

GAMTRA MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Hope everyone's had enough pollen to suit your needs, if not give me a holler, I'll arrange to have some delivered. Spring is still doing her thing in Gaston County. We've had some beautiful weather in the past few weeks, cool mornings and nice afternoons. No miserable hot weather yet but we know it's coming. Snakes and all matter of bugs are out, be careful where you stick those hands! Have fun playing with the old iron & be safe!

Lots of shows and festivals going on in May, here are a few.

May 3: Annual Spring Fest in Mt Holly, NC. and Western Carolina Antique Tractor Show in Aiken, SC.

May 2&3: Eastern Carolina Vintage Farm Equipment Days in Goldsboro, NC and Valley Hills Swap Meet in Lenoir, NC. (This was moved to Lenoir from Morganton because of damage from Hurricane Helene)

May 9&10: Mayberry Farm Fest in Mt Airy, NC.

May 14-17: Tri-State Gas Engine Swap Meet in Portland, In.

May 16&17: Foothills Antique Power Show in Newton, NC.

May 16-18: Got To Be NC Festival at NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC.

May 17: Cheerwine Festival in Salisbury, NC.

Our second annual Tractor Ride is scheduled for June 7th. Don't have any specifics yet, I'll include that in the June newsletter.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, May 1st at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas, another 'bring your own supper meeting'. We'll be finalizing plans for our BBQ at the park in June. We need an accurate count of those who plan to attend to give to the caterer so, if you'd like to attend the BBQ but can't be at this months meeting to sign up, please give Jeff a call at [704-913-4672](tel:704-913-4672) to get on the list.

Lathan & I made it to the Spring Pickers Festival at Denton FarmPark. Once again, I highly recommend you check this out. Came home with treasures. The next one will be September 11-13, 2025.

We also had a good time at our swap meet at the park in Dallas. Not as many vendors as I was expecting but had a good crowd of lookers. And as always, lots of good stories were shared and some cool junkie changed hands.

If you've got anything you'd like published in the newsletter, looking for a part for a project or need to change or update an address, give me (Reggie) a call at [704-263-2980](tel:704-263-2980). Keep trying till you get me.

Thought for the day from Rev Stone. At our age, it's considered rude to pull out a bottle of ibuprofen if you don't have enough for everyone!

A woman went to a walk-in clinic where she was seen by a young, new doctor for an extended case of hiccups. After about three minutes in the exam room, the doctor told her she was pregnant. She burst out, screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him what had happened. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another exam room. The doctor marched down the hallway back to where the first doctor was and demanded, "What's the matter with you? Mrs. Terry is 59 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was PREGNANT?!" The young doctor continued to write on his clipboard, and without looking up, asked, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

Reggie