

Debbie's Thought's (Heritage Festival Pull):

Thank you all for helping us support the Halifax County Quarter Scale Tractor Club. We had another Saturday with great weather for a pull. Unfortunately we had another pull with several breakages and malfunctions. At least it was only the sled this time. We appreciate your patience while the repairs were made. Special thanks to the ones that helped. I don't know the guys with the service trucks but they were a God send. I wish the weather had cooperated with the club, for their practice pull in March. They would have had plenty of time to get the bugs out, before this pull.

I think the Halifax Club should be proud of themselves. I know I am. This was their first pull this year. Those are always hard. You have to try to remember how to do a job, after a six month vacation. They have lost some members that done a lot of the work. A lot of the workers did jobs that were new to them. Some of the jobs involved new equipment. Considering all that I think the pull was very successful.

I am very proud of Don Gainey. He hadn't rode their sled in six months. Think he was only on it for a few classes then. We took him for some wild rides. I said we, not just me. I am notorious for having a hard time keeping it between the white lines. The box not working correctly, on the sled, doesn't help. Don was brave for toughing it out. I know I don't want to see any guardrails any time soon. I changed lanes one time driving home for that simple reason. Ricky Gentry saved me again. If he hadn't been watching the box on the sled for me, I would have damaged my new paint job. Not to mention two old bodies, mine and the tractor's. I think if the club will do some modifications to the sled, the problems can be fixed.

I am just as proud of OCP as the Halifax Club. Rumors started over the winter that we were rivaling clubs. I think we all proved them false. Several club members have always worked on the OCP team. Our team was finally able to help them. Our goal this year is to each have a monthly pull. To work together. I think we have gotten off to a great start. Hope it continues. We appreciate our regular pullers going to pull with us and the club. I think if we all keep working together we will have some great pulls this year.

I like the club's new distance monitor and display. Don had enough to learn for one day. Special thanks to Wayne Woody for reading the distances and announcing. He's been doing our pulls for years. We made him work even harder than usual.

Speaking of working hard, I didn't miss it a bit. I enjoyed being photographer for part of the pull. Let me see more of the pull than I have in a long time. Special thanks to Fred Holland and Sarah Cook for helping. They had to cover for Tammy and I when we pulled. One of many times us pullers needed family to help us. I enjoyed the time to get to visit with everyone, too.

I hope two good things came from all the breakages and malfunctions of the last two Saturdays. I hope that some of you understand now why I am so obsessed with safety. We were shown how stuff can break or not work right. I learned the hard way from previous "sledwrecks". I got a small reminder Saturday. Hopefully the spectators learned why Wayne tells them to get off the track and the barriers. There were a few times that if they hadn't listened someone could have gotten hurt.

Praying the bad luck for OCP and Halifax County is over. We are going to help a friend pull antiques, Saturday. Hope their club doesn't have bad luck or Danny and I will start thinking we are the problem.

Keep checking the website for pull dates. We have to get all our repairs made. Then we'll schedule some. Hope to see you at pulls by other folks. Stay safe.