



# GAMTRA

September 2009

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## COTTON GINNING DAYS

### AUGUST MEETING'S RE-CAP

\*We had a big group of members to gather for homemade ice cream of various flavors and many baked sweet treats on the lawn around our Cotton Gin for our August gathering. The weather cooperated nicely for our outdoor event, and then our guest speaker, W.S. "Bill" Melton, Gaston County's humorist, writer and good ol' boy, treated us to special entertainment.

Members approved to provide bottled water to overseas US soldiers, who are in great need of clean drinking water. GAMTRA will give the \$250 upfront to make the purchase and Jill and Christine will make the purchase and get it there. Members wishing to support this are encouraged to give any donations to Bill, our treasurer.

Devon gave an update on the future Machine/Welding Shop project. Building permits have now been obtained and \$7,000 has been raised toward the goal of \$20,000.

GAMTRA has been asked to start up the Wilson engine and gin a little cotton on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> during the *Hamfest* event at the County Park. Volunteers are needed beginning at 8AM. This is an excellent time for anyone interested in this, to learn and (maybe recruit some new folks to GAMTRA) prior to our October show.

Dan Rowe is looking to purchase a box scrape, if anyone has one for sale.

### ASSOCIATION WORK UPDATE

\*\*Work continues on the painting of the lower portion of the cotton gin building. We must still have another workday before our show to complete this project, so we will pick another workday at this month's meeting. Many thanks to our volunteers.

### " 2009 COTTON GINNING DAYS" OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

Plans are underway for this years show, here are a few items of interest with more to be in next month's newsletter.

\*We again will have the Parade of Power on Friday mid-morning through the Town of Dallas and also the Parade of Power through the park on Saturday. The Friday ride will leave at 9:45AM from the park. The Saturday ride through the park will begin at 11:30AM, and drivers should meet at the lower parking lot beside the pond prior to these times to line up.

*All operators of the tractors and equipment participating in the Parades of Power must be 16 years old and possess a valid Drivers License.*

Also, this year when you sign in, register, and renew your annual dues at the Gin on Friday, please complete a short form listing your equipment information for Saturday's parade, because we plan to have each tractor announced over the PA at the park.

### UPCOMING SHOWS IN SEPTEMBER 2009

(Check your Old Farm Days Show Calendar for other monthly events)

#### SEPTEMBER 5-7

Dacusville Farm Days

Dacusville, SC

#### SEPTEMBER 10-12

Belwood Antique Tractor & Engine Show

Belwood, NC

#### SEPTEMBER 12-13

Berkeley Museum Antique Tractor & Engine Show

Moncks Corner, SC

### September 2009 MEETING

Our meeting this month will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at Northstar Restaurant in Dallas. We will "meet and eat" at 6:00PM and our business meeting will be at 7:00PM. We look forward to seeing you there.

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