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Happy New Year! Welcome to the 2009 Season of the Mid America Tractor Pullers Association. I hope this letter finds everyone doing well. It has been a busy time for all involved with MATPA. We had our rules meeting last month on January 10th. Thanks to Rod Rackers and John Doyle for hosting. A special thanks to Jake Shinnewerk for letting us use his room for this. The meeting went relatively smooth, and we were done a lot earlier than I expected. Attached to the newsletter – is a copy of your new rules for each division, the general rules, and the points rules. Read over them carefully and note the changes. Here are a few things to look at: We have taken the Division 5 turbo – and changed it into a Division 6 class with new rules. Also – Division 7 has a modified set of rules to include a Class A, and Class B. The old Heavy Farm Class – has been changed to just a Farm Class with some new rules, and a lower starting weight class that starts at 6,500lbs. Division 2 and 3 had few changes. And the points rules were modified a little in order to deal with rainouts and other cancellations of pulls. I'm not going to waste paper going through everything, but make sure you read the entire rules to see if anything effects you or your equipment. Thanks again to all the Chairpersons who made a special effort in order to make the meeting run smooth. Now we are set for another 3 years.

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 Banquet, we will be able to hand out a final schedule.

- a. Fun Pull – April 18th @ Brady Showgrounds (April Meeting – Mike Moore will be Host)
- b. MRVSEA SWAP MEET – May 16th – Brady Showgrounds *
- c. Boonville (Brady Showgrounds) May 30th
- d. Hallsville – June 13th
- e. Sturgeon – June 20th*
- f. Pilot Grove FFA – Cooper County Fair Grounds July 5th
- g. Boone County Fair – Columbia, July 20th
- h. Macon – July 25th*
- i. Jefferson City Cole Count Fair (Tuesday Night) July 28th*
- j. Slater – August 1st
- k. Sturgeon – August 8th*
- l. Boonville (Brady Showgrounds) – August 15th
- m. Vienna – September 3rd*
- n. Steam Engine Show – Boonville, September 12th *
- o. Eldon – September 19th *
 - i. * signed contract

Tech Committee 2009

Reed Nichols – Chairperson

Division 2 – Frank Young & Steve Vandrimmelin

Division 3 – Andrew Moore & Darrell Kusgen

Division 5 – Bryan Monckton & Wade Monckton

Division 6 – Stan Robinson & Charles Friedrich

Division 7 – John Dye & Terry McCormick

Farm Class – Steve Timm & Mark Wilcoxson

Awards Banquet – February 7th, 2009

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on February 7th, 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 \$11.00 per person at the door. 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. There will also be many other door prizes to win. 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.*

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. They will be available to MATPA members for cost – Hopefully under \$10.00 when it is all said and done. Hats have been ordered and will be available soon. They will have the MATPA Logo embroidered on them.

Officers elected for 2009 Season

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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MATPA

