

GAMTRA NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

Greetings old iron guys and gals! Summer is winding down & we're looking forward to cooler weather and being outside more. And now we've got another hurricane headed this way. Prepare ahead of time. Check those generators before you need them. Take care of your stuff and it'll take care of you! Main thing is be safe!

Got word that our own preacher, Reverend Hazel Boyd, passed away September 24. He was 92. We'll remember him for his jokes, upbeat humor and his love of Case tractors. Definitely a life well lived.

Here's a few upcoming events we know about.

Oct 3&4: Valley Hills Antique Power Club Tractor Show in Morganton, NC and Lord Granville Agricultural Harvest Show in Butner, NC.

Oct 4: Linbrook Heritage Estate Museum SteamDay in Trinity, NC and Pumpkin Festival Antique Car and Tractor Display in Whiteville, NC.

Oct 7: National Night Out, 5:30-7:30, at Cloninger Park in Dallas.

Oct 10&11: Apple Country Engine & Tractor Clubs Fall Harvest Days in Fletcher, NC.

Oct 16-26: NC State Fair in Raleigh, NC.

Oct 18: Lincoln County Apple Festival in Lincolnton, NC, Annual Livermush Festival in Shelby, NC and Sunny Plain Antique Power Association Show in St Matthews, SC.

Oct 24&25: Antique Tractor Club of the Carolinas Historic Farm Days in LaGrange, NC.

Oct 25: Carolina Antique Power Association Corn Shucking and Tractor Show in Mt Ulla, NC.

Oct 31 & Nov 1: Foothills Antique Power Club Fall Show & Swap Meet in Newton, NC.

Nov 1: NC Cotton Festival in Dunn, NC.

And of course our show, Cotton Ginning Days, October 10-12 at the park in Dallas. Registration should work the same as it did last year. I'll hit the high spots here. Show grounds will open Wednesday, October 8 at 10am. No items may be placed before that time without prior approval of Gaston County P&R. You may pre register by calling 704-922-2164. All exhibitors and vendors must check in and register with a Parks & Recreation attendant stationed at the entrance upon entering the park. No roping off of spaces permitted until occupied by the exhibitor or vendor. If you have any questions call P&R at 704-922-2164.

Anyone selling items will be charged a \$25 fee payable at the GAMTRA registration desk under the gin building. (As a reminder, Gaston County ordinance prohibits the possession and sales of weapons, explosives, alcohol and drugs in the park. Weapons include, but are not limited to guns, knives, BB guns, bows and arrows, nuclear weapons or any components, cyanide or mustard gas, hand grenades, mortars, rocket

launchers, any type of rabid animals and sling shots) Anything for sale should be related to the show, there will no longer be a merchandise area for non show related items (clothes, toys, flea market items). If you have any questions call Spencer Hall @ 704-922-2164 or Jeff Hovis @ 704-913-4672.

As in years past, the main entrance to the park will be closed at 9am Saturday because of pedestrian traffic. Show grounds can still be accessed on the side entrance to the left of the Citizens Resource Center. Come early Saturday to avoid the traffic and confusion. We ask that no one under 16 be allowed to operate motorized equipment during the show and please try to keep motorized traffic to a minimum during the most crowded times. A tractor parade is scheduled through Dallas on Friday at 9:00, also through the park at 1:30 on Saturday.

Please register at the gin building for GAMTRA membership and write legibly on the registration form so I can update the mailing list! Every year we have several that I can't add to the list because I can't make out the writing!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 2 at 5:30 at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas, another 'bring your own supper' meeting. This is the last meeting before the show & we've got a lot to iron out. Come join us if you can.

We'll have a workday, cleanup and dry run at the gin on Saturday, Oct 4 at 8:00. Come help if you can!

We're gonna place a few coolers of bottled water at several locations during the show. We're asking for donations of a case or two of bottled water if you're able. You can bring it to the meeting Thursday & hand it off to Jeff or drop it by the gin building when you arrive at the show. Thanks!

Eddie & I got to go to the Fall Pickers Festival at Denton. Heard there were a record number of vendors. This thing could get out of hand real easily! Definitely a worthwhile trip and the \$7 admission price.

Thought for the day from Rev Stone. We should have a National Quiet Day where everyone just shuts up for 24 hours.

Reggie