

Peak Vale Tractor Pulling Club - Welcome to 2014



Welcome to the new pulling season from PVTPC!

Following the AGM in October the new PVTPC committee members are as follows...

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Committee members Kev 'Reg' Barlow, Mick Hubbard, Bryan Wildgoose

Important Rule changes for 2014

Minutes from the AGM are enclosed. There were a number of issues discussed and this has led to modification of the pulling rules and conditions of entry in 2014. The main points being that...

- **Conditions of Entry Point 5** Additional conditions for high revving tractors now apply at the lowered RPM breakpoint of **2700rpm**. This is to bring us into line with other pulling organisations.
- **Event Rules Point 1.8** Helmets must now be worn by all drivers when pulling the sledge. This is a simple matter of driver safety.

Steel clutches are also recommended for use during 2014 and it is the club's intention to make the use of steel clutches compulsory in 2015. So for those currently building tractors, this may be worth noting.

Dates for 2014 Season

We already have our first event confirmed for 2014 and it's an early one...

**Norfolk Showground
Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March 2014**

Passes will be required for this event, so please contact Noddy Williams ASAP (07747 536 330) if you would like an entry form. A pub meal is looking likely for the Saturday night and Noddy is looking for a suitable venue for us.

Other dates are...

Dalecrete (Captain's Barn) – late June (TBC) – *contact Steve Dale*

Marsham Summer Show – 9th & 10th August 2014 – *contact Noddy/Dave Williams*

Moorgreen Country Show - 24th & 25th August 2014 – *contact Neil Green*

Shackerstone Steam Fair - 6th & 7th September 2014 (TBC) – *contact TBC*

Newark Vintage Tractor Show (Static display only) – 8th & 9th November 2014 – *contact Neil Green*

PVTPC will have a 'club stand' again this year and participating members must be included on the club entry, but all exhibitors also need to complete an individual entry form that is sent directly to Newark. If you attended last year then you should be sent one automatically this year. If you would like an entry form for 2014 please contact Neil Green as we will have some spares sent to us from Newark.

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Other PVTPC News

The committee are still looking at the pros and cons of the club becoming a limited company and will report back to members as soon as a firm decision has been made. Insurance is also under investigation and we have a quote from an alternative company, with other insurance routes also being considered.

During last winter the sledge had a complete overhaul and was also repainted. It seemed to perform very well during last season, but it's hoped that a number of further modifications can be made to 'The Stinger' before the first pull in Norfolk at the end of March. The sledge is currently being stored at Ox Close Farm, Tansley.

Roundup of 2013

Rockingham Steam Festival

A wet disaster...no pulling took place.

Marsham, Norfolk

A new venue for 2013 and what a fantastic show. Tractor pulling certainly drew some impressive crowds and our attendance was very much appreciated by the organisers. There was a lovely atmosphere at this show and a bit of everything to see. Mr Bailey's tractor pulling PA debut!

Moorgreen Country Show

A few ploughing horses didn't appreciate our efforts, but once again the tractor pulling was very popular with the crowds. It's a shame that we aren't closer to the main show, but we keep asking...

Bryan Wildgoose's Birthday Pull

I lovely relaxing weekend and thank you to Bryan for inviting us. 'Deere Stalker' came alive at this event and Dave had a rather large grin on his face for most of the weekend.

Newark Vintage Tractor Show

It was a typically chilly weekend on Newark Showground, but we were allocated a much larger area this year. The sledge was set up as a static display with Mick Hubbard's Grey Ghost looking very impressive 'on the pull'. The Saturday night meal was rather disappointing and the club intends to get a meal at a local eatery this year rather than going with the on-site catering option.

Please look out for further updates on our Facebook page 'Peak Vale Tractor Pulling' and our website

www.peakvaletractorpulling.co.uk



The following conditions are the **minimum** safety requirements for any tractor wishing to pull the Peak Vale sledge:

1. All tractors:

- 1.1. A roll bar, of sufficient construction to protect the driver in the event of an overturn, must be fitted.
- 1.2. Wheelie bars, of sufficient construction to carry the weight of the tractor, must be fitted. The wheelie bars must protrude outside of the diameter of the rear tyres and must be no more than 300mm from the ground.
- 1.3. A seat belt, that is sufficient to hold the driver in the tractor seat, must be fitted.
- 1.4. All mechanical (engine driven) fans must be sufficiently guarded so that in the event of a fan failure no part of it can escape from the engine compartment.
- 1.5. Throttles must return to idle when released.
- 1.6. Tractors must be deemed "fit for purpose" by the PVTPC scrutiners, e.g. Batteries and weights secured, relevant bodywork in place etc.
- 1.7. All exhaust pipes must finally direct gases vertically.

2. Additional conditions for non-turbo tractors

- 2.1. A remote stop must be fitted to the tractor which will allow the sledge operator to stop or reduce the engine to idle, this may take the form of a kill flap over the air intake or a fuel cut off. The remote stop cable must be terminated at the rear of the tractor within easy reach of the hook person when being attached to the sledge.

3. Additional conditions for turbo tractors

- 3.1. A kill flap must be fitted to the tractors air intake which will cause the tractor to stall or be reduced to near idle rev's when operated. The kill flap cable must be terminated at the rear of the tractor within easy reach of the hook person when being attached to the sledge.
- 3.2. Cross bolts must be fitted in the exhaust pipe; which are sufficient to stop a complete turbo impeller leaving the exhaust pipe. A minimum 2 number 10mm 8.8 grade bolts is required, more bolts maybe required in larger diameter exhaust pipes.

4. Additional conditions for tractors using any other fuel instead of or in addition to Diesel

- 4.1. Tractors must be fitted with a fire extinguisher that is suitable for the type of fuel being used. (For more information see <http://www.firesafe.org.uk>)

5. Additional conditions for high revving tractors (over 2700rpm) **lowered for 2014**

- 5.1. Tractors must be fitted with a steel flywheel
- 5.2. Tractors must have bell housings sufficiently guarded so that in the event of part or the entire flywheel becoming detached it is contained within the confines of the tractor. This may take the form of a shatter blanket or 10mm thick steel shroud around the length of the bell housing.
- 5.3. Tractors must be fitted with side panels that are sufficient to stop engine parts leaving the engine compartment in the event of catastrophic engine failure.
- 5.4. Tractors must not be fitted with mechanical cooling fans.

Peak Vale Tractor Pulling Club Event Rules 2014



The following rules are in place to ensure the safety of everybody in the tractor pulling area including spectators.

1. All entrants must provide a signature on arrival on site to confirm their agreement to operate under PVTPC rules.
2. All drivers must sign the PVTP disclaimer confirming they hold appropriate public liability insurance prior to pulling the sledge.
3. The liability for ANY incidents caused by drivers other than those on the entry form will be the direct responsibility of the entrant.
4. No Alcohol is to be consumed in the tractor pulling area. Show grounds are classed as public highways; all drivers are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring that they are legally fit to drive.
5. All members of the club have a duty to report concerns to the Peak Vale sledge operators or a committee member immediately.
6. All tractors will be subject to scrutineering by Peak Vale sledge operators before they are allowed to pull the sledge. The scrutiner's decision is final.
7. Organisers reserve the right to refuse the person entered to pull or access to the site.

Rules when pulling the sledge

1. Seat belts must be worn whilst hooked to the sledge.
2. No gear changing/ snatching during a pull.
3. Helmets must be worn by tractor drivers when hooked up to the sledge. **(new 2014)**