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2011 PULL DATES

JUNE 25 – 4pm
light to heavy

JULY 16 – noon
Club meeting and potluck

SEPTEMBER 17 – 4pm
heavy to light

SEPTEMBER 24 and 25
NOCIA and FATC PPL pull

OCTOBER 22 – 1pm
3rd Annual Honoring Our Vets
light to heavy

NOVEMBER 19 – 1pm
heavy to light

DECEMBER
Awards Banquet & Meeting

REGISTRATION CLOSSES 1 HOUR PRIOR
TO THE PULL START TIME.

RUNNING LATE? REGISTER BY PHONE.
CALL 352.250.4410

2012 PULL DATES

(upon club approval)
JANUARY 20 and 21
Super Pull

MARCH 17 – 1 pm
heavy to light

Congratulations
Stephanie!

On behalf of all the
members of FATC, we
wish you great success
at achieving all of your
goals and dreams.



2011 NEWSLETTER

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

SCHEDULE

August	July 20
October	September 20
December	November 20
February	January 20
April	March 20
June	May 20

ENTRY DEADLINE

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark and Ryan Williams
Parkland - 1965 MF
Kenneth and Vicky Turner
Lake Placid - *Heavy Shev* Mini Rod
Fred and Patty Klein
St. Cloud - 1951 Farmall
Robert and Robin Weiss
Apopka - Golf Car
Greg and Jeanne Sardinha
Leesburg - *Cause 4 Devorce* Mini Rod

News You Can Use

The 2011 FATC officers and board members met at the track on April 16, 2011 at 10:00 am for the monthly board meeting. The minutes are available upon request and all club members are certainly welcome to attend any of these meetings. The board's focus so far this year is to repair broken equipment, tweak safety rules and streamline a working process so that every member enjoys the day.

Hope you have noticed our accomplishments so far. Bill has added two banners to the community island at the corner of Hwy 441 and Ponkan alerting the traffic of our up-and-coming pull date. The dates on the banners are repainted every month to show the correct date of the next pull. Frank's flags add a lot to the appearance of the track as does the lawn maintenance, distance markers and a perfectly prepared track. We have a new port-a-potty contract and Zellwood Pub brings over Bar-B-Q and cold drinks. The announcer's booth has insulation and Mike is back announcing.

Our treasury is growing respectably thank you members. And because of our state of finances the board voted unanimously to hire a mechanic to repair the blue sled's hydraulic pump, wheels and pan and it's going to get painted. The sled will be down for repairs right after our June pull and will be out of service until September. Consequently, we must cancel the test and tune fun at our July Membership Meeting unless one of you can arrange to bring us a big sled for that day. We are also working to repair the distance monitor wheel on the blue sled – the accuracy comes and goes (mostly goes); it needs a new wheel. Rob knows where to order one and it will be replaced when the sled is down for repairs. In the meantime at our last pull Mike donated his ATV and Stan donated his measurement wheel -- you may have noticed. We have new Motorola communications so that the member on the ATV called up to Sandy on the sled the distance and Sandy called the distance into Mike in the booth. I heard from several that they appreciated the extra effort from our membership.

Everyone on the track is wearing the florescent vests, the fire extinguishers are out there and Bill brings a cooler full of water for the track guys. It was mentioned by all officers how tired they were after the March pull and we really needed help. I think if we were a for-profit business we would simply hire out the positions, no question. But we're not. We are a not-for-profit club so we just all work together so that we can all play together. It was very noticeable at subsequent pulls that members are finding jobs, jumping in and sticking with it.

Our open gear pullers are not happy with the 2011 rules. Hey ya'll, a roll bar has always been in the rules. We only took the "or" out of seat belt "or" high back seat and added "and" to seat belt "and" high back seat and added "helmet". To be sure of what we had done we agreed to double check the old rule and suspend #19 for the April pull. Rob is clocking speeds from the blue sled with the GPS to determine if the safety measure is indeed needed. Our May meeting was canceled so the roll bar issue has not yet been revisited. Sstay tuned. Just a reminder, we have the rules for you at the pulls or you can get them off the website www.flpullers.com. Oh and for your interest and enjoyment our website has periodically featured a story and most pulls are documented with pictures. Our by-laws call for a historian and it appears the web is taking on that roll. Go visit and when you are done, send to us anything you would like to add, subtract or do over.

Maybe you have noticed the two dry erase white boards displayed by the scales. We hang our Standing Points Update and the Pull line up on the west board and as the results come in we rush them over for the pullers to compare their distances and pick up their ribbons. The east board is for writing stuff with the special dry erase markers.

