

SECOND 2012 EDITION

MAY 2012

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Members,

What an exiting and great year it's been so far!

The weather has been nice and the blessings of rain has made it possible to have some awesome participation at many of the shows/events.

A big thank you to all the members for participating and attending the many shows and events so far this year. To name a few: the Bastrop area show, Case Tractor and Equipment opening house, Dan Borchgardt's tractor ride, Fredericksburg tractor ride, Burton Cotton Gin Festival, and the Harvest and Plow day.

It is the volunteering and dedication of our members that make our club strong and successful.

A big THANK YOU from all the officers!!!

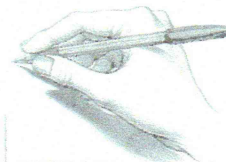
I look forward to the rest of the shows/events that will continue throughout the year.

Please visit the website for upcoming events and pictures from previous meetings and events.

Tracy Raska



Bradley Raska at Harvest & Plow Day



OFFICERS

Tracy Raska - President
(979)-277-5867

Dustin Gross - VP
(979) 357-2131
(979)-277-2885 (cell)

Roger Sorum - Treasurer &
Membership
(512)-304-8806

Elizabeth Sommerfeld -
Secretary,
Newsletter & Mailings
(361)-781-0858

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

PRESIDENTS LETTER	1
----------------------	---

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS	2
------------------	---

MEETING NOTES	3
---------------	---

NEW MEMBERS	3
-------------	---

UPCOMING SHOWS	4
----------------	---

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Burton Cotton Gin Festival

The sun shone down on Burton Texas for this year's tractor show and pull. The pull moved smoothly and was over before dark this year. This years event hosted a kiddy tractor pull which was hugely successful with over 50 kids participating. Trophies were given for best of show and to tractor pull winners. Thanks to all those who volunteered and gave of their time to make this years event a success.



Ryan Guerrero with his project tractor



Austin Sommerfeld participating in Kiddy Tractor Pull



Pedal tractor display



Mr. Bosse with a wagon full of kids in parade

Harvest & Plow Day in Ledbetter

There couldn't have been better weather! With rain a few days before the event, the ground was nice and soft and ready to be worked. Several club members brought out tractors and equipment and plowed and disc until they had had enough. Amongst the tractors were teams of horses shredding, cutting, and giving wagon rides. A wonderful hamburger lunch was cooked by members Darryl and Kathy Gummelt. Camaraderie between the Sharecroppers and Texas Draft Horse and Mule Association was enjoyed by all present.



Devin Gerland




Randy Ash with a team of Belgians



Picking up shocks



Jason Smith



F.Y.I.

Tracy Raska called The Sharecropper's Meeting to order at 6:55 PM on Friday, April 13, 2012. It was held at the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department Hall meeting room. New members and visitors were welcomed. There were 38 who signed the attendance sheet. New members were announced: Ronnie Herzog, Kenneth Hetzel, Kenneth Kana, Gary & June Barnes, Angela Phillips, and Jacob Mikeska.

Secretary, Elizabeth Sommerfeld read the minutes from the January 27, 2012 meeting. Ed Kuehn motioned to accept the minutes as read and Bobby Neumann seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Roger Sorum provided a breakdown of expenses while he gave the Treasurer's report. The most current balance was \$10,053.63. He noted that there were 142 members, 13 new members, 65 who hadn't renewed as of April 9, 2012. Justin Sommerfeld motioned to accept the treasurer's report as read and Dan Borghart seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Old Business: The upcoming Burton Cotton Gin Festival show and pull was discussed. Tracy announced that she had given Roger approval to rent a PA system for \$100 for the weekend as the previously used PA system had broken beyond repair. It was decided that the Friday night meal would be sausage purchased for \$2.25/pound and donated hot dog buns by Country Boy Sausage. The registration table would be run by Roger Sorum, Show and Pull area Chairman and Safety was Dustin Gross, Registration Pull designated to Tracy Raska, Elizabeth Sommerfeld, Nancy Hopper, Leigh Keike, and Kelly Chovanec. The kiddy tractor pull was being organized by Tracy & Bradley Raska with help from Hilton Thompson. The sled and track team was to be headed by Royce Bartels and the engine display headed by Bill Schlobohm. The only donation to be used towards trophies was from Teglar Chevrolet for \$25. Tracy displayed the plaques that were being provided by Burton Cotton Gin. A summary of the Shop Day on February 25, at Frank Tyson's house was given. The TSC show was cancelled due to the rain, but the company had plans to reschedule. The Bastrop 4H and FFA show on March 2-3rd was noted to be well attended as well as the HiWay Equipment (Case) show held on March 24th.

