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President's Corner – Mike Laribee

Hello again, Pulling Family!

I hope everyone is staying warm and cozy. Fair Managers Convention went very well last month and I am encouraged by our growth. Four new pulls signed and 2 more are still in the works. I would like to welcome these new events to our family. Also, a big thanks goes to all who helped work the booth.

Our 43rd banquet also went great! Congratulations to all the winners and especially to Harold Walliser for being inducted into the OSTPA Hall of Fame. It is well deserved.

We just completed our 6th year with the Pro Pulling League and last month we signed an even more lucrative contract for OSTPA for 2014-15-16. The oil program is also back, but this year it will be 1 case of Lucas product up to \$100. The oil order form is enclosed for competitors.

Good Luck to all who are pulling in Louisville! For the rest of us, let's wade through the snow and get to work on our stuff. Pulling is not far away.

Mike

IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 1 - Deadline for early PPL membership discount
- March 8 – Executive Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- March 9 – Division/Board Meetings 9:30 a.m./12:30 p.m.
- April 1 - Deadline for early OSTPA membership discount
- April 12 – Executive Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- April 13 – Tech School 9:00 a.m.

Division/Board Meetings 9:30 a.m./12:30 p.m

2014 Rule Changes from November Meeting:

1. SS Division – Alcohol V-8 tractors with aftermarket head to run 18 inch drawbar at 7500 lb.
2. SS Division - All Super Stock alcohol, 6 cylinder tractors with push rod, aftermarket head engines to run 19 inch drawbar at 8,000 lb.

OSTPA Annual Awards Banquet:

The 43rd Annual OSTPA Awards Banquet was held January 25, 2014, at the Columbus Airport Marriott. Nearly 290 people braved the cold and snow to attend the evening of celebration and honors. Richland TNT was the co-host for the evening.

2013 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. Mid-Season winners and Eastern Ohio Championship winners were also recognized.

Rookie of the Year Awards went to:

Columbus Diesel Light-Limited Pro Stock Presented by Wipe Out Enterprises – Travis Tilton
Riverside Engine Pro Stock – Dean Ortner
Wind It Tight Engines Super Farm – Drew Parkinson
SCS Gearbox Modified – Dan Schmeissing
Premier Crop Insurance TWD – Bill Widenmeyer
Carroll's Truck Parts Pro Stock Semi – Sondra Rodgers

Puller of the Year Awards went to:

Columbus Diesel Light-Limited Pro Stock Presented by Wipe Out Enterprises – Travis Tilton
Riverside Engine Pro Stock – Chris France
Met's Machine Shop Super Stock – Andy Battrell
Wind It Tight Engines Super Farm – Greg Kenreigh
SCS Gearbox Modified – Bob Soisson, Sr.
Premier Crop Insurance TWD – Jeff Writsel
SCS Gearbox SMFWD – Steve Barker
Carroll's Truck Parts Pro Stock Semi – Mark Rook

Recipients of "Special" awards were: Club with most members attending the banquet – Richland TNT; Sled of the Year – Lowry Sled Rental; Ms. OSTPA – Stacie White; OSTPA Family of the Year – Carl and Dawn O'Dell Family; Hall of Fame – Harold Walliser. OSTPA State Pull of the Year went to the Wayne County Fair Pull. Outgoing 1st Vice President David Pearce was presented with a clock for his service to the OSTPA.

OSTPA would like to thank the following banquet sponsor for their contributions: Riverside Engines and Track Boss IIII. We would also like to thank the following people for their donation of awards: Central Ohio Tractor Pullers, Hardin County Tractor Pullers, Kale Marketing, the Larabee

Family, North Eastern Ohio Tractor Pullers, Northwestern Ohio Tractor Pullers, Richland TNT, Riverside Engine, Rodgers Repair Shop, Scioto River Valley Pullers and Track Boss IIII.

Another big thanks goes to Jesse Post for the compilation of videos and photographs for the dinner entertainment/award introduction and to Tony Orender for his photographs used for the awards and his coverage of the banquet itself.

Workers Needed:

We are looking for additional workers in all capacities; laser operators, tech officials, track officials, competition director, clerks, and announcer's helper.

Those persons interested in working as competition director, track official, tech official, laser operator or scale/drawbar official will need to attend the tech school on April 13 (9:00 a.m.) at the Columbus Airport Marriott. There will be an additional laser operator training in May at the Wooster Spring Pull.

A Night Full of Memories – from Harold Walliser

What a total surprise for me and Betty when 14 members of our family blindsided us by making their appearance just prior to me accepting the Hall of Fame award at the OSTPA Awards Banquet. WOW, what a family Betty and I have. How OSTPA and my family kept this a secret is truly appreciated. I am so humble to OSTPA, Pullers, Promoters, Fans past and new acquaintances for your kind words and stories that you shared with me as an announcer. It was truly a night full of memories that I will cherish the rest of my life. As I look back I have received more than I have given and I will always remember that I was part of the BEST state pulling organization in the USA. You can be proud. In the future, I wish all of the best to all involved with OSTPA pulling.

As the last hook was made and the grandstand is empty and the haulers are headed for the next pull, I turn the switch off on my microphone. With a big smile, I look up to the Lord and this makes me Happy, Happy, Happy!

Thank you OSTPA,
Harold Walliser