Our Monthly Pull Results and our Standing Points are also on the web. You will see that after our third pull a couple of races are getting interesting. Bill Mugler, Glen Erwin and Bo Waller in the 5000 lb V-8 class are just 1 point separated. Glen has created a pretty substantial lead in the 5500 lb V-8 class (that is if I haven't just jinxed him) with Kirk and Bill Mugler tied for 2nd. David Dixon and Aage Anderson trade off 1st and 2nd in the 1200 lb garden tractor stock class each month and take a look at Janie Mitchen. It's going to be very hard to catch HawgWaller in the 2WD modified class. But the best race so far -- you have got to pay attention when Rod Brown and John Edwards line up for the 4X4 modified competition. These two Ford F250s are 1 point apart, exchange 1st and 2nd each month and lately have not been separated by more than a foot or two. They've already entertained us with FP pull off and I expect we'll start seeing more of those. Neither one of these guys can miss a pull unless they both agree to miss a pull. And last but not least, let me explain. At the beginning of the day's pull the garden sled gets set up for those "messy all over the track" mini rods to go first. They tend to wake up the crowd. But before they let the mini rods go they always let Little Mac slide in just before them.

Now pay attention next pull. Watch all 19 horses Little Mac has inside, struggling to get that super heavy mini rod set up sled down the track. This tractor is old, *and slow*, but SOMEHOW it gets that sled into the same vicinity as those “screaming down the track” mini rods. Just an observation, and since I’m the writer the privilege is mine to assert my point of view -- *mechanical perfection*.

Open issues from the board meetings still hanging around are:

1. Jeff would like to meet with Garden Tractor Members to tidy up, if needed, the garden tractor rules
2. Should club consider payouts
3. Announcer booth needs a door and possibly an overhang on the west side
4. Are protest fees as written in rules sensible, practical and manageable
5. Class/weight flip charts for sleds
6. Pole barns for heavy equipment

We have a membership meeting coming up in July at 12 noon. We’re having potluck so bring a side dish. We are not going to test and tune unless someone surprises us with a sled and if so do it soon so we know to bring our tractors. If you would like to submit an agenda item to be discussed at the meeting, call, email or let me know at the next pull and we’ll get it on paper. I mostly want to get next year’s dates approved and the trees need to be trimmed again.

So that’s what’s cooking. Have any ideas, concerns or questions? Call or write, see us at the pull, we’ll get back with you, for sure.

2011 Pull Schedules for Neighboring Clubs

June 11th

Dade City

www.PioneerFloridaMuseum.org

Garden Tractors

June 18th, August 20th and October 15th

Bull Pen Pullers

Citrus County Fairgrounds, Inverness

Scales and registration open at 10am; pull begins at 1pm.

June 11th, September 10th, October 8th, November 9th – 12th

Florida Flywheelers

www.floridaflywheelers.org

Scales and registration open at 10am; pull begins at noon.

November Show Schedule:

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

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

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

Southern Pullers Association

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Baxley, GA -- June 17 and 18

Baxley, GA -- September 16 and 17

Zellwood, FL -- September 23 and 24

Tifton, GA -- September 30 and October 1

Hazelhurst, GA -- October 14 and 15

Jessup, GA -- October 21 and 22

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT – by Les Herbert at the Zellwood Pub

We appreciate your support at our food concession and hope you all are enjoying the bar-b-que. After the pull and a hot day you all are welcome to come to the Pub to enjoy an ice cold beer with us. Also, we would like to invite you to our next hog roast on June 5th. We put on a hog roast the first Sunday of every month from 2pm -- 6 pm. Normally, we serve 250 – 300 plates. The first plate is always FREE, the 2nd we charge \$3.00 – now that’s affordable. We have live music, ice cold beer and great fun. Bring the tractors! Instead of a classic car show we’ll have an antique tractor show! This for sure will draw interest from our patrons to your tractor pull event. If there is anything my wife or I can do between now and the next pull or for more information about the hog roast, call me, Les Hebert at 407-509-4916 or text Zellwood Pub to 90210 and you will be put on our preferred customers list for upcoming events. Thanks again! See you at the next one!

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 2011 Annual 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 _____

Relationship to FATC Member _____

FOR SALE

Oliver 88 V-8
RED HEADED STEP CHILD
\$3500 no motor, \$5000 with new 454 40 ^{over}
Contact Rob Waller @ 352.636.9898

FOR SALE

A WINNER
1951 Case DC Puller
Farm Stock 4500-5500
Excellent tin and paint \$2200 OBO
Contact Bill Tripp @ 772.766.6581

FOR SALE

14" CRAFTSMAN BAND SAW
on wheels, 194 lbs, used once
\$550 new, will sell for \$250 OBO
Puller needs a new tire
Contact Stan Bainter @ 352.483.0770

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 has a sample on his Case IH and is taking orders.

FOR SALE

THE ROOSTER
1976 Sears Roper Twin Engine Garden Tractor
A fun tractor \$1600 OBO
Contact Bill Tripp @ 772.766.6581

FOR SALE

2011 MINI ROD
Completely powdercoated red with black vein
Epeck tires, 400 Chevy small block 400 turbo transmission
Shift kit, Ford 9" rear end, 433 gears
\$12,200
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BANNER SPACE AVAILABLE

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

ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE