MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Plans are starting for our 2016 season of antique tractor fun. Another year greets us with many new and exciting opportunities. The first opportunity would be the call I got from the State Fire Marshall asking if I would be interested in attending a meeting in Augusta concerning hay and wagon ride safety. I will attend this meeting with a couple other club members and report back how it went. Should you have any ideas, suggestions, concerns, etc., please let me know. I would be happy to share as much information as I can on this subject with the people in Augusta. Another opportunity is the Pulling Arena. We are over half way to getting the projected trusses needed and with the plans on the drawing board, this could be the year. We have added a couple new events to this summer’s schedule and look forward to the opportunity to make them successful for our club. I encourage you not to miss an opportunity to come out and have some fun with us in 2016. See you soon! —Pam

Highlights of the January Meeting

The meeting was held at Bob Hamlin’s house in Turner on January 3rd with Rita Fitzsimmons as cohost. A thank you note was read from the Albert S. Hall school for the $75 donation. Two more trusses were donated bringing us to a total of 25 trusses donated.

The Maine State Agricultural Conference and Trade Show will be held at the Augusta Civic Center January 12th to the 14th. The club will have a booth set up.

No rule changes were proposed for the lawn and garden tractors. The previously proposed change in rule #8 for the farm tractors was discussed. The proposed change reads- A youth under the age of 18 years old, who has taken the MATC Safety Course and passed: can pull the same tractor only once, can pull only once per weight class, and can pull a maximum of three times per Tractor Pull Event on different tractors. It was voted to change this proposition to allow youths to pull a maximum of four times per event. This motion was passed. A change to rule #9 was also proposed which would not allow pullers to add, remove, or change weights once the tractor has entered the pulling arena. These rule changes will be voted on at the February meeting.

Wesley Jordan went to the land and took measurements, he is going to draw up plans for the pulling arena which will be presented at the next land and building meeting.

Current safety officer Dale Fairbanks would like to give up his position. It was suggested that Mike Rivard take this position and he accepted.

I have enjoyed being a part of this club with so many wonderful people and getting to know all of you, and now I am excited to take on this new position as secretary, I want to thank you all in advance for your support and patience with me as I learn how to be the best secretary I can to this club.

Happy New Year!

Respectfully yours, Emily Folsom, Secretary
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(January 1 - December 31)

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DUES NOTICE

All annual dues are due and payable as of January 1st of any given year. Reminders of outstanding dues obligations will appear in the January newsletter. Anyone with unpaid dues on March 1st will be dropped from the membership roles. Dues shall be $25.00 per Member per annum and shall be effective for one calendar year beginning January 1st of any year. Sponsors are dealerships and other business entities who wish to be members. Dues for sponsors shall be $40.00 per annum and shall be effective for one calendar year beginning January 1st of any year. Sponsors shall have the same rights and privileges as those accorded Members including, for the principal owners of the business, the right among family and household members, to vote. Please consider sending your insurance money at the same time. Insurance is $15.00 per member.

Our club’s Tractor Pulling Chairman for the Big Tractors will be Bob Hamlin. The Lawn and Garden Tractor Chairman will be Mike Rivard. We thank these two for stepping up again this year to lead the tractor pulling. As always, members support on and off the pulling arena is so appreciated. Thanks for helping out when you can at our events.

The next Land and Building Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, February 10th at the Norridgewock Club House starting at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

It is with great pleasure we share with you that the auction at the annual meeting on December 13th netted a profit for our club of $905.50! Thank you, everyone, who helped make this a fun time.

We wish Bill Clark a speed recovery from his fall on the snow and ice.

“Thank you” going out to our two newest truss donors!
P.D.Q. Door Company, serving all of Maine and employs club member Chris Folsom. And to Charlie Dickinson in memory of Ralph Dickinson, long time Norridgewock Farmer. This brings our total Truss donations to 25!

HELP WANTED:
If you have been a contact person for an event in the past or want to include a new event this year, please start thinking about getting the information together for the 2016 events calendar. Many hours go into the making of this calendar and we need everyone to help out. We would like to have all the events finalized for publication in the April Newsletter. Please contact Pam with your event updates via e-mail, phone, or mail.
Maine Antique Tractor Club Truss Donations

Be a part of the history in the making as the Maine Antique Tractor Club raises the roof of the Pulling Arena.

We are proud to share with you the sponsors of our truss donation project. Are you, or someone you know, interested in having your name, or your business name, displayed in the MATC Pulling Arena? Join these people by sponsoring a roof truss. (Projected Total Trusses Needed: 39)

Your Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________
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$300.00 donation per truss.

# Of Trusses __________

x $300.00

Total amount of tax deductible donation __________

Please include what you would like your truss plaque to read (15 words or less).

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RULE CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING:

RULE #8

Current Rule reads:

Tractors will be weighed with the operator that is to pull that tractor. If the tractor is to be pulled again with another operator, it must be weighed again. LIMIT – any tractor can pull “only” twice during an event, excluding the Open Class. The Pulling Committee may change this rule at an event if too few tractors are available for a full event. See Number 18 below. A youth under the age of 18 years old, who has taken the MATC Safety Course and passed, can pull a tractor once at an event, even if that same tractor has or will be pulled twice by an adult.

Change to the existing rule language starting with the sentence, “A Youth under the age of 18”...to the following:

A youth under the age of 18 years old, who has taken the MATC Safety Course and passed on all tractors they operate, can pull the same tractor only once, can pull only once per weight class, and can pull a maximum of 4 times per Tractor Pull Event on a different tractor even if that same tractor has or will be pulled twice by an adult.

RULE #9

Current Rule reads:

Tractors may be weighed as many times as necessary to obtain your desired weight class. Remember that tractors pulling before you have priority, especially when pulling has started. No member may load or unload weights on, or near scales, so as to interfere with the weighing of tractors. No parts may be removed from a tractor other than cast weights to get into a class. It is the discretion of the committee members present to weigh tractors before the pull or just weigh the first three places at the end of the class. Whoever is unsure of their weight may still weigh their tractor at the beginning of the pull. Tractor and driver may not exceed 1% over their weight class.

Add to the existing rule language after the last sentence to read:

No weights may be added or changed after a tractor has entered the pulling ring.