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President's Corner – Mike Larabee

Hello again, Pulling Family!

Hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving with their families and had a little time to think about all we have to be thankful for.

January will be busy with Fair Managers Convention, and our annual OSTPA Award Banquet. We had a meeting in November to welcome the 2.6 Diesel 4x4's to OSTPA and bring them up to speed for 2015. Eleven trucks were represented at the meeting and all went well.

It's been a pleasure working with all of you these last two years and I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you all at the banquet!

Mike

Mark Your Calendars:

- Jan. 10 – Deadline for discounted rooms for banquet
- Jan. 6 – Scholarship Applications Due
- Jan. 9-10 – OFMA Convention
- Jan. 10 – Banquet ticket purchases/reservations due
- Jan. 24 – Annual Awards Banquet at the Columbus Airport Marriott
- March 1 – Deadline for early PPL membership discount
- April 1 – Deadline for early OSTPA membership discount

Update on Shawn Bell (submitted by Dawn O'Dell):

Shawn is one of our lil fans who is fighting tough medical conditions. Shawn's dad, Noah Bell, used to pull an aspirated four wheel drive with OSTPA. Dawn received this message from Tina Bell (Shawn's Mom) on Dec. 17. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as we go through this Holiday season.

Good evening, Dawn. I just wanted to touch base with you about Shawn. He has been having problems with headaches and some memory loss and other things. The doctor sent him to have an EEG and we are waiting for those results. They are testing him to see if he has had, or is still having, strokes or seizures. They are leaning towards mini strokes. We will not know the results until after the new year and we will keep you posted. If you could please pass this along to Mike and the other pullers we would appreciate it. He said to tell you all Hi. Hope you are all doing well and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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, "Why are you a good candidate for the Jeff McPherson Memorial Scholarship?" Past awardees are eligible to apply again. Applications and essays must be received by Jan. 6, 2015.

OSTPA Annual Awards Banquet:

The 44th Annual OSTPA Awards Banquet will be held January 24, 2015, at the Columbus Airport Marriott. Reservations/ticket purchases should be made no later than Jan. 10. *To make hotel reservations at a discounted rate you can follow the link on our website or call the hotel directly and ask for Nicole at (614) 383-3621 and tell her you are with OSTPA.* Reservations must be made by Jan. 10, 2015 to take advantage of the rate discount.

Please Note: 2014 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.

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.

2015 Membership Applications:

Please return membership applications as soon as possible. This ensures you get the discounted rate for OSTPA and PPL, PPL oil incentive, and membership materials for both organizations sent to you in a timely manner.

Ohio Fair Managers Convention

- Jan. 9-10, 2015, Hyatt Regency, Columbus, OH
- We will once again be in Suite 1925 and in Booth #1 on the convention floor.
- 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. 24, 2015
- North Central will be the host club. If you would like to donate door prizes, or know of someone who would, please contact Tracey Varns 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.