



Mid-America Tractor  
Pullers Association  
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## December 2008 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone. I hope this letter finds everyone having a safe and happy Holliday Season. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at MATPA!!!!!!* This letter is being mailed to all current and past MATPA members. We have some important activities coming up in the next couple of months, and we want as many people involved as possible.

### 2008 Pulling Season Review

Just how would you sum up the 2008 pulling season? Well, Rain, rain, rain, and – oh yeah, more rain!! I don't know that we ever had more cancellations because of rain in one season before. It was just a tough season all around. As the season started, we had to cancel our fun pull because of rain. Then – as if fighting the rain all season wasn't enough, we had to fight high fuel prices. Just under \$5 per gallon for diesel, and \$4 per gallon gas do not help things. And there were a few tractors that were not able to make quite “make it” thru the whole season without having to be retired for winter repairs. But as I set here and tell you about how tough we had it this season, we actually had a pretty good turnout for the year. We had a total of 1,087 hooks recorded this summer. That is pretty good considering that we only had 7 ½ pulls out of the 12 scheduled. We averaged about 135 hooks per pull. The Back to the Farm Showdown Pull is kind of like our “Daytona 500” pull. It had 249 hooks in one night on two tracks with rain all around us – and on the track for a short time. Even it turned out fairly well as far as the rain factor is concerned. If you get a chance – take a look at the website at [www.pullwithmatpa.com](http://www.pullwithmatpa.com) and look at the pictures and results from this past season. 2008 will go down in the books and being a tough, but rewarding year.

### **RULES MEETING – JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ 4:00pm.**

We will be having an official Rules Change Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 beginning at 4:00pm. The meeting will be held at Jake Schenewerk's shop in Centertown, Mo. We will start the meeting promptly at 4:00pm, and then break for Supper at 6:00pm. Rod Rackers and John Doyle are hosting and will be providing chili, bring a side dish accordingly and your drinks. Directions are as follows: Take Hwy 50 to Route U, go north approximately 1 mile. Turn right on OLD Hwy 50 and go approximately 1/2 mile (Condos on the corner of Shangrila and Old Hwy 50). Turn right (south) on Shangri-La Road. Go straight down the road - over the hill, and there will be a big white shop on the left.

This is a very important meeting for MATPA. All rules changes decided on at this particular meeting will be set for the next 3 years. No changes can be made for another 3 years unless it is a safety issue. We have set up a committee of chairmen to handle the rules meeting for each Division and section. If you have concerns regarding any changes, please get a hold of

the person in charge of that area – and contact them BEFORE the meeting and discuss it. This should help the meeting flow more smoothly. Below are those chairmen and their particular category and their contact information:

### Rules Committee Chairmen 2008

Division 2 – Frank Young (660) 621-1204, frank--young@sbcglobal.net

Division 3 – Wade Monckton (660) 728-3578, wmonckto@yahoo.com

Division 5 – Bryan Monckton (660) 537-3765

Division 5 Turbo – Russ Hill (573) 680-2708, hvag@iland.net

Charles Friedrich (660) 537-1060

Division 7 – John Dye (660) 641-5218, dyestrip@ctcis.net

Heavy Farm – Steve Timm (660) 621-1212

General Rules – Steve VanDrimmelen (573) 999-2135, [deerepuller@centurytel.net](mailto:deerepuller@centurytel.net)

Points Rules – Steve Borts (573) 808-0010, steve@spielersinc.com

## 2009 Pulling Schedule

Below is a tentative 2009 Pull Schedule. These are dates are not set in stone yet, but we are working closer to getting the schedule finished. Hopefully by the Rules meeting – we will have it done.

- a. Fun Pull – April 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>? @ Brady Showgrounds (April Meeting – Mike Moore will be Host)
- b. MRVSEA SWAP MEET – May 16<sup>th</sup> – Brady Showgrounds \*
- c. Boonville (Brady Showgrounds) May 30<sup>th</sup>
- d. Hallsville – June 13<sup>th</sup>
- e. Sturgeon – June 20<sup>th</sup>
- f. Pilot Grove FFA – Cooper County Fair Grounds July 5<sup>th</sup>
- g. Cole Camp – July 11<sup>th</sup>
- h. Boone County Fair – Columbia, July 20<sup>th</sup>
- i. Macon – July 25<sup>th</sup>
- j. Slater – August 1<sup>st</sup>
- k. Sturgeon – August 8<sup>th</sup>
- l. Boonville (Brady Showgrounds) – August 15<sup>th</sup>
- m. Vienna – September 3<sup>rd</sup>\*
- n. Steam Engine Show – Boonville, September 12<sup>th</sup> \*
- o. Eldon – September 19<sup>th</sup> \*
  - i. \* signed contract

## Awards Banquet – February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – in Jamestown, MO at the Community Building. Doors will open at 4:00pm. Happy Hour will start at 5:00pm, and we will eat at 6:00pm. The cost for the banquet will be \$10 per person ahead of time, and then

\$11.00 at the door. Mail you money for tickets to Steve Borts, 319 South Mill Street, Jamestown, MO 65046. There will be door prizes. MATPA has purchased a new Stoeger 12 Gauge Double Barrel Shotgun to raffle off at the Banquet. Only members who attend the banquet will be allowed to purchase tickets on the gun. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets will be available only at the banquet. This should make a nice give-away, and your chances will be very good. The meal will be catered. Even if you were not able to pull this summer, we would like to see past and current members at the banquet. Directions 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.*

Kevin Monckton and Mike Moore are taking care of the points awards for the 2008 Points winners at the Awards banquet. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your coats and/or shirts – please contact them.

## **Points Money to be added for the 2009 Season**

MATPA has decided to pursue sponsors for the 2009 pulling season. The money from the sponsors will be put into a points fund and will be divided amongst the points winners for the 2009 season. The money will be divided on a weighted average number of pullers for the class. So if you are pulling for points in a class with a lot of tractors, you have the potential to earn more money than the tractors that only have 2 or 3 tractors pulling for points. We will need help gathering sponsors for this season. The sponsorships will be \$200 for the 2009 pulling season. Each sponsor will get their name on the 2009 t-shirt, and have their logo on the MATPA website with a link to their own website, and be mentioned at all the pulls. This is very cheap advertising for a whole year. There will be sponsorship forms posted on the website for you to print off soon, or contact Steve Borts @ 573-808-0010 for a copy. Any type of sponsors are welcome. The more sponsors we get, the larger the points fund is going to be.

## **T-Shirts and Hats to be coming for 2009**

MATPA will be ordering T-Shirts and Hats for the 2009 Pulling Season. The T-Shirts will be a gray t-shirt with the MATPA Logo on the front, and the 2009 Pulling Season Schedule on the back, along with a list of sponsors for the 2009 season. The will be available to MATPA members for cost – Hopefully under \$10.00 when it is all said and done. We will be also looking at options of hats to order at the January Meeting. Rod Rackers is working on these items, and is supposed to bring some samples of hats for us to look at in January. We will need to agree on a style of hat. The hats will have the MATPA logo embroidered on them.

## **Officers elected for 2009 Season**

Officer elections were held at the December meeting for the 2009 Season. Results are as follows:

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