

GAMTRA MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Greetings everyone. Spring is in full pollen bearing bloom in North Carolina right now. We've had a few rains to wash some of it away but it's not over yet. Temps have been really nice with cool nights and warm days. Snakes, ticks and wasps are out now. Watch out where you stick those hands and don't kill the Blacksnakes and Kingsnakes. If you encounter a swarm of bees don't kill or disturb them, call the Gaston County Beekeepers Association at [704-922-2113](tel:704-922-2113) or Burton Beasley at [704-860-1147](tel:704-860-1147). Have fun and be safe.

Lots of shows and happenings going on this month.

May 4: Western Carolina Antique Tractor Pull in Aiken, SC.

May 3&4: Valley Hills Swap Meet in Morganton, NC and Eastern Carolina Vintage Farm Equipment Days in Goldsboro, NC.

May 18: North Brook Antique Tractor Pullers Show in Vale, NC.

May 17 & 18: Foothills Antique Power Show in Newton, NC. Mayberry Farm-Fest in Mt Airy, NC.

May 15-18: Tri-State Gas Engine Swap Meet in Portland, Indiana.

May 31 & June 1: Broad River Antique Power Association Plow Days in Gaffney, SC and Ole Smokey Antique Tractor and Engine Show in Waynesville, NC.

June 1: Annual Livermush Festival in Downtown Marion, NC.

Our next meeting will be at 6pm Thursday, May 2 at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas. This is another 'bring your own supper' meeting. We'll be finalizing plans for the BBQ in June. Come join us!

As always, if you've got anything you'd like published in the newsletter, looking for a part, got something to sell or need to change or update an address, call me at [704-263-2980](tel:704-263-2980). Also, help me out with any small, local shows, cruise-ins or interesting junk or antique stores you know about so I can pass them on to the group.

One of our longtime members, Wally Martin, has decided to auction his collection of antique and unique items. I hear there will be several auctions, the first being Saturday, May 4 at 9am at his home located at 1354 Mirror Lake Rd in Lincolnton, NC. If you like unique, unusual and 'what is it' items, this is the place to go!

There's supposed to be an exceptionally large brood of cicadas hatching out this spring, both a 13 year and 17 year cycle, along with the usual yearly brood! There's a story floating around the internet that some South Carolina residents are calling the police over the noise! If you have any good cicada recipes, baked, stewed or

fried, contact Jan or Shelby, they're going to enter the Cat Square cicada cook-off next month.

Thought for the day from Rev Stone. If someone asks you what you do for a living, reply "I'm a lunatic." They won't ask any more questions and tend to become a quite standoffish.

Two farmers claimed to own the same cow. While one pulled on its tail and the other pulled on its horns, the cow was milked by someone from the government.

Reggie