

GAMTRA NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024

Fall greetings! What a time of year. The miserable hot steamy weather is gone and we've had quite a spell of really nice days. Still a few 'skeeters around but they know their days are numbered! Now is a good time to drain those water hoppers or check that the anti freeze is sufficient and get that gas drained if it's gonna sit all winter. Have fun with the old iron & BE SAFE!

Here's an idea you might want to try, I've been doing it for years and it works well for me. On any engine that's gonna sit all winter, drain most of the gas from the tank, leaving enough for about 15 minutes of run time, then mix a little oil or transmission fluid with what's left. Start it up & let it run till it runs out. The oil will coat the bottom of the tank, sediment bowl, lines and carburetor as it's running through. You'll have an easy startup next spring simply by adding some fresh gas. I know a lot of folks swear by Sta-Bil, which is fine, but regular oil or transmission fluid does the same thing cheaper. Try it, you'll thank me next spring.

What a show we had! A full 3 days without even the threat of any rain! And what a great mixture of antiques and assorted junk by all the vendors in the field! We had a great time, made some new friends and renewed some old friendships. We were blessed that Dr. Ray got to attend the show that he started one more time. I thought it was near perfect!

A few late season happenings going on.

November 6-9; Florida Flywheelers Show in Ft Mead, Florida.

November 8&9; Cummings Steam, Antique Engine & Tractor Show in Cummings, Georgia.

October 6-November 24, Saturdays & Sundays; Carolina Renaissance Festival in Charlotte, NC.

November 14-17; Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte, NC.

A group from GAMTRA will be participating in the Dallas Christmas parade on December 8. If anyone wants to ride the tram or drive a tractor see Jeff at the meeting Thursday or give him a call @ [704-913-4672](tel:704-913-4672).

The 50th annual Cat Square Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 14 @ 1:30.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 7 at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas @ 6:00, another 'bring your own supper' meeting. Come on & join us. We'll be making plans for our Christmas get together and if anyone has any ideas for improvement, or even a complaint, we'd like to hear them while it's fresh on your mind.

We'll be going through the registration slips from the show over the next couple weeks updating the mailing list. I don't remove anyone from the email list unless asked to, but we do adjust the snail mail list each year to the ones that renewed their membership at the show. If you didn't make it to the show this year & want to stay on the snail mail list better let me know.

If you've got something to sell, need a piece for that next project, want to pass something on to the club members, need to update an address or just need a shoulder to cry on, give me a call at [704-263-2980](tel:704-263-2980). Keep trying till you get me.

A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 100mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He pulled over & awaited the trooper's arrival. Pulling behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back." "Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.

Thought for the day from Rev. Stone. She probably would have calmed down if you hadn't told her to.
Reggie