



# GAMTRA

## November 2009

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# COTTON GINNING DAYS

### 22<sup>nd</sup> COTTON GINNING DAYS FESTIVAL

Cotton Ginning Days 2009, held October 9-11, 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 15 new members. The weather Friday and Saturday began with a slight rain but every day the sun broke through for an overall beautiful weekend. Sunday morning opened with worship services in the beautiful historical chapel in the park's Heritage Village area.

Again this year, good music was provided by a variety of groups. Thanks to North Gaston High Choral Society and Dance Team for performing. We were able to again have the Parade of Power through the Town of Dallas on Friday morning and again inside the park grounds near noon on Saturday. (Thanks to Dallas Police for their escorts). Our "Cotton Blossom Beauties" represented GAMTRA on the main stage. GAMTRA's Allis Chalmers "G" cultivating tractor was on display in complete restoration condition and as a special treat was driven Saturday by Mr. Hodge's son in the Parade of Power. Thanks to all for helping with this project, and special thanks to Tim Beam for the final work with a showroom finish of paint.

Many thanks to all who helped make the show as successful as ever; from manning the entrance, registration counter, tirelessly ginning the cotton, blacksmithing, driving the trams and manning the engine and bringing and operating your own exhibits for the crowd's benefit and viewing .... and to the ladies who provided our refreshments for Friday evening and helped in setting up for the Saturday vendor/exhibitor's dinner and 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, and to the folks that stayed around Sunday afternoon to break down the tents and secure our artifacts until next year. 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 entertainment, and making the park the ideal showcase for Cotton Ginning Days. ☺☺

### GAMTRA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY INFORMATION

Our plans for the Christmas Party this year is to be held at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas and have a catered meal in the price range of \$9.00 to \$11.00 a person, depending on which meal we select. The date will be Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Final decisions for the night will be made during our November meeting. If you can't attend the November meeting and plan to attend the Christmas Party please call Rusty at #704-922-3603 or email [mccop@charter.net](mailto:mccop@charter.net) so that we will have an accurate count of members for the catered meal.

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### UPCOMING SHOWS IN NOVEMBER 2009 NOVEMBER 7

Bostwick Cotton Gin Festival

Bostwick, GA

### NOVEMBER 6-8

Richland Creek Fall Festival

Saluda, SC

### NOVEMBER 12-15

Flordia Flywheelers Fall Fuel-Up

Ft. Meade, FL

### NOVEMBER 13 & 14

Cumming Steam, Tractor & Gas Engine Expo

Cumming, GA

### ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

We want to keep you on our mailing list, so if you are a GAMTRA member or wish to be and did not pay your annual dues (\$10.00) at this year's show, you may do so at our next meeting or you may mail them to:

GAMTRA  
P.O. Box 839  
Dallas, NC 28034

### NOVEMBER 2009 MEETING

Our meeting this month will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 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. ☺☺