



# GAMTRA

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## COTTON GINNING DAYS

20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHOW

Gaston County Park, Dallas, NC

OCTOBER 12-14, 2007

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Cotton Ginning Days will soon be here! The park opens on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, for early bird campers that want to come and visit a little longer. Admission to the Park is FREE. Donations will be accepted and appreciated. The show begins Friday morning October, 12<sup>th</sup>. Friday evening GAMTRA invites all exhibitors to a social at the Cotton Gin Building for hot cider and desserts. Saturday evening hosts the Exhibitors' Poor Man's Supper. Be sure to get your tickets when you register your exhibit at the Cotton Gin. T-Shirts, caps and Show buttons will be for sale at the Cotton Gin Building. ☺☺

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Saturday is the busiest day of the show. There will be food vendors, musical entertainment, crafts booths, children's activities and plenty of old engines, tractors, and stuff. There are a few rules and regulations that must be mentioned:

1. All tractors and other "ride-able" equipment must be operated by a responsible adult. No one under the age of 16 is allowed to operate or drive any equipment through the park.
2. Please rope off a safe area around your equipment and never leave running equipment unattended.
3. Leashed pets are welcome! Cool water will be available for pets at the Gin Building.
4. We want to keep the show grounds "pedestrian friendly" so we ask that you keep your display area as compact as possible. This will allow everyone to see all of your items.
5. If you are driving a golf cart or some other vehicle, remember that those folks walking along are not watching you. They are looking at all the exhibits. They could easily walk out in front of you.
6. \*\*FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
Call (704) 864-2961 or After 6:00PM (704) 864-7329.  
Vendors call: (704) 922-2160

### NEW VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

Beginning this year, exhibitors who are also selling items either exclusively or in addition to exhibiting their tractors, engines, etc. will be required to pay \$20 and obtain a "Certificate of Vendor Registration" from the registration desk at the gin building. This is being done out of fairness to the many crafters and food vendors who have for years been paying even higher registration fees to the county. We note however, that all fees from engine exhibitors will be retained by GAMTRA and used for the clubs benefit and future shows. Vendors will be asked to display their

registration certificate to avoid confusion as we monitor this new procedure. If you are exhibiting ONLY...this fee does not apply. In general if you are offering anything for sale during the festival (memorabilia, engine parts, scrap metals, etc) the \$20 fee will apply and we ask your cooperation in registering and obtaining your certificate as soon as possible.

### !!!! EXHIBITORS ENTRANCE TO THE PARK !!!!

Please note that again this year the main entrance to the park will be CLOSED beginning Saturday morning at 9 AM. This is done for safety reasons due to the much heavier traffic and attendance on Saturday. Exhibitors arriving after that time must enter the park from the road leading to the Dept. of Transportation Maintenance shed at the eastern side of the park as was done last year. Once you arrive, exhibitor passes will be available at the registration area to allow you to exit and re-enter the park as needed. For this reason it is important that you register and obtain your pass!!

### EXHIBITOR SUPPER

Due to current construction to expand the Agriculture Center Building, we do not yet know if the banquet hall will be available for the exhibitor meal on Saturday evening. In the event that it is not available, the exhibitor meal will be held in the area adjacent to the horse arena as we had done 5-6 years ago when similar construction was in progress. In any event, we hope that you will join us as we express our appreciation to all of you who make the show so successful.

### TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

Shuttle buses will be available to transport you from the remote parking areas. The drop off and pick up area will be at the Greeters' Tent. Trams will be available to ride you around the park if you prefer not to walk. Parking will be designated in several different areas and handicapped parking will be available. Please note that due to the construction, tram routes, pick-up and drop-off points may be different than last year, but will be marked and identified.

### OCTOBER 2007 MEETING

The meeting this month will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at Western Sizzlin' on Rankin Road, just North of I-85 on US 321. We will "meet and eat" at 6:00 PM and our business meeting will be at 7:00 PM. We will be finalizing details for the Cotton Ginning Days Weekend. We look forward to seeing you there! ☺☺