

GAMTRA NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

Americas most famous groundhog emerged from his hole on February 2 & saw his shadow, declaring there would be six more weeks of winter. Ain't that grand? Yea, we'll deal with it. At least we haven't had any more bitter cold since that cold snap in January and we've had some really nice days in the second half of February. It's getting time to get out & do some junkin! Have fun & be safe! Remember, a half second of carelessness can mess up the rest of your life!

Spring shows and events are taking off in the area. Here are a few.

March 5-8: NC Rice Festival in Leland, NC.

March 7&8: Charlotte HamFest at the Cabarrus Area and Events Center.

March 14&15: NC Fiberfest at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

March 14-16: Southern Farm Days Show in Lake Waccamaw, NC.

March 15: Spring RailFest in Thomasville, NC and Huntersville Spring Car and Truck Show in Huntersville, NC.

March 20-22: Winds and Wings, The Science of Flight at the NC Transportation History Museum in Spencer, NC.

March 21&22: Sandhills Antique Farm Show in Lillington, NC.

March 27-29: Carolina Pickers Antique and Auto Festival at The Denton FarmPark.

April 3-5: Charlotte AutoFair at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

There will be a total lunar eclipse on March 14 from 2:26 to 3:31am.

Daylight Savings Time begins March 9. Don't forget to turn those clocks up

before you go to bed! And our Swap Meet at the Park in Dallas on Saturday,

March 29! We'll start about 8:00 & quit when we get tired of it. Gather up your unwanted stuff & bring it to swap for someone else's unwanted stuff! Cost for a truck or trailer load is just \$15 dollars & all proceeds go to GAMTRA! We always have a good time out there swapping stories and telling tales. Of course you know this is county property, so no grenade launchers, bean shooters or nuclear bomb components allowed. Any questions give Jeff a call at [704-913-4672](tel:704-913-4672).

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 6 @ 6:00 @ the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas, another 'bring your own supper' meeting. Tommy Berry has a box of newspaper articles, photos and memorabilia from GAMTRAS early days that he cleaned out from Rays garage that he's gonna bring. Come on & join us!

Again, y'all help me out on any local small shows or happenings of interest so I can publish them in the newsletter. And if you run across any neat junk or antique shops let me know so I can share it with the group. Call me at [704-263-2980](tel:704-263-2980).

I just got word that Jeff Hovis mom, Sabra Hovis, passed away Friday night. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers as they face this loss. Sabra and her husband Larry were fixtures at the show for many years and her smiling face is truly missed. Visitation will be held Monday, March 3 from 6-8pm at First Baptist Church in Stanley. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, March 4 at 2pm at Hillcrest Gardens Cemetery in Mt Holly, NC.

There's a little antique shop right here in Stanley I don't think I've ever shared. It's called Stanley Creek Treasures, located at 710 S Main in Stanley, right beside Papa Johns. It's owned by a woman I've known most of my life & she always has a collection of vintage estate finds and other neat stuff, even some tools and assorted hardware. She's open Thursday and Friday 10-3 and Saturday 10-4. Check it out if you get a chance!

A little girl became restless as the preachers sermon dragged on and on. Finally she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

Reggie