General Rules for 2009, 2010, and 2011

1. Membership is mandatory; one day membership is \$5, yearly is \$25
2. Drivers under the age of 18 must have written parental consent (signed form good for 1 season) and be able to demonstrate control of their tractor (steering, clutching, stopping, and backing). Membership is mandatory; one day membership is \$5, yearly is \$25
3. Tractors in ALL divisions will have to pass tech committee inspection. A sticker will be provided for each tractor passing tech inspection. A tractor must have that sticker displayed to pull. The sticker will be good for one season, but a tractor may still be subject to inspection if protested.
4. There will be a full pull line used at ALL pulls. The full pull line will be positioned according to available track length. A full pull will be declared when the front of the sled is at or passed the full pull line.
5. The official pull measurement is to be taken from the sled's reading. The cones at the end of the track are for reference purposes only.
6. If any contact point of the tractor touches or crosses the out of bounds line the pull will be disqualified. It is the driver's responsibility to stay inbounds. The out of bounds line will be marked from the start line to the full pull line.
7. Exhaust pipes MUST go straight up or down. Curved pipes are not allowed.
8. Drivers must stay in the seat of the tractor at all times. One hand must be on the steering wheel, hand brake, hand clutch or throttle at all times during the pull.
9. Any tractor or puller found to be unsafe or illegal may be disqualified or barred from hooking. This includes excessive use of alcohol.
10. Any weight falling off of and separated from the tractor after being hooked to the sled and until unhooked will result in disqualification.(example – if a weight is still held by strap, there is no DQ)
11. Gas, diesel or LP only. Gas can be used with a maximum specific gravity of 750. No alcohol or nitrous oxide allowed. All tractors are subject to random fuel checks.
12. Enhanced electrical systems permitted in all classes.
13. No locked rear-ends..
14. All tractors equipped with swinging seats must have a positive stop to prevent contact with rear tires.
15. All rules will be interpreted by the MATPA Board. Any unforeseen problems or oversights will be ruled on by the Rules Committee with their findings being final.
16. Protests must be made by a puller in that class. A protest must be made to a track official before the tractor leaves the track. The protester's tractor will also be checked. Any tractor found illegal for the same offense more than once will be banned from all MATPA Points Pulls for the calendar year (January 1 – December 31).
17. A guideline for entries will be that no entry for a class will be accepted after the class has started, and no more than 3 classes per tractor.

Rules will not be changed for a period of three years with the exception of a safety issue.

MATPA Division II

2009, 2010, & 2011 rules (MATPA rules are updated and voted on by the membership every three years, except for safety measures, which may be implemented by the board at any time.)

(* changes made _____)

SPEED: 3.5 mph – any gear – shifting of TA allowed if sled allows

WEIGHT CLASSES: 3250, 3500, 4000, 4500, 5500, 6500, 7500, 8500, 9500# + 50# allowance for all classes – Oliver 88/1600, IH M/560/606, MM U, JD G, Ford 5000, MH 44, MF 85, Case 400/530/700 or similar tractors are not allowed in classes below 4500#

TIRES: no cut tires - no radial tires – no steel lug wheels – two wheel drive only – no duals – 3250, 3500, 4000, & 4500-170 square inch max – 4501-6500-229 square inch max – 7500 - 9500-300 square inch max (see tire chart at bottom of page)

RIMS: rims may be no wider than 1” over tire size (example: 15.5 tire may run on 16.5” rim) – no cut-out rims – no weld-on hubs

WEIGHTS: Suitcase weights and custom made brackets are permitted. No weights or part of tractor beyond 11’ from center of rear axle – no weights rearward beyond back tires

HITCH: 18x24 hitch (point of hook must not exceed 18” in height or be less than 24” from center of rear axle) – drawbars must be stationary in all directions with exception of side-to-side for clevis (clevis must be shimmed or washered) – hitch adjuster may not attach to tractor above center line of rear axle or hubs – hitch must be easily accessible

FRAME & REAR-END: stock frame, transmission, rear-end and axle housings or manufacturer’s replacement.

ENGINE: naturally aspirated tractors only (no turbochargers or superchargers) with the exception of GM two-stroke diesels - stock engines or their replacement components are to remain unchanged in outside appearance – Power Blocks allowed - MM800, Massey 1100, & Oliver 12 port heads allowed - dual exhaust not allowed except after manifold or unless factory option – straight pipes allowed – intake and exhaust manifolds must be cast and may not be homemade (exceptions due to unavailability must be approved by board) – diesels must have stock appearing pump in stock location – any agricultural or tractor-type carburetor allowed with number of barrels or throats being same as original – no electric fans, water pumps, or fuel pumps - alternators allowed

APPEARANCE: tractors must maintain stock appearance (If a part is not found in the manufacturer’s parts book, it cannot be used) with the exception of: weight brackets, rims, hubs, hitch, exhaust, & safety equipment – no homemade side-shields – stock appearing air cleaner – seat must be stock or manufactured seat with stock mountings (TSC, etc...) – PTO or factory cover required – no homemade covers

