

Arkansas Valley Flywheelers
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Preserving the Past to Show the Future

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News In a Minute from Ed

Happy New Year to all ! Everything is going well in this part of the country. The only pieces of this puzzle I can't put together is - 10 years ago it was Y 2 K – 5 years ago I became President of AVF – it seems like a few weeks ago we finished a pull in the rain, so I guess in a few weeks we will start pulling again. Better check the event schedule. Things either seem to go to fast or not fast enough in my world.

After checking some notes I have accumulated I need to either remind you or update you as best I can. We had our annual meeting and Christmas party on December 13, 09. We had a great turnout, 37 by my count. The BB dinners were very weak, salads were light, and the 1/2 pie slices were not to my liking. So it looks like we will be looking for a new location next year.

The Officers for 2010 are President Ed Mockensturm, Vice-President John Corff, Secretary Evelyn Adams, and Treasurer Kathy Reis. Thanks Evelyn for coming out of retirement. I also want to thank Steve Cochran and Kathy Reis on behalf of the club for a job well done for the past few years.

We had our annual fees committee January 23 to

discuss this years capital improvements and review this years host and hook fees. If the membership approves the recommendations from this committee at the April 11th membership meeting the \$350.00 host fee will be eliminated and the \$7.00 hook fee will remain.

PLEASE NOTE THE APRIL MEETING DATE HAS CHANGED TO APRIL 11TH.

We will be featuring John Lange's Rumley 22 horsepower steam tractor during the Chaffee County Fair. That Rumley will be celebrating it's 100 year of existence in 2010. At the same Chaffee County Fair our club will be celebrating it's 25th year of existence. There will be a celebration event on Friday evening with a BB dinner.

Steve Cochran and Wayne Stone will chair the event. They will be putting an agenda together that includes sending invitations to many past members and past officers. So if you can help them in any way please give them a call. There will be more information in the April newsletter.

We will renew our insurance coverage with EDG&TA this year and that is what has prompted a February newsletter. The payment must be in

their hands by March 15th, 2010. Therefore we need those of you that have not renewed to do so ASAP.

If you see a ☹️ by your address label our records show your dues are not paid.

The website is staying current and growing thanks to Kathy Reis. You can find current and past newsletters, minutes, safety rules, pull rules, by-laws, etc. there. Which leads me to a reminder about the age in order to pull, parade, or driving a tractor at an EDG&TA event.

You must be 16 years old or have a valid drivers license. Another option for those ages 12-16, may complete a safety course, then pass a test which will enable them to participate. Should anyone be interested contact John Corff, our safety officer, or myself.

For those of you who receive your newsletter via e-mail weeks before the snail mail folks there will be a new quicker process. You will receive an e-mail that states the newsletter is now available on the website. Just click on the website address and have a ball browsing the safety rules, by-laws, pull results, photos, event schedule, historians corner, and the early bird copy of the newsletter. Most everything is print ready.

This newsletter concludes the "In Real Life" section.

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OFFICERS

<u>President</u>	Ed Mockensturm
<u>Vice President</u>	John Corff
<u>Secretary</u>	Evelyn Adams
<u>Treasurer</u>	Kathy Reis
<u>Historian</u>	Sue Cochran

News In a Minute from Ed Continued

The April newsletter will have a new section. It will be “My Favorite Piece of Equipment. Engine, Toy, or Tractor”. A) How and when I acquired it. B) Why it's my favorite. C) If you restored it – the pros and cons of that process and any pictures during the process. Get the information to me ASAP.

I will post them on a first come first serve basis. Our April 11th membership meeting is a new location.

We will meet at the Gooseberry Patch Restaurant in Penrose , lunch at 12:30, and meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Ed



HISTORIAN'S CORNER

A Tale of Two Tractors

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness...” begins Charles Dickens’ classic novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*. These lines popped into my mind as I sat down to write the story of two tractors that have been a part of the Flywheelers’ club activities for many years.

