

GAMTRA MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

America's most (in)famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, emerged from his hole on February 2 and did not see his shadow, indicating an early Spring. I'll leave you to draw your own conclusions about his accuracy vs. the paid, professional weather forecasters. We're working on our second winter without any measurable snow here in the Piedmont and only one burst of really cold weather. We're not done with Winter yet but Spring is just around the corner! Enjoy it and BE SAFE!!

Upcoming events you may be interested in.

Mooreville Classic Car Cruise In, every third Sunday from March-September.

March 15&16, Sandhills Engine & Tractor Show in Lillington, NC.

March 16, North Brook Antique Tractor Pullers Show in Vale, NC.

March 15-17, Southern Farm Days Show in Lake Waccamaw, NC.

March 21-23, Carolina Pickers Antique and Auto Festival at Denton FarmPark in Denton, NC.

April 4-7, Charlotte AutoFair at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, NC.

If you're into amateur radio or vintage electronics the Charlotte Hamfest will be March 8&9 at the Cabarrus Arena & Events Center.

And of course our GAMTRA Swap Meet at the park in Dallas on Saturday, March 23 from 8:00 till we get tired & ready to quit. Admission is free for lookers and only \$10 for a car, truck or trailer load! Remember, no matter what your wife, girlfriend or next door neighbor says, you really do need more stuff! We always have a good time out there swapping stories and telling tales. Of course you know this is county property so no weapons, bean shooters or nuclear bomb components allowed. Any questions give Jeff a call at 704-913-4672.

Our next meeting will be at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas at 6, another 'bring your own supper' meeting. Come on & join us!

Remember that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10. All those clocks we were too lazy or didn't know how to change last November will be right again!

Again, y'all help me out on any local shows, happenings of interest or any good junk or antique stores you run across so I can put them in the newsletter. With the price of fuel still astronomical, many of us aren't taking any long trips so knowing about some local events would be nice. Call me at 704-263-2980.

Ray Medford found a line shaft drive gear hob in Lexington, NC. On February 15, Ray, Tommy Berry, and Curt Holland made a trip and brought it to Gaston Co. for eventual installation in the machinshop at the show grounds.

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car-both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it, I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes they came to another intersection and the light was red again and again they went right through. This time the woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention to the road and the next intersection to see what was going on. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was definitely red and they went right through and she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred! Did you know we just ran through three red lights in a row! You could have killed us!" Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh, am I driving?"

Thought for the day from Rev. Stone. An at-home DNA test is NOT a good baby shower gift, trust me!!