWitt was presented a framed picture of him plowing with a steel wheel tractor complete with a steel seat at the Gorham Plow Day.

A picture of the Ferguson logo for the festival tee shirt was shown.

It was voted to accept the by-law changes as presented at the last meeting. Now we can move forward with our application to be a tax exempt organization.

Three pulling rule changes were proposed. Rule 4 - A tractor can only have a single exhaust system, unless it came from the factory with a dual exhaust system. Rule 7 - You can only add 1,000 lbs. maximum weight above the lightest class you pull in first. Rule 8 - Change the word unlimited class to open class.

The proposed safety rule change was voted on and passed. The age limit now is 12 to 16 instead of 12 through 17.

It was suggested we try to host the Eastern Massey-Harris Expo in 2015.

★ **The date of the December banquet and meeting has been changed from December 5 to December 12. The room wasn't available on the first Sunday.**

If you have anything you want on the 2010 Schedule of Events, contact Brian Winslow at 450-1220 or [bbwinslow@aol.com](mailto:bbwinslow@aol.com). Joe Landry won the 50/50 raffle.

*Harriet*

## Next Meeting:

Richmond Fire Station; Hosts: Charles & Norma Hawkes

- Pot Luck Lunch at 12 noon (bring a dish to share)
- Meeting at 1:00 PM



The Quimby Family and MATC have set up a special scholarship in Eben's name. If you would like to make a donation to the Eben Quimby Scholarship Fund, send your check, made out to MATC, to Treasurer, Terry Spencer, 35 No Shore Rd, Smithfield, ME 04978. Be sure to specify on memo line 'Quimby Scholarship'. Please call 207-362-3351 if you have questions.

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

## Ferguson TO-20



### A Brief History

When the infamous "Handshake Agreement" between Henry Ford and Harry Ferguson fell by the wayside (that's a story in itself), Harry Ferguson quickly set up manufacturing plants for a United States version of his English TE-20. The TO-20 was relatively the same as the TE-20 except utilized some different casting materials and had a US-style electrical system. The TO-20 was a dead ringer for the Ford 9N and 2N models and they say that Ferguson did this on purpose when the Handshake Agreement went bad in an attempt to take away Ford's market for the N-Series tractors. The main difference between the TO-20 and the Ford 9N/2N was a four-speed transmission and an overhead-valve engine. A few minor improvements were also made, including a pedal for the left brake on the right side and a one-piece hood arrangement.

The first TO-20 rolled off the production line in 1948 with Serial Number 1. It was an immediate success - they were reliable and priced competitively with Ford's new 8N. Due to their extreme reliability, many of the TE-20s were used in Antarctica by the British exploration program. Three of them (especially equipped) carried the famous Sir Edmund Hillary expedition on a 1,200 mile trip to the South Pole.

The TO-20 was made until 1951, when the TO-30 was introduced.

At the **Festival Meetings**, discussion is ongoing with plans for the festival shirts and MATC sale items, discussing the crafters contracts and prices, going over the schedule of events for the 2010 Summerfest Brochure, and Bob Davids has the advertisements right on schedule. A reminder that help will be needed to set up before the festival begins and during the three day festival time, especially at the gate and tractor drivers for the barrel train. Lauri Pratt is the contact person if you can help out on the gate and Glenn DeWitt, Chair, is available for any inquiries. With spring cleaning coming up, remember the flea market in the Starbird Building; Carroll and Charlene Quimby are the contact folks for the flea market. Raffle tickets are ready and are on sale on the Ferguson TO-20 Tractor. Camping reservation application forms will be in the March, May and June Newsletters. The dates of the Summerfest are Friday, Saturday and Sunday—June 25, 26, 27. The next Festival Meeting will be held on March 3rd at the Richmond Fire Station, Richmond. Some folks meet at the Railroad Cafe at 5 pm for a bite to eat and socializing. All members are welcome. *Judy*

### The Ferguson TO-20 Today

Today many of these tractors are still in use. Parts are readily available for both the TO-20 and the TE-20 with exception of the TE's Lucas electrical system (many of the English made TE-20's in the U.S. have had the Lucas system replaced by the Delco). This tractor is also popular for restoration and show - we have seen several at tractor shows around the country. In the absence of the collector standing by to defend his tractor, they are often mistaken as a 9N or 2N. An interesting side note: Although these tractors are nearly identical in looks to the 9N and 2N, very few parts are interchangeable.

#### Treasurers Report:

<b>Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$20,668.12</b>
<b>Balance in CD's</b>	<b>\$34,164.58</b>
<b>Total Balance in Banks</b>	<b>\$54,832.70</b>

*MATC dues for 2010*

January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010

Please print clearly

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name (If Sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_

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Names of children less than 18 years:

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\_\_\_\_ I will read the Newsletter on the Club's Web Site: [www.maineantiquetractorclub.com](http://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**

**Notice:**

**Due to postal regulations, I can no longer mail membership pins without paying extra cost beyond what I have been paying. If you want a pin, ask me for one when you see me.**

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

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**Important Notice:**

**If you haven't paid your 2010 dues by March 1, you won't receive the March Newsletter. Check the address label on your last newsletter. If it still says '09, you need to pay soon.**

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• 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



## 2010

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### FOR SALE

John Deere H 1940. Restored in 2003. Read all about it in Green Magazine August 2003. It earned the points trophy for 2600 pound class in the Southern Maine Tractor Club for 2009. Very nice running tractor. \$5500.

Woody Cone 603-332-7084

- Instruction book and repair list for a Hercules kerosene engine.
- Owners manual for Ford NAA
- Fordson tractor manual
- Owners manual for Ford series 600 & 800

Call for prices

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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)