

# Roarin' Times

Monthly newsletter of the Ohio State Tractor Pullers Association

November 2014



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## President's Corner – Mike Larabee

Hello again, Pulling Family!

We've had a busy fall with club and state meetings. The passed agenda items are listed later in the newsletter. I would like to welcome the 2.6 Diesel 4x4 Trucks to the OSTPA family. We are looking forward to having them join us at 2015 events.

Also, at that meeting, we filled three executive board positions. Big congratulations to John Cespedes who will serve as President, Jeremy Smith as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Kenny Lucas as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Jeremy was elected to fill the vacancy created by John taking the President's position and will serve the remaining term of one year. A special thanks to Dawn O'Dell for her years of service to OSTPA.

North Central club will be the co-host for this year's Award Banquet. Everyone is encouraged to help secure door prizes.

Hope all the farmers are getting crops out of the field and everyone is ready to have a Happy Thanksgiving!

*Mike*

## Mark Your Calendars:

- Nov. 23, 10 a.m. – Divisional meeting for 2.6 Diesel 4x4 Trucks, Columbus Airport Marriott
- Dec. 12 – Voting ballots due to OSTPA office
- 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

**Items passed at the Nov. meeting and in effect for the 2015 pulling season:**

- 1) TWD Division – In TWD class, have a maximum of 4 wheels in contact with the pulling surface.
- 2) TWD Division – No adjustable suspension on TWD vehicle capable of changing rear drawbar height.
- 3) RTNT Club – OSTPA to offer 2.6 Diesel 4x4 Pickups. Use PPL rules. Purse to be the same as other OSTPA classes. Points to be same as other classes.

**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 44<sup>th</sup> Annual OSTPA Awards Banquet will be held January 24, 2015, at the Columbus Airport Marriott. The banquet invitation is enclosed. 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 at 1-614-475-7551 or 1-800-491-5717 and tell them 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.

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. 12. Ballots and instructions are enclosed with your newsletter.

**2015 OSTPA Membership Applications:**

Enclosed you will find an OSTPA membership application for the 2015 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.

Ohio Fair Managers Convention

- Jan. 9-10, 2015, 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. 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.