

SHARECROPPER'S ANTIQUE FARM EQUIPMENT CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Members,

The crops are short and the fields, and stock tanks, are dry and this summer. I think if a cloud drops rain it will evaporate before it hits the ground. Cooler and wetter weather has been on everyone's mind lately. Hopefully there will be a cooling breeze for the Keith Bartels Memorial Fundraiser Tractor Ride. Look for more information in this newsletter about the ride on August 20th. I hope to see a lot of club members in Shelby to participate this year!

Forty-seven members enjoyed a cold slice of sweet watermelon at the July club meeting, a welcome summer tradition on a hot day. Our club membership is currently at about 292 and we remain financially strong. The club geographically continues to be supported by many surrounding cities of, and including, the Brenham area.

Talking with many club members, this year's unseasonably hot weather has been making it difficult to get to as many shows and events as normally would be attended. This is understandable yet I still encourage you to support as many shows as you can manage. There were better than a dozen antique tractors of both club members as well as local Brenham residents that rolled into the last July "Hot Nights & Cool Tunes" in downtown Brenham. The streets were filled with spectators and exhibitors alike that night.

As I mentioned during our July meeting, all of your current officers have enjoyed their tenure but feel they have also fulfilled their term. I encourage any club member interested in becoming an officer to contact myself or any officer. I hope you will give consideration in holding one of our club's officer positions for 2012. I am very proud of our club and the support our members give to it in furthering our goals and endeavors. I especially appreciate how our members work together to make our club one of the best.

I am very happy to announce Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Janner have agreed to open their museum for our club's October meeting, which was also approved during our July meeting. The Janner museum is located at 8305 Quebe Road just north of Brenham. This will make the third year our club has enjoyed holding a meeting at the Janner's and we are looking forward to a good gathering. Look for more information in this newsletter.

Rodney Sprenger

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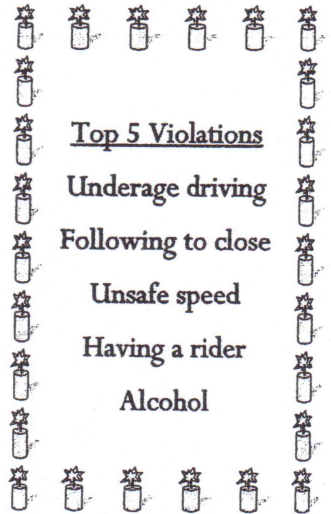
GOT INSURANCE QUESTIONS?

Insurance is a huge concern for many members. Here are some FAQ's topics:

1. All EDGETA members have liability insurance and are covered at any event.
2. An EDGETA member has liability insurance while riding his golf cart at an event.
3. If an EDGETA member attends a non-sponsored event and does NOT follow the EDGETA safety requirements, the member will not have coverage.

If a non-member organizes a tractor ride are EDGETA members covered? *Yes, if the EDGETA members follow the EDGETA safety requirements for tractor rides.*

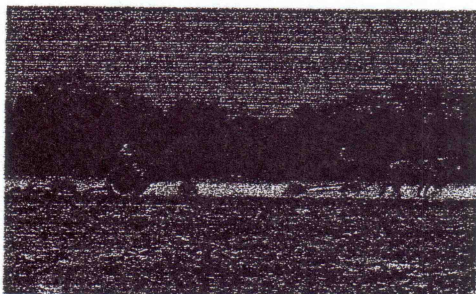
It is always advisable to carry your "yellow" EDGETA card, affixed with current insurance year sticker, with you. If you need a replacement card please contact Roger, so you have proof of your coverage when attending other events or shows.



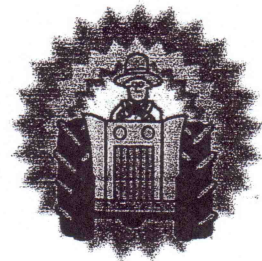
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Harvest Day

With rain a few days before, we couldn't have asked for better weather! The ground was nice and soft with little dust kicked up. Although this year because of the lack of rain, there wasn't much to harvest, but horses and tractors seemed to enjoy pulling plows, discs, and just driving around the area. Big thanks to Daryl & Kathy Gummelt for their time to cook, everyone a nice lunch. Thanks also to Bob Sprenger who took time to make delicious ice cream to help everyone cool off. This event is great to see farm equipment in action...even the kind that doesn't need gas or diesel!



Tractors & horses shared the field



Keith Bartels Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser

Ride Date: August 20, 2011

Meeting Location: Harmonie Hall, Shelby, Texas

Time: 8:00-9:00 am Registration

Suggested donation \$35

Must show proof of liability insurance coverage, additional fee may be required

Meal available at the Green Door in Greenvine, Texas for purchase

For questions please contact Royce Bartels (979) 836-9426 or (979)251-2562

Registration packet & more info at club website.

