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PULLER NEWS

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2012 EVENT SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 1 – 4pm
heavy to light
Board Meeting – 12 noon

OCTOBER 6 – 1pm
4th Annual Honoring Our Vets
light to heavy

NOVEMBER 3 – 1pm
heavy to light

Date To Be Announced
Awards Banquet and Meeting

2013 EVENT SCHEDULE

JANUARY 5
Awards Banquet

JANUARY 11 and 12
19th Annual Super Pull

FROM THE REGISTRATION DESK

**REGISTRATION IS CLOSED
ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE
PULL START TIME.**

You may register by phone or email
anytime, anywhere, just make it at
least 1 hour prior to pull start time.
CALL 352.250.4410 or email
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2012 Pull Schedules for Neighboring Clubs

Bull Pen Pullers

Citrus County Fairgrounds, Inverness,
www.citruscountyfair.com

2012 regular pulls are scheduled for
AUGUST 18 and OCTOBER 20
Scales and registration open at 10 am
pull begins at 1pm

Pioneer Florida Museum and Village

www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org
monthly Garden Tractor Pulls
one mile north of Dade City off Highway
301 North east on Pioneer Museum
Road -- 352-567-0262

Florida Flywheelers

Fort Meade
www.floridaflywheelers.org

2012 PULLS

- SEPTEMBER 8
 - OCTOBER 13
- Scales and registration open
at 10am; pull begins at noon.

2012 EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 7-10
17th Annual Fall Fuel Up
- DECEMBER 7 & 8
Christmas in the Village
- DECEMBER 14 & 15
Christmas in the Village

2013 EVENTS

- JANUARY 16-19
26th Annual Swap Meet
- FEBRUARY 16
8th Annual Tractor Drive
- FEBRUARY 20-23
21st Annual Antique Engine
& Tractor Show featuring
INTERNATIONALS



Memo from the President

My wife, Renee, and I traveled up north to Illinois to visit our family and friends. The crops are suffering from drought; I've never seen it so dry and dusty. Some farms up there can average close to 200 bushels of corn per acre, but not this year. They'll be lucky to harvest half that. Some farmers think they might get 20 bushels per acre. It's bad.

Mowed the grass around the track last weekend. It's been raining in Zellwood. The bahia grass was tall and thick. Rob has ordered scale parts and will probably have that done by September's pull. I'll say we're making progress on the speakers, but that is to be continued. We've been having trouble with the cable on the blue sled. Don Zellner found a chain to replace the cable and that should solve the blue sled's down time.

Our July membership meeting was nice. We had a big lunch and the Chinese Auction raised \$85.00 for the scholarship fund. Gary Miller encouraged FATC members to join NOCIA. Membership is \$20.00 per year per family, \$7.00 per year per family for those over 65 years old. NOCIA's meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the NOCIA building.

Ron Byers gave us a great presentation. Ron visits family and friends up north also and this time he said there were several tractor pulls within miles of each other every weekend. He not only had a great time pulling, but he also took notes and collected a lot of insight into what made those pulls successful. Ron had also talked with our northern pullers during January's Super Pull and is always talking with FATC members on the same subject. Ron has a lot of ideas and honestly wants this club to be successful. Ron advocates that FATC should enforce a pure Farm Stock Class, allow 500 lbs incremented weight divisions, and replace the gear pulling rules in Super Antique Class with 4mph and 6mph speed limits.

We were not ready or able to move all of Ron's ideas but, we did pass unanimously to increase weight divisions by 500 lbs increments to all Tractor Pulling Classes from 3000lbs up to 7500lbs. This should allow the pullers to increase hooks, making the long drive to Zellwood more worthwhile. But, be aware the motion included that we not award points to the new weight classes this late in the season. That will start March 2013. Thanks Ron.

Ron also wrote up his other ideas for rule additions and changes for this newsletter. Read them over. Talk about them and advise us on what you want the rules to look like. Please remember, the rules on the website are the rules the pullers will refer to when deciding to come to our Super Pull January 11 and 12, 2013. Changes have to be now or after the Super Pull. See *Suggested Rule Additions and Changes* on the next page.

I said this in the last newsletter but I'd like to say it again -- every club member that comes to Zellwood to pull their tractor or truck should take some time to help out. And, on the other hand, everyone should have time to tinker with their motors before the pull, visit with friends, pull and have a snack from the concession stand. So, to be sure there are no burnouts or deaths due to exhaustion on pull day, please consider the following:

- Relieve someone on the track, but be sure to make plans for your own relief before you go out there.
- Help members that are collecting garbage and picking up and putting away equipment at the end of the day.
- Clean up your mess.
- Register on time.

