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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

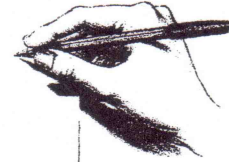
Dear Members,

If you noticed how smooth this years Burton show & pull was please pay a compliment to the next Sharecropper member you see. If you were a volunteer - pat yourself on the back because you did a "wonderful job"! I thank each and every volunteer for his/her time and dedication in making this years show & pull a success. For it is the volunteers, in an organization as ours, who make events enjoyable for all the spectators so they may take away some sense of appreciation of the equipment and for those who keep alive this countries historic agricultural equipment. I considered listing each volunteer and his/her contributions but the list would have been very long and perhaps I might forget someone unintentionally. Know that I, my fellow officers, and our club truly appreciate your time and efforts and we are very thankful!

Plow days are becoming very popular with our club members. This April 30th some ten acres were plowed for the first time by our club members at the Gross Family Farm near Industry. If you missed this one, there will be a harvest and plow day on May 14th in Ledbetter which will include both tractor and horse powered equipment. The Sharecropper's club has been invited for several years now to join the "Harvest & Plow Day" held by the Texas Draft Horse and Mule Association. If driving a tractor is more your liking, Dan Borchgardt recently held on May 7th a tractor drive through the country side from just outside Brenham to the Green Door. There will be many more upcoming events to suit your interest. For a full listing of events and dates see the club web site.

The Sharecropper's Club continues to remain strong, both financially and in its membership. I am constantly surprised and pleased with the friendly, helping, and good nature of our club's membership. If you have not attended a club event yet this year and would like to renew your membership please see the club web site or contact our Membership Director Roger Sorum for forms.

Rodney Sprenger



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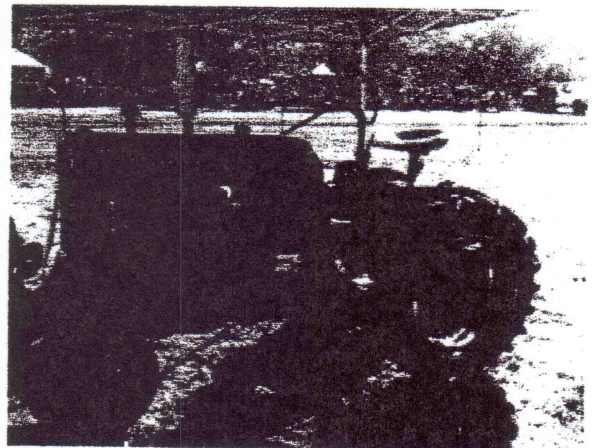
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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Burton Cotton Gin Festival

This year's show saw sunny skies and mild conditions – just great for a show and pull. Around 80 exhibitors attended bringing numerous engines and 59 antique tractors. Competition from other pull events in Texas on the same weekend had some effects with only 76 total pulls. The antique engines on pecan hill seemed to have an increase this year with hopes that it will continue to grow next year. Ryan Guerrero, recipient of this year's Sharecropper's Youth Tractor Restoration Sponsorship Program, displayed his 1948 Farmall Cub FFA tractor restoration project.

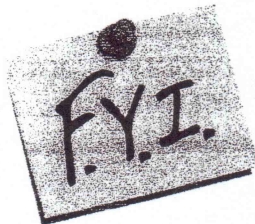


Plow Day at Gross Family Farm

A good day to plow... though still waiting on rain! The first plow day at the Gross Family Farm near Industry, Texas was held April 30th. The Sharecropper's Club had 18 members in attendance for the event with just four tractors and three plows in the field. The tractors were Allen Neumann's Farmall "H", Steven Hopper's Oliver 88, Bobby Neumann's JD 730 LP, and Rodney Sprenger's Farmall "H" with the plows being; (2) IHC No. 8 Little Genius 2-bottom, and one Massey-Harris 3-bottom, 3-point. The plowmen made several adjustments during the day and those with rolling coulters did little to accomplish a clean landside furrow in the dry hard ground. In all, there were some 10 acres that got turned over that day!

MEETING NOTES FROM APRIL 8, 2011

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Rodney Sprenger called the meeting to order @ 7:15pm at Shelby Volunteer Fire Department. Rodney thanked Loretta and Bill for accepting and bringing all the paper goods to the meetings.

Roger Sorum reviewed treasurer's report from January and motion to accept report by Bill S and Ed King seconded.

No new members at meeting and no guest.

Reading on meetings from January...Luther motion to accept and Glenn Kieke seconded

Treasure report was read...balance \$10,020.38 Luther Hueske motioned to accept and Corky Marshall seconded. Roger talked about dues still outstanding and 147 dues paid. He also reminded that insurance must be paid for the Burton Cotton Gin show.

No sympathy cards mailed out past month.

Bobby Neumann talked safety at all tractor shows.

Burton Cotton Gin discussion

Talked about all areas needing help. Luther suggested a sign to direction people to the pulling tent when the registration tent is closed. Discussed and decided no money would be given to the Burton Cotton Gin for the plaques giving to all exhibitors. Roger Sorum motioned and Bobby Neumann seconded. It was noted that the club needs to give a donation for the Burton Volunteer Fire Department for water truck for the track.

Club project Day at Frank Tyson's house was reviewed. It was noted that 28 club members attended and 1 guest.

Reminder of the next meeting on July 22, 2011. 8:35pm meeting adjourned.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Edward C. Carson

Cypress



Edward & Stephanie Schubert

Cleveland

Coty Lindsey

Paige

Jacob & Amanda Muller

Bryan

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for:

- * Show & Pull Schedules
- * Exhibitor/Puller Guidelines
- * Special Events
- * Show & Event Pictures
- * Club Meetings
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May 14 Ledbetter

Harvest Day

Rodney Read 979-249-5795 or Rodney Sprenger 713-806-9174

June 4 Snook

Snookfest

Georgia Kovar 979-272-8787

June 10-11 Fredricksburg

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

July 4 Round Top

July 4th Celebration & Parade

Ronnie Sacks 979-249-3151

July 16 Hempstead

Watermelon Festival

Chamber of Commerce 979-826-8217

July 23 Industry

VFD Fundraiser – Show

Dustin Gross 979-357-2131