Rodney Sprenger called The Sharecropper's Meeting to order at 7:25 PM on Friday, July 22, 2011. Secretary, Elizabeth Sommerfeld read the minutes from the April 8, 2011 meeting and the minutes were approved. Rodney presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of the treasurer, Roger Sorum. With good control over costs and a strong bank balance, the club remains financially sound. The treasurer report was approved as read.

Rodney provided a presentation on Grease Fundamentals. The members were interested to learn a few new things and appreciated Rodney's time in researching the issue.

OLD BUSINESS: Rodney clarified that our club's national affiliate, EDGE&TA does NOT offer an EDGE&TA only membership, all membership is at the local club level. Therefore, the Sharecropper's Club will only offer the single or family club membership types along with the additional EDGE&TA dues if member wishes to show, pull, or drive his antique farm equipment. The 2010 Youth Tractor Restoration recipient Ryan Guerrero was awarded a Sharecropper's sponsorship check of \$250.00 for his restoration of a 1948 Farmall Cub which he displayed at the Burton Cotton Gin Festival. At that time it was announced by Ryan's family that he had just received the 4-H Gold Star Award, presented by Bellville High School. Rodney asked again for anyone interested in helping with the page content/photography for the club web site to contact an officer or Hal Lindgren. Hal would like to just post any updates to the web site as he receives them from others.

NEW BUSINESS: Rodney announced that nominations for next year's officers were being accepted and that anyone interested should contact an officer. All officer positions are to be filled for next year. Nominations will occur at the October club meeting with installations at the December Christmas party. Rodney announced that Roy Pieper is asking for a donation to Kleiber Tractor in appreciation for buying the meal tickets for club members at this year's July 4th Round Top Parade. Donation amount of \$50.00 was voted on and approved. The manager of the Brenham Tractor Supply Company (TSC) would like to have our club display antique tractors at their store on October 8th. Rodney opened discussion on the location of this year's Club Christmas Party and it was noted that the club was running out of room at the current Burton VFD hall. It was voted on and passed that we move the Christmas party on December 3rd to La Bahia Hall Rodney presented a recap of this year's Burton Cotton Gin Festival and thanked all volunteers. Upcoming club events were announced. The Keith Bartels Memorial Scholarship tractor ride on August 20th was reviewed. The Brenham VFD's Fireman's Fiesta tractor ride will be held on August 13, 2011. Emery Schulze also mentioned that the St. Johns church fundraiser on October 15th was going to be held later at 5pm this year. Emery noted that he understood if members chose not to attend due to the time change and lack of light. Rodney asked if the club would again like the next meeting to be held at Gilbert Janner's museum on October 21, 2011 and it was voted on and passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Patrick & Lisa Henney

Houston

Congratulations to John & Judy Strouhal of Highlands on the birth of their daughter
Lauren AnnMarie Strouhal

Congratulations to Gil & Michelle Janner of Brenham on the birth of their son
Hunter Allen Janner

Marjorie Papke, sister of Roy Pieper,
passed away

Otto Sommerfeld passed away in April

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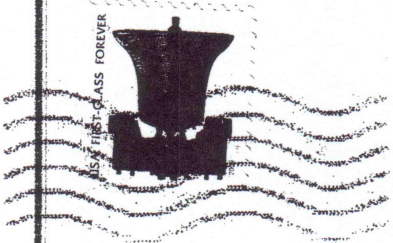
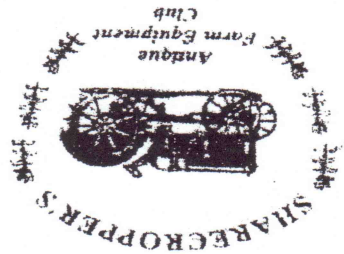
for:

- * Show & Pull Schedules
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- * Special Events
- * Show & Event Pictures
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- * Membership Information

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August 26-28 Fredericksburg

Hill Country AT&GEC Show

Jason Jenschke 830-685-3344 or 830-889-2001

Brian Roeder 830-997-5962 or 830-889-5810

September 10 Caldwell

Kolache Festival

Jason Sebesta 979-272-4084

September 11 Industry

****West End Lions Club Show****

Edwin Kuehn 979-836-2295

September 12-17 Brenham

Washington County Fair

Fair Office 979-836-4112

September 30-October 2 Temple

40th Annual Texas EDGTA Show

www.tedtea.org

October 8 Brenham

Tractor Supply Compan

Show ONLY

Rodney Sprenger

281-955-5208

October 15 Fayetteville

Annual Fayetteville Licksillet Day

Parade ONLY

Chamber of Commerce 1-888-575-4553

October 15 Brenham

****St John's Lutheran Church Fundraiser****

Tractor Drive

Emery Schulze

979-836-8891

October 15-16 Yorktown

Western Days & Parade

Cyndy Hbrecht

361-645-2635

October 22-23 Flatonina

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Parade ONLY

Chamber of Commerce 361-865-3920