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## Upcoming Pulls

Since normally hot and dry weather would be upon us now, we have scheduled the next two pulls at 7:00 pm, in the evening. We will have lights for both of these pulls.

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, we will have a pull at Kent's new location, 1503 W. Line Street, in Sapulpa. Go west from downtown Sapulpa, on Highway 66 (W. Dewey Ave.) and then turn north on Sahoma Lake Road (next to the Armory), go for about 3/4 mile, turn left onto Line Street. Kent's is the second driveway on your right. Look for signs, we will have some up.

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, we will pull at the Collinsville Tri-County Fair. The pull is at the same location as before.

## Safety Notes

I have been seeing some un-safe practices and some rule violations that I feel the need to address. At recent pulls I have seen tractors lurch forward and people have to jump out of the way. We have had kids wandering across the track during pulls. I have also seen several tractors jerk the sled when starting. There have been instances of pullers not putting their tractors in neutral while being hooked or un-hooked. Those doing the hooking and un-hooking have not been standing behind the safety bar. The flagman has been taking pictures rather than watching the tractor and sled. I am not naming names but you know who you are.

Here are some safety rules to remember.

- 1. Every puller will put their tractor in neutral and raise their hands while being hooked or un-hooked.**
- 2. Those doing the hooking and un-hooking should stand behind the yellow safety bar. Make sure the puller has his hands up.**
- 3. When flagging be sure to watch the sled to see if it still moving. Do not flag someone out if the sled is still moving and their front end is not too high. Stand where the puller can see you.**
- 4. No racing around while off the track. Remember we have a 2 1/2 mph limit off track.**
- 5. Stop when you are red flagged. If you think you were still moving consult the sled operator.**
- 6. Your hands must be holding on to something, steering wheel, throttle, hand clutch, when pulling.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At each and every pull we need volunteers. We desperately need flagman, hook up, and un-hook men (and or women). There is a sign up sheet at the announcer's stand. Feel free to sign up for a few blocks. You can do this at the same time you pay your pull fee. We have a handful of club members who regularly do this and they are greatly appreciated. It would be nice if some others stepped in to help. You do not have to be a director or officer to help, only a CASTA member. If you have members of your family that are members of CASTA, they can help too. I have seen a few members, who only pull one or two classes, that do not help. You are not exempt. We need participation from everyone to make this work.

## June Pull Results

We have had several good pulls during the month of June. We kind of got off to a slow start by not having any pulls in April or May. John Hoover and Mike Avant did a great job of planning and putting on a Pull at Okmulgee. We would like to greatly thank the Southwest program, Covington Aircraft and Stewart Martin. We had 43 total hooks, a little less than I would like, but it was good pull for those who did attend.

Our next pull was a two day event in conjunction with the OATA Okie Heritage Days. This year's pull was at Haskell. We pulled Friday evening and Saturday evening. On Friday we had 54 hooks and on Saturday we had 58 hooks. Some pullers that we do not see very often showed up and helped boost our numbers. It was nice to see the return of part of the R&R pulling team, Roger Bevard. Gary Godfrey, Dwayne Johnson, and Brian Felkins also showed up. We even signed up a new member, Lin Mesner, of Cotoapaxi, CO. Lin was making a circuit around Kansas and Oklahoma going to several tractor shows. He pulled a fantastic 1928 Farmall Regular. I believe this is the oldest tractor I have seen pull (at least in the last few years). I would like to extend a special thanks to Sandy Ulrich for allowing us to use his beautiful John Deere 4020 and his White Industrial tractor. OATA put up some lights and graded a track just for the tractor pull. I am sure they will be accepting donations to help offset some of that expense if any wants to help.

The Bixby Green Corn Festival pull almost wasn't. Due to the anticipated crowd, paved parking and good solid track we decided to go ahead and try to have a pull, despite the rain. It started off kind of bad, I think Mike Avant's Cub might have bumped the sled a little bit forward. Cathy Osborn was able to pull it some and then I spun out. Mike Osborn decided that the other end of the track was better and we turned the sled around. I think we put on an excellent show for the crowd. Courtney Brown shook a lot of bushes getting donations for the trophies and other necessities. The glass trophies are very nice. There were over 20 kids, ages 3 to 7, that participated in the Kiddie Pull. Cathy was able to get ribbons and trophies for all the kids. We had a little scoring problem in the middle of the C-6600 class. Part of this was due to poor communication on everyone's part. It started to pour rain while we were trying to figure that out. I had to make a decision on that class and the remainder of the pull. It was still raining and the track was very slick. For safety reasons I decided that we would re-pull the C-6600 class and then pull the other two classes at the next pull. I did not want a foot slipping off a wet clutch or someone slipping in the increasingly slick mud. We will start the July 28<sup>th</sup> Pull with these three classes.