



Mid-America Tractor  
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## MARCH NEWSLETTER 2008

It's almost Pulling Time!!! March is now here – and it looks like things are starting to warm up. Just as I'm writing this – it is 21 degrees on this Monday morning as I arrived at work. Oh well – at least for the majority of the time – it is starting to warm up. The grass is greening up – and before you know it, we'll have to be mowing those yards again!

I really wanted to get this newsletter out a couple of weeks ago – but things have been swamped around the Borts house lately. We are nearing the finish of our new firehouse in Jamestown – and there are lots of details to attend to. Plus – I'm trying to finish up a few projects around the house in order to clean up for the meeting in a couple of weeks. I'm hoping for warm and sunny weather at the meeting so we can venture out past the garage this time. It seems like our crowd is growing at the meetings and it is taking more room to put one of these on. Anyway – I hope the newsletter makes it to everyone before it gets to be too late for them to make it to the meeting. I'll try harder next time to get it out earlier.

I want to thank Jake Schenewerk for letting us use his facilities for our March meeting hosted by Rod Rackers and John Doyle. What a nice place! We had plenty of good eats again! The chili was great. Thanks again for hosting a great meeting.

We made several decisions in the meeting. First of all – the fun pull is still on for April 26<sup>th</sup> and will start at noon. PLEASE – make sure to get you tractor thru tech inspection on that day if at all possible! The following people are going to be in charge of tech inspection. If you have any questions – please contact one of the following:

### Tech Committee:

**Reed Nichols – Chairman**

**DIV II – Frank Young, Mark Meisenheimer**

**DIV III – JP Dunn, Wade Monckton**

**DIV V – Brian Monckton, Monte Gibson**

**DIV VII – John Dye, Terry McCormick**

**Heavy Farm – Kevin Monckton, Darrell Monckton**

A safety issue was brought up before the membership. The issue was concerning a curved exhaust pipe. If you need help understanding the reason for this issue – I will be happy to explain it to you – but don't want to waste the paper in doing it. The following will be added to the rules – effective immediately.

Exhaust pipes/stacks are required to be either straight up or straight down. (No Curved pipes)

We talked some more about the insurance issue. After a lengthy discussion – it was decided that everyone pulling at the pull should be an MATPA member. This is so that even if a puller that doesn't normally pull with us should cause an accident – then we will have insurance to cover the situation. In order to make this have the least affect on the number of hooks – it was voted to develop a “one day membership” at the cost of \$5 per puller. This will make them an official member for that day, and they will be covered on our insurance. There will be a separate place for people to sign up as a “one day” member, and they will have to provide proof of membership before pulling. Beverly Blackwell is working on membership cards. When she is done, Secretary Mike Moore will be issuing them to each member. Make sure you get your card before the first pull and keep it with you. After more discussion, it was decided to abolish the rule of being required to become an MATPA member after participating in two pulls. Since everyone that pulls is going to be a member – there was no reason to leave this in the rules.

We talked about when the dues should be due, and it was agreed that all dues are delinquent after that first day of the year. From now on, letters will only be mailed to paid MATPA members. If you know of someone not receiving the news letter – make sure they get their dues paid.

We finished up the night with a long – and I stress the work LONG – game of 6 handed pitch. I think we left around 11:30. And that was for only one game. Whose idea was it to play cards anyway??? HAHAHA

**Website: [www.pullwithmatpa.com](http://www.pullwithmatpa.com)**

You will notice a change in the website along with our new address. Krista has been working on it and everything looks nice. She has also added new photos of last year's pulls if you have not looked lately. Also –she is asking if some of you have been winter pulling and have pictures – send them to her and she will post them on the website.

### **April 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

I look forward to seeing everyone at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at my house in Jamestown. Happy hour will start at 4:00pm. We will be having BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs. There will be chips and salsa for appetizers. Come anytime after 3:00pm if you wish. I don't get off work until 3pm, so if someone wants to come and help cook early – that would be great. Here are the directions to the meeting in Jamestown. It's pretty simple, if you find the MODOT Building, then you have found us.

*319 S Mill St  
Jamestown, MO 65046  
660.849.2638*

*Take Hwy 87 to Jamestown. Turn into Jamestown at the junction of 87 and Hwy AA. Our House is the first on the right. Its next to the MODOT Building.*

### **2007 Back to the Farm Reunion Pull Video**

For those of you who are STILL waiting on the video – I'm sorry. It should have never taken this long to put together. Please be patient. The video man was in an accident and is recovering slowly. These are circumstances none of us every saw coming – nor could we control. I'll keep you updated on the progress as I know more.

### Pull Schedule

I'm still waiting on a couple of pull contracts. If you have them – please get them back to me as soon as possible! We need them in order to send in and finalize our insurance for the year. For those of you who have not heard – Higginsville and St. Anthony were not able to work out issues in order to have a pull and have been taken off the schedule. We will discuss this issue further at the April meeting – so if you have ideas for another pull – bring them to the meeting. Here is an updated schedule for the summer:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Sled</b>
April 26	Fun Pull Brady Show Grounds, Boonville	Noon***	Steve Borts	FTE
May 17	Swap Meet Brady Show Grounds, Boonville	4 pm	Darrel Monckton 660-248-3112	FTE
June 14	Hallsville	4 pm	Paul Scheetz 573-881-4385	FTE
June 28	Cole Camp	4 pm		FTE
<i>July 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup></i>	Cooper County Fairgrounds Pilot Grove Pull	Noon	Miles Wolfe 660-834-5133	FTE White Mule
July 21 Monday*	Columbia Boone County Fair	6 pm	Billy Montgomery 573-864-3475	FTE
July 26 Saturday*	Macon	5 pm **	JP Dunn 573-821-6240	FTE
August 2	Slater	4 pm	Louis Eddy 660-529-3474	FTE
August 9	Sturgeon	4 pm	Stan Robinson 573-687-3397	FTE
September 6	Steam Engine Show Brady Show Grounds, Boonville <small>visit <a href="#">MRVSEA</a> for complete show information</small>	4 pm	Darrel Monckton 660-248-3112	FTE
September 13	RAIN DATE - In case of cancellation			
September 20	Eldon	2 pm	Shane Farris 573-392-3232	FTE