



# GAMTRA

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## COTTON GINNING DAYS



### 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COTTON GINNING DAYS SHOW OCTOBER 14-16, 2005

Cotton Ginning Days will soon be here! All of the planning will soon be put into action. We look forward to seeing you there! **Volunteers are needed** for cotton ginning, registration, entrance greeters etc. All help will be welcomed!!

### A TRIBUTE TO THE LANKFORD FAMILY

(Written and Contributed By: Ray Medford)

The name of Lankford and G.A.M.T.R.A are almost synonymous. When one reviews the history of G.A.M.T.R.A and its incorporation in 1989, the Lankford name pops up every where. To begin with, two Lankfords, Bill and H.C. were the founding members. Later on, H.C. served as president of the group. While Bill and H.C. were always active, their father, H. C. Lankford Sr. was overseeing all our activities. Hub, as we knew him, would bring his lawn chair over and place it strategically so that he could see all that was going on.

Early on, the whole family; mother, father, brothers and sisters got involved by preparing the dinners that we serve to our exhibitors during the Cotton Ginning Days Show. The family continued to do this for several years until the Bessemer City Lions club took over. Bill was the primary chef in the preparation of the food.

Both Bill and H.C. were greatly involved in the building of the Wilson Engine Building and the Lankford Gin building. It should be noted the Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Lankford Sr. purchased the gin and press machinery that are now in the gin building. After the death of Mr. Lankford Sr., Mrs. Lankford, Sr. continues to contribute funds to G.A.M.T.R.A.

Over the years, Bill's activities have been curtailed, although he continues to display his Sterling Cycle engine at our Cotton Ginning Days show. H.C. was very active in club and work activities until his death. Our last major project was the installation of new siding on the gin building and H.C. was climbing four sets of scaffolds to be right in the middle of the work.

We can have no more fitting and lasting memorial to the Lankford family than to have their name prominently displayed on our gin building. We are deeply grateful to the entire family for their interest, work and contributions to the club.

### THE FIRST BENZ AUTOMOBILE

(Courtesy of Curt Holland)

Several nice pictures of the first Benz automobile and details of the engine can be seen at:

<http://www.oldengine.org/members/hammink/web/tilligte2005.htm>

### UPCOMING SHOWS IN SEPTEMBER 2005

#### SEPTEMBER 2 - 4

#### OLD FASHIONED FARMER'S DAY

Siler City, NC

#### SEPTEMBER 3 - 5

#### DACUSVILLE FARM DAYS

Dacusville, SC

#### SEPTEMBER 9 -11

#### BELWOOD ANTIQUE TRACTOR & ENGINE

Belwood, NC

#### SEPTEMBER 9-10

#### FARM DAYS OF YESTERYEAR

Jasper, GA

#### SEPTEMBER 10

#### STARFORD ANTIQUE ASSOCIATION

Ninety-Six, SC

#### SEPTEMBER 10 -11

#### BERKELEY MUSEUM ANTIQUE TRACTOR & ENGINE

Moncks Corner, SC (All benefits go to the Berkeley Museum)

#### SEPTEMBER 16 - 17

#### UNION COUNTY ANTIQUE FARM EQUIPMENT SHOW

Union, SC

#### SEPTEMBER 16 - 18

#### INMAN FARM HERITAGE DAYS

Inman, GA

#### SEPTEMBER 17 - 18

#### FLAT RIVER ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR CLUB

Roxboro, NC

#### SEPTEMBER 23 -24

#### BULLOCK CREEK ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR SHOW

9/23 SET-UP ONLY

9/24 SHOW

Sharon, SC

#### SEPTEMBER 24

#### SOUTH GREENVILLE FAIR ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR

Simpsonville, SC

#### YESTERYEAR IN MOTION

Jamestown, NC

#### SEPTEMBER 2005 MEETING

The meeting this month, **Thursday, September 1, 2005**, will be held at Western Sizzlin' on Rankin Road just north of I-85 on US 321. As always, we will "meet and eat" at 6:00PM and have our business meeting at 7:00PM. We look forward to seeing you there! ☺☺