



# GAMTRA

May 2008

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## COTTON GINNING DAYS

### BIG THANKS TO:

W.C. Helms and Clayton Ballard for hosting our April's meeting program. Their presentation, display and information shared of their collection of pocket watches and timepieces' dating back to the 1800's was outstanding.

### THANKS TO OUR DOORPRIZE SPONSORS

March Meeting – Southern States  
April Meeting - Lineberger Services

### BIG THANKS TO:

Jill Lindsey for doing our association newsletters for the past five years. She has decided to retire from doing this, so again thanks for your hard work and dedication to GAMTRA.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

\*\* Someone to assume the duties of completing the newsletters for our members.

\*\* Members to serve on a historical committee.

Those interested in helping on these, contact:

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### ANNUAL GAMTRA SWAP MEET

Was held on March 29<sup>th</sup> with about 48 folks registered to sell/buy/trade/swap their stuff. Mid-morning rains cut the event a little short. Thanks to all who came and participated.

### ASSOCIATION WORK UPDATE

\*\* The engine building's metal roof was replaced in March.

\*\* Several workdays have recently been scheduled to replace the aging siding on the engine building. The weather hasn't been cooperating but a good start has been made on one side. Our plans are to set up some more workdays to complete this project. As always, your help is needed and appreciated.

### PIONEER VILLAGE MACHINE SHOP PROJECT

As part of fulfilling his Eagle Scout requirements, Devin Holland has plans to build a late 19<sup>th</sup>/ early 20<sup>th</sup> century machine shop in the pioneer village at Biggerstaff Park. The club has endorsed the idea of such a project and several antique machine tools are awaiting just such a home for display at Cotton Ginning Days. Devin is reviewing plans for this project and has hopes of presenting a plan seeking final approval to begin construction at our May gathering.

### UPCOMING SHOWS IN MAY 2008

(Check you Old Farm Days Show Calendar for other May events)

#### MAY 3

#### STUMPTOWN TRACTOR CLUB SWAP MEET

Denver, NC

#### APPLE COUNTRY E & T SWAP MEET

Between Hendersonville & Saluda, NC

#### MAY 10

#### BILL'S CREEK ANTIQUE E & T SHOW

Lake Lure, NC

#### MAY 17

#### FOOTHILLS ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATION

Hickory, NC

#### MAY 2008 ANNUAL COOKOUT GATHERING

Our meeting this month, Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00P.M. will be held at the Gaston County Park Picnic Shelter #1, in the area behind the Animal Shelter. The association will provide member with a cookout style meal and have our business meeting afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there! ☺☺