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Kentucky Soybean Board signs deal with the MSPA for the 2008 pulling season. See more details inside!

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H & R AGRI POWER

General

H & R Agri-Power is a farm equipment dealership with 5 locations in Western Kentucky. We sell and support the brands of Case IH, New Holland, Kubota, Kinze, Great Plains, Bush Hog, Woods, Krause Unverferth, and H & S. We have pre-owned equipment of all makes and models. We have consistently ranked among the national leaders for the brands we sell.

Sales

Our customers are the lifeblood of our business. Our goal as a sales team is to address each customer's needs while focusing on their individual farming operations. In addition, we also offer consumer products such as lawn & garden equipment to fulfill the needs of homeowners & commercial users. We have a qualified sales team consisting of 18 trained salesmen.

Parts & Service

At H & R Agri-Power, we believe our job begins after the sale. Service and parts support are the cornerstones on which the business is based.

We strive to have the part you need – when you need it. Currently, we have \$2.8 million worth of parts in stock. Our computerized parts records allow us to track history on each individual part number allowing us to know which parts our customers request the most. Also, we carry the manufacturers' recommended stock for new models.

At H&R Agri-Power, we specialize in service excellence. We are here to meet all of your service needs from lawn & garden to the largest farm equipment. Our qualified technicians are sent each year to specialized training to stay up to date on the newest technology available.

History

H & R Implement Co., Inc. was founded in 1959 by Dalton Hancock, and located in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The first contract the company held was with Minneapolis-Moline and Oliver. Mr. Hancock retired in the late seventies and Ross and Brenda Morgan bought the business. New Holland and Ford contracts were later added. Agri-Power, Inc. was founded in 1990 by Wayne Hunt. The business began in Hopkinsville, Kentucky by taking over a Case company store. Kubota and Bush Hog were quickly added. Agri-Power built and started a new dealership in Russellville,

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NEW HOLLAND

**Kentucky Soybean Board signs with MSPA
as a "GOLD" sponsor for the 2008 Pulling Season
Burn the Bean, Baby!!!**



Background:

Soy Biodiesel

Soy biodiesel is a cleaner burning alternative to petroleum-based diesel. Burning the cleaner alternative fuel will also lead to less dependency on foreign oil.

Soy biodiesel reduces poisonous carbon monoxide and diesel particulate emissions. Soy biodiesel is the safest liquid fuel available on the market today. In its pure form it is nontoxic.

Soybean farmers have invested millions of dollars through the soybean checkoff to build the soy biodiesel industry in the United States.

Talking Points:

- If every diesel engine in the nation used as low as a B2 blend it would displace one billion gallons of foreign oil a year.
- Over 25 school districts in Kentucky have made the switch to soy biodiesel.
- There is currently two soy biodiesel plants in Kentucky: Union County Biodiesel and Owensboro Grain Biodiesel.
- High lubricity By using a B2 blend engine lubricity will improve by 66%.
- Highest energy balance of any fuel (3.2 1)
- Biodegrades as fast as sugar and is 10 times less toxic than salt.
- U.S. consumes 20 million barrels of oil a day, of which 10+ million is imported.
- If every farmer used B2 we could utilize 71.6 million gallons of soy biodiesel annually.
- 10 cents will be added to the bushel price of soybeans for every 100 million gallons of soy biodiesel utilized.

Sources:

Kentucky Soybean Association www.kysoy.org

National Biodiesel Board www.biodiesel.org

Wilber's Winners... A look into the future

The 2008 season is upon us. It's time to look into the future and use my infinite wisdom to predict the winners for the upcoming season. If you noted my prior success you will know that you can take my predictions to the bank (although they'll laugh at you).

2008 Champions

TWD Trucks

This should be a great class this year. There are a couple of new trucks that in various states of completion that should make the track this year. There were two trucks that stand out in my mind from last year. One was Keith Slayden and his American Made truck and the other was Brad Ferrell and Southern Rage. I'm giving the nod to Southern Rage.

