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# PULLER NEWS

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## 2011 PULL & MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER 17 – 4pm  
heavy to light

SEPTEMBER 23 and 24  
NOCIA & FATC PPL – 6pm

OCTOBER 22 – 1pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Honoring Our Vets  
light to heavy

NOVEMBER 19 – 1pm  
heavy to light

JANUARY 7 – 1pm  
Awards Banquet & Meeting

## 2012 PULL & MEETING DATES

JANUARY 13 and 14  
Super Pull

*(upon club approval)*  
MARCH ?? – 1 pm  
heavy to light

*(upon club approval)*  
APRIL ?? – 1 pm  
light to heavy

REGISTRATION CLOSSES 1 HOUR  
PRIOR TO THE PULL START TIME.  
RUNNING LATE? REGISTER BY PHONE.  
CALL 352.250.4410

## *In Memory of Pete Houlberg* 1937-2011



Pete loved antique tractors and was a long time FATC member, past director and friend.

Pete, Jeff and Bill rebuilt, restored and pulled many. IH Red was Pete's color; his adopted motto and advice to Frank Paulhamus "if it ain't RED, leave it in the shed." Pete had a blast at the track and we will sorely miss him. His wife Barbara is with family in Ocala. If you wish, send condolences to Barbara Houlberg and family, 11845 West Hwy 328, Ocala, FL 34482.

## 2011 NEWSLETTER

If you have something to sell, buy or say, we would be glad to put it in this newsletter. Call in your ad or article to Dara 352.357.6271 or send to dbain944@aol.com.

<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>ENTRY DEADLINE</u>
October	September 20
December	November 20
February	January 20
April	March 20
June	May 20
August	July 20

## Memo from the President



*Bill Mugler, President*

**Thank you for attending June's cookout and meeting.** Hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Most of our members have over an hour drive; some have over two hours drive to Zellwood. I very much appreciate your interest in the success of this club. Plenty of delicious dishes -- it's noted for the next potluck -- arrange for at least 3 serving tables. At the meeting we set our banquet date for January 7<sup>th</sup> and the Super Pull for January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. We made an agreement to share the net profit and/or loss with NOCIA on the September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> PPL Pull. Contact the Beiters if you would like to volunteer. The blue sled has a top, the major repairs are completed and it's painted, but it's still in pieces. Will have some time this coming week to get it back together and have the lettering done. I am happy to say that it's right on budget and I think it's going to look great and mechanically work really well.

## FATC Receives an Award

**Florida Antique Tractor Club was presented a certificate of appreciation by the Umatilla FFA Chapter on May 13, 2011.** We would like to thank Frank Paulhamus for attending the ceremony to receive the award and would like to thank Umatilla FFA members for all the volunteer hours they have given us. In the past Umatilla FFA members have helped us at the gate, at the scales, with garbage duty and traffic/parking duty. They have even helped muscle weights for pullers in a hurry. So thank you kids for the award and all the help you give us -- we love seeing you at the track.

## PPL Volunteers Needed



**FATC and NOCIA are co-hosting the Southern Pullers on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.** Sandy and Chris Beiter need volunteers to fill positions for both nights. They need 4 pull back tractors, 4 roller operators, 4 grader operators, 2 water truck operators, 2 sled hookers, 2 at the scales, and 1 distance recorder in the announcer's booth. Please call Sandy or Chris at (727) 944-4643 or (727) 992-8480 or e-mail Sandra.Beiter@MTS-MT.com if you would like to sign up. Let them know specifically which position you can fill and the day you will be available. Pull time is scheduled for 6:00 PM each night with gates opening at 5:00 PM. Southern Pullers (<http://www.tPuller.com>) are members of the

Lucas Oil Pro Pulling League (<http://www.ProPulling.com>) and the Zellwood event is a full points pull. You can expect many of the most competitive modified trucks and tractors from all over the southeastern United States to participate. Classes include: 5200# 2WD Modified Trucks, 5400# 2WD Pro Street Trucks, 5800# 2WD Super Modified Trucks, 6000# 4WD Super Stock Trucks, 6200# 4WD Modified Trucks and 8000# Super Farm Tractors. Entrance fee is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children 5-12 and free for children under 5.

