



18th ANNUAL COTTON GINNING DAYS FESTIVAL OCTOBER 14-16, 2005

Cotton Ginning Days 2005, our 18th annual show, has continued the tradition of becoming bigger and better with each year. This year, approximately 294 exhibitors and vendors brought a variety of engines, tractors, models, and other farm implements from years gone by and crafts and wares to show off to the many spectators who attended. GAMTRA gained 17 new members. Friday, Saturday and Sunday were beautiful days and we were very fortunate to begin Sunday with services in the beautiful chapel. Many thanks to all who helped make the show as successful as ever, from manning the entrance, registration and tirelessly ginning the cotton and manning the engine....and to the ladies who helped in setting up for the exhibitor's dinner that served approximately 220 people and we thank you for the wonderful baking, for serving and for cleaning up afterwards. Thanks also to all those who devoted their time earlier in the week to the often unnoticed but numerous tasks required to set up for the show. Thanks to the Bessemer City Lions Club for the wonderful meal and to the staff of Gaston County Parks & Recreation for their partnership with GAMTRA and their many coordinating efforts in the areas of crafts, entertainment, and making the park the ideal showcase for Cotton Ginning Days.

2006 ENGINE SHOW CALENDARS

"The gas, steam engine and tractor calendar for 2006 is presented by the Old Farm Days Show of Pendleton, SC. There is a full color photo at the top of each month and on the calendar itself is information about shows that take place in the southeast. The 2006 calendars are now on sale. This calendar is one of the best ways you will find to keep up with the Old Engine Shows. The calendars are ready for mail orders, or they will be on sale at the following shows: Arden, SC 10/21 -10/23; Saluda, NC 11/04-11/06; and Cumming, GA 11/11-11/13. GAMTRA club members will have an opportunity to place their order at our November 3, 2005 meeting. Prices are as follows:

- Calendars picked up in person or purchased at shows \$7.00 each.
- Calendar mail orders of 10 or more copies -\$7.00 each
- Calendar mail orders less than 10 copies -\$10.00 each.

Mail order(s) and make checks payable to: Norman Durham 422 Wellford Drive Pendleton, SC 29670

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18th ANNUAL SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS Some of the photos from our 18th annual Cotton Ginning Days Show have been posted to our website. Here are the links:

http://www.oldengine.org/members/gamtra/images/C ottonGinningDays2005/Thumbnails.html

Or go to our home page:

http://www.oldengine.org/members/gamtra and click on "*GAMTRA 2005 Show Pictures*" on the left.

UPCOMING SHOWS IN NOVEMBER 2005 NOVEMBER 4-6

- <u>RICHALND CREEK FALL FESTIVAL</u> Saluda, SC
- NOVEMBER 5
 - BOSTWICK COTTON GIN FESTIVAL BOSTWICK, GA
- NOVEMBER 10-13
 - <u>FLORIDA FLYWHEELERS FALL FUEL-UP</u> Ft. Meade, FL
- NOVEMBER 11-13
 - <u>CUMMING STEAM, TRACTOR & GAS ENGINE</u>
 <u>EXPOSITION</u>
 - Cumming, GA

NOVEMBER 19

 <u>EAST RIDGE OLD FASSHION DAYS SWAP</u> MEET East Ridge, TN

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

If you are a GAMTRA member and have not yet paid your annual dues for the upcoming year, you may do so at our next meeting or you may mail them to: GAMTRA P.O. Box 839 Dallas, NC 28034

NOVEMBER 2005 MEETING

The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2005 at Western Sizzlin on Rankin Road. We will "meet and eat" at 6:00PM and our business meeting will be at 7:00PM. We look forward to seeing you there ©©