



GAMTRA

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COTTON GINNING DAYS

21st ANNUAL COTTON GINNING DAYS FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 10-12, 2008

Cotton Ginning Days 2008, has continued the tradition of becoming bigger and better with each year. This year, a large number of 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. We also gained some new members. The weather Friday was cloudy and cool, but Saturday and Sunday were beautiful warm, sunny fall days. Sunday morning opened with worship services in the beautiful historical chapel in the park's Heritage Village area.

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 provided our refreshments for Friday evening and helped in setting up for the Saturday exhibitor's dinner, providing those wonderful desserts, for serving and cleaning up afterwards. Thanks also, to all those who devoted their time earlier in the week to the often unnoticed but numerous necessary tasks required to set up for the show. Thanks to the parking lot crew, Boy Scouts and the Bessemer City Lions Club for the wonderful meal on Saturday evening. Gaston County Police for nighttime park security. Big thanks to all involved and 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. ☺☺

NEW THINGS AT THIS YEAR'S SHOW

*GAMTRA's Allis Chalmers "G" cultivating tractor donated in memory of Ralph S. Hodge was on display near the gin lawn area. The "G" was running and rolling on its new tires, with hopes of a complete restoration by the 2009 show.

*Repeating video showings of GAMTRA's past shows and history of the discovery of the cotton gin and engine were set up under a tent near the gin lawn area for spectator viewing.

*A float of seven girls, ages 3-15, representing members of the GAMTRA family became GAMTRA's "*Cotton Blossom Beauties*" in the parades. Thanks, Johnny Oates for providing the float and driving our beauties.

*The Parade of Power through the Town of Dallas on Friday morning and again inside the park grounds at noon on Saturday. (Thanks to Dallas Police and Gaston County Sheriff's Office for their escorts)

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Gaston Floral Gardens
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UPCOMING SHOWS IN NOVEMBER 2008

(Check your Old Farm Days Show Calendar for other monthly events)

NOVEMBER 1

Bostwick Cotton Gin Festival

Bostwick, GA

NOVEMBER 1-2

Richland Creek Fall Festival

Saluda, SC

NOVEMBER 6-9

Flordia Flywheelers Fall Fuel-Up

Ft. Meade, FL

NOVEMBER 7-8

Cumming Steam, Tractor & Gas Engine Expo

Cumming, GA

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

If you are a GAMTRA member and have not yet paid your annual dues (\$10.00) 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 2008 MEETING

Our meeting this month will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at Northstar Resturant in Dallas. We will "meet and eat" at 6:00PM and our business meeting will be at 7:00PM. We look forward to seeing you there. ☺☺