

# THIRD 2012 EDITION

SEPTEMBER 2012

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Sharecropper Members,

By the calendar, the summer months are behind us and the cool snap we received a couple of weeks ago, I am ready for the fall season. We still have many county fairs and parades and events on the calendar, so please try and attend and enjoy the shows, fellowship and the weather that will be coming our way!

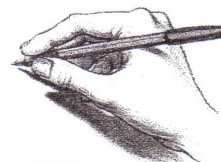
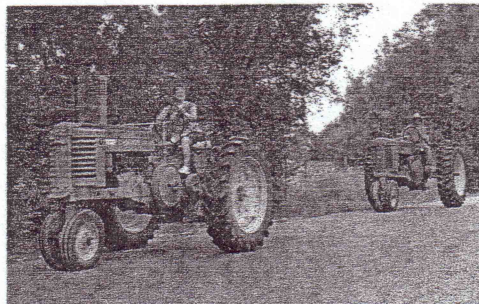
I do want to thank all the members for attending the shows and events and representing the club and the love of antique engines and tractors. The positive words and stories I hear make the efforts seem all worth it.

The meetings have also had a great attendance and THANK YOU again for helping make the club a great success and continuing to support the officers.

The October meeting is right around the corner and it will be at Gilbert Janner Museum, this is a great time to come and see the museum and enjoy the fellowship. We will also be discussing the officer nominations and if anyone is interested, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting!!

Tracy Raska



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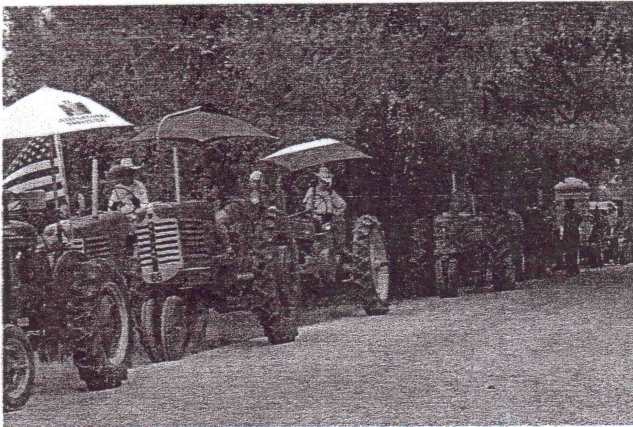
## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**Keith Bartels Tractor Ride**

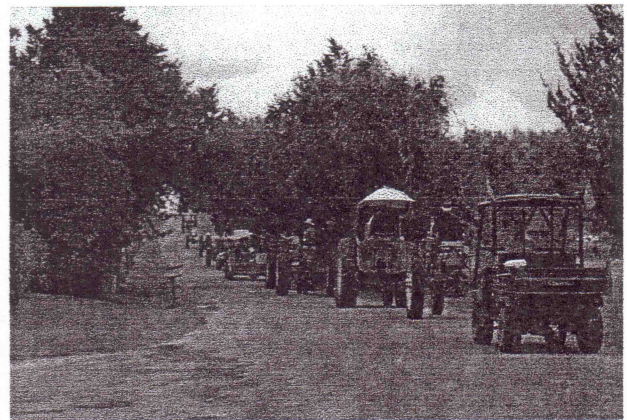
Considering it was August in Texas, I don't think we could have asked for better weather. There was a great turnout for the ride and the food was delicious as always. What a great tribute to Keith! This year a recipient of the scholarship was present and said a few words of thanks. What a great way to show what all the planning and work goes to!



Need we say more?



Break time!



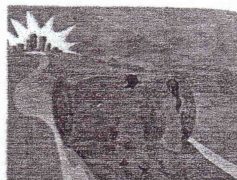
Headed on down the road.

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer **Roger Sorum** wrote an article on his 1914 5 HP Economy engine which was published in Gas Engine magazine. You can find the article at the following link:

<http://gasengine.farmcollector.com/restoration/gas-engines/economy-engine-zm0z12aszbea.aspx?page=3>

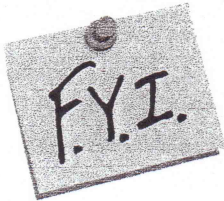
**Frank Tyson** asked for anyone with information on the Bomear Engine/Ironworks company that used to be located in Brenham to please contact him. He is interested in finding more out about the company and possibly writing an article about it. His contact information is: Frank Tyson, 2305 Old Mill Creek, Brenham, Texas 77833, 979-251-7645 or [jofrank@cebridge.net](mailto:jofrank@cebridge.net).



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Clint & Kathy Allred, Hempstead

Robert & Sheila Alford, Rockdale



Tracy Raska called The Sharecropper's Meeting to order at 7:07 PM on Friday, July 20, 2012. It was held at the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department Hall meeting room. New members and visitors were welcomed.

