



Mid-America Tractor
Pullers Association
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OCTOBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

The 2008 Pulling season is in the books, and everything turned out pretty well – ALL THINGS CONSIDERED. It felt like we had more rain out dates than actual pull dates for awhile. The rain just wouldn't go away this year. I'm glad to say that 2008 is over, and we can start planning for the 2009 season. In fact, we have already had our first off season meeting of the fall on October 4th at Bryan Monckton's place. Wade Monckton prepared a large pot of stew. And man – if you didn't get enough to eat – it was nobody's fault but your own!

One of the first things we discussed was the pull worksheet that I made that covered the profit and losses from each of the pulls we had this summer. One thing to note was the income from the one day \$5 memberships that we decided on for 2008. That worked out really well – generating just over \$800 for the year. I was a little skeptical over how this would be received by non MATPA pullers – but it went very well – and was a great suggestion for the club.

We are already working on a tentative schedule for next summer's pulling. It's going to look like a lot more pulls, considering we only had 8 complete pulls last season. We can add or delete any of these – I'm just working on getting this all set up by January – so it is easier to plan things this summer. Below is just a tentative list – nothing set in stone.

- a. Fun Pull – April 11th or 18th? (Meeting?)
- b. MRVSEA SWAP MEET – May 16th – Brady Showgrounds *
- c. ? May 23rd, or 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. Boonville – Brady Showgrounds – August 22nd
- m. Vienna – August 27th
- n. Steam Engine Show – Boonville, September 12th *
- o. Eldon – September 19th *
 - i. * signed contract

Note: The fun pull will be hosted by Mike Moore.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on February 7th, 2009. The reason for moving this back a month – is to allow for the Rules Meeting to be held in January – and let pullers have enough time to make changes to their tractors if need be. Frank Young and Mike Moore were appointed to take charge of setting up the banquet.

Kevin Monckton and Mike Moore were appointed to help take care of the Awards for the 2008 Points winners and their prizes for the Awards banquet. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your coats and/or shirts – please contact them.

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

Officers for the 2009 Season

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.

November Meeting

The November meeting will be held on November 8th, at Higginsville at John Dye's Shop. Same times as usual. Check the Website for directions.

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.