

# GAMTRA NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026

Happy Spring! The seasons are a changing. Still having some cool nights but getting really nice, even a bit warm during the day, and I've already had the AC on a couple times. 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 before the heat & humidity sets in. Use jack stands if you're crawling under something, don't trust those concrete blocks to support a heavy load. Have fun and BE SAFE!

Show season is easing into high gear, lots going on in the next couple months. Here's some we know about.

- First Saturday of every month from 8am-11am; Gaston County Cars and Coffee @ Martha Rivers Park in Gastonia, NC.
  - The BrightStar Cruisers gather every Tuesday at The Stanley Kitchen Restaurant in Stanley and every Friday at the BrightStar Restaurant in Mt Holly.
  - April 3 & 4; NC Farm Heritage Days in Sanford, NC.
  - April 11; Sunny Plain Antique Power Association Show in St Matthews, SC and Cleveland County Antique Tractor Show in Shelby, NC.
  - April 9-11; Spring Auto Fair @ Charlotte Motor Speedway.
  - April 10 & 11; Classic Antique Power Farm Heritage Days in Benson, NC and Glory Days Antique Tractor Show in Yadkinville, NC and Tarheel Antiques Festival in Efland, NC.
  - April 18; York County Shrine Club Club Car Show in Rock HILL, SC.
  - April 17 & 18; Tractors and Trains Days at The NC Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC.
  - April 25; C. Grier Beam Truck Museum Annual Antique Car Show in Cherryville, NC and Back Road Pickers Spring Fling in Fallston, NC.
  - April 25 & 26; Union County Farm Show & Festival in Monroe, NC and Farmington Swap Meet and AutoFair in Mocksville, NC.
  - April 23-26; Appalachian Antique Farm Show & Farmers Reunion in Gray, Tn.
  - May 2; Murphy Antique Tractor Show in Murphy, NC.
- Again, y'all help me out with the small, local shows, swap meets and junk or second hand stores!

The annual GAMTRA tractor ride is coming up on Saturday, April 18. Meet at the park at 8am & planned departure time of 9am. All who have a tractor & would like to join us are welcome. Here are a few rules we ask you to follow. All tractors must be capable of 10mph. One rider per tractor unless you have an approved buddy seat. Must have a valid driver's license. Please carry a tow strap or chain in case of a breakdown. If traveling alone, leave emergency contact info with a fellow rider.

Obey all traffic laws. No horseplay. No shortcuts, stick to the planned route. No passing unless needed. No alcohol. Must have an orange triangle on the back. A \$10 entry fee is required for each tractor.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 9 at Jackson's Cafeteria in Gastonia, NC. Please note the change from the first to the second Thursday. This was done because of Maundy Thursday activities by various churches in the area. We'll meet and eat at 5:30 and meeting will begin at 6:30. Come on out & join us!

I'm doing this newsletter a couple days early this month so we can attend the Pickers Festival in Denton on the 27th and our swap meet on the 28th. I'll let you know how both went in next month's newsletter.

A woman went to a walk-in clinic, where she was seen by a young, new doctor. After about three minutes in the examination room, the doctor told her she was pregnant. She burst out, screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him what had happened. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room. The doctor marched down the hallway back to where the first doctor was and demanded, "What's the matter with you, Mrs. Terry is 69 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was PREGNANT?" The young doctor asked, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

Thought for the day from Rev Stone. If you find a snakeskin, it means the snake shed it so it could grow bigger. Same if you find my clothes at Goodwill.

Reggie