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2009 December Newsletter

Well, the Holliday Season is among us. As I write this, I am trying to get over the Thanksgiving meals. When will I ever learn to quit? But – it's so good!! And as December rolls in, its time to get the house decorated for Christmas – get the tree up, ornaments on, outside lights up, and house decorations up. Hard to believe you can hear a combine running in the distance while putting up Christmas lights. Harvest ran late this year due to mother nature, and before long – plans will be made for spring planting. Seems like it shouldn't be here yet – but it is. Time moves faster and faster, every year. I feel like just yesterday, we were getting done with Christmas, and working on the list of things to get done for the 2009 season. And here we are – 2009 season in the books, and getting ready for next year – the 2010 season!

As most of you know, this will be my last newsletter. After the December meeting, I will hand the reins over to a new MATPA President. I want to thank all the MATPA members for the support in the last couple of years. I couldn't have done it with out you! I learned a lot about myself and how things work when leading a growing organization like MATPA. During my first year of president, I may have – well, in fact – I know I stepped on a few toes, and lost my cool a few too many times. It's hard to keep a level head when you've got several people pulling at you in many different directions and wanting decisions made. But thanks to a few close friends, I was given another chance to prove myself in a 2nd term as president. I hope I was able to improve upon my attitude in the last year, and did better on keeping a level head. I learned that making everyone happy – sometimes just doesn't happen. I learned that you just have to relax – things will get done. I learned that there are bigger things in life to “worry and get wound up about”. Above all, I learned that I have no better friends than the family and friends here at MATPA.

In my first year as President – I tried to incorporate some new ideas into the club. Most of them went fairly well, and some others, as were pointed out, fell by the wayside. I have been kind of lax in writing articles for “Steve's table”. Hopefully, I can now give that section of the website more attention. It has been hard to write newsletters, and keep the website updated as well. I want to thank Krista Moore for keeping me in line when it comes to the internet website. The club has really exploded in size in the last couple of years. We have had lots of growing pains. But all in all, I think we have done really well! When I sit up there in the announcer's stand and see all the people helping with track duties and everything running smoothly, it really brings a proud feeling upon me to be a MATPA member! This organization will never be a one man show – it takes too many “spokes in a wheel”, as once was quoted. I hope we will continue to grow, and keep the strong values and ethics that have made MATPA what it is today!

December Meeting

The December Meeting for 2009 will be in Tipton, MO at the COMO meeting room just south of Tipton on Hwy 5. The meeting will open up at 5:00pm, eat at 6:00pm, and meeting at 7:00pm. Mike Nelson will be the host for this meeting. Chili and Soup will be provided. Please bring a side dish to go along with the meal. Officer elections will also be held at this meeting. If you have any questions, contact Mike Nelson at 573-280-9195. Directions to the meeting are as listed below:

Co-Mo Electric Cooperative Meeting Room

Go 3/4 mile south from the junction of Highways 5 & 50 (only stoplight in town) to Co-Mo Electric Cooperative. Co-Mo is on your right just after you pass the lumber yard. The meeting room is located behind the parking lot. Please remember there is NO ALCOHOL allowed in the building. Also, please no smoking inside.

2009 Season Banquet a Success!

The 2009 Season Banquet was held on November, 7th 2009 at the Community Building in Jamestown, MO. Members began showing up early and spent most of the early evening outside visiting. The weather was unusually warm – so people tried to enjoy as much of it as possible. Steve Borts opened the meeting, followed by the meal prayer by Bill Batt. The catered meal consisted of pulled pork & brisket, with potatoes, green beans, bread, and a salad. There was plenty of food this year so nobody went home hungry – not even Reed Nichols! After the meal, Steve gave a short review of the year and thanked all the members for their help. 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!

Marsha Nelson, Susan Dye, Jeanie Sjostrand, Charlotte Ferguson, Amanda Bryant were recognized and given a small token of appreciation for all their help in taking entry fees and record keeping at the pulls this summer.

Krista Moore and Melody Nichols announced that they are working on a cookbook to sell next summer for MATPA. If you are interested in adding to the recipes, please get in touch with one of them.

Krista Moore and Melody Nichols were recognized for the extremely hard work for the past several years of record keeping and taking entries at the pulls. They were each presented with an embroidered coat for their efforts.

Bobby Bernard's late wife gave a short presentation and thanked all the MATAP members for their support in Bobby's passing this summer.

Door Prizes were awarded throughout the evening. MATPA also purchased a Double Barrel Shotgun, a .22 Rifle, and a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. We sold tickets for these items for a \$1 or 6 for \$5. As we drew names – Terry Oerly of Jamestown was the first to win the \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. Then, the .22 Rifle was won by the Elaine Gramlich of Boonville. She was the caterer for the meal. And, then when we drew for the shotgun, Terry Oerly had the winning ticket for that as well!

