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President's Corner – Mike Larabee

Hello again, Pulling Family!

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and that all of you were able to spend time with your families. We all truly have a lot to be thankful for.

We have a busy January ahead with Fair Managers and our OSTPA Awards Banquet. We are already talking to some new promoters and it looks like next year should be even busier than 2013.

There are a few rule changes coming for 2014 from our meetings in November. We will send updates on that and we will post them on the website, OSTPA.com.

We are still looking for more employees for 2014. If you are interested contact Stacie or myself. Anyone interested in helping at the Fair Managers Convention is welcome to attend.

I would like to thank David Pearce and his family for all their help with OSTPA over the last 4 years. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to John Cespedes as he joins us on the OSTPA executive board.

Hopefully, everyone has their new parts list into Santa! Let's all have a Merry Christmas!

Mike

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Dec. 18 – Voting ballots due to OSTPA office
- Jan. 4 – Deadline for discounted rooms for banquet
- Jan. 7 – Scholarship Applications Due
- Jan. 10-11 - Ohio Fair Managers Assoc. Convention
- Jan. 11 – Banquet ticket purchases/reservations due
- Jan. 25 - OSTPA Annual Awards Banquet
- March 1 - Deadline for early PPL membership discount
- April 1 - Deadline for early OSTPA membership discount

Jeff McPherson Memorial Scholarship:

The Jeff McPherson 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, "How can OSTPA continue to foster the idea of family in its organization?" Past awardees are eligible to apply again. Applications and essays must be received by Jan. 7, 2014.

OSTPA Annual Awards Banquet:

The 43rd Annual OSTPA Awards Banquet will be held January 25, 2014, at the Columbus Airport Marriott. The banquet invitation is enclosed. Reservations/ticket purchases should be made no later than Jan. 11. To make hotel reservations at a discounted rate (\$105.00) you can follow the link on our website or call the hotel directly at 1-614-475-7551 or 1-800-491-5717 and tell them you are with OSTPA. Reservations must be made by Jan. 4, 2014 to take advantage of the rate discount.

Please Note: 2013 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. 18. Ballots and instructions are enclosed with your newsletter.

2014 OSTPA Membership Applications:

Enclosed you will find an OSTPA membership application for the 2014 pulling season. 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 should correspond to whomever 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.

Workers Needed:

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in working for OSTPA in the 2014 pulling season, please contact Mike or Stacie. We are looking for additional workers in all capacities; tech, competition director, clerks, and announcer's helper.

Reminders:Ohio Fair Managers Convention

- Jan. 10-11, 2014, 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. 25, 2014
- Richland TNT will be the host club. If you would like to donate door prizes, or know of someone who would, please contact Dan "Hogg" Hastings, Eddy Garner or the OSTPA office.