

GAMTRA NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

Somebody turned the fire up! After a nice spring with cool mornings and below average afternoon temps, the heat and humidity arrived with a vengeance along with the 'skeeters and yellow jackets. We did have a cool front come through Friday evening with forecasted cooler temps for the first week in August. I'm ready for Fall! Stay cool & watch out for those yellow devils when you're cutting grass. Have fun and be safe.

Lots of events going on in the next month, here's a few we know of.

August 8&9: Spokes and Cleats Antique Engine and Tractor Show in Turnersburg, NC.

August 9&10: Black Mountain Sourwood Festival in Black Mountain, NC.

August 13-16: Rough & Tumble Engineers Show in Kinzers, Pa.

August 15&16: Studebaker Drivers Club Tri-State Meet in Maggie Valley, NC.

August 23: South Mountain Tractor Show in Bostic, NC.

August 20-23: Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Show in Portland, Indiana.

August 28-September 1: Midwest Old Threshers Reunion in Mt Pleasant, Iowa.

August 29&30: Shelby HamFest at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Shelby, NC.

August 30&31: Silk Hope Old Fashioned Farmers Day in Siler City, NC and Dacusville Farm Show in Easley, SC.

August 29-31: Earl Scruggs Music Festival in Mill Springs, NC.

August 27-September 1: Hickory American Legion Fair in Hickory, NC.

August 29-September 1: Hillsville Flea Market in Hillsville, Va. and NC Apple Festival in Hendersonville, NC.

September 5&6: Ayden Collard Festival in Ayden, NC and NTPA Robeson County Tractor Pull in Lumberton, NC.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 7 at the Ag Center in Dallas, another 'bring your own supper' meeting. Come on out & join us. We're starting to make plans for Cotton Ginning Days 2025 and would like to have your input and suggestions.

Lathan and I made a run to the Hickory flea market a couple weeks ago. It's still the greatest 'old time' flea market in the area. Lots of great old tool, cast iron, antique and non-native vegetable vendors. If you go, go early to avoid the heat and parking issues and take your walking stick. It happens every Thursday at the American Legion Fairgrounds in Hickory.

if you'd like something published in the newsletter, got something for sale or looking for something, or know of a good junk store or flea market that others may be interested in, give me a call at [704-263-2980](tel:704-263-2980). Also, help me out on any small, local shows and festivals our group might be interested in.

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for her birthday. After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles." "She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

Thought for the day from Rev. Stone. Leaving a watermelon on someone's porch in the middle of the night is an inexpensive way to occupy a portion of their brain for several days.

Reggie