

GAMTRA October 2010 Newsletter

Cotton Ginning Days 23rd Annual Show, October 8, 9 and 10th at the Gaston County Park, Dallas, NC

September Meeting News - The GAMTRA members thanks Bob and Liz Atterberry, Richard Kimmer and Lineberger Plumbing Services for door prizes. There were 60 members and guests in attendance at North Star Restaurant. Welcome to new members Gary Byrd, Joe Harris and Harold Ramsey. Welcome back to Bill and Betsy McPherson.

A **Workday** is scheduled for October 2nd at 8:00 am. We will test fire the engine and clean around the gin in preparation for the Cotton Ginning Days.

The First Two Decades of GAMTRA, "Cotton Ginning Days" written by Dr. Ray L. Medford has been published. Thanks to the committee members - Kathy Lineberger, Liz and Bob Atterberry and Rusty Friday - for all of their hard work in getting the book ready for publication. Special contributions from Gail Brannon (proofreading), Anna-Kathryn Lineberger(photo editing) and a special thank you to Jennifer Honaker, production editor. Books will be available at Cotton Ginning Days for \$5.00.

Special Events for the Cotton Ginning Days this year will include a ***Kids Petal Tractor Pull contest***. Prizes will be awarded

A **50/50 raffle** will be given away each day. Volunteers needed to sell tickets daily. Please call Leon Lineberger at 704-913-3158 to schedule a time to help out. Also needed are volunteers to ride the trams and to greet park guests, collecting donations.

Baked goods are needed for the **Friday Night Social** at 5:00 PM around the gin and for the **Pinto Bean Supper** for exhibitors and guests on Saturday Night at 6:00 PM (Senior Center).

Please note that the **October meeting** will be held on **September 30** at North Star. *Meet and Eat at 6:00 with a meeting to follow at 7:00.*

Final plans for Cotton Ginning Days will be our focus!

Cotton Ginning Day Vendors and Exhibitors should note the following:

1. **Rope off area around your exhibition. You should keep display areas "pedestrian friendly"- giving our guests room to view exhibits. Never leave running equipment unattended.**
2. **Pets should be on leashes.**
3. **Golf carts and other vehicles should be mindful of people walking around and not watching you!**
4. **The main entrance to the park will be closed on Saturday. You must enter on the side closest to the Dept. of Transportation shed.**

TRANSPORTION AND PARKING-Shuttles will be available from remote parking areas. Handicapped parking areas are available. Trams will provide rides around the park. Parking areas will be designated, shuttles servicing all of these areas

VENDOR requirements- Anyone selling materials and equipment are required to pay a **\$20 fee and complete the Certificate of Vendor Registration** at the Cotton Gin building. If you are exhibiting only--this does not apply. In general if you are offering anything for sale during the festival-memorabilia, engine parts to crafts, etc- *for vendor registration.*

PARADE OF POWER -Friday at 9:00 AM for Downtown and Saturday at 1:00 PM- Line up at lake---Make sure you sign up (free entry) and get complete equipment form to the announcer.

For more information call (704)922-6016 or (704)864-7329. Vendors- (704)922-2160.

Denim shirts, polos caps and embroidered tees are available this year for GAMTRA members. Call Gail Brannon at 704-922-9913 if interested Sizes S-4X are available.