Winners of the top three places in each of the point classes were recognized and given their respective awards. The 1st Place winners received an embroidered Carhart Coat, a trophy,

and a check. The 2nd Place winners received an embroidered shirt, a trophy, and a check. The 3rd Place winners were awarded a trophy. The checks that the winners received were divided up from the \$5,000 sponsorship money we raised last winter for the 2009 Season. MATPA would like to thank all the sponsors for their donations. Below is a list of the 2009 Points winners:

Farm Class

6500lb Class

- 1st Place – Renee Kerkseik
- 2nd Place – Matt Friedrich
- 3rd Place – Daniel Vanloo

7500lb Class

- 1st Place – Alan Kerkseik
- 2nd Place – Steve Timm
- 3rd Place – Ryan Oerly

8500lb Class

- 1st Place – Ed Hartsock
- 2nd Place – Ben Rackers
- 3rd Place – Terry Oerly

9500lb Class

- 1st Place – Stan Robinson
- 2nd Place – Cara Lipscomb
- 3rd Place – Toby Friedrich

10,500lb Class

- 1st Place – Bill Lipscomb
- 2nd Place – Kirk Hatfield
- 3rd Place – Stan Robinson

11,500lb Class

- 1st Place – Shane Wilcoxsin
- 2nd Place – Jerrod Robinson
- 2nd Place – Kirk Hatfield

12,500lb Class

- 1st Place – Mark Wilcoxsin
- 2nd Place – Jerrod Robinson
- 3rd Place – Tom Grant

Division 7

5000lb A Class

- 1st Place – John Dye Jr.
- 2nd Place – Kenny Anderson
- 3rd Place – Ron Bowne

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5000lb B Class

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Division 5

3750lb Class

- 1st Place – Bill Batt

4000lb Class

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4250lb Class

1st Place – Marti Batt

4500lb Class

- 1st Place – Adrian Cox
- 2nd Place – Alan Tolson
- 3rd Place – Marti Batt

5500lb Class

- 1st Place – Adrian Cox
- 2nd Place – Joe Ferguson
- 3rd Place – Alan Tolson

6500lb Class

- 1st Place – Joe Ferguson
- 2nd Place – Darrell Dunlap
- 3rd Place – Mark Friedrich

Division 3

3250lb Class

- 1st Place – Brad Summers
- 2nd Place – Jeff Prenger
- 3rd Place – Seth Luebbering

3500lb Class

- 1st Place – Brad Summers
- 2nd Place – Stacey Haynes
- 3rd Place – Jeff Prenger

4000lb Class

- 1st Place – Vernon Haynes
- 2nd Place – Chris Sjostrand
- 3rd Place – Gary Turnbull

4500lb Class

- 1st Place – Jeff Prenger
- 2nd Place – Mike Moore
- 3rd Place – Rodney Wolken

5500lb Class

- 1st Place – Jeff Prenger
- 2nd Place – David Kusgen
- 3rd Place – Andrew Moore

6500lb Class

- 1st Place – Steve Borts
- 2nd Place – David Kusgen
- 3rd Place – Austin Timm

7500lb Class

- 1st Place – Steve Borts
- 2nd Place – Todd Kusgen

Division 2

3250lb Class

- 1st Place – Bill Blackwell
- 2nd Place – Alan Easley
- 3rd Place – Brad Wilkinson

3500lb Class

1st Place – Bill Blackwell
 2nd Place – Greg Easley
 3rd Place – Rebecca Vandrimmelin
 4000lb Class
 1st Place – Bill Montgomery
 2nd Place – Darrel Monckton
 3rd Place – Dillon Dunlap
 4500lb Class
 1st Place – Darrel Monckton
 2nd Place – Jeremy Justice
 2nd Place – Billy Montgomery
 5500lb Class
 1st Place – Andrew Moore
 2nd Place – Steve Vandrimmelin

3rd Place – Brad Summers
 6500lb Class
 1st Place – Brandon Young
 2nd Place – Brad Summers
 3rd Place – Mike Moore
 7500lb Class
 1st Place – Craig Summers
 2nd Place – Reed Nichols
 2nd Place – Bryan Monckton
 8500lb Class
 1st Place – Reed Nichols
 2nd Place – Craig Summers
 3rd Place – Bryan Monckton



Farm Class Winners:

Standing – Steve Timm, Jared Robinson, Shane Wilcoxson, Cara Lipscomb, Renee Kerkseik, Kirk Hatfield, Ben Rackers

Seated – Stan Robinson, Bill Lipscomb, Mark Wilcoxson, Ed Hartsock, Alan Kerkseik



Division 7 Winners: Richard Ryun, Susan Dye (For Kenny Anderson), John Dye Jr., Ron Bowne



Division 5 Winners: Joe Ferguson, Darrel Dunlap, Marti Batt, Bill Batt



Division 3 Winners: Back – Brad Sommers, Vernon Haynes, Steve Borts, Front – Chris Sjostrand, Mike Moore, Jeff Prenger



Division 2 Winners: Back – Craig Sommers, Greg Easley, Andrew Moore, Brandon Young, Billy Montgomery, Rebecca Vandrimmelin, Darrel Monckton, seated – Reed Nichols, Steve Vandrimmelin, Bryan Monckton, Brad Sommers, Bill Blackwell, Alan Easley, Jeremy Justice



Special Recognition to Melody Nichols, and Krista Moore for their years of service to MATPA!

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.

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

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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