

# Roarin' Times

Monthly newsletter of the Ohio State Tractor Pullers Association

November 2015



## OSTPA Circuit Sponsors



## OSTPA Class Sponsors



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"WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE"

## President's Corner – John Cespedes

Friends of Pulling,

After a good season it's time to thank all the people that make OSTPA pulling possible. From the promoters to all the OSTPA workers, tech crew, track officials, sponsors, track builders, entry clerks and the pullers who spend endless hours keeping their machines running.

I personally want to thank Stacie White, our executive secretary, for putting up with me.

See you all at the banquet in 2016!

*John W. Cespedes*

## Mark Your Calendars:

- Dec. 9 – Voting forms due back to the OSTPA office
- Jan. 5, 2016 – Scholarships Due
- Jan. 8, 2016 – Banquet discount hotel room deadline
- Jan. 8-9, 2016 – OFMA Convention
- Jan. 11, 2016 – Banquet ticket deadline
- Jan. 23, 2016 – Annual OSTPA Awards Banquet
- March 1, 2016 – Deadline for PPL early membership discount
- March 13, 2016 – Divisional/Full Board Meetings
- April 1, 2016 – Deadline for OSTPA early membership discount
- April 17, 2016 – Tech School, Divisional/Full Board Meetings

**Items passed at the Nov. meeting and in effect for the 2016 pulling season:**

- 1) Under Section V. General Rules - All Divisions, Section B. - Chassis, Sub-section 5 part c. Front axle suspension to be allowed on all tractors; If air bags are being used, only one location to be used for air operation, and cannot be accessible from the operators platform.
- 2) OSTPA to adopt PPL diesel fuel testing limits. 30-100 on dialectic meter.
- 3) At a Grand Ohio level event, Super Stock class will allow PPL Unlimited Super Stock rules to compete in our Super Stock class. All Super Stock Tractors that pull at that event and are competing members of OSTPA and PPL will receive 40 points.
- 4) Light-Limited PS Division - Limited Pro Stock Tractors to use PPL turbo rule.
- 5) PS Semi Division- Maximum tire size 11r24.5. Maximum overall tread width 10 inches. Maximum wheel width to be 8.25 inches.
- 6) PS Semi Division- OEM highway semi truck electronically controlled engines allowed in semi class. Must use system that came on semi truck. Electronic engine must use factory ECM with factory connections. All electronic engine control must come from OE ECM. ECM must have a connection for tech department to connect scanner to verify factory ECM is controlling engine before and during pull. No crossing of parts. A Cummins engine must have a Cummins ECM and fuel system, a Cat must use a Cat system, etc. OE fuel system parts only. NO traction control allowed. No driveline speed sensors connected to ECM. If data logger has a driveline sensor it cannot be connected to ECM. Single turbo only.
- 7) 2.6 Division – Allow one year to adopt to new/proposed PPL rules. Allow 2.6 map groove or 3.0 smooth bore turbo. Allow factory wheel base with OEM driveline. If not OEM driveline, then must have 158”

wheel base. (The division clarified that the 158” is a maximum.)

- 8) Redistribute the purse. See table below. All classes would move to this payout.

All OSTPA classes to use this purse payout.

	\$4,673	\$4,178	\$3,581	\$3,000
Place	Grand Ohio	A	B	C
1	\$850	\$750	\$650	\$540
2	\$655	\$585	\$500	\$420
3	\$560	\$505	\$430	\$360
4	\$475	\$425	\$360	\$300
5	\$375	\$340	\$290	\$240
6	\$330	\$298	\$250	\$210
7	\$288	\$255	\$221	\$180
8	\$240	\$210	\$185	\$150
9	\$210	\$190	\$170	\$130
10	\$190	\$170	\$150	\$120
11	\$100	\$90	\$75	\$70
12	\$100	\$90	\$75	\$70
13	\$100	\$90	\$75	\$70
14	\$100	\$90	\$75	\$70
15	\$100	\$90	\$75	\$70

**Executive Board Elections**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mark Metzger (2016-17 term)

Treasurer – Dan “Hogg” Hastings (2016-17 term)

**Jeff McPherson – Shawn Williams Memorial Scholarship:**

The Jeff McPherson – Shawn Williams Memorial Scholarship(s) will once again be awarded at the banquet. The scholarship application can be downloaded from the members’ page of the website or requested from the OSTPA office. This year, scholarship applicants will respond to the essay topic, “If you were in charge of marketing for OSTPA, how would you promote/advance our sport to the spectators and potential spectators? How would you get a fan base to follow our sport on a more regular basis? How would you better connect with our fans?” Past awardees are eligible to apply again. Applications and essays must be received by Jan. 5, 2016.

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

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual OSTPA Awards Banquet will be held January 23, 2016, at the Columbus Airport Marriott. The banquet invitation is enclosed. Ticket purchases should be made no later than Jan. 11. To make hotel reservations at a discounted rate you can follow the link on our website. Reservations must be made by Jan. 8, 2016 to take advantage of the discounted rate. For those who don't feel comfortable making their reservations online, you may call the OSTPA office during non-school hours and Stacie will take your reservation. You will need a valid credit card.

Please Note: 2015 OSTPA Champions, Promoters, Executive Board Members, Circuit Sponsors, Class Sponsors, and Banquet Sponsors all receive two complimentary tickets. Workers who worked five or more events are entitled to one complimentary ticket. If you are entitled to a complimentary banquet ticket(s), you must still return the RSVP card.

ALSO NOTE: All tickets will have reserved seating. Tables will seat eight. Please note on your ticket order form any other guests you would like to sit with.

### **Voting Ballots:**

Competing members, please return your voting ballot to the OSTPA office by Dec. 9. Ballots and instructions are enclosed with your newsletter.

### **2016 OSTPA Membership Applications:**

We are going to offer a new method for joining OSTPA for the 2016 season. On the Membership page of our website is a form for you to fill out and submit electronically or you can download a PDF of

the membership form and fill it out. Checks and W9 forms will still have to be mailed to the office. You can still have a paper membership form sent to you by calling, texting or emailing the OSTPA office. Deadline for the reduced rate is April 1st. Competing members who own more than one vehicle only need to pay the membership fee once, but list both vehicles on the OSTPA application. Also, if you are joining as a competing member, that is the only membership fee you need to pay. (You are not required to buy a voting membership, too.) The social security number you list on your application or check should correspond to whomever the checks will be made out to. Forms and payment need to be returned to OSTPA's Office. Mail to: OSTPA, c/o Stacie White, 811 Twp. Rd. 2850, Perrysville, OH 44864.

### Ohio Fair Managers Convention

- Jan. 8-9, 2016, Hyatt Regency, Columbus, OH
- Please contact the OSTPA office or an Executive Board member if you would like to attend and represent/promote your class and OSTPA.

### OSTPA Annual Awards Banquet

- Jan. 23, 2016
- Central Ohio will be the host club. If you would like to donate raffle items/door prizes, or know of someone who would, please contact Ryan Writsel or the OSTPA office or feel free to bring them directly to the banquet.

### **Reminders:**

- You must be a member of PPL and OSTPA to accumulate points.
- If you would like to have something posted on the webpage, please contact the OSTPA office.