SAFETY: tip-over bars are recommended

Tire Chart

Division II Tire Size Maximums		
0-4500# Class 170 sq. in.	4501-6500# Class 229 sq. in.	6501-8500# Class 300 sq. in.
13.6 × 38 - 168 sq. in.	14.9 × 38 - 200 sq. in.	18.4 × 38 - 300 sq. in.
14.9 × 28 - 170 sq. in.	15.5 × 38 - 189 sq. in.	16.9 × 38 - 252 sq. in.
	16.9 × 34 - 229 sq. in.	18.4 × 28 - 250 sq. in.

MATPA Division III

2009, 2010, & 2011 rules (MATPA rules are updated and voted on by the membership every three years, except for safety measures, which may be implemented by the board at any time.)

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SPEED: 3.5 mph limit – any gear – shifting of TA allowed if sled allows

WEIGHT CLASSES: 3250, 3500, 4000, 4500, 5500, 6500, 7500, & 8500# + 50# allowance for all weight classes

TIRES: 18.4x38 tire max – any cut allowed

RIMS: any rim width allowed

WEIGHTS: no weights or part of tractor beyond 11' from center of rear axle – no weights extending behind rear tires

HITCH: Point of hook must not exceed 20" in height or be less than 18" from the center of the rear axle including clevis, except side to side – no part of hitch to extend rearward beyond point of hook – hitch must be stationary in all directions – hitch adjuster must not attach to tractor above center-line of rear axle or rear hubs – hitch must be easily accessible

FRAME & REAR-END: stock frame, transmission, rear-end and axle housings or manufacturer's replacement – no locked rear-ends

ENGINE: naturally aspirated only (no turbochargers or superchargers) with exception of GM two stroke diesels – stock blocks or replacements – stock heads or replacements are to remain unchanged in outside appearance – MM800, Massey 1100, and Oliver 12 port heads allowed – any agricultural or tractor-type carburetor allowed – number of barrels or throats must be that of manufacturer for that tractor with exception of JD two cylinders which are allowed numbered series duplex carburetors – diesels must maintain stock appearing pump in stock location –

intake and exhaust manifolds must be cast and may not be homemade (exceptions due to unavailability must be approved by board) – dual exhaust not allowed except after manifold or unless factory option - electric fans, water pumps, and fuel pumps allowed - see general rules for fuel requirements.

SAFETY: tip-over bars required. It is recommended that the wheelie bars not be attached to the drawbar in any way, and that the front of the pad be behind the radius of the tire. All bars must support the weight of the tractor in it's heaviest class. This will be checked by jacking up one pad at a time. The pad should be no higher than 10" off the ground

MATPA Division V

2009, 2010, & 2011 rules (MATPA rules are updated and voted on by the membership every three years, except for safety measures, which may be implemented by the board at any time.)

(* changes made _____)

SPEED: any speed – shifting of TA allowed

WEIGHT CLASSES: 3750, 4000, 4250, 4500, 5500, 6500, 7500, & 8500# + 100# for all weight classes

TIRES: 18.4x38 tires max – any cut allowed

RIMS: any rim width allowed

WEIGHTS: no weights or part of tractor beyond 11' from center of rear axle – no weights rearward beyond back tires

HITCH: Point of hook must not exceed 20" in height or be less than 18" from the center of the rear axle including clevis, except side to side – no part of hitch to extend rearward beyond point of hook – hitch must be stationary in all directions – hitch adjuster must not attach to tractor above center-line of rear axle or rear hubs – hitch must be easily accessible

FRAME & REAR-END: frame, transmission, rear-end and axle housings or manufacturer's replacement – no locked rear-ends