Hope to see everyone at September's Pull. There will be a Board Meeting at 12:00 noon. We will discuss rule changes and set a date for our awards banquet. Registration is open from 1:00pm – 3:00pm and the pull will begin at 4:00pm.

Bill Mugler

PS For your convenience on pull day, there is a registration form at the end of this newsletter. It may be easier to fill it out early.

Suggested Rule Additions and Changes

By Ron Byers
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- We are trying to encourage more participation and number of hooks with the below proposed changes.
- Ideally, the new proposed "Rule Changes" would be effective 01/01/2013, starting with our SUPER PULL in January.
- Just-a-thought – is it possible to implement the new Super Antique 4 MPH and 6MPH divisions (if passed at 9/1 meeting) to start with our 10/6 and 11/3 pulls? This would allow us time to get our "ducks-in-a-row" and work out any issues with the sled and be prepared for the SUPER PULL.
- I was also thinking about our SUPER PULL ads in the "Hook" and "Antique Pullers" magazines. To create some excitement at our SUPER PULL, what do you think about adding a "Division Winner Cash Pay-back" to the tractor in each of the four divisions -- Farm Stock, Super Antique 4 MPH, Super Antique 6 MPH and Open Gear -- for the most accumulative points at the end of each day. I think we could get sponsorships for these "awards".
- Weight Classes in each division: 3000, 3500, 4000, 4500, 5000, 5500, 6000, 6500, 7000, 7500, 8500, 9500, & 10,500 lbs.

FARM STOCK RULES – (proposed)

1. Definition of a Farm Stock tractor: A stock, unaltered farm tractor per manufacture's model specifications (including RPM) pulling from the factory draw-bar. All replacement parts (including but not limited to carburetor / injection pump, engine block, head, manifold, etc.) must be stock type replacement per manufacture's model specifications. Driver must be able to provide proof of being stock per operator's manual.
2. Removal of parts is not allowed. Tractors must maintain stock appearance. Examples; battery, starter, air cleaner, etc. must be in factory locations. If the power take-off and /or hydraulic system / pulleys are removed, they must have a steel cover in place for safety. Tractor must maintain a stock type ignition system. Electronic pick-up in distributor and conversion to a 12 volt system is ok. Stock type coil only. Straight exhaust is ok.
3. HITCH HEIGHT; maximum of factory hitch / draw-bar is 16 inches, measured from the top of the hitch point to the ground. Minimum length is 24 inches, measured from the center line of the rear axle to the back of the hitch point. A fixed flat horizontal plate or "D" ring only with a 3 inch minimum opening and must be stationary in all directions. Hitch height for the 8500 # thru 10,500 # classes is 20 inches maximum.
4. SPEED LIMIT; maximum is 3 mph and must not exceed the factory stock recommended RPM.
No shifting of transmission / TA during pull.
5. WEIGHTS; bolt on type wheel weights on front / rear wheels and / or water in tires ok. All other weights (including hang-on weights and brackets) must be within the wheel-base of the tractor (between the front and rear axle). No aluminum or chrome allowed for weight brackets or wheels.
6. TIRES; rear tires are limited to farm tractor type that are NOT altered or enhanced in anyway. NO radial or "cut / shaved" tires. New or normal wear tires only will be allowed. Maximum rear tire size; 15.5 x 38" (200 sq inch) for classes up thru 7000 lb. 18.4 x 38" (300 sq inch) for the 7500 lb thru the 10,500 lb class.
7. Wheelie bars and kill switch are recommended but not mandatory for Farm Stock.
8. FARM STOCK CLASSES; 3000, 3500, 4000, 4500, 5000, 5500, 6000, 6500, 7000, 7500, 8500, 9500 and 10,500 lb. NO overage. Class weight is the maximum for the tractor (with driver).

Here are some other additions and changes that were also suggested or proposed:

GENERAL RULES

- 16. The Flagman is in control of the track at all times. You may start your pull only after you are given the GREEN FLAG and must stop immediately when given the RED FLAG. This is for every-ones safety and there will be NO digging of holes.

