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## President's Corner – John Cespedes

### Friends of Pulling:

I want to thank OSTPA for allowing me to be President. Also, I would like to thank Kenny Lucas and Jeremy Smith for working with me as Vice Presidents.

Another fine banquet was put on by Stacie White this year. Thank you. Thanks to Hogg Hastings for not allowing me to speak at the banquet.

Please remember it takes a lot more than just tractor pullers to keep OSTPA running. Every interested person, with or without a pulling machine, is invited to get involved.

Let's get our machines ready for another fine year of pulling.

*John W Cespedes*

P.S. Take a look at the 2015 Tentative Schedule posted on the website. We added 3 new pulls. (6/20 Sugarcreek, 7/4 Marietta, 7/17 Mile Branch Grange)

### Mark Your Calendars:

March 1 – Deadline for early PPL membership discount

March 14 – Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 15 – Divisional & Full Board Meetings, 9:30 a.m./12:30 p.m.

April 1 – Deadline for early OSTPA membership discount

April 18 – Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 19 – Tech School, 9:00 a.m.

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9:30 a.m./12:30 p.m.

Oct. 18 – Divisional & Full Board Meetings, 9:30 a.m./12:30 p.m.

Nov. 15 - Divisional & Full Board Meetings, 9:30 a.m./12:30 p.m.

### **OSTPA Annual Awards Banquet Recap:**

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual OSTPA Awards Banquet was held January 24, 2015, at the Columbus Airport Marriott. Nearly 280 people braved the cold to attend the evening of celebration and honors. The North Central Tractor Pullers Club was the co-host for the evening. After a buffet meal, toastmaster, Dan "Hogg" Hastings kicked off the evening.

2014 OSTPA events and promoters were recognized as well as the top 10 competitors in points in each pulling division. Champions received a plaque, and OSTPA jacket and a jacket provided by PPL. The evening was wrapped up with a live auction to benefit the Jeff McPherson Memorial Scholarship.

#### Rookie of the Year Awards went to:

Columbus Diesel Light-Limited Pro Stock Presented by Wipe Out Enterprises – Matt Durbin  
Riverside Engine Pro Stock – Bryan Deppen  
SCS Gearbox Modified – Robert Ball  
Ag Protect 1 TWD – Russell Nichols  
SCS Gearbox SMFWD – Hunter Snyder

#### Puller of the Year Awards went to:

Columbus Diesel Light-Limited Pro Stock Presented by Wipe Out Enterprises – Josh Lee  
Riverside Engine Pro Stock – Cory Hoffman  
Met's Machine Shop Super Stock – Ken & Justin Gravatt  
SCS Gearbox Modified – Rob Soisson, III  
Ag Protect 1 TWD – Ryan Writsel  
SCS Gearbox SMFWD – Carl O'Dell  
Carroll's Truck Parts Pro Stock Semi – W.T. Miller

Recipients of "Special" awards were: Club with most members attending the banquet – Richland TNT; Sled of the Year – Mike Stimmell, Track Boss IV; Ms. OSTPA – Cassie Swanson; OSTPA Family of the Year – Jeremy & Josh Lee Family; Hall of Fame – Dave Richards. OSTPA State Pull of the Year was a tie between the Seneca County Fair Pull and the Wayne County Fair Pull. Outgoing President Mike Larabee and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dawn O'Dell were presented with gifts for their service to the OSTPA.

OSTPA would like to thank Jesse Post for the compilation of videos and photographs for the dinner entertainment/award introduction, to Tony

Orender for his photographs used for the awards and his coverage of the banquet itself and to Steve Eaton, Greg Foxx and their wives for conducting the auction.

### **Thank You!**

The OSTPA Pulling Family would like to thank Steph Metzger, wife of Super Stock puller Mark Metzger, for putting together the promotional video used at Ohio Fair Managers Convention and also used before the banquet. Her time and effort definitely helped us put our best foot forward at convention.

### **From the Family of Robert Wuertz Jr.**

OSTPA Family,

Our family would like to send our deepest appreciation for the kind words written on your website. The tractor statue is perfect and so thoughtful and meaningful! Mom has it in her front flower bed to enjoy.

Sincerely,

The Wuertz Family

### **Reminders:**

- Please get memberships in as soon as possible. This allows you to have your membership materials in a timely manner and for the entry trailer to focus on the entry of vehicles.
- You must be a member of PPL & OSTPA to accumulate points.
- Membership applications are available on our website, [www.ostpa.com](http://www.ostpa.com) under the Membership/Newsletter tab on the left.
- Oil ordered from PPL should be picked up at the April State meeting.
- Executive Board Meetings are held at the home of Executive Secretary Stacie White, 811 Township Road 2850, Perrysville, OH, 44864.
- Divisional and Full Board Meetings and Tech School are held at the Columbus Airport Marriott, 1375 N. Cassady Avenue, Columbus, OH, 43219.