Carroll Cox tells me that Dan Ringling rode to Idaho with him years ago to bring home a 1938 Oliver 80 Standard that Carroll had purchased. It was a hard tractor to drive, Carroll reports, because it had a right-foot clutch. If you weren’t concentrating on that fact all the time, you could run the thing off a ramp or a trailer far too easily.

All the way home from Idaho, Dan tried to talk Carroll out of the Oliver, but Carroll didn’t want to sell. Dan kept trying, and several years later, when Dan offered to trade his CC

Case and some cash for the Oliver, Carroll agreed. So Dan finally got his Oliver 80.

Meanwhile, DJ Miles bought a 1947 John Deere B from a local tractor dealer, and Dan and DJ started a friendly rivalry at the Flywheelers pulls. They reportedly swapped wins, with one winning this weeks’ pull and the other winning the next. Finally, at a pull at Salida, they decided to get serious. They agreed that if DJ’s ‘B’ beat the Oliver, Dan would paint his rear wheels yellow. If Dan’s Oliver beat the John Deere, DJ would paint the front wheels of the ‘B’ red. Dan won. DJ dutifully painted his front wheels red.

Although the agreement allowed DJ to repaint his John Deere the proper colors again at the end of the season, he says that he was doing so well with the ‘B’ he was afraid to change anything for fear he’d jinx his luck. So the wheels are red to this day.

Some time before Dan Ringling moved to Pennsylvania,

he sold his Oliver 80 to Bob Gilley. And in January of this year, DJ Miles sold his John Deere ‘B’ to Steve Cochran. Steve says he’s painting those wheels yellow first chance he gets.

One more thing. Carroll says that while he still owned the Oliver, he needed to have it pull-started one time, and he forgot for an instant that he had a right-foot clutch and ran right into the back end of the tractor that was pulling him. Guess who that was. You’re right. It was DJ Miles on his John Deere B.

Sue Cochran,
Club Historian

January of 2010



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE#</u>
May 1	Canon City, CO. Blossom Festival	Parade	Steve Cochran	719-276-0577
May 18	Poncha Springs, CO. Chaffee County Fairgrounds	Field Day Salida Middle School-6 th Grade	Ed Mockensturm	719-783-3339
May 15 & 16	Florence, CO. Pathfinder Park	Antique Tractor Pull Dry Camping Available	Steve Cochran Ed Mockensturm	719-276-0577 719-783-3339
June 12 & 13	Silver Cliff, CO. Town Park	Antique Tractor Pull Dry Camping Available	Kathy Reis Ed Mockensturm	719-783-9142 719-783-3339
June 19 & 20	Royal Gorge Bridge Canon City, CO.	Equipment and Tractor Show	Steve Cochran	719-276-0577
July 24	Poncha Springs, CO. Chaffee Cty Fairgrounds	Clean Up Day	Ed Mockensturm	719-783-3339
July 28 – Aug 1	Poncha Springs, CO.	Antique Engine, Equipment & Steam Tractor	Jim Mick	719-539-6151
July 30	Chaffee County Fairgrounds	25 th Year Celebration (barbeque)	Fairgrounds Man- ager	
July 31 & Aug 1	Poncha Springs, CO. Chaffee County Fairgrounds	Antique Tractor Pull Dry Camping Available	Carroll Cox O.J. Johnson	719-539-4260 719-539-6313
August 21 & 22	Lake George, CO.	Antique Tractor Pull Dry Camping Available	Bob Gilley Ed Adams	719-748-3331 719-748-8383
September 11 & 12	Poncha Springs, CO. Chaffee County Fairgrounds	Fall Festival Antique Tractor Pull Tractor Games & Tractor Ride	Ed Mockensturm	719-783-3339
September 18 & 19	Florence, CO. Pathfinder Park	Florence Pioneer Day Parade/Pull	Steve Cochran	719-276-0577

All tractor pulls are on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday weigh-ins are from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., the pull begins at 11 a.m. Sunday weigh-ins begin at 8 a.m. with the pull beginning at 10 a.m.

Hook fees are \$7.00 per pull. Non-members will also be charged a \$10 event fee to cover insurance costs. Annual membership dues are \$20 for individuals. Membership begins officially on January 1st and expires December 31st.

