



# GAMTRA

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## COTTON GINNING DAYS 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SHOW

Gaston County Park, Dallas, NC  
OCTOBER 9-11, 2009



### 22ND ANNUAL COTTON GINNING DAYS FESTIVAL OCTOBER 9 – 11, 2009

Cotton Ginning Days will soon be here! The park opens on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 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, 9<sup>th</sup>. The Parade of Power will be held on Friday and Saturday. Friday evening GAMTRA invites all exhibitors to a social at the Cotton Gin Building for hot cider and desserts. Cotton Blossom Queens will be introduced early Saturday morning. Saturday evening hosts the Exhibitors' Poor Man's Supper. Be sure to get your supper 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. This is also the time to join or renew your GAMTRA membership.

### 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) 922-6016 or (704) 864-7329.  
Vendors call: (704) 922-2160

### VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

Anyone who is selling items either exclusively or exhibitors who are selling items in addition to exhibiting their tractors, engines, etc. are required to pay \$20 and obtain a "Certificate of Vendor Registration" from the GAMTRA's registration desk at the cotton gin building. This is 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 exhibit vendors 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 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 you need to register at the cotton gin building and obtaining your certificate as soon as possible upon arriving in the park.

### !!!! 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!!

### PARADE OF POWER

Friday 9:45AM Leave the park for downtown Dallas.  
Saturday 11:30AM Line up in parking lot beside the lake. (It's free, but Register for the Saturday parade at the Cotton Gin, to get your form so the equipment can be announced.)

### EXHIBITOR POOR MAN'S SUPPER

The exhibitor supper will be held on Saturday at 5:30 in the Agriculture Center Building. We hope that you will join us as we express our appreciation to all of you who make this 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.

### OCTOBER 2009 MEETING

Our meeting this month will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at Northstar Restaurant in Dallas. We will "meet and eat" at 6:00PM and our business meeting will be at 7:00PM. We will be finalizing details for the Cotton Ginning Days Weekend, so we look forward to seeing you there for your input and support to again make this another successful show. ☺☺