Secretary, Elizabeth Sommerfeld read the minutes from the April 13, 2012 meeting. John Adams motioned to accept the minutes as read and Justin Sommerfeld seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Tracy Raska, in the absence of Roger Sorum, provided a breakdown of expenses while she gave the Treasurer's report. The most current balance was \$10,174.18. Rogers report noted that there were 171 paid members and 115 of those members also are EDGETA members. The report indicated there were still 45 remaining previous members who hadn't renewed their membership. It was suggested from the floor that we put a past dues notice in the upcoming newsletter. John Adams motioned to accept the treasurers report as read and Ed Kuehn seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Tracy also announced that Ray Gray was diagnosed with a brain tumor had passed away and that a memorial was made to Hospice of Brazos Valley.

#### Old Business:

The results of the Burton Cotton Gin Festival show and pull were discussed. The kiddy tractor pull was organized by Tracy & Bradley Raska with help from Hilton Thompson and there were 50+ pulls. Trophies were given to show tractors this year and that was well received by participants. Roger Sorum had prepared a Burton 2012 report that indicated the club had made \$294.86.

A review of the recent events was presented. Dan Borchgardt's Tractor Drive, Harvest & Plow Day, Shelby Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser and the Sealybration Tractor show were all mentioned. It was suggested that the club provide a gift card in the amount of \$75 to a LaGrange area restaurant to Kleiber Ford Tractor in thanks for the 36 meal tickets that they provided for the Round Top 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade participants. Dan Borchgardt motioned to approve and John Adams seconded the motion, all approved, motion passed. Tracy mentioned that the TSC event had been rained out and there were plans to reschedule, but unsure if it would be this year or next year.

Justin Sommerfeld asked for an updated on the 501(c)3 status. Rodney Sprenger stated that it may be November of 2012 before the application was reviewed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). He noted that the IRS was currently looking at November 2011 applications and that the club filed returns in 2012 for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

#### New Business:

Tracy brought up the idea of using Facebook to advertise information about the club. She suggested that the officers have the ability to update information, load pictures, etc. Tracy and Elizabeth had discussed the idea previously and thought this may be a good way to try to get the younger generations involved in the club. It was agreed that Tracy and Elizabeth could pursue this avenue to see what possibilities arose.

Tracy noted that she had not done much research on the possibility of advertising some of these events in magazines such as Red Power, Antique Power Magazine – Event Catalog, and Texas Highways. Tracy said she would try to get this done before the next meeting.

There was some discussion on the need to write rules/guidelines for the engine displays, especially for those at Burton Cotton Gin. Rodney noted that there were rules written currently and they could be found on the EDGETA website. Tracy suggested that we review these, print them for engine displays and enforce the rules more stringently at Burton. The members agreed that this area of the show needed to be improved upon in the future for safety reasons. It was suggested that the Pieper's help organize a committee before the next Cotton Gin show in order to make the engine displays safer and insurance guidelines compliant.

A sign up sheet was circulated for members to provide their email addresses in case of last minute updates or information.

Tracy announced that the next meeting, officers would be voted on. All officers were willing to remain in position another year, but Elizabeth would like more assistance on the minutes due to living at a greater distance than most members who attend.

The 2012 meeting dates were reconfirmed for: October 19 and Christmas Party on December 1.

The next meeting will be October 19, 2012 in Brenham at Gilbert Janner's.

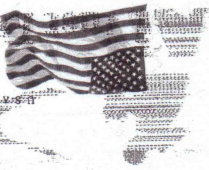
Frank Tyson motioned the meeting to be adjourned and Justin Sommerfeld seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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October 6	Dime Box	Homecoming Show & Parade	Sharon Brown	979-540-9172
October 6	New Ulm	Oktoberfest Parade, Show & Antique Cars	Vicky Denyer	281-851-9086
October 6-7	Temple	41 <sup>st</sup> Annual Texas Early Day Tractor & Engine Association Show	George Elliot Chad Haas	254-718-3528 254-913-7556
October 13	Yorktown	Western Days & Parade	Cyndy Hbrecht	361-645-2635
October 14	Fayetteville	Fayetteville Lickskillet Day <i>Parade ONLY</i>	Chamber of Commerce	1-888-575-4553
October 14	Bellville	Austin County Fair Tractor Show	Allen Kaminski Freddie Engelbrecht	979-639-8947 832-671-0116 or 979-478-6528
October 27	Richmond	Texian Market Days	George Ranch Office	281-343-0218
October 28	Flatonia	Czhilispiel <i>Parade ONLY</i>	Chamber of Commerce	361-865-3920
January 12, 2013	Hallettsville	Kickoff Show & Pull	Mark Hermes	361-772-4619

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