



# PULLING PULSE *Newsletter*

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## Syrup City Pull Coming!

Hope the weather is fine, but even if it isn't, the Syrup City pull will still go on.

**This pull happens—rain or shine!**



Mark your calendars for July 15! And come early, since the first pullers of the day will hook at 10 a.m. sharp!

## **GARDEN TRACTOR PULL**

July 15th, 2017 at 10 a.m.

Fayette, Alabama

Fayette County Multi-Purpose Complex

**PULL STARTS PROMPTLY at 10 A.M.**



## Keep Your Eyes on the Flagman



Our pulling sport is built on volunteers, and one of the most important of those is the Flagman. While the engines roar loudly, the puller's only contact during his pull...is the Flagman.

Flagman are critical to the timing and safety of all pulling events. If you volunteer to be a Flagman, take your responsibility seriously, since the safety of both the pullers and the spectators are in your hands.

Be cognizant of what is occurring around you and coordinate with the Sled Master well before the pull, so you both are clear on rules and procedures.

Keep these things in mind when you flag a pull:

1. Before the pull, coordinate good hand/eye communication with the Sled Master, so all pulling officials are aware of what is happening at all times.
2. Always position yourself in *front* of the puller.
3. Never display both the red and green flags at the same time, as this causes confusion.
4. Always display the red flag. (*except during a good pull in process, which will prompt the green flag, of course*)
5. Before you display the green flag to start a pull, ensure there are no spectators or pulling assistants on the track...and always check behind you as well.
6. Display the green flag and start the pull when you are sure both the Sled Master and the puller are ready.
7. Clearly display the red flag on your judgement of a completed pull.
8. Enforce the out-of-bounds and dropped-parts rules, or disqualifications at the time of the offense - not later. Check with the Sled Master.
9. After the pull, assist with unhooking the tractor: ensure the puller and Sled Master are aware of your presence; puller should place his tractor in neutral and raise his hands; proceed to unhook tractor only on your judgement that it is safe to do so.

And remember, we couldn't do it without you!

## Link of the Month

Pulling in Laurel, Mississippi is alive and well. Although some of this season's pulls have been canceled because of the wet spring, JCat Pulling is looking forward to more upcoming pulls on their schedule. Check out their website where you will find pictures, pull orders, rules, contact info and past results! <http://www.jcatstractorpulling.com>

## TECH TIP: Fueling Your Pulling Tractor

*Running out of fuel, but there's fuel in the tank? What gives?*

Fuel filters are cool, and they do serve a purpose, but don't overdo it. Instead, let **gravity** do the work for you!

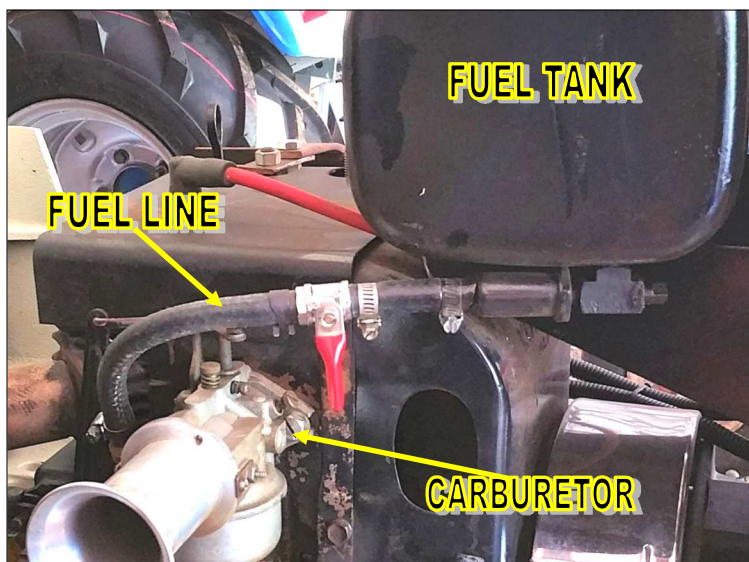
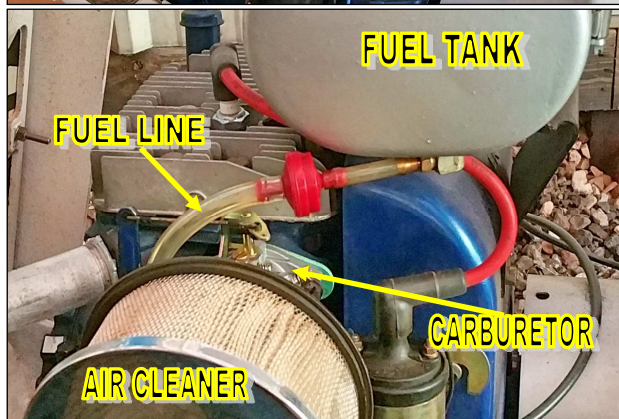
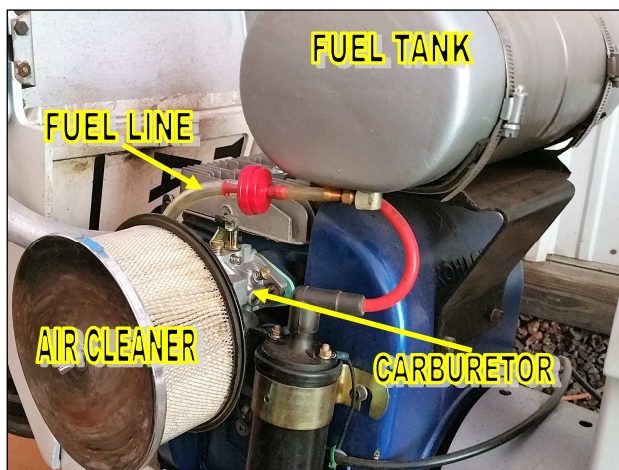
The use of any filter (or screen) restricts the fuel from the carburetor, obviously disrupting the optimum performance of the engine. If you must use a filter, use an easy flow filter. The best option is *not* to use a filter at all. After all, if you have a clean fuel tank and clean fuel line, there is no justifiable reason to use a fuel filter.

Make sure your fuel tank cap has a vent in it to eliminate the possibility of a vacuum, since a vacuum will stop the fuel from flowing properly.

*Keep these facts in mind when you install your fuel delivery system (these points do not apply if you are using a fuel pump):*

- ◇ Your gas tank needs to be mounted as far above the carburetor as possible.
- ◇ You must route your fuel line above the carburetor.
- ◇ The fuel line, which leads from the fuel tank to the carburetor, needs to be placed carefully. It is essential that you position the fuel line in a *continuously downward incline* from the fuel tank to the carburetor.
- ◇ Use as large of a fuel line as possible, diameter-wise.
- ◇ If your setup requires a fuel shut-off, if possible, use a ball-type fuel valve that you can see through when it is in an open position.

**\*\*As noted above, if you are using a fuel pump, disregard the points above. However, if you *are* using a fuel pump...just make sure your fuel pump is operating correctly.**



### REMEMBER:

- Fuel tank must be mounted high.
- Fuel line must follow a continuously downward incline...from the fuel tank...to the carburetor.
- Carburetor must be positioned well below fuel tank and fuel line.
- Use a large fuel line...and a vented fuel tank cap.

If you have questions, ask your fellow-pullers, the sled-operator or any track official for help.

-end of tech tip-



A Family Reunion Pull



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*Thank you! And Happy Pulling!*

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