We will draw a number Saturday and start with that class, then reverse on Sunday. Example: 3456721—1276543

Meeting Dates:

April 11, 2010

At Goose Berry Patch—(Penrose)

Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

November 7, 2010—2:00 p.m.

At Chaffee County Fairgrounds

(main building)

Newsletter Dates

April

July

September

November



RULES

Arkansas Valley Flywheelers Tractor Pull Regulations And Code of Conduct "Preserving the past to show the future"

Purpose

These rules shall be used for tractor pulls sponsored by the Arkansas Valley Flywheelers, hereafter known as AVF. AVF's purpose in putting on tractor pulls and hosting engine shows is for education, fun, entertainment and FRIENDLY competition. A sled builder put it all in a nutshell, "If you can't smile, you can't pull", Slim Loop, Woodland, Colorado 1992.

II. Tractor Eligibility

Tractors manufactured from 1961 to the present may pull for exhibition purposes only. No 4-wheel drive tractors or anything over 80 horse-power allowed.

Tractors will be classified by age, weight and hitch height for competition in the tractor pulls as follows:

ANTIQUÉ	- 1938 and older
CLASSIC	- 1939 to 1952
FARM	- 1960 and older with maximum hitch height of 16"
CLASSIC B	- 1953 to 1960
STEEL	- 1960 and older with maximum hitch height 20" all weights, pull in Class 8
EXHIBITION	- 1961 and newer, or non stock

NOTE: Steel Wheel & Steel Track Tractors will be allowed on the scale, provided the owner supplies protection for the scale.

3. Tractors will be stock in appearance which will include the air cleaner, all wheels, seats etc. Final decision will be at the pull judge's discretion.
4. Weights will be permitted as long as they are attached in a safe manner. Any unsafe use or attachment will result in disqualification.
- 5.. Drawbars will be no closer than 18 inches from the center of the rear axle and no higher than 20 inches to the point of attachment. Each tractor will be equipped with a 3 inch clevis or 3 inch ring or hole for ease and speed of hookup. (Trailer ball hitch not allowed). Swinging drawbars will be stabilized on each side to the judge's satisfaction.
6. Steam powered tractors must provide a current State Inspection Boiler Certificate. While any steam powered engines are in motion there will be 2 spotters on foot to assist in maintaining safe operation and spectator safety.

III. Driver Eligibility and Conduct of the Pull

Drivers must be 16 years of age and older to pull alone. Driver's ages 12 to 15 years of age must complete a training course. Handicapped persons will be allowed to pull with an adult walking alongside the tractor which must have an operational kill switch installed and driver completing the EDGE&TA Training Course. The pull judges will have the final say on allowing any driver to participate if there are safety concerns.

Drivers will conduct themselves in a gentlemanly/ladylike manner. Physical threats, foul language, etc., will result in permanent expulsion from tractor pulls sponsored by AVF.

No Alcohol/Illegal drugs. Consumption of alcohol/illegal drugs by exhibitors and tractor pullers during an event is prohibited.

Weigh-in shall cease 60 minutes prior to the beginning of the pull. The exception will be if the driver has had a mechanical problem on the way to the pull. The final decision will be up to the pull judge.

Depending on the number of pullers, tractors may have more than one pull with different drivers. However, each driver must weigh in individually with tractor.

Hooking and unhooking will be accomplished with the tractor in neutral, hand/feet off the clutch, and hands in the air. All pulls will start with a tight chain. There will be someone to hook and unhook pulling tractor.

If originally equipped with seats, drivers will remain seated. No bouncing, no leaning back over the seat, no sitting on the back edge of the seat.

RULES CONTINUED

If the front end of the tractor raises up off the ground, the flagman will have the final decision for terminating that pull.

A speed limit of 3.5 mph maximum will be enforced during the pull and at all times on the grounds. Start in one gear and stay in that gear during the pull.

NO RIDERS! Driver only on the tractor when anywhere in sight of the pull area. This includes loading and unloading of the tractor.

Current insurance rules must be followed in addition to A VF rules for insurance purposes.

