

# Roarn' Times

Monthly newsletter of the **Ohio State Tractor Pullers Association**

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## OSTPA Circuit Sponsors



## President's Corner – Mike Laribee

WOW! What just happened?

This is Mike Laribee and I am once again the president of OSTPA. I would like to thank Frank Keener for his last 4 years of service. I would like to welcome our new executive secretary, Stacie White, to the OSTPA family. Rhdawnda and I are working with Stacie through the month of December so she can hit the ground running for Fair Managers Convention and the banquet in January. OSTPA would like to thank Rhdawnda for all her help during the last 11 years that she has worked with OSTPA. Congratulations also to Dawn O'Dell being reelected to the position of 2nd VP.

We have a lot going on in January, with Fair Managers Convention and the OSTPA banquet. Everyone is welcome, and encouraged, to come to Fair Managers Convention to represent your class to our promoters. I also hope to see all of you at the banquet.

OSTPA would also like to welcome the Light and Limited Pro Stock Tractors for 2013. I am looking forward to working with all of you Pullers, Promoters, Workers and Sponsors in 2013. My cell number is 419-564-0359. Feel free to contact me if there is something I can do to help.

From the entire Executive Board:

*Merry Christmas Everyone!*

### **Banquet Invitations**

Invitations for OSTPA's 42nd Annual Awards Banquet are enclosed with this mailing. Ticket orders must be received by January 7, 2013. Tickets will be available for pickup at the Registration Table the night of the banquet. Please note if making reservations for an overnight stay that the room rate is \$99. The Columbus Airport Marriott is requesting that reservations be made by December 29, 2012. (Use Group Code OSTOSTA)

Please Note: 2012 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.

### **Scholarships**

Scholarship(s) will again be awarded at the banquet. Applications have been sent to several students, but if you know of someone who wants to apply, please call the OSTPA office and request an application. Please note previous winners are eligible. Essay topic: "How has your experience with OSTPA affected your career goals?" Application deadline is January 2, 2013.

### **Fair Managers Convention**

The OSTPA Executive Board members will be in Suite 1925 at the Hyatt Regency on Friday and Saturday, January 4 & 5, to sign contracts with promoters for the 2013 pulling season. OSTPA will be part of the trade show those two days. Trade Show hours for individuals with interest in working in the booth on the show floor are as follows: Fri., Jan. 4 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Sat., Jan. 5 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### **2013 Membership Apps**

Enclosed you will find an OSTPA membership application for the 2013 pulling season. Deadline for the reduced rate

is April 1st. If a competing member owns more than one vehicle, you only need to pay the membership fee once, but list both vehicles on the application. Also note, 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 should correspond to who the checks will be made out to. Applications need to be returned to OSTPA's Office. Mail to: OSTPA, c/o Stacie White, 811 Twp. Rd. 2850, Perrysville, OH 44864.

### **OSTPA Rules**

Agenda items passed that will go into effect for the 2013 OSTPA pulling season:

1. OSTPA to offer a 9000 lb.Lt-Ltd Pro Stock Tractor class. Rules are as follows: 9000 lbs., 7100 or 3100 Series, Bosh P Pump maximum. 540 ci or smaller 1 turbo no size limit. Engines larger than 540 ci up to 640 max ci 1 turbo no larger than 4.1" compressor intake size with no map ring allowed. No billet heads allowed. Diesel powered tractors only, no intercoolers, 24.5 -32 tires max. No component chassis.
2. Competitors to be offered a rehook if second hook comes out and goes under sled or dirt.
3. You must attend 50% of pulls pulled in your class to collect OSTPA year-end points money.
4. To allow 3 allison motors at "A" and Grand Ohio pulls, with 9.6-1 blower ratio with 9 ¾ inch wheel.
5. OSTPA Pro Stock Semi to allow multiple turbo semis to run at OSTPA events at 16 inch drawbar height. This would be a handicap of 2 inches of drawbar height.
6. Super Stock tractor class to handicap V-8 alcohol-powered tractors with aftermarket heads to 7500 lbs. and 17 inch drawbar height.
7. If OSTPA 9000 lb. Lt-Ltd Pro Stock tractor class passes (Combo Limited PS class), OSTPA Executive Board to put together a 3 person panel of people with no tractor in class to adjust drawbar height in middle of season if needed to keep class competitive.