ENGINE: naturally aspirated (no turbochargers or superchargers) with exception of GM two stroke diesels – stock blocks or replacements - stock heads or replacements are to remain unchanged in outside appearance – MM 800, Massey 1100, and Oliver 12 port heads allowed – any agricultural or tractor-type carburetor allowed – number of carburetor barrels or throats must be that of manufacturer for that tractor with exception of JD two cylinders which are allowed numbered series duplex carburetors – any diesel pump mounted in stock location – aftermarket intake/exhaust manifolds allowed – electric fans, water pumps, and fuel pumps allowed

SAFETY: tip-over bars required – recommended that tip-over bars not be attached to hitch – recommended that pads extend rearward beyond the radius of the tires – pads to be no more than

10" off ground – tip-over bars must support weight of tractor in heaviest class (tested by jacking-up one pad at a time) – scatter blankets or equivalent and engine side shields required – kill switch, back-up light, dead-man throttle, and high-back seat required – fenders are required and must meet NATPA standards (as tall as highest point of rear tire and support weight of driver)

MATPA Division VI (Turbo)

2009, 2010, & 2011 rules (MATPA rules are updated and voted on by the membership every three years, except for safety measures, which may be implemented by the board at any time.)

(* changes made _____)

SPEED: any speed - shifting of TA or Powershift allowed

WEIGHT CLASSES: 6000 & 6500 (no allowance for roll-over structure)

TIRES: 18.4x38 tire max - any cut

RIMS: any rim width

WHEELBASE: wheelbase may be lengthened with no part of tractor extending beyond 13' from center of rear axle.

WEIGHTS: no weights beyond 13' from center of rear axle – no weights extending rearward beyond back tires

HITCH: Point of hook must not exceed 20" in height or be less than 18" from the center of the rear axle including clevis, except side to side – no part of hitch to extend rearward beyond point of hook – hitch must be stationary in all directions – hitch adjuster must not attach to tractor above center-line of rear axle or rear hubs – hitch must be easily accessible

FRAME & REAR-END: fabricated frames allowed - wide-front-ends only - tractor's rear-end must be of brand or "brand lineage" of engine and sheet-metal

ENGINE: 360 cubic inch limit - 1 turbocharger - OEM blocks and heads or their replacements for brand or "brand lineage" of tractor - gas tractors must be carbureted – see general rules for fuel requirements

SAFETY: tip-over bars must support weight of tractor in heaviest class – tip-over bars will be tested by jacking-up one pad at a time - pads must extend beyond radius of back tires – pads to be no more than 10" off ground" - flywheel and clutch assemblies must be shielded with 3/8 steel or SFI scatter blanket - engine side shields must cover block and any rotating assemblies at front of engine - x-bar in exhaust pipe (minimum of 2 - 5/16"bolts no more than 1" apart as close to the turbo as possible), dead-man throttle, kill switch (gas) or air shut-off (diesel), fenders, high-back seat, helmet, seatbelt, and ROPS (factory equivalent) or 2-bar (minimum) rollcage (constructed from .093 wall moly tubing or .125 wall mild steel tubing) required - on-board fire extinguisher must be mounted in easily accessible location – fire suit recommended - back-up light recommended

Farm Class

2009, 2010, & 2011 rules (MATPA rules are updated and voted on by the membership every three years, with the exception of safety measures, which may be implemented by the board at any time.)

SPEED: 5 mph limit - cone set at 100' mark - any gear - shifting of TA's or Power Shift allowed

WEIGHT CLASSES: 6500, 7500, 8500, 9500, 10500, 11500, & 12500#

TIRES: no cut tires - radial or bias allowed – no duals – front-wheel-assist must be locked out - 6500, 7500, & 8500-18.4x38 - 9500 & 10500-20.8x38 or 18.4x42 - 11500 & 12500-no tire size limit

RIMS: no rim width limit - no aluminum rims front or back

WEIGHTS: no weights beyond 14' from center of rear axle - rear weights must not interfere with hooking or un-hooking sled

HITCH: Point of hook must not exceed 20" in height or be less than 18" from the center of the rear axle including clevis, hitch must be stationary in all directions except side to side – no part of hitch to extend rearward beyond point of hook – hitch must be stationary in all directions – hitch must be easily accessible

