



SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO TRACTOR PULLERS ASSOCIATION

May 2009

Dear SWOTPA Members:

The 2009 Pulling Season is fast approaching and I hope that you are all looking forward to it.

Just a few reminders.

- 1) **Tech Inspections:** Please allow yourself extra time when planning on arriving at the first event where your class(es) are scheduled to allow for the tech officials to have time to complete an inspection of your vehicle. For the tractor classes the first event will be Armada; trucks will hook for the first event at Dungannon. If you had your clutch inspected by NTPA, please ensure you have your copy with you to allow for a copy to be taken by club officials for the records. As approved at the meeting in the winter, a self-declaration form will be used for clutch information for competitors running the SW circuit only. However, if you have new equipment or a new vehicle, you will need to have a visual inspection by a tech official. You will not be allowed to hook to the sled until your vehicle has been inspected.
- 2) **Registration:** You are expected to be registered prior to the scheduled show start time. Registration will start a minimum of one hour prior to the scheduled start time. If you register after the scheduled start time, you will be charged the late registration fee and registration for ALL classes will end one hour after the scheduled start time. If you are going to be late arriving to an event, please call Kathi at **(519) 882-4613** to let us know. You will be entered in the lineup but will still need to see Kathi either at the registration table or at the announcer's stand to sign the waiver forms, get your draw positions and receive your wristband for access to the track area.
- 3) **Announcer Profile Information:** The profiles for the announcers have had some new questions added allowing for additional information for the announcers to talk about when you hook in your respective classes. Please ensure that your profiles are completed. If you would prefer, you can contact Kathi by phone at (519) 882-4613 prior to the start of the season and the updates will be done on the announcer's sheets before the first pull. This information will also go to the web site later in the season. You will have an opportunity to have a team photo taken at an event. Sign-up sheets for team photos will be available at registration or talk to Kathi.
- 4) **Driver Safety Apparel:**
All drivers are required to have:
 - SFI Approved Firesuit applicable to the fuel being used
 - Snell 90 rated helmet
 - Neck collar for all classes where a rollcage/5-point harness is used
 - Balaclava
 - Fire gloves
 - Fire boots

A reminder that all required driver safety gear must be worn even if you are only hooking to the sled for hook points.
- 5) **Safety Equipment:** All vehicles are required to have the safety equipment as outlined in the General Rules. ***In addition to the equipment outlined in the 2008 Rule Book, a dead-man throttle will be required to cause the vehicle to return to idle speed.***
- 6) **Track Area Entry:** Just a reminder that only paid members are to be in the track area - this includes any pit crew. Without a membership, pit-crew members are not covered under the insurance. It is important that you bring your membership card to the registration table, *especially general members who may not be known as*

well to the registration clerks, as wrist bands will only be given to those who have paid a membership to SWOTPA.

7) **2009 Executive:**

President	Bill Wright
Vice-President	Aaron Mater
Secretary - Treasurer	Kathi McNeil
Past President	Rob Rodger
Tech Officials	Shawn Rodger John Johnston William Gray

Class Reps

6000 / 7000 Mod Farm	Scott Rodger
8000 / 9000 Mod Farm	Brent Marchand
Super Farm	Orville Couture
2WD	Wilf DeJong
Super Stock 4WD	Dave May

8) **2009 Schedule of Events:** Enclosed you will find a copy of the **CONFIRMED 2009 PULLING SCHEDULE** with the classes selected by the promoter. ***There have been some updates since the tentative schedule was distributed.*** Please ensure you are working with the finalized schedule.

9) **2009 Membership & Insurance Fees:**

Membership and Insurance fees will remain the same as 2008.

Membership Rates

Competing	\$75
General	\$35

Insurance (one-time) in SW classes or demo

\$25 per event to a maximum of three events

Insurance (field /stock classes)

\$10 per event

If you have any questions prior to the start of the season, please contact a member of the Executive. I hope that everyone has a safe and successful season ahead. Looking forward to seeing you at the track!

**Bill Wright
President**