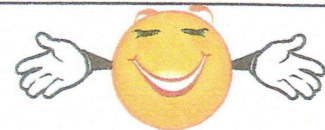
New Business: Erika Guerrero noted that the tractor restored by Ryan Guerrero (who received money from the club through the Youth Restoration Program) had been to the Houston and San Antonio shows. She also mentioned that Blinn Junior College would be having an Ag Day on May 2nd that the tractor would be at as well. She encouraged people to come see all of the displays and stated the event starts at 8:00am. Erika also stated that her family would be providing a scholarship to a Bellville High School senior who was a member of any tractor club on May 15th. The family was deciding whether to award 1-\$500 or 2-\$250 scholarships. Erika also announced that the Keith Bartels scholarship fundraiser tractor ride would be occurring on the 3rd weekend in August.

Events happening in the next few months were mentioned and referenced to on the preliminary show list handout. April 28 in Brenham is the 7th Annual Dan Borchardt's Tractor Drive, May 12th in Ledbetter is the Harvest & Plow Day, May 27th is the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser and a tractor show is desired. The event will be held at the SVFD hall with a start time around 9:00-9:30am. Sealybration Tractor show will be held on July 14th and applications were provided at the table. On May 9th will be Ag in the Classroom held at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Anyone interested in participating should be there by 8:00am and the event starts at 9:00am for 4th grade students in the Brenham area.

A member brought up the possibility of advertising some of these events in magazines such as Red Power, Antique Power Magazine – Event Catalog, and Texas Highways. Tracy stated this would be a good idea and officers would look into the possibilities of such advertising.

The next meeting will be July 20, 2012 at Shelby. Brett Studhalter motioned the meeting to be adjourned and Emery Schulze seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Ronnie Herzog, Spring
Kenneth Kana, La Grange
Jacob Mikeska, Industry

Gary & June Phillips, Conroe
Angela Phillips, Conroe
Erika Guerrero, Fayetteville

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.SHARECROPPERSTX.COM

Rodney Sprenger
13330 West Road, #1226
Houston, TX 77041

406 S Trinity
Edna, TX 77957



COMMERCIAL UNIT
TX 77041
30 00000000 PM

<u>June 2</u>	Snook	Snookfest	Georgia Kovar	979-272-8787
<u>June 2-3</u>	Floresville	South Texas Old Iron Club Show & Pull	Mike Tessman	830-254-3253
<u>June 8-9</u>	Fredericksburg	The Hill Country Antique Tractor & Engine Club Show	(www.rustyiron.org)	
	Jason Jenschke	830-685-3344 or 830-889-2001	Brian Roeder	830-997-5962 or 830-889-5810
<u>June 16</u>	El Campo	Ricebelt Show & Pull (Benefitting Disabled Vets)	Debbie Chappell	979-543-4215
<u>June 24</u>	Wallis	Brazos FFA Tractor Show (Restoration Competition)	Jason Hill	979-478-6012
<u>July 4</u>	Round Top	**July 4th Celebration & Parade**	Ronnie Sacks	979-249-3168
<u>July 14</u>	Sealy	Sealybration	Kristin Haidusek	281-610-0577 www.sealyevents.com
<u>July 28</u>	Industry	VFD Fundraiser - Show	Dustin Gross	979-357-2131 or 979-277-2885
<u>August 18</u>	Shelby	Keith Bartels Memorial Tractor Ride	Royce Bartels	979-836-9426 or 979-251-2562
<u>August 24-25</u>	Fredericksburg	Hill Country AT&GEC Show		
	Jason Jenschke	830-685-3344 or 830-889-2001	Brian Roeder	830-997-5962 or 830-889-5810

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SHARECROPPERSTX.COM