Any item that is not clearly defined in the above rules will be addressed as they arise and at the sole and final discretion of the pull judges. The pull judges will be announced at the driver's meeting before each pull. Any questions regarding any of the rules or any point of contention during the pull will be addressed to the judges.

2009 AVF SAFETY RULES THESE RULES ARE MANDATORY AT ALL FUNCTIONS

SAFETY MEETINGS: A SAFETY MEETING SHALL BE HELD PRIOR TO EACH EVENT AND SAFETY JUDGES WILL BE APPOINTED TO SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW.

NO ALCOHOL: CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY EXHIBITORS AND TRACTOR PULLERS DURING AN EVENT IS PROHIBITED.

COMPETITION & DISPLAY AREAS: RUNNING ENGINE DISPLAY AREAS AND TRACTOR PULL COMPETITION AREAS MUST BE ROPED OFF FOR SAFETY IF THEY ARE NOT ALREADY FENCED. SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE ROPED OFF AREAS.

RUNNING TRACTORS AND ENGINES: OPERATING EQUIPMENT, RUNNING ENGINES AND RUNNING TRACTORS, MUST BE ATTENDED BY A RESPONSIBLE PERSON AT ALL TIMES.

REFUELING: DO NOT REFUEL YOUR TRACTOR OR ENGINE WHILE IT IS RUNNING. KEEP GAS CONTAINERS AT A SAFE DISTANCE FROM OPERATING EQUIPMENT. USE ONLY APPROVED CONTAINERS FOR FUEL. KEEP A FIRE EXTINGUISHER HANDY.

NO RIDERS: ONLY THE DRIVER OR THE OPERATORS ARE PERMITTED ON A MOVING TRACTOR OR SLED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARADES.

SPEED LIMIT: A SPEED LIMIT OF 3.5 MPH limit\MUST BE" OBSERVED ON THE GROUNDS AT ALL TIMES WHEN OPERATING TRACTORS OR OTHER VEHICLES.
PULLING SPEEDS: TRACTORS WILL NOT EXCEED 3.5 MPH WHILE PULLING.

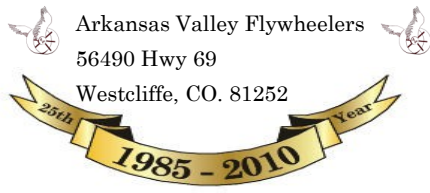
RPM REQUIREMENTS: ALL PULLING TRACTORS WILL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 10% OVER THE NEBRASKA TEST FAST IDLE RPM SPECIFICATIONS.

HITCH HEIGHTS: HITCH HEIGHTS FOR PULLING TRACTORS MAY NOT EXCEED 20 INCHES FROM THE HITCH POINT TO THE GROUND AND MUST BE NO CLOSER THAN 18 INCHES FROM THE CENTER OF THE REAR AXLE TO THE HITCH POINT. DRAWBARS WILL BE STATIONARY IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

SPEEDOMETERS: ALL PULL SLEDS OPERATING UNDER THE CURRENT INSURANCE MUST HAVE A GROUND SPEED MEASURING DEVICE.

NEW RULE: STEAM ENGINES OWNERS OF OPERATING STEAM ENGINES, WHO ARE EXHIBITING THEIR ENGINES AT AN EVENT, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING A CERTIFIED OPERATOR AND A BOILER INSPECTION FROM THE STATE THAT THE EVENT IS BEING HELD IN.

CARELESSNESS KILLS! TREAT YOUR TRACTORS AND ENGINES WITH THE RESPECT THAT THEY DESERVE AND
INSIST THAT OTHERS DO THE SAME



APPLICATION FORM/ADDRESS CORRECTION-MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-2010

DUES PER YEAR \$20 per person January 1, to December 31

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone# _____ E-Mail _____

Please let us know if you would be interested in helping in any way with our club. Also list any specific talents or abilities you would like to share with the members of the Arkansas Flywheelers. Mail to: 56490 Hwy 69 Westcliffe, CO. 81252

Signature _____ Date _____