

GAMTRA AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

Somebody turned the fire up! After a really nice spring with cool mornings and below average afternoon temps the heat and humidity arrived with a vengeance along with the 'skeeters and yellow jackets. Stay cool & watch out for those yellow devils when you're cutting grass. Have fun and be safe.

We've had two deaths in the GAMTRA family recently. Clayton Ballard of Lincolnton died Monday, July 10. He was 82. Also, Bob Thornburg of Gastonia died Monday, July 17. He was 90. Both were long time members and contributors and will be sorely missed.

Upcoming events that may be of interest.

August 3-5: Robbins Farmers Day in Robbins, NC.

August 5: Rock Springs Car & Truck Show at Rock Springs Campground, Denver, NC and Cleveland County 1st annual Motorcycle, Car & Truck show at the Fairgrounds in Shelby, NC.

August 9-13: Surry County Agricultural Fair in Mount Airy, NC.

August 12: Bandys High School Car & Truck Show at the school in Catawba, NC

August 16-19: Rough and Tumble Engineers Society Show in Kinzers, Pa.

August 23-26: Tri-State Gas Engine & Tractor Show in Portland, In.

August 31-September 4: Midwest Old Threshers Reunion in Mt Pleasant, Iowa.

September 2-3: Old Fashioned Farmers Day in Siler City, NC.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 3rd at Jackson's Cafeteria in Gastonia. Meet & eat at 6 & meeting will follow. Come on out & join us. We're beginning to make plans for Cotton Ginning Days 2023 and would like to have your input and suggestions.

If you've got anything you'd like added to the newsletter, looking for a part, need to update an address or just need a pep talk, give me (Reggie) a call at 704-263-2980. Keep trying till you get me. Also, y'all help me out with the small, local shows and cruise-ins and if you've found a neat antique or junk store the group may enjoy let me know.

One neat place I've discovered is Stanley Creek Treasures located beside Papa John's Pizza in Stanley. She has a mix of vintage home decor, tools, books and lots of vintage small items. Check it out sometime. She's open Thu & Fri 10-3 & Sat 10-4.

Mike Jarvis has a Corn Stalk Chopper for sale. \$125.00 or best offer. Seat is missing. He can be reached at 330 447-1197 and will deliver if necessary.

A drunk man sat down on a subway next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half-empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, 'Say Father, what causes arthritis?' The priest replies, 'My son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, and lack of a bath.' The drunk muttered in response, 'Well, I'll be,' then returned to his paper. The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. 'I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?' The drunk answered, 'I don't Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does.'

Thought for the day from Rev Stone. When an old person dies a whole library burns to the ground. It's later than you think. Checkout those books while you can.