

## GAMTRA NEWLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024

Greetings all! Hope y'all are staying cool. The famous Carolina heat and humidity gave us a little break last week but the broiler has been back on this week. Hopefully we'll be getting some cooler weather as the days are getting noticeably shorter. The wasps, yellow jackets and snakes are still out in full force. As the days get shorter the yellow jackets know their days are numbered & get especially aggressive. Keep an eye out while you're cutting grass or plundering around in junk and outbuildings. Stay hydrated and stay safe.

Lots of things going on this month. Here's a few we know about.

September 12-14: Fall Carolina Pickers Antique and Auto Festival at the Denton FarmPark.

September 13: Farm Days of Yesteryear in Jasper, Ga.

September 13-15: Annual Balloon Festival in Burlington, NC.

September 13&21: Northbrook Show & Tractor Pull in Vale, NC

September 17-21: Surry County Agricultural Fair in Mt Airy, NC.

September 21: Union County Farm Show in Union, SC.

September 20&21: Davie County Farm Fest in Mocksville, NC.

September 27&28: Townsend Fall Heritage Festival and Old Timers Day in Townsend, Tn.

September 28: Tractor Show at Crowders Creek ARP Church in Gastonia and Annual Antique Tractor Show in Beulaville, NC

September 26-October 6: 100th Anniversary Cleveland County Fair in Shelby, NC.

October 5: Tindol Fords Annual Custom Car Cruise In in Gastonia, NC.

October 4&5: Valley Hills Antique Power Clubs Annual Fall Tractors Show in Morganton, NC.

PLEASE NOTE that the meetup location for the September tractor ride has been changed from North Gaston High School to the park in Dallas because of football tryouts. Same time as originally planned, meet and line up at 8am, leave the park at 9. The planned route is approximately 20 miles. There's a few rules we need to adhere to to make this a safe outing for everyone. 1. All tractors must be able to maintain 10 MPH. 2. One rider per tractor unless you have an approved buddy seat. 3. Operator must have a valid drivers license. 4. Each tractor should carry a chain or tow strap in case of a breakdown. 5. If traveling alone, leave emergency contact info with a fellow rider. 6. Obey all traffic laws. 7. No horseplay. 8. No shortcuts, stick to the planned routes. 9. No passing unless absolutely necessary. 10. No alcohol. 11. All tractors must have an orange triangle on back. If you have any other questions give Jeff a call at [704-913-4672](tel:704-913-4672).

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 5 at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas at 6:00. This is another 'bring your own supper' meeting. We've got things to discuss and plans to make, our show is just a little over a month away. Come on & join us. If you've got an idea to make the show better we'd like to hear it!

I've accumulated another pretty good stash of 6v coils and several generators from stuff I've changed over to 12v. If you need any just holler.

How to tell you're a senior citizen. 1. You gain 30lbs overnight. 2. You'd rather nap than go out. 3. Everything hurts, if it doesn't hurt it doesn't work. 4. Your wardrobe is based on things that don't chafe, bind or itch. 5. You have a favorite spatula (or screwdriver) 6. Everything feels like a chore. 7. College students look like 12 year olds. 8. You get really annoyed when they rearrange the grocery store. 9. You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there. 10. You have all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.

Thought for the day from Rev Stone. If you eat all the marshmallows out of a box of Lucky Charms you're basically left with a box of Purina Cat Chow.

Reggie