SUPER ANTIQUE RULES (add to heading) 4 MPH Division and 6 MPH Division

- Change the #4 rule to read: Tractors must have a horizontal pull ring with a minimum 3" opening, stationary in all directions.
- Add to the #6 rule: . . . with a maximum of 3000 RPM for any tractor.
- Add to the #7 rule: . . . and a factory seat (or equivalent replacement) securely attached to tractor.
- delete/change the #12 rule to read: Any gear pulling allowed without exceeding the speed limit for the division.
- add to the #15 rule: Cut tires allowed.
- change the #17 rule to read: Maximum rear tire size for any class is : 18.4 x 38" (or 300 sq inch).
- add to the #20 rule / Classes: 3000, 3500, 4000, 4500, 5000, 5500, 6000, 6500, 7000, 7500, 8500, 9500, and 10,500 lbs. for the 4MPH and the 6MPH Divisions. NO overage. Class weight is maximum weight for tractor w/driver.

OPEN GEAR RULES

- add to the #2 rule: Tractors over 3000 RPM must have proper shielding of flywheel and clutch to contain a failure of their parts.
- change the #3 rule to read: Maximum rear tire size for any class is : 18.4 x 38" (or 300 sq inch).
- add to the #4 rule: NO radials.
- add to the #16 rule: Classes : 3500,4000, 4500, 5000, 5500, 6000, 6500, 7000, 7500, 8500, 9500, and10,500 lb. NO overage. Weight class is maximum for tractor w/driver.

Tractor Entry Form

Hook Fee \$10.00 Date _____

Puller's Name _____ Tractor's Name _____

Tractor's Number _____ Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Farmstock	3000	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000	6500	7000	7500	8500	9500	10500
Antique	3000	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000	6500	7000	7500	8500	9500	10500
Open Gear	3000	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000	6500	7000	7500	8500	9500	10500
V-8 Motor				4500	5000	5500	6000	6500					
Turbo				4500	5000	5500	6000	6500	7000	7500	8500	9500	10500

Membership Fee _____ Hook Fee _____ Gate Fee minus \$5.00 Total Paid _____

Membership \$35.00 per year, Temporary Membership \$10.00 per pull

Garden Tractor Entry Form

Hook Fee \$10.00

Date _____

Puller's Name _____ Tractor's Name _____

Tractor's Number _____ Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Circle each class you will be pulling

Mini Rod	Youth	Youth Big Wheel	ATV	Golf Cart	
1050 Stock	1050 Sport Stock	1050 Stock Altered	1050 Modified	1050 Outlaw	1050 V-Twin
1250 Stock	1250 Sport Stock	1250 Stock Altered	1250 Modified	1250 Outlaw	1250 V-Twin

Membership Fee _____ Hook Fee _____ Gate Fee minus \$5.00 Total Paid _____

Membership \$35.00 per year, Temporary Membership \$10.00 per pull

Truck Entry Form

Hook Fee: \$10.00

Date: _____

Puller's Name _____ Truck's Name _____

Truck's Number _____ Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

2 WD Street (6200)	2 WD Modified (5200)	2 WD Heavy (> 6200)	
4 X 4 Street (6200)	4 X 4 Modified (6400)	4 X 4 Heavy (>6200)	
Work Diesel (8000)	Street Diesel (8000)	Outlaw Diesel (8000)	Heavy Diesel (8000)

Trucks may pull twice. The best distance of the two pulls will be taken for points. Second pull is at the end. *Full Pulls* pull off at the end.

Membership _____ 1st Hook _____ 2nd Hook _____ Gate: minus \$5.00 Total Paid _____

Membership \$35.00 per year, Temporary Membership \$10.00 per pull

BANNER SPACE AVAILABLE

Display one trackside banner for one year (Max. size 30"x 86")
Your company name announced several times during events
Sponsor will receive two (2) passes to the Super Pull in January
\$100.00 per year
The sponsor will provide all signage and promotional giveaways.
For more information call Stan Bainter @ 352.483.0770

FOR SALE

Oliver 77 V-8 Antique Pulling Tractor
34 feet Gooseneck Trailer
11 feet Slide-In Camper with air and bathroom
2000 Ford F350 Dually
Call for more information.
Bill Mugler 352.406.6680 or 352.255.3855

FOR SALE

MAGNETIC NUMBERS - \$5.00
Made to stay put and last long.
Several colors available.
For every magnet sold \$2.00 goes back to the club.
Kirk Mugler is taking orders at registration.



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