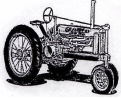


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From the President's Chair

Here we are about to start another pulling season. I have not even started working on my tractors yet. I hope everyone else has had time to get ready. We are going to have a fun pull at Kent's on March 18th. Last year we tried to do things different and have monthly pulls at one location. It did not work well. At one pull I counted only 25 tractors. This year we will go back to the format of having pulls at town celebrations and events and a few at Kent's place. We are changing a few of the classes and little and adding a couple of more. There has been around 14 tractors pulling in the C-4600 pound class, and 6 or 7 in the C-5600 pound class. We will add a C-5100 and C-6100 pound classes this year, on a trial basis. There seems to be a lot of interest in tractors this size and this will give two more classes for them to pull in. Maybe this will break the classes down to a more manageable size or maybe draw more tractors. We will just have to wait and see what happens. Another rule change is to make the drawbar height 18 inches, for all classes. This will simplify things for those that pull in the 5600, 6100, and 6600 pound classes. You guys who pull the big tractors, 6600 pounds and up will need to lower your drawbars to 18 inches.

We also may eliminate the trophies, and just give certificates, in some of the lightweight classes that traditionally only have one or two tractors. We frequently wind up with left over trophies for these classes. If you have any thoughts or comments on any on of these things please let me know.

2005 Winners and Banquet

Congratulations to Cathy Osborn for winning the Grand Master Puller for 2005. Sarah Hudson was a close second, only 2 points behind. A very deserving Slim Wilborn won the Leon Smith Sportsmanship Award. There was quite a battle all year long in the C-6600 pound class. John and Amanda Hoover kept swapping first and second place at almost every pull. When it came time to add up the points for the class master puller, it was a tie. They both took the master puller award for that class. I've attached a list of all the winners to the newsletter, take a moment and look it over to see who won what class.

I want to thank everyone who helped out with the awards banquet. Calvin and Christine Kent for letting use their place, Gary Kent for handling the trophies, Cathy Osborn for setting up the silent auction, John and Amanda Hoover for arranging for the tables and chairs, and Rick and Roger Bevard for smoking the meat. If I missed anyone forgive me. Everyone who helped did a great job. Attendance was way down this year and hope it's not an omen for the rest of the year. Please come out and be active.

Sponsoring a Pull

Several people have asked about having a pull in their area. We, the board of directors, are happy to work with you in setting up a pull. If you want a pull in your area, or at your event, Let us know the date and we will start from there. ***If you want a pull then you need to secure the location, get some sponsors for trophies, awards, or what ever, probably arrange for a port-a-potty, get a pullback and blade tractor and you are all set.***

We still have time to add pulls for this year. Our calendar is definitely not full. When are trying to pick a date just be aware of other events that our members might want to go to. I have attached a schedule of what we have planned already.