

## Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club May Newsletter



### Welcome Spring!

**April Meeting Highlights:** A big Thank You to Tom Berube, VP for conducting the meeting, in the absence of President Keith Boulier who was on a mini vacation with the Secretary, Cheryl Boulier.....(his wife) LOL Also to Sandra Bartley for filling in for Cheryl as Secretary.

**Raffle Ticket sales at the Agri-Business Trade Show were: \$1900 A great start!**  
**Many thanks to all who worked in the booth and help setup.**

**Special thanks goes to members: Bob Bartlett, Phil Kilcollins, John Bouchard & Tom Berube for contacting our sponsors this year in support of the Restoration Project. \$2900 was donated by the following sponsors:**

**MPG Truck & Tractor, Lockwood of Maine, Theriault Equipment  
Clukey's NAPA, Aroostook Auto Tech, Cyr & Sons, Bartlett Farms, Acadia  
Federal Credit Union, Roy Auto Parts, Daniel Corey Farms,  
Soucy's Auto Repair & Auto Electronics, Hogan Tire,  
Cavendish Agri Services, Aroostook Milling Company,  
S. Paradis & Son Garage & Caldwell's Auto**

**Part of the proceeds from the Raffle Tickets sales will be donated to the local group C.A.N.C.E.R. They are an all-volunteer group of very caring Individuals who give much needed support to those battling Cancer right here in Aroostook County.**

## Top of Maine Trade Show

Our club will have a booth at the upcoming Top Of Maine Trade Show being held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> in Madawaska. New Member Paul Beaulieu from Limestone will be transporting the Raffle Tractor up to the show for setup on Friday & Chris Langille will be returning it for us. **Thank You guys!** Also to those who volunteered to help in the booth both days: Keith & Cheryl Boulier, Larry Bull, the other Paul Boulier and fiancée Judy O'Clair & Chris Langille.

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The 50/50 was won by Norm Driscoll in the amount of \$47.50 and he donated it back to the club.... **Thanks so much Norm!**

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## May Meeting Plans

Our May meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. At the Littleton Museum. We will be having an "Old Fashion" Roast Turkey supper with all the fixings! Meal will be served at 5 O'clock sharp! Price will be: \$14 a person & the Deadline for the RSVP is **NO LATER** than May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please give consideration to these hard working folks at the museum and get your reservation in by the deadline. You can pay at the door if you want or send me your count with your check. Checks should be made out to: NMATC and sent to: Cheryl Boulier, Sec. 65 Dupont St. P.I.. Me. 04769. Please contact me with your reservation by May 1<sup>st</sup>. **All members and Guests are welcome!**

**There will be a Pulling Committee Meeting the same day at 3pm and all Pulling Committee members need to attend. A pulling meeting agenda will be mailed to each of you before the meeting.**

**The regular meeting will start at 6pm & will be mandatory attendance for all pullers.**

### A little chat from your President

Please consider the fact that I'm asking for you pullers to at least attend this meeting so we can all be on one page before we start the pulling season. I don't think it's asking too much for all pullers to make an effort to attend this meeting, seeing most of you don't have a problem making it to a pull. We have new changes in some of the pulling rules, also new polices concerning our insurance, several concerns that need to be addressed with the workers on the track and most of all having all pullers that are able help with setup, during the pull and also with clean up. This is also a

time for you pullers to bring any concerns you may have to the table to be discussed otherwise there will be no need to complain later.

### **President Chat (continued)**

Another thing I would like to mention is the fact being the Chairperson of the Pulling Committee is not an easy job! I know that as NO one wanted to step up last year other than Larry Bull to take the position as it does require at times being the so called “Bad Guy” He has taken a lot of heat at times for trying to keep things organized, fair for everyone, pullers following the rules, hardest of all getting some to remember pulling is supposed to be fun, not a game to see who can beat who..... no matter what! Give him a break and if you have an issue, bring it to him and he will in turn bring it to the pulling committee. Not every issue is going to go the way we all want it at times but bigger still, what is in the best interest of the club overall and its members. So, when things go to a vote amongst the pulling committee which all issues do, if you are out voted, it’s the way it is. It’s called “Compromise” or “Give and Take” Getting mad is never a good answer to anything!

So come to this meeting with an open mind and be willing to enter into the discussion and not just seat back and say nothing as every member has the right to express their opinions, concerns & suggestions.

Please remember that we also will have non-pullers at this meeting as well and they too have a stake in what happens with our pulling as many of them work hard to support all aspects of this club including pulling. The sponsors they go out and get and the funds they help raise goes to support this club overall. They may not pull but they still support. They too have a right to enter into the discussion about pulling as well and give their opinions & suggestions. So this meeting is for the benefit of all our members.

As your President I have always tried to do my best to consider every members feelings, concerns & complaints. Trying to do what is best for over (300) members is a bit of a challenge to say the least at times. Cheryl & I both realize that we have the support of most of our members and those “few” who may not agree with some of our decisions, although always well intended, we invite you to step up next year and run for our positions and hopefully then the full realization of what we have tried to do over the years will become more clear.

Until then we will continue to support the club as we always have and will leave good notes! We’re looking forward to another fun time this summer together.

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**Reminders:** Please get your scholarship applications into Chandra Campbell soon.  
The deadline is: April 30<sup>th</sup>.

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We will have our Raffle Tickets available at the May meeting, please plan to support this project and purchase some tickets.

**Wishing all our Mothers a very  
Happy Mother's Day!!**



**Remembering those Mothers who are  
no longer with us but our precious  
memories will always be in our hearts.**