

GAMTRA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2026

Greetings iron heads and Happy 2026! We're all another year older and hopefully another year wiser. Hope you all survived the much hyped but not so energetic ice storm of January. Sure glad the ice part of it missed us! We did get some really cold temps for the last week in January and some more forecast for the first week in February, along with some snow! Sure hope you remembered to check the anti freeze or drain the old iron. If you didn't, it drained itself and now you've got some repair work to do. Keep a check on your neighbors during the unusual cold we've got coming up, stay warm and above all, BE SAFE!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 5 @ 5:30 at the CRC in Dallas, another bring your own supper meeting. Come on & join us!

Could only find 1 old iron happening in February.
Florida Flywheelers Show in Avon Park, Florida.

Again, y'all help me out on the local happenings that our group would be interested in. If you know about an engine/tractor or car show, a cool antique or junk shop or other fascinating place, or if you've discovered a cool time or work saving idea, let me know & I'll put it in the newsletter. Also, if you need to update your address or just need a shoulder to cry on, give me a shout @ [704-263-2980](tel:704-263-2980).

Couple of things to plan ahead for. Our Swap Meet will be Saturday, March 28 at the park in Dallas. \$15 for a truck and/or trailer load, free for lookers! The Carolina Pickers Antique and Auto Festival will be March 26-28 at Denton FarmPark in Denton, NC. And the GAMTRA Annual Tractor Ride is scheduled for Saturday, April 18. I'll have more on these next month.

I actually had a brilliant idea a while back. Everyone knows incandescent bulbs are becoming a thing of the past, so the time honored tradition of putting a 75 or 100 watt bulb in your pump house to keep it from freezing during bitterly cold nights isn't as quick and easy as it used to be. A certain big box store in Gastonia was selling folks 100 watt equivalent LED bulbs for pump house duty. Think about that, take as long as you need! Here's my idea. Make up a cord with 2 bulb sockets and use 2 40 watt appliance bulbs. They're cheap, readily available and appliance bulbs will always be incandescent because, of course, a plastic LED would never survive inside an oven!

Friend told his wife "From now on, you need to understand that I am the man of this house and my word is law. You will prepare me a gourmet meal tonight along with a scrumptious dessert. Afterwards, you will draw me a bath so I can relax. You will

wash my back and towel me dry and bring my robe and slippers. Then you will massage my feet and hands. Tomorrow, guess who's gonna dress me and comb my hair?" The wife replied "The undertaker would be my first guess!"

Thought for the day from Rev Stone. All men make mistakes, but married men find out about them sooner.