FRAME & REAR-END: components must be replacements for model of tractor or be available from an aftermarket manufacturer

ENGINE: tractors may be turbocharged or naturally aspirated - OEM or aftermarket external parts only with the exception of: air cleaners, turbochargers, turbo mounts, or safety equipment

APPEARANCE: external parts must be OEM replacements or available from an aftermarket manufacturer with the exception of: wheels, hubs, weight brackets, hitches, tip-over bars, or other safety equipment

SAFETY: OEM or aftermarket fenders mandatory - tip-over bars recommended.

Tire Size Chart

Tire sizes taken from the Firestone Super All-Traction 23 chart (bias ply)
and Firestone Radial All Traction 23 chart (radial)

Tire size Bias	Footprint (sq inches)	tire size radial	Footprint (sq inches)
18.4X34	300	18.4R34	320
18.4X38	320	18.4R38	340
18.4X42	345	18.4R42	350
20.8X34	350	20.8R34	360
		18.4R46	365
20.8X38	380	20.8R38	390
20.8X42	400	20.8R42	420
23.1X34	420	23.1R34	425
24.5X32	430	24.5R32	440
30.5X32	450	30.5R32	500

Points Rules

2009, 2010, and 2011

1. Only those tractors registered to members in good standing will receive points.
2. All points will apply to the tractor itself; as long as the driver is a current MATPA member. (Yearly membership required)
3. MATPA rules will apply to each Points Pull.
4. Entry fees will be \$10.00 per year for each class entered. (The first class is free with paid membership).
5. Each tractor may be entered in a maximum of two classes for each division.
6. Members are allowed to change points classes and/or divisions after the season starts, but the tractor will start with 0 points at the time of the change. (You can't count your hooks in that class before you changed into it for points.)
7. In case of a tie, both tractors will be considered Co-Champions.
8. Weight classes will be as follows:

Division II	3250#	3500#	4000#	4500#	5500#	6500#	7500#	8500#	9500#
Division III	3250#	3500#	4000#	4500#	5500#	6500#	7500#	8500#	
Division V	3750#	4000#	4250#	4500#	5500#	6500#	7500#	8500#	
Div VI					6000#	6500#			
Div VII A				5000#	5500#				
Div VII B				5000#	5500#				
Heavy Farm			6500#	7500#	8500#	9500#	10500#	11500#	12500#

9. Points will be awarded as follows:

Place	Place Points	Hook Points	Total Points
1	10	3	13
2	9	3	12
3	8	3	11
4	7	3	10
5	6	3	9
6	5	3	8
7	4	3	7
8	3	3	6
9	2	3	5
10	1	3	4

10. All other tractors in the class will receive 3 hook points.
11. Each tractor that is signed in and registered at a pull will receive points according to how it actually placed in that class. If a pull is held, but classes are cancelled mid-way through the event, each registered tractor in the cancelled classes will receive 3 hook points. If a class is cancelled before the last puller in that class has hooked, all registered tractors in that class will receive only the 3 hook points and no placings will be declared.
12. Tractors that are disqualified for on track violations will receive 3 hook points for that class. (You still get 3 points even if you honk the horn, go out of bounds, or lose a weight). No points will be awarded for an equipment violation such as overweight, high hitch or illegal parts.
13. A certain number of a tractor's best finishes in each registered class will be counted toward that tractor's point total at the conclusion of the season. That number will be determined by rounding up from 65% of the pulls held by the MATPA during the season. (See Chart) Example: If 14 pulls are held over the summer, a tractor's points will be totaled from its best 10 (9.1 rounded up) finishes.

Pulls held	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pulls Counted	4	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	10	10	11

14. A tractor must attend a majority of the pulls during the season to qualify for points awards. Example: If the MATPA holds a total of 12 pulls during the season, the tractor must have hooked at 7 of those pulls.