



Mid-America Tractor  
Pullers Association  
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## MAY NEWSLETTER 2008

Anybody figured out how to pull boats yet?? HAHA!! Every time I turn around, it is raining again! Somebody forgot that April Showers are supposed to be over – and we are looking for the May Flowers!! Anyway – May is here – and our first points pull of the season is set for this coming Saturday. The fun pull didn't work out as planned – things were just too wet. For a little bit – I thought we might have called it off a little too early, but we were right to in the long run.

I'm sorry it took awhile to get the newsletter out. Things are still very busy around the Borts household. It is here – and will be emailed and posted on the internet before the pull. I won't be mailing this one to anybody at this time. I will wait and mail out another newsletter after the first pull.

Make sure you get to the pull at Boonville on Saturday a little early so you can have your tractor teched. 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**

## **NEW RULE for 2008 – No Curved Exhaust**

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)*

## **One Day MATPA Membership**

Don't forget – if you pull and you are not an MATPA member, you will have to pay a \$5 per day fee in order to be covered on the insurance. This is a new requirement for everyone this year.

**April 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting** The April meeting was held at my house at Jamestown. I really appreciate the great attendance we had. Thanks to all who helped cook and prepare the food. Everything was really tasty. I think I ate leftovers for a full week! Better to have too much than not enough.

As far as the meeting went – we didn't have too many items to discuss. We talked about adding another pull since the one at Higginsville was not going to pan out. Also – the pull planned at St. Anthony was out as well. After a lengthy discussion about having another pull the Steam Engine Grounds, the membership voted to stay with the pulls we had scheduled unless someone came of with another pull to put on the schedule before the May 17<sup>th</sup> pull.

Krista Nichols is going to be taking care of the points calculations this year. She will also be the one posting them on the web, so this will help her in getting them listed more quickly.

The fun pull was set for April 26<sup>th</sup> – and the board and officers are in charge of getting the meat ready. They will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs. Thanks again to all who attended the meeting.

### 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. **UPDATE:** I talked with Rod and Herb almost has the video completed, but has two family members in the hospital and is helping with their situations. It shouldn’t be long!

Date	Location	Time	Contact Person	Sled
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