2008 TWD Champ Brad Ferrell & Southern Rage

SMFWD Trucks

New rules and more trucks should be in order for this class. The magic boys (Big Daddy & Black) will be back and tougher than ever. A new frame for Randy McConnell will help stir the pot. But, in the end you'll need a little luck or magic in this case to win it all.

2008 SMFWD Champ Larry Douthit & Big Daddy Magic

6SS

This will be the most colorful class for sure. Last year the Essary tractor came into its own late in the year. But, Larry Gorham was in the hunt with the Beauty & the Beast tractor. I hear that a couple of new tractors (and frames) will be on the track this year. I think they'll all be a little intimidated when they see clear skies and hear the rumble of Thunder.

2008 6SS Champ Kevin Essary & Evening Thunder

8SS

Diesel had been dominate in this class for quite some time until Russell Davenport shook up the ranks with Gus's Toy. There are rumblings that team clean will be getting some more alky's in the class. But don't look for too much success this year. I just see another load of Nite Trouble headed there way.

2008 8SS Champ Kenneth Hale & Nite Trouble

10 Pro

The epic battle of Red vs Green will take place again this year. Although the Red ones got the better of the competition last year them cotton picken' deere's were all over the place. The game warden has put a hold on huntin' season in '08. So look for the young bucks to run wild.

2008 10 Pro Champ Miles Stratton/Brad Moss & Young Buck

PSFWD Trucks

Now that the winter is over I'm sure that the ringing that Bell Brothers put on the competition is nothing more than a nightmare for this class. I'm guessing that some have been using the sleepless nights to find a way to stop the ringing. I think it'll take someone that willing to burn some cash.

2008 PSFWD Champ Thomas Cottrell & Burnin' Cash

SF

The bus (I've renamed the Dixie Deere) is coming back this summer to pick up the rest of the class and take them to school. Will anybody step up and give them a flat tire? I've heard rumblings for new motors and such for the 2008 season so we'll have to wait and see. But my money is on the Dixie Deere.

2008 SF Champ Russell Counce/Jed Pettus Dixie Deere

SMT Tractors

Right now I don't think they've got any hooks but if a couple come along I'll have to say "Break out the hot dogs and marshmallows" 'cause the Heat's On.

2008 SMT Champ Bill Thalmann & The Heat's On

2007 Banquet Pictures



Technically Speaking

The 2008 pulling season is a little over a month away. If you haven't had your clutch inspected see the phone number of the officials listed below and set up a time & date with the one closest to you. Super Farm turbos need to be inspected and sealed prior to hooking with the MSPA. Eddie Kerr has been designated to inspect Super Farm turbos in the MSPA so be sure to contact him and make arrangements.

If you have not paid your 2008 MSPA membership you should consider doing so before the end of the month (registration form is on the next page). The cost of membership is \$100.00 before April, 1st and increased to \$150.00 on the first. The reason for the deadline is to give Sharon some time to get all her information loaded into the computer and get everything ready for the upcoming season.

We have (2) pulls scheduled in April. If you plan on making the hooks please show up early so we can get you teched and registered. Sharon will need to double check all of the membership requirements and give you a MSPA packet. This is just a courtesy and will go a long way in making 2008 another great season.

There will be a directors meeting on March 30th in Springfield, TN at Bob Barbee's shop. One of the topics for discussion is listed below:

New potential rules for the Open FWD (or SMFWD class)...

Blower overdrive limits in place for the 2008 season are as follows:

14-71 blower = 30% overdrive

12-71 blower = 40% overdrive

8-71 blower = 50% overdrive

Vehicle weights will also be discussed

If you need directions or more information contact Brent, Sharon, or Bob.

Brent (931) 722-8240

Sharon (256) 232-9481

Bob (615) 643-3235

MSPA Tech Services

Only the officials listed below are certified to inspect NTPA clutches.

Please check the list for one near you...

