

# GAMTRA NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025

Happy April! The seasons are a changing. Still having some cool nights but getting really nice during the day. Pollen production is in full force and the bugs and snakes are starting to crawl. I've already had my first 'skeeter bite! Pay attention to where you stick those hands! Get out in the shop & make something happen. Use those jack stands if you're crawling under something, don't trust those concrete blocks to support a heavy load. Have fun and be safe!

I'm doing this newsletter a couple days early this month so we can attend the Pickers Festival in Denton on the 28th and our swap meet on the 29th. I'll let you know how both went in next month's newsletter.

Lots of shows and festivals happening in the area. Here are some we know about.

April 5; Cleveland County Antique Tractor Show in Shelby, NC. (Rain date April 12) and Backroads Pickers Spring Fling in Fallston, NC.

April 3-5; Spring AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

April 4&5; Glory Days Antique Tractor Show in Yadkinville, NC and NC Heritage Days in Sanford, NC.

April 4-6; Rusty Pistons Antique Tractor Show in Marshville, NC.

April 5&6; Tarheel Antiques Festival in Efland, NC.

April 12; Sunny Plain Antique Power Association Show in St Matthew, SC

April 11&12; Spokes & Cleats Swap Meet in Turnersburg, NC and Antique Farm Heritage Days in Benson, NC

April 11-13; Union County Tractor & Power Club Show in Monroe, NC.

April 26; Mt Olive Pickle Festival in Mt Olive, NC and Murphy Antique Tractor Show in Murphy, NC and Antique Car Show at the C Grier Beam Truck Museum in Cherryville NC.

April 25&26; Tractor and Train Days at NC Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC and Farmington Swap Meet and Auto Fair in Mocksville, NC and the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Cherryville, NC.

April 24-27; Appalachian Farm Show & Farmers Reunion in Gray, Tn.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 3 at Jackson's Cafeteria in Gastonia, NC @ 6:00. We'll be making plans for our annual BBQ in June. Come out & join us!

Barry Tadlock is looking for some hydraulic drive parts for an IHC 4421 all terrain fork lift. If you know of anyone that specializes in this type of industrial/commercial equipment give him a call @ [704-363-5881](tel:704-363-5881).

Thought for the day from Rev Stone. At our age, it's considered rude to pull out a bottle of ibuprofen if you don't have enough for everyone!

An old lady was standing by the rail of a cruise ship holding her hat on tight so that it would not blow off in the wind. A gentleman approached her and said: "Pardon me, ma'am, I don't intend to be forward, but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind?" "Yes, I know," said the lady, "I need both hands to hold onto this hat." "But, madam, you must know that your backside is exposed!" said the gentleman in earnest. The woman looked down, then back up at the man and replied, "Sir, anything you see down there is 85 years old. I just bought this hat yesterday!"

Reggie