

Roarin' Times

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President's Corner – Mike Larabee

Hello again everyone!

I hope all of you are working on your equipment and getting ready for 2013. We have had a very busy January. Fair Managers Convention went well. I would like to thank all of you that came and helped. We sent out a lot of proposals for new events and it looks like we will be adding a few for 2013. We are saddened to see we also lost a few old events.

The schedule is coming together nicely and is on-line. The events with their contracts signed have an * beside them. You will also see a knife and fork emblem beside the promoters that are feeding the pullers.

Our 42nd Annual OSTPA Banquet also went very well and I would like to congratulate all of the winners and especially Mike and John Linder for being inducted into the OSTPA Hall of Fame. We passed out points checks for over \$155,000. I am very proud of OSTPA's points program. Thanks to the generosity of all of our great sponsors, it rivals the competition's GN points payout. Also, thanks to Northwestern Ohio Tractor Pullers for co-hosting this year.

We are looking for some new workers for 2013. Please let us know if you would like to help out.

OSTPA would like to welcome back all of our sponsors and would like to welcome some new ones. We will be working on some new programs for 2013 to remind pullers, promoters, workers, sponsors, and spectators that our organization is a family and we are glad you are all a part of OSTPA.

Mike

42nd Annual OSTPA Awards Banquet

Over 300 promoters, sponsors, OSTPA workers, competitors and their families gathered on January 12 for the 42nd Annual OSTPA Awards Banquet held at the Columbus Airport Marriott. The Northwestern Ohio Tractor Pullers co-hosted the event.

Recognition went to the 2012 OSTPA events and promoters as well as the top 10 competitors in points in each pulling division. Champions received a plaque, an OSTPA jacket and a jacket provided by PPL. MC Dan "Hogg" Hastings also recognized the Mid-Season winners and the Eastern Ohio and Southern Ohio Championship Series winners.

Rookie of the Year Awards went to:

Met's Machine Shop Super Farm – Josh Lee
Riverside Engine Pro Stock – Cory Hoffman
Columbus Diesel Super Stock – Justin Gravatt
Premier Crop Insurance TWD – Marshall Foiles
SCS Gearbox SMFWD – Evan Pearce
SCS Gearbox Modified – Bobby Hyde
Carroll's Truck Parts Pro Stock Semi – Mathew Metzger

Puller of the Year Awards were awarded to:

Met's Machine Shop Super Farm – Larry Sheets
Riverside Engine Pro Stock – Danny Dukes
Columbus Diesel Super Stock – Tracey Varns
Premier Crop Insurance TWD – Richard McPherson
SCS Gearbox SMFWD – Eddy Garner
Carroll's Truck Parts Pro Stock Semi – Logan Henke
SCS Gearbox Modified – Rick Krause

Recipients of "Special" awards were: Club with the most members attending the banquet - Richland TNT; Sled of the Year – Singer Sled Rental; Ms. OSTPA – Rhdawnda Bliss; OSTPA Family of the Year – Carl and Dawn O'Dell Family; Hall of Fame – John and Mike Linder. OSTPA State Pull of the Year honor went to the Seneca County Fair Pull.

Outgoing President Frank Keener and Executive Secretary Rhdawnda Bliss were presented with clocks for their service to OSTPA.

OSTPA would like to thank the following

banquet sponsors for their contributions: Riverside Engines and Track Boss III. We would also like to thank the following people for their donation of awards: Central Ohio Tractor Pullers; Hardin County Tractor Pullers; "Hogg" Hastings, Tractor Pulling Announcer; Kale Marketing; North Eastern Ohio Tractor Pullers; Northwestern Ohio Tractor Pullers; Richland TNT; Riverside Engine; Scioto River Valley Pullers; and Track Boss III.

Attention Columbus Diesel Supply Light- Limited

Pro Stock tractors: Wipe Out Enterprises will be paying OSTPA entry fees for all Light-Limited Pro Stocks that join OSTPA by April 1st, to the tune of \$3500. Also, please plan on attending the state divisional meeting, March 10th at 9 a.m., to discuss the events that want to run your class and so we can get a better feel about your plans for this summer.

Reminders:

- Discounted PPL Memberships with free oil are due by March 1st.
- Discounted OSTPA Memberships are due by April 1st.
- You must be a member of PPL to get OSTPA points.

Spring Meeting Dates and Times

March 10th and April 21st

Divisional Meetings - 9 a.m.

Full Board - 12:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Columbus Airport Marriott, 1375 N. Cassady Avenue, Columbus, OH.

Photo Submission

This year OSTPA will be putting together a calendar instead of a program. We are collecting photos of the Rookies and Pullers of the Year and also the pullers in the top 4 in points. If you have a photo that you would allow us to use in the calendar, please email it to Stacie at ostpapull@gmail.com.