

GAMTRA NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023

Greetings all! Hope everyone's enjoying the cooler weather. Last couple of weeks have been great for outdoor activities. Time to get out & get busy on some of that stuff that wouldn't run at the show and those new acquisitions. The forecast says we've got a 'killing frost' coming next week, let's have a moment of silence for the millions of 'skeeters, stink bugs and flies that will breathe their last! Don't forget to drain radiators and water hoppers or check to be sure there's enough antifreeze to keep 'em from freezing. Now's also a good time to get that nasty ethanol blend gas out of those engines and tractors before it destroys the gas tank, carburetor and lines. Turn those clocks back on November 5. Have fun and be safe.

With the exception of a little drizzle Saturday morning we had great weather for Cotton Ginning Days 2023. I don't believe the crowds are back to 100% of what they were before the pandemic but this was certainly the best turnout since 2019. A big thanks to everyone who supported and helped out and especially to Jeff and Jacob for their tireless work and effort. We couldn't do it without you!

Couple of late season shows for those of you who haven't had enough yet.

November 3-5:

-100+ Years of Progress Elderville Train and Tractor Show in Carthage, NC.

-Richland Creek Fall Festival in Saluda, SC.

November 8-11:

-Florida Flywheelers Show in Ft Mead, Florida

November 10&11:

-Cummings Steam, Tractor and Gas Engine Show in Cummings, Ga.

I'm hoping to get to go to the Carthage show this year, weather permitting. If I do, I'll share pics on the GAMTRA FB page and website.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 2 at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas @ 6:00. This is another 'bring your own supper' meeting. Hopefully, we'll get to hear what went right and maybe even a thing or two that didn't so we can improve next year. We're hoping Jan and Shelby may share some of their Halloween loot with us (I hear they only haunt the ritzy neighborhoods) along with a story or two. We've also got to decide the where and when of our Christmas get together. Come on & be a part of it!

Debbie & I got both the email and snail mail lists updated to reflect this year's registrations. We added 6 new ones to the snail mail list and 28 to the email list. I don't remove anyone from email unless you ask me to, but we do trim down the

snail mail list occasionally to reflect current members, in the interest of saving money on postage. If you didn't get to register this year but still want to remain on the snail mail list, better let me know.

If you have anything you'd like published in the newsletter, looking for a part, need to update an address or just need some advice on women, toilet training a cat or a shoulder to cry on, give me (Reggie) a call at 704-263-2980.

Chase Messick is in desperate need of the cushion spring for the single point attachment on a Farmall 140. Text him @ 803-415-2046 if you know where one of these might be located.

Thought for the day from Rev Stone. It doesn't take much to make a woman happy. And it takes a whole lot less to make her mad.

Reggie