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November 2008 NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone. Sorry I didn't get this out sooner – just been a busy time. I'm beginning to understand that there is never a “Non Busy” time of year. Here we are – the end of November, and December and Christmas are just around the corner. I hope everyone was able to enjoy a nice Thanksgiving.

Thanks to all who attended the November meeting in Higginsville – hosted by John Dye and Crew. Once again – fabulous food!! We had good attendance. Here are some of the items that were discussed at the meeting.

We discussed the 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 have it done. It was also discussed about MATPA hosting a pull at the Cole County Fairgrounds if they wanted us to. It was voted on and approved – if they ask us, we will add it to the schedule.

- a. Fun Pull – April 11th or 18th? (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. Cole Camp – July 11th
- h. Boone County Fair – Columbia, July 20th
- i. Macon – July 25th
- j. Slater – August 1st
- k. Sturgeon – August 8th
- l. Fayette? – August 15th
- m. Vienna – August 27th
- n. Steam Engine Show – Boonville, September 12th *
- o. Eldon – September 19th *
 - i. * signed contract

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 \$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. Rod Rackers and Billy Montgomery will take care of the door prizes. MATPA will purchase one large item (\$300-400) for a door prize at the Banquet. Tickets will be available that night.

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. The Coats have been ordered and Mike is getting the embroidery set up.

Another item discussed at the meeting was having MATPA order T-Shirts with sponsors and the 2009 schedule printed on them for next season. Every liked the idea. Rod Rackers will get them ordered as soon as the sponsors and schedule is complete. We also discussed hats – which Rod Rackers is getting prices for us. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

We also discussed getting sponsors for the 2009 season in order to add some monetary payout for the points championship. We discussed a couple of different ways to divide the money for payout. We will need to decide how much each sponsorship would cost and how many sponsors to strive to get. These sponsors would be official MATPA sponsors for the 2009 Season, and be listed on the Website, T-Shirts, Schedules, and other MATPA printed material. This will be discussed more at the December Meeting.

Rules Meeting

The Rules meeting will be held on January 10th, 2009 in Centertown at Jake Schenewerk's shop. This meeting will be hosted by Rod Rackers and John Doyle. Happy hour will start at 3:00pm, and the meeting will begin at 4:00pm. We will then break at 6:00pm for the meal, and then start the meeting back up at 7:00pm. Below – you will find the committee chairperson for each section of the rules meeting. If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding a section, please start by contacting the chairperson for that section:

- ii. Division 2 – Frank Young (660) 621-1204
- iii. Division 3 – Wade Monckton (660) 728-3578
- iv. Division 5 – Bryan Monckton (660) 537-3765
- v. Division 5 Turbo – Russ Hill (573) 680-2708, Charles Friedrich (660) 537-1060
- vi. Division 7 – John Dye (660) 641-5218
- vii. Heavy Farm – Steve Timm (660) 621-1212
- viii. General Rules – Steve VanDrimmelin (573) 999-2135
- ix. Points Rules – Steve Borts (573) 808-0010

December Meeting

The December meeting will be held at the Boy Scout Building in Fulton, on December 6th, 2008. This will be our meeting for officer elections, so be sure to attend. The meeting will be hosted by Darrell Dunlap. Check the website for directions to the meeting – or call one of the officers. JP Dunn, Darrell Kusgen, and Andrew Moore have been selected to be the Nominating Committee for the 2009 Officer elections. If you have any suggestions or would like to run for an office or Board Position – please contact them. The elections will be held at the December meeting in Fulton.