Eddie Kerr *

(* Super Farm Turbo Inspector)

931-224-1700

Jim Campbell

MSPA Head Tech

931-762-7185

Bill Thalman

270-886-5411

Ronald Whitaker

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2008 Registration & Membership Info

Name of Driver: _____

All MSPA correspondence will be mailed to this address.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Phone: Cell (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Jacket and/or Shirt Size: _____

Vehicle Name: _____

Class: _____

If your vehicle competes in more than one class, you must indicate which class you wish to exercise your voting rights. If not specifically indicated, the class listed first shall be the class used.

Additional Driver (if applicable)

Name: _____

(if different than above)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Phone: Cell (____) _____

Jacket and/or Shirt Size: _____

Two Hot Pit Passes

Name: _____

Name: _____

MSPA Classifies the vehicle as the member, please enclose the appropriate amount.

Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail to:

Mid-South Pullers Association

c/o Tonnice & Sharon Wallace

29633 Easter Ferry Road

Lester, Alabama 35647

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2008 Schedule & Results

Tentative as of 14-Mar-08

added 8SS to Shelbyville, TN

added Manchester, TN - Sept. 27th

Date	Location	Time	Classes	Purse	Sled
April					
April 19th	Shelbyville, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 4		
April 26th	Murray, KY	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF	"B"	
May					
May 10th	Lawrenceburg, TN	7:00 PM	2, 6, 10, SF, P4		
May 17th	Fayetteville, TN	7:00 PM	10, SF, 2, 4		
May 23-24	Contract Pending				
31-May	Viola, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 2, SF		
June					
June 6-7	Lexington, AL	7:00 PM	6, 8, SF, 2, 4, P4	"B"	
June 14th	Contract Pending				
June 20-21	Hazel Green, AL	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2, 4, P4	"A"	
June 28th	Springfield, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2, 4, P4	"B"	
July					
July 4-5	Hopkinsville, KY	7:00 PM	TBA		
July 12th	Paris, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, 2, SF		
July 18th	Temple Hill, KY	7:00 CST	6, 8 (no points in 8SS), 10, SF, 4, P4	"B"	
July 19st	Bardstown, KY	7:30 EST	6, 8 (no points in 8SS), 4, SF, P4, SMT*	"B"	
July 25-26	Tanner, AL	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2, 4, P4	"A"	
August					
Aug. 1st	Clinton, KY	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2	"C"	
Aug. 2nd	Hillsboro, TN	7:00 PM	TBA		
Aug. 8th	Somerville, TN	7:30 PM	TBA		
Aug. 9th	Crockett Mills, TN	7:00 PM	TBA		
Aug. 15-17	Bowling Green, OH				
Aug. 29th	Springfield, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2, 4, P4	"B"	
Aug. 30th	Franklin, KY	7:00 PM	TBA		
September					
Sept. 5-7	Knoxville, TN TN Valley Fair	7:00 PM EST	TBA		
Sept. 12th	Lincoln County Fair Fayetteville, TN	7:00 PM	TBA		
Sept. 21-22	Contract Pending				
Sept. 27th	Manchester, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF		

Legend

6 = 6,000# Super Stock

8 = 8,000# Super Stock

10 = 10,000# Pro Stock

SF = Super Farm

2 = TWD Trucks

4 = Open FWD Trucks

P4 = PSFWD Trucks

SMT = Super Modified Tractors

AROUND THE MID-SOUTH



Top picture - Mike Carter gets a little air time in Tanner.

Right - Does Kenny need some more ballast on the front end?

Bottom Left - Brad Fowlers Eliminator PSFWD Truck.

Bottom Right - Wilber added a miniature bus hood ornament to the Dixie Deere.



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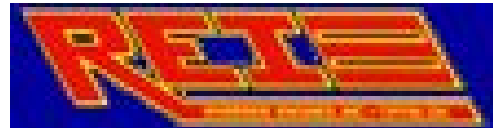
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