

April 2011

The GAMTRA Newsletter

Greetings to All this Spring!

Welcome back to Dub Helms. We are glad that he had a speedy recovery and was able to attend the March meeting at Grandma Hoyt's.

Updates:

The machine shop building is complete. Many thanks to each member that contributed man hours in the building of this shop. Devin has been "signed off" with the Eagle Scout project. GAMTRA would like to offer thanks to Devin for undertaking this project. It is a fine addition to the working exhibitions at the Park.

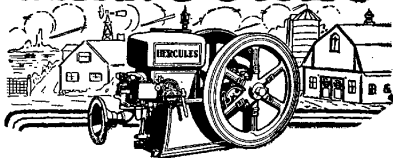
We will welcome **Marcie Smith, Gaston County Environmental Analyst**. She will present information about the new methane plant on Philadelphia Church Road and explain the use of biodiesel fuel in the Counties off road diesel vehicles. Following a two month trial period, the Gaston County Landfill will continue to use biodiesel for it's off road diesel vehicles. The Centralina Clean Fuel Coalition funded the pilot program with a grant from the NC State Energy Office. However, when the pilot program finished at the end of August, the decision was made to stay with the biodiesel B-20 which is 20% biodiesel mixed with 80% traditional diesel.

Our April meeting will be at Grandma Hoyt's Country Buffet at 421 East Virginia Avenue in Bessemer City NC. We look forward to Marcie's presentation.

We meet and greet at 6:00. The program will begin at 7:00 pm.

Thanks to all who contributed door prizes for the March meeting. Please be reminded that door prizes are needed for the next few We would love to have flow ers or seeds donated for spring planting.

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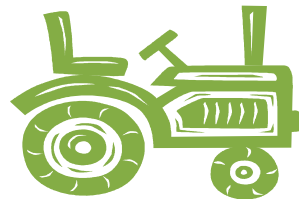


Upcoming Spring shows

Kings Mountain Chapel Engine and Tractor show is April 16 in York SC.

Berry Farm Spring Show, Kings Mtn. will held April 23rd 829 Dixon School Road Kings Mountain, NC.

Union County Tractor and Engine Show, Wingate NC will be held April 8-10 at the Union County Ag Center.



Remember to participate in the **50/50 drawings** at the meeting. Proceeds go towards postage for the newsletter

Upcoming Events

Cotton Ginning Days Swap Meet was held on March 26 at Gaston County Park. Cold weather and rain kept away large crowds.



Reminder that the meeting for April will be at Grandma Hoyt's at 6:00 PM. The address is 421 East Virginia Avenue in Bessemer City, NC. Extra parking, if needed, will be at the Veterinary Office beside the restaurant. This restaurant is buffet style and the cost is \$11.00 per adult. This price includes drink, meal and tip.

Please plan to attend this meeting in Grandma's private dining room.

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