

# GAMTRA Newsletter November 2010



Cotton Ginning Days was held at the Dallas Park, October 8-10<sup>th</sup>. This year's 23<sup>rd</sup> celebration continued to be bigger and better. We want to extend a big thank you to each and every one who helped to make the annual event a huge success. The Parade of Power was enjoyed by the student body of Carr Elementary School in downtown Dallas, as well as crowd in the Park on Saturday. Hazel Boyd led us in worship on Sunday morning as the club President Leon Lineberger presented him with a wooden cross-thanking Hazel for his many years of faithfulness and service. Hazel's daughters, Carla Fortenberry and Rhonda Phipps, sang a special in the closing of the service. The service was well attended as the crowd had standing room only, extending to the porch. The weather was beautiful for



the festival.

Many thanks to each and every one for their contributions of time in manning the front gates, soliciting monies for donation to the GAMTRA Club, driving the trams, working the gin and manning the blacksmith area and finally all who contributed time and energy while keeping their own exhibits. Thanks also to the ladies of the club who provided desserts for the social and pinto bean dinner, helping to set up for the dinner and assisting in the clean-up following the meal. To those that gave numerous hours early in the week in preparation for the event and those that stayed late on Sunday afternoon to help break down the exhibits and with clean up-we extend heartfelt thanks.

GAMTRA wants to thank Gaston County Parks and Recreation for their partnership in helping with the planning of the event, contributing hours to set up and

maintaining the grounds for the Cotton Ginning Days. They spend many hours coordinating music and park activities for the children. GAMTRA appreciates their continued support! **FYI** The vendor fees went to pay for the liability insurance for the event as well as to help with repairs to the cotton gin. The club registered 14 new members!

## UPCOMING EVENTS-

Club meeting for November 4<sup>th</sup> will be North Star, eating at 6:00 and the business meeting follows at 7:00.



The GAMTRA Christmas party will be held at the Citizens Resource Center on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The dinner will be catered, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Looking Ahead for Shows: The *Richland Creek Fall Festival* will be in Saluda, SC on November 5-7<sup>th</sup>.

*The Florida Fly wheelers Show* will be held on November 10-13<sup>th</sup> in Fort Meade, Florida.

The Club would like to get suggestions for fieldtrips and possible speakers that might be of interest. Discussions for calendar events or call Leon at 704-922-8714.

Shirts for sale: If you would like to purchase a short sleeve or long sleeve denim shirts (\$15/\$20—additional cost for extended sizes) see Gail Brannon or Kathy Lineberger. We have a few embroidered Cotton Ginning Days tee shirts for sale (\$8.00).

Reminder: If you have not paid your 2010 club dues of \$10.00, you may mail your renewal check to:

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