

GAMTRA APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Spring keeps trying. After another winter of very little cold and the second year with no measurable snow, spring keeps trying to sneak in. We'll have a couple nice days and a couple damp, dreary days. Hope all you warm weather folks are getting enough pollen to suit you 'cause it ain't over yet, the oaks, pines and maples are about to add to the layer of yellow to everything and I've already had my first 'skeeter bite! Stock up on the ZYRTEC and OFF! 'cause springtime is here. Have fun and BE SAFE!

Lots of shows, swap meets and cruise-ins going on in April. Here's a few we've found out about.

April 5&6, Glory Days Antique Tractor Show in Yadkinville, NC.

April 7, Mutzies Memory Lane Cruise-In in Lincolnton, NC.

April 6&7, Tarheel Antiques Festival in Efland, NC.

April 4-7, Spring Auto-Fair at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

April 12&13, Tractors and Trains at The NC Transportation History Museum in Spencer, NC. Classic Antique Power Farm Heritage Days in Benson, NC.

April 20, Back Road Pickers Spring Fling in Fallston, NC. Northbrook Antique Tractor Pullers in Vale, NC. Westside Cruisers Car Show and Swap Meet in Lincolnton, NC. 23rd annual Antique Car Show at the C Grier Beam Truck Museum in Cherryville, NC.

April 19&20, Cherry Blossom Festival in Cherryville, NC.

April 27, Auto Barn Spring Cruise-In in Concord, NC and Mt Olive Pickle Festival Tractor Show in Mt Olive, NC. Cleveland County Antique Tractor Association Antique Tractor Show in Shelby, NC.

April 26&27, Farmington Swap Meet and AutoFair in Mocksville, NC.

Our Swap Meet once again was a 90% washout last Saturday. Heard there was a few people there challenging the elements but for the most part it was a futile effort. We'll try again next year!

Eddie & I made it to the Spring Pickers Festival in Denton last Friday, his first time, my second. Again, I highly recommend it for a day trip. Lots of antiques with some tools, automotive and tractor parts, shop supplies and miscellaneous stuff. It's held twice a year, Spring and Fall. Admission is \$7 and there's definitely more than you can see in one day.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 4 at Jackson's Cafeteria in Gastonia at 6:00. Come on & join us. We'll be making plans for our BBQ at the park in June and Jan has a new recipe for armadillo and fried 'chitlin pizza she wants to share, Mmm Mmm!

We're looking for someone (or a couple of someones) to operate the machine shop during the show. If you're interested, contact Jeff @ 704-913-4672 for more details.

We're gonna have a workday at the park on Saturday, April 13 starting around 8:00. Come help if you can.

Lathan Luu is looking for a 3 point carryall. Give him a call @ 704-648-2286.

A bat came flapping in from the night covered in fresh blood and parked himself on the roof of the cave to get some sleep. Pretty soon all the other bats smelled the blood and began hassling him about where he got it. He told them to go away and let him get some sleep, but they persisted until he finally gave in. "OK, follow me," he said and flew out of the cave with hundreds of bats right behind him. Down through a valley they went, across a river and into a forest of trees. Finally he slowed down and all the other bats excitedly milled around him. "Now, do you see that tree over there?" he asked. "YES, YES, YES!!" the bats all screamed in a frenzy. "Good!" He said, "Because I sure didn't."

Thought for the day from Rev Stone. The greatest feeling in the world is knowing you're wanted by someone other than the police!