

GAMTRA NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

Hope everyone's had enough pollen to suit, if not give me a holler, I'll see about arranging a delivery. Spring is doing her thing in Gaston County. We've had some beautiful weather in the past few weeks, cool mornings and tolerable afternoons. No miserable humidity yet, but we know it's coming. Snakes and all matter of bugs are out, be careful where you stick those hands! If you encounter a swarm of bees don't kill or disturb them, call the Gaston County Beekeepers Association at 704-922-2113 or Burton Beasley at 704-860-1147. Have fun with the old iron & be safe!

We had great weather for the Swap Meet at the park on March 28th. Had a great group of vendors and lookers. Some green stuff and more than a few stories were swapped. Thanks to everyone for participating.

Heard that the annual tractor ride on April 18th came off without any flies in the ointment. Again, thanks to all who made it happen!

The Pickers Festival in Denton was a blast. We went on Friday the 27th. They had 875 vendors this time, a record! Had quite a few on 'the other side of the tracks' this time. This thing gets bigger every time and is definitely a worthwhile trip. Next one is scheduled for September 17-19, 2026.

Lots of shows and other happenings going on, here's a few we know about.

May 16; Cheerwine Festival in Salisbury, NC

May 13-16; Tri State Gas Engine & Tractor Associations Swap Meet in Portland, In.

May 15-17; Got to be NC Festival at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC.

May 15-16; Foothills Antique Power Associations Antique Tractor and Engine Show at The American Legion Fairgrounds in Newton, NC and Mayberry FarmFest in Mt Airy, NC.

June 5-6; Broad River Antique Power Association Plow Days in Gaffney, SC and Ole Smokey Antique Engine and Tractor Show in Waynesville, NC.

Mutzie's Burgers and Fries has a Cruise in the first Sunday of every month from 1 till 4. Every Friday night Cruise in continues at Hardee's in Stanley and BrightStar Grill in Mt Holly and every Tuesday at Stanley Kitchen (formerly Kim's)

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 7 @ 5:30 @ the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas. This is another 'bring your own supper' meeting. We'll be finalizing plans for the BBQ in June. Come join us!

As always, if you've got anything you'd like published in the newsletter, looking for a part, got something to sell or need to change or update an address, call me at 704-263-2980. Also, help me out with any small, local shows, cruise-ins or interesting junk or antique stores you know about so I can pass them on to the group.

Bubba caught a burglar breaking in his garage & tied him up. He called 911 & told the operator to send the cops out to get him. The operator asked Bubba where he lived, he said '943 Eucalyptus Drive. The operator asked him to spell that. After a moment of silence, Bubba said, 'How 'bout if I just drag him over to Oak Drive & you can pick him up there?'

Thought for the day from Rev Stone. If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.