

North Louisiana Vintage Tractor Club

EDGE & TA Branch 179

Meeting October 3, 2013

- Meeting called to order by president Barry Howard. Welcomed new members Scott Roberts and David Matlock to the club.
- Larry Huddleston opened with prayer.
- Larry Huddleston gave the treasure report. Balance of \$9,916.66.
- Tom Hand's father passed away this week and the club expressed their condolences to Tom and his family.
- Barry thanked those who participated in the funeral for Quincy Hemphill.
- Had five members from the Boeuf River club in attendance and Barry welcomed them.
- The club took time for anyone in the club to share some of their memories of Quincy.
- Secretary report was read and passed.
- Past Events:
 - The corn picking at Herschel Bryant's place had to be done by hand, the corn picker broke down.
 - The Sept. 7 Fall Ride went OK. Several comments on how nice the visitors center at Grand Ecore was.
 - Wolf Creek Festival at Sikes was good. Larry and Mae Huddleston's grandson won the match splitting with an axe and rob climbing contest. The syrup making was slow but came out very good. The parade was supposed to be the shortest in Louisiana, 4 blocks, but ended up being 6 blocks long.
 - The Bon Dieu Festival had 12 tractors and one road grader from the club. Good participation from our club.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Plow day this week end, Oct. 5, at Crowville, La.
 - Jena Fall Festival Oct 12th. Starts at 10:00 AM.
 - Louisiana State Fair Oct 25th and 26th.
 - Pecan Festival Colfax, La., Nov. 2nd. Everyone to bring some type of dish. Parade starts at 10:00 AM.
 - Winnfield Christmas Parade Dec. 6th. Night parade.

- Natchitoches Christmas Parade Dec. 7th.
- Monroe Redneck Christmas Parade Dec. 7th.
- Much discussion on renaming the current Ruston Tractor Pull to another name that should include the word festival. The thinking of renaming it to some type of festival would draw more people to attend the event. The date for next year festival, 2014, is the third Saturday in August. A motion was made by Philip Wilkerson and passed to:
 1. Raise gate fee from \$3.00 to \$5.00
 2. To rename the event at the next meeting. Suggestions are encouraged to be submitted.
 3. Club to cover the \$400.00 rent of the facility.
- Trivia questions were won by Richard Sanders, Mrs. Wink and Mrs. Thompson.
- Next meeting is Nov. 7th.
- Motion by Melvin Shaw to have the split the pot drawing and adjourn. Shirley Thompson won the drawing, \$46.00. Meeting adjourned. 40 members present.