

PULLING PULSE *Newsletter*

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ALABAMA PULLS!



WEDOWEE, ALABAMA

October 20, 2018

This is not only a garden tractor pull, but a tractor show as well! Come and enjoy the festivities!!

For more information, please contact Cecil Curry at 205-331-8686.

Remember to keep up on additional pulling information via Facebook. Login and search for: 'Syrup City Pullers Garden Tractor Club'. Click to join the group and you'll get all their latest news. (<https://www.facebook.com>)

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

When the weather cooperates, the results are GOOD FAMILY FUN! Recent pulls were held, not only at Plain City, Ohio on August 30th, but also at Winfield, Alabama on September 22nd, and Laurel, Mississippi on October 13th. Everyone had a great time at all 3 events!

Syrup City Garden Tractor Club – September 22, 2018 – "Mule Day" Winfield, AL RESULTS

Open Outlaw

- 1st - Curt Moore – 284 ft. 4.68 in.
- 2nd - TJ Johnson – 271 ft. 0.24 in.

16 HP Modified –Cut/Pro Tire

- 1st - Danny Herron – 196 ft. 11.76 in.
- 2nd - Bobby Breakfield – 178 ft. 6.84 in.

14 HP Modified – Cut/Pro Tire

- 1st - Andrea Wallace – 190 ft. 10.08 in.
- 2nd - Robert Pack – 185 ft. 8.28 in.
- 3rd - David Cox – 178 ft. 4.80 in.

Lite Super Stock 1 Cylinder

- 1st - Ken Logan – 216 ft. 2.88 in.
- 2nd - Jackie Wallace – 197 ft. 7.80 in.
- 3rd - Andrea Wallace – 196 ft. 3.12 in.

Garden Stock 10HP – 14HP Ag/Uncut Tire

- 1st - Hoyt Garner – 164 ft. 0.12 in.
- 2nd - James Dozier – 160 ft. 10.08 in.
- 3rd - Danny Herron – 152 ft. 3.84 in.

Super Stock 1 Cylinder 50.5CI/48CI

- 1st - Larry Nelms – 180 ft. 6.96 in.
- 2nd - Larry Nelms – 177 ft. 1.20 in.

Kid's Class 3-10 yrs. Ag/Uncut Tire

- 1st - Logan Black – 247 ft. 1.56 in.
- 2nd - Will Winters – 234 ft. 7.80 in.
- 3rd - Jeremiah Lowry – 208 ft. 1.56 in.

Twin Cylinder 25 HP Cut/Pro Tire

- 1st - Tim Bobo – 234 ft. 9.00 in.
- 2nd - Allen Duckworth – 230 ft. 7.92 in.
- 3rd - David Cox – 222 ft. 2.88 in.

10 HP Stock Ag/Uncut Tire

- 1st - Danny Herron – 172 ft. 3.96 in.
- 2nd - James Dozier – 139 ft. 5.64 in.
- 3rd - Tim Bobo – 135 ft. 9.00 in.

12 HP Modified Cut/Pro Tire

- 1st - David Cox – 226 ft. 3.96 in.
- 2nd - Robert Pack – 193 ft. 10.56 in.
- 3rd - Tammy Duckworth – 192 ft. 7.80 in.

16 HP Modified Ag/Uncut Tire

- 1st - Danny Herron – 138 ft. 7.80 in.

Powder Puff Ag/Uncut Tire

- 1st - Amber Bobo – 166 ft. 9.36 in.
- 2nd - Fawn Shoemake – 137 ft. 6.24 in.
- 3rd - Phyllis Keener – 132 ft. 2.88 in.

Small Twin Cylinder 22 HP

- 1st - David Cox – 241 ft. 6.00 in.
- 2nd - Ron Keener – 205 ft. 10.92 in.
- 3rd - Tim Bobo – 202 ft. 0.24 in.

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR:

On November 10th, plan to go and enjoy the WEST DALLAS ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW in Orrville, Alabama. See activities on their website at: <http://www.orrvilletractorshow.com/>.

This show is sponsored by the Orrville Volunteer Fire Department. Come and support this worthy organization!



Link of the Month

Check out all the cool pictures and festivities on the West Dallas Antique Tractor Show website.

<http://www.orrvilletractorshow.com/>

TECH TIP: Be Prepared

Before each pull starts, all tractors must enter their respective classes and ensure they are set up properly for each class. Among specified requirements for each tractor, proper hitch height and the weight of your tractor must meet exact criteria. These are examples of things that should be measured/tested at the track, upon arrival. However, there are many things that you, the puller, need to ensure BEFORE you reach the pull. Of course, these things can spill over to time on and off the track as well.

Preparation will make your day (and everyone else's) go smoother at the pull.

Be prepared BEFORE you leave home to go pull:

- ◆ Charge your tractor's battery *before* you leave home. This is just common sense.
- ◆ Bring extra adequate fuel...and check your fuel level *before* each hook, if necessary. Don't second guess.
- ◆ Bring extra weights. Just because your tractor weighed a certain amount at one pull...doesn't mean it will weigh the same at the next pull. All scales weigh a little bit differently. Several factors can effect variation in scale function, but we won't address that here. What is important, is—that you *don't pull lighter than the class permits*. Remember: if you want to be a competitive puller, your tractor must weight the maximum allowed weight without going over. Therefore, take extra weights—just in case.
- ◆ Be aware WHEN you are expected to pull. Is your class up next? Are you first, fifth, or last? Is your tractor ready? Are you ready? Spectators are there to see a show. Waiting for the next tractor to hook is frustrating, not only to those watching...but to fellow pullers as well. And let's face it: while pulling is a lot of fun, most pulls last several hours, and are exhausting. Plan. And be prepared for when you are the next hook.
- ◆ Tractors should be running when you hook. We've all seen folks try and try to start tractors after they are hooked. Ensure your tractor is running when you enter the track.
- ◆ Learn from prior pulls!
 - a) Keep track of who beat you at each pull, then try to figure out why...and what you can do to tweak your tractor set-up, and other tactics to pull better next time.
 - b) Note track condition, weight transfer, tires, tire pressure, driver maneuvers, how you take off, sled characteristics, as well as other pulling strategies. All these things, when properly optimized, can sometimes make a last place tractor come in first. Remember: It's not always about who's got the biggest and baddest tractor. Using your head and implementing an effective game plan can make you a winner.



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

-end of tech tip-

2018 MULE DAY - Perfect weather and a good time was had by all!



Additional pictures on our website: pullinggardentractors.com

IF YOU HAVE ANY COOL PICTURES OF THE 2018 SEASON'S PULLS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE, I WILL USE THEM IN THE NEWSLETTERS AND POST THEM ON OUR WEBSITE TOO. JUST EMAIL THEM TO: judicox@aol.com.

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