## News You Can Use

**Check out June's Pull Results and Standing Points on the website, [www.flpullers.com](http://www.flpullers.com).** Thunder/lightning and rain storms were predicted on the day of the June pull so Rod Brown decided to take his 4X4 modified Southern General to Kissimmee, gambling that Johnny Edwards was going to get rained out in Zellwood. As it turned out Zellwood had just enough rain to water the track pretty good and Johnny Edwards picked up 30 points with his best pull yet this year (aside from the FULL PULL he accomplished in March) at 291 feet. Rod told me at our July potluck how Kissimmee went for the Southern General and let's just say we all missed a great competitive pull in Zellwood when Rod Brown went AWOL.

While we were waiting on the storm to pass over, most of the pullers and club members gathered under the registration roof over to attend the Board of Directors meeting called about 10 minutes prior. The reason for the meeting was simply to tell Pat Bainter the Aluminum heads on his V-8 were illegal; V-8s must have natural aspirated cast iron heads. No, FATC changed that rule last year, along with a few others. The rule changes are clearly documented by meeting minutes, newsletters and emails. All together it took about 3 months to fine tune the new rules, but every step of the way is recorded. August 21, 2010 an email was sent to Pat, our web guy, *Subject: New Rules for October Pull – FATC*, requesting to put the new rules on the web site and a thank you. The rules for Farm, Truck and Garden Tractors were attached to the email and the rules swap was completed as requested. It took until the first

week of June this year before it became apparent there were some V-8 pullers building tractors with an expired set of rules. Yea, the club changed the “natural aspirated cast iron head” rule to “factory heads only” last year.



Chris Beiter

Chris Beiter brought his 8000lb 1975 IH 1466 Turbo. He pulled it twice. Clearly, our sled was no match. Bill Mugler and Rob Waller have altered the sled’s pan hoping to create some serious drag to maybe slow down the real hot trucks and tractors. September is going to be a lot of fun with our new sled. There have been many comments on what a good time it is watching our members tweak their performance and how much better the tractors are getting from year to year.

**At our July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 FATC membership meeting we voted to set the 2012 Awards Banquet for January 7, 2012.** We have 23 classes so far qualified for Points Championship awards. In addition to points champion, it’s interesting to note Hamp Osburn is the puller having the most fun. With 2 tractors Hamp has accumulated 454 total points in 4 pulls. He’s averaging 4 hooks per pull. Dan Neumann is having a great time too. Dan has hooked 13 times with 4 tractors. So far, Dan gets the most tractors on the Zellwood Track award. Spunky Monkey, having only one driver, Randy Pontel, has earned single handedly 355 points so far; that’s the most points for one tractor/one driver combo. And last, but not least, the tractor in the lead for the most points on the Zellwood Track for 2011 is the 1946 John Deere A driven by the Yant Team. Dick and Janet are up to 381 total points so far with 13 hooks.

**FATC members also voted to set the 2012 Super Pull for January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.** Rob Waller has made arrangements with Sam Swann to bring down Southern Impact and we have bought one ad so far in *Hook Magazine*. We all agreed to have KING OF THE HILL at Super Pull Saturday -- Bobby Elen will sponsor it. It is for 4500lb and 6500lb super antique tractors running up to 6mph. KING OF THE HILL registration is at 9 AM, gates will open at 11 AM and the event will start at noon. There will be added money with a 10 tractor minimum. Bobby’s company, J&B Auto Upholster, is throwing in \$200 for each pull with a 45% payback, 55% to the club. Call Bobby for more information. (863) 683-4108.

**We clarified with a majority vote that one person may be awarded the Bud Murray Scholarship more than once.** The Bud Murray Scholarship Fund is for our club members and their immediate family currently attending post secondary school or high school seniors and juniors wishing to pursue a higher education. Studies must be in Agriculture, Ag Engineering, Ag Tech or Animal Husbandry. The Deadline for all entries is December 1, 2011. The Scholarship will be awarded at the 2012 Annual Awards Banquet.

**Please notice July 16, 2011 FATC members voted to change rules again.** I will wait for the meeting minutes to be approved before the list is sent to Pat, but if you don’t mind my commentary, I think we also should be mindful that there are folks building tractors by the rules they see on the web today or rules we gave them, perhaps, at the last pull. To avoid looking pretty flaky, probably ought to come up with an agreed expiration date and then hold our thoughts until the next go around like in 2-3 years. What’s the normal life span of a set of rules? Underlined is added, strikethrough is eliminated, left alone is already there.

Rule #14 for V-8 Car Motor was changed to read 14. Natural aspirated one carburetor only engine

Rule #9 for V-8 Car Motor was changed to read 9. ~~5000lb and 5500 lb classes only~~ 3000, 3500, 4500, 5500, 6500, 7500, 8500, 9500 and 10,500 lbs -- speed limit for these classes will be 14 mph.  
(Woops, 5000 lb class deleted?)

