



Mid-America Tractor
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October 2009 Newsletter

Hello Mid America Tractor Pullers! The 2009 MATPA season is behind us and in the books. And what a season it was!! With the addition of the “Farm Class”, came many more hooks each weekend. All in all, we logged 2,509 hooks in the 2009 season. That was up from 1,087 hooks in 2008. The weather cooperated a little better this year. We were able to hold 12 of the 15 scheduled pulls this year, compared to 8 in 2008. Our average number of hooks in 2008 was 135 – but for the 2009 season – we averaged 209 hooks per pull!

As to what exactly contributed to the increase in numbers – I really can’t say to be certain. There were actually several factors. First of all – we did add more classes and rules to the Farm Class. The Farm Class was also added to the points system this year. Division 2 had extremely large numbers in the 4,500lb, 5,500lb, and 6,500lb classes this year. Another factor in the increase in numbers was that fuel prices were considerably lower this year. Also – there was a little monetary incentive in the points races this year. We were able to obtain 25 sponsors and provide a total of \$5,000 to divide amongst the points winners in each class.

When you sit back and look at the number of hooks, and the time we spent traveling and pulling this year, it was a very busy season. But it was a very successful season for MATPA. The numbers prove it. I want to thank everyone who helped make it a successful season for 2009. It takes a lot of members to put on a pulling season like we do. You have to have sled hookers, sled unhookers, scale people, flaggers, distance readers, line-up people, money collectors, payback people, announcers, pull-off people, and many more. If you participated in any of these duties this season – give yourself a pat on the back!! Thank You! *Steve Borts - President*

2009 Season Awards Banquet

The 2009 Season Awards Banquet will be held on November 7th, 2009 in Jamestown, MO at the Community Building. This is where it was held last year for those of you who attended. The 7th is on a Saturday. Doors will open at 4pm, and we will eat around 6pm. This will be a catered meal. Cost is \$10.00 per person if paid by October 24th. After that, the cost is \$15.00. We are doing this so we can get an accurate count for the caterer. Please mail your money to Steve Borts, 319 S. Mill Street, Jamestown, MO 65046. There will be plenty of door prizes available. There will also be a raffle for a **Stoeger Over/Under 12 gauge Shotgun, a Winchester 22 Rifle, and a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart.** We will also give out awards to the points winners for the season. Coats are provided for 1st place winners, and shirts for second place winners.

The \$5,000 will be divided up amongst the 1st and 2nd place winners in each class. And there will be trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places this year. The sponsors for the 2009 season have been invited to attend the banquet this year – so make sure you thank them for their sponsorship if you see them at the banquet or you are in their place of business. Directions to the banquet are as follows:

The Community Building is on Highway 179 at the Lions Club Park. There is a paved Parking Lot in front of the building for parking. It is a tan steel building. From the East (Jefferson City side) - you will pass School Street on the left, and the parking lot for the Community Building will be the next entrance on your left. If you are coming from the west - take Hwy 179 into Jamestown. You will pass the intersection at Hwy Y and Hwy AA. Go straight on 179, and about 1/4 mile ahead - the Community Building will be on your right. See ya at the banquet!!

Off Season Meetings for MATPA

Below is a list of Dates for the off season meetings to prepare for the 2010 season. For directions to the meetings – check out the website or call the individual next to the location.

November 7th – Jamestown, MO (Banquet) – Steve Borts 573-808-0010
December 12th – Tipton, MO - Michael Nelson 573-280-9195
January 23rd – Centertown, MO – John Doyle 573-353-3431
February 27th – Higginsville, MO – John Dye 660-641-5218
March 20th – Jamestown, MO – Steve Borts 573-808-0010

Officer Elections

If you are interested in running for an office, please contact one of the following members on the nominating committee. Officer elections will be held at the December meeting in Tipton at the COMO building just south of Tipton. This meeting will be held on December 12th, at 6:00pm.

Steve Timm 660-621-1212
Darrell Kusgen 660-815-7575
Mark Meisenheimer 660-473-6723

Officers 2009-2010

President – **Steve Borts**
Vice President – **Frank Young**
Treasurer – **Steve Vandrimmelen**
Secretary – **Mike Moore**

Board Members:

John Dye – 2008-2009
Reed Nichols – 2008-2009
Steve Timm – 2009-2010
Wade Monckton – 2009-2010

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