

TRACTOR TRACKS

NOTE: This newsletter is a rough version of our regular newsletter. We have made a major shift in our club activities. I would like to get this information to all members. We were unable to provide information about the June show and all who worked to make all the activities successful. So I will include those notes along with this newsletter.

At the August 18, 2012, General membership meeting, a resolution made by the board of directors was presented to the club members. The board proposed the elimination of our annual June show. The general basis of this decision was the fact that our show attendance has declined over the past three years and a smaller number of members contributed to the show. The general membership voted to discontinue our annual June show.

What has been proposed to replace the show is one day Swap Meet/Tractor Show. The details are still waiting to be worked out.

The following are other items covered in our general meeting:

A possible tractor ride in October. Details to follow soon.

Several members of our club are making arrangements to participate in a Guinness record to be held at the Neraska State Fair. They will try to break the record for the number of antique tractors in a parade. This record is currently held by Canada; 750 tractors. As of this writing there were over 900 tractors registered for the event. This event will air on RFD TV August 25, 2012. More than likely before we get this newsletter out. However, we look forward to their report of the event and any pictures they have.

A committee was formed by Rodney Grindle to study in depth the

possibility of a new show date and the possibility of reviving an annual show for the club. Anyone with any suggestions may forward them to Rodney's email at : kgrindle@wildblue.net.

The club members also elected club officers for 2013. The following members have volunteered to serve in the following positions. Charles Cavenah, President, Guy Cabiness Vice President, David Bradley, Treasurer, Jim Rogers, Secretary, Mike Osborn, Safety Office and Cathy Osborn, Historian.

We are currently looking for someone or someone's to put together our newsletter. If you know of some one who would like to take this task on, please let me know. The President generally puts together most of the news items for our newsletter, so compiling the general data is not a big job. Putting it in a format that is readable is another, not really. We are in the process of correcting our mailing lists to help make this task as easy as possible. I know there is someone out there. I will help as much as possible with this publication. We are not looking for a Pulitzer Prize Novelist, just someone with a smidgen of computer skills. Please, Please, Please this is very important to the club.

Our next meetings are:

Board Meeting September 13, 2012

General Club Meeting October 13, 2012 Furr's Cafeteria. Eat at 6 meet at 7

Swap Meet November 3, 2012

Board Meeting November 8, 2012

General Club Meeting December 1, 2012 Furr's Cafeteria. Eat at 6 meet at 7

Farm Show December 6, 7 and 8



Before I get into some important new business, I would like to make a few comments on our Annual show. First of all, I received many positive comments on the show. Visitors enjoyed the various activities and demonstrations. It's almost impossible to thank everyone who helped to make the show possible. I want to thank the site preparation crew: John Campbell, Jim Rogers, Harold Brown, John Leigh, Guy Cabbiness, Ray Daughtery and Rex Rousch. Also, all those who helped on our Saturday work day. Thanks John Leigh and Charlie Brite for your threshing and plowing expertise and John Hoover for the mowing demo. A special thanks to Cathy Osborn and Amanda Hoover for manning the registration area. Also, a shout out to our gate crew Marlene and Jim Rogers, Rex Rousch and Bill Garrison. If I've missed some very important member please let it be known you are appreciated. I truly appreciated all the hard work of all the members involved.

Now to new business. The first item, is the planning of a possible tractor drive in October. We have several routes planned and these will be shared at our next general meeting.

We have set meeting dates for the coming year. check the newsletter for these dates.

After a great amount of discussion at the last board meeting it was generally agreed that we needed to address just what our annual show means to the club. It was pointed out that the club has gone in the red in our last two shows. Our attendance is nowhere near what past shows were. Many of our members do not bring tractors nor do they attend th show. With declining participation and just a core group of dedicated members doing all the work, a change was in order. Our best case solution was to merge our annual show with the fall swap meet. A motion was made and passed to have a tractor show and swap meet at the same time. This will be brought before the club at our next general member meeting to vote on. Many details need to be worked out the the general consensus was that we could not continue down the same path as before. This was a tough decision and not easy for the board to make.

See all of you at our next meeting.