Rule #19 in Open Gear was changed to read 19. Must have a roll bar, seat belt, high back seat and helmet for tractors running over 10 mph.  
(We’re certain there’s no need for a safety seat or a belt for tractors running under 10mph?)

**Janet and Dick Yant shared information on LED speed/distance signs.** The signs are not too expensive and we all were interested but had to agree we’ve spent a lot on the sled and have three pretty expensive projects coming up. We would like to bring the subject up again next year.

**Kirk Mugler wants to award 1<sup>st</sup> place pullers at our monthly pulls with a trophy in classes with 3 or more competitors.** The motion moved by a majority and at the end of the day fellow members gave Kirk their blessings, and put him in charge.

**We have 3 more pulls to go and the PPL pull.** Looking forward to the September pull. Hope it's busy. We'll have the sled back looking and running like new -- Rob's going to love it -- and the weather will be a bit more comfortable. So that's what I know to catch you up with the club events. Have any ideas, concerns or questions? Call, write, or see us at the pull, we'll get back with you.

## 2011-2012 Pull Schedules for Neighboring Clubs

***Bull Pen Pullers*** at Citrus County Fairgrounds, Inverness [www.citruscountyfair.com](http://www.citruscountyfair.com)

Regular pulls are scheduled for Aug 20, Oct 15, April 21, June 23, Aug 18 and Oct 20  
Scales and registration open at 10am; pull begins at 1pm.

SUPER PULL Jan 27 – 29, 2012

***Florida Flywheelers*** at Fort Meade Florida [www.floridaflywheelers.org](http://www.floridaflywheelers.org)

Regular pulls are scheduled for Sept 10, Oct 8, April 14, May 12, June 9, Sept 8 and Oct 13  
Scales and registration open at 10am; pull begins at noon.

Show dates are scheduled for Nov 9–12, Jan 18 – 21, Feb 22 – 25 and Nov 6 – 11

November 9 – 12, 2011 Show Schedule:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – 500lb thru 5,500lb -- scales and registration open at 11am; pull begins at 1pm.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> -- 6,000lb thru 10,500lb -- scales and registration open at 11am; pull begins at 1pm.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> -- All weights -- scales and registration open at 8am; pull begins at 10am.

***Ocala Truck and Tractor Pull*** at Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, Ocala

SUPER PULL February 3 – 4, 2012, [www.ocalatractorpull.com](http://www.ocalatractorpull.com), MD Lokai, DVM @ 352-843-0146

***Southern Pullers Association*** [www.tpuller.com](http://www.tpuller.com)

Zellwood, FL -- Sept 23 – 24

Hazelhurst, GA -- Oct 14 – 15

Tifton, GA -- Sept 30 -- Oct 1

Jessup, GA -- Oct 21 -- 22

### FOR SALE

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*RED HEADED STEP CHILD*

\$3500 no motor, \$5000 with new 454 40 <sup>over</sup>

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1976 Sears Roper Twin Engine Garden Tractor

A fun tractor \$1600 OBO

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2011 MINI ROD

Completely powdercoated red with black vane

Epeck tires, 400 Chevy small block 400 turbo transmission

Shift kit, Ford 9" rear end, 433 gears

\$12,200

Contact Ken Turner @ 863.441.1542

## Bud Murray Scholarship Fund

Established by the Florida Antique Tractor Club and Mrs. Betty Murray  
2011 Scholarship amount is \$1500

The FATC is proud to announce the 2nd Annual Bud Murray Scholarship Fund for our club members and their immediate family currently pursuing a higher education or high school seniors and juniors wishing to pursue a higher education in Agriculture, Ag Engineering, Ag Tech or Animal Husbandry. The Deadline for all entries is December 1, 2011. The Scholarship will be awarded at the 2012 Annual Awards Banquet. All interested applicants should complete the enclosed application and submit the following:

- Cumulative GPA
- Community service hours
- Organizational affiliations (4H, FFA, etc),
- Accomplishments and awards
- Essay – Give us some background, tell us where you want to be in 10 years and describe the steps you will take to reach your 10 year plan.

Return your completed package to:

The Bud Murray Scholarship Fund  
c/o Dara Bainter  
13449 Oak Bend Dr  
Grand Island, FL 32735

## Bud Murray Scholarship Fund Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

FATC Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Display one trackside banner for one year (Max. size 30"x 96")  
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