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To: Outlaw Members

From: Doug Roberts, OTTPA President

Subject: 2008 Schedule

The 2008 OTTPA pulling schedule is nearly 90% complete and is by far the best schedule we have had since OTTPA started going to over 40 events a year in 2000. I want to thank all of our promoters who have worked with me on the schedule. With this being a leap year a lot of fair dates have rolled a week and some have not. Some events are now on top of each other, and some fairs and promoters have moved their dates to make our schedule work better. Just yesterday they predicted gas and diesel will go over \$4.00 a gallon this summer and that is one reason it has taken awhile for me to get this schedule completed. This year the location of the puller in relationship to the event has never been more important. Many of you received the maps in the newsletter three weeks ago that showed where our events are located and where our competitors live. These have been an important tool for me and our promoters to get the best schedule for both the promoters and the competitors. Enclosed is a revised tentative schedule which will show our current schedule to date. There are four or five tentative dates on the schedule and some events may change some classes. There are 3 events I am still looking at that are not on the tentative schedule at this time.

The new schedule has only four one-hook events as I have dropped some pulls that were one-hook events because I could not get them tied in with another event. I have turned down some events that did not fit our schedule or would have been one-hook events. We will have 13 sweeps this year ranging from 2 to 6 hooks in a row. The schedule also has nine, two-hook events and three, three-hook events. Some of the sweeps drop or pick up different classes, but none have gaps where a class does not hook in the middle of the sweep. I have tried to keep everyone between 20 and 30 hooks each. We have three classes right now just under that at 19 hooks each, and 3 right over that at 32 hooks each. Three classes ended up with 20 some hooks and the USS class has only 9 hooks.

With the great schedule, increase in purses for all classes, and less hooks for most classes, I look for a banner year for OTTPA pulling in 2008 for our competitors and promoters. I have had over a dozen competitors call and tell me they are running for points this year for the first time as they like the new schedule, purse, and hook locations. Because of the increase in purse some promoters had to drop a class or two to keep the cost close to last year. With the expected increase in number of competitors at each event due to the raised purses and less hooks, the promoter should have as much or more show than last year. This is a win, win situation for both the competitors and promoters. We look to have at least 8 new events this year and our total purse will go over 1 million dollars this year.

One of the biggest disappointments this year will be not getting to pull at the Missouri State Fair. This disappointment is not so much for the Outlaws as we have plenty of events, but for the competitors that have competed there for the past 16 years. Some are past Missouri State Fair Champions, many are from Missouri and still others have pulled at the fair since the 60's. Some are the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of pullers from the same family that will not get to participate this year. This happens from time to time as you get new leadership or dates change at fairs.

Here's a look at the schedule for the different classes:

Limited Pro Stock Tractors (LPS) – This is a new class with competitors signed up from MO, IA, KS, and NE. Some are new competitors and some are current competitors in the Super Farm class. This class now has 19 hooks with 7 in IA and NE, and the rest in MO and KS. Of the 19 hooks there are 15 hooks that are at the same event as the Pro Stock tractors and these competitors can hook in that class also as class jumping will be allowed in this class only. This new class has a \$2500 purse and pays out 10 places with \$600 to win. If this class grows as I think it will, look for a raise in purse, plus more hooks next year. I will also have a better idea where the competitors are located to know where to schedule the hooks.

Pro Stock Trucks (P4x4) – This class has done a good job for the Outlaws because of its professional appearing vehicles as well as the size of the class. This is the only class in OTTPA that will have more hooks this year compared to last year. With 80% of the competitors from western MO, I am taking this class north only 2 times. One time for a total of 3 hooks at the Iowa State Fair and Wisner, NE, and the other time being 2 hooks at Dell Rapids, SD and the finals at Spencer, IA. This class will have 19 hooks in MO and KS with 2 trips down south. One time for a total of 5 hooks in 8 days in Texas at Taylor and Whitewright, with the other time being 2 hooks in a row in Oklahoma at Enid and Chickasha. There are now 6 different Pro Stock trucks in Texas that hooked at Whitewright, DeLeon, Enid or Chickasha last year. This is great schedule for this class. This class has a \$500 increase in purse to \$2500 paying out 10 places with \$600 to win.

Light Super Stock Tractors (LSS) – This class will have 32 hooks this year and that is a few more hooks than I wanted. The class vehicles are spread out with 9 in NE, 9 in IA, 7 in MO, and 5 new tractors in MO for this year. This class is growing and has more competitors down south than any of the other Ag type tractor classes. For this reason, it is the best class to try and get some tractors down south in Texas where they are needed. The class will hook 15 times up north in IA and NE, along with 17 times down south, with most of the hooks being in MO and KS. Five of the 17 hooks down south will be in Texas as you will get 5 hooks in 8 days at Taylor and Whitewright. This class has a \$1000 increase in purse to \$3500 paying out 12 places with \$700 to win.

Super Farm Tractors (SF) – This is the fastest growing class in Outlaws and the competition has never been closer since we went to the box turbo. I took half the hooks in Missouri out of the schedule last year since we did not have any Super Farm competitors below I-70 and that really helped the overall average. The hooks that were left in Missouri had the lowest averages again, so this year there are no hooks in Missouri or Kansas. This class is getting too many competitors at some events and I am hoping some switch over to the new Limited Pro Stock class. We had 54 Super Farm tractors taking points and 72 different Super Farm tractors hook to the sled last year. This class has a \$1500 increase in purse to \$4000 paying out 15 places with \$700 to win.

Pro Stock Tractors (PS) – This is the best schedule ever for Pro Stock tractors in Outlaws and we ended up with almost too many hooks at 28. Hopefully the new turbo limitations will help everyone stay together and cut back on maintenance. This class has always been a slow starter, as most competitors are farmers and are busy in the field when the season starts. For this reason there will only be 5 hooks until July 25<sup>th</sup>, with one of them being in May and two of them being the 3rd week of June in NE at Prague and Ravenna. The other two will be at Rock Valley, IA, the second week of July. Except for the 1-hook event at Springfield, MO, in May, this class will only hook at sweeps and 2-hook and 3-hook events. There are 13 hooks up north in IA, NE, and SD along with 15 hooks down south in MO, KS, and OK. Anyone that lives close to the MO and IA border is right in the middle of things. This class has a \$2000 increase in purse to \$5000 paying out 12 places with \$1000 to win.

Diesel Super Stock Tractors (DSS) – Almost all the competitors in this class live in western IA or northern MO and this new schedule reflects that. With 19 hooks total, there will be 13 hooks in IA, 5 in NE, and 1 in northern MO. I look for this class to do well this year. All hooks are sweeps or 2 hook events except for 1 hook at Memphis, MO and Menville, IA. This class has a \$700 increase in purse to \$3500 paying out \$900 to win. If this class does as expected, I would expect an increase in purse for next year.

Unlimited Super Stock Tractors (USS) – This class is struggling and I am having a hard time selling this class to our promoters. There are only 4 or 5 vehicles in this class and 1 tractor is not even a true USS. The promoters know this and one promoter called and said that 3 have been advertised for sale on the internet this year along with two other tractors that haven't even been finished yet. This class lost 4 hooks when the Missouri State Fair didn't book Outlaws. With Washington, Richland, and DeLeon all on the same weekend, we could not give Washington enough show and they went with ITPA. With that happening, Richland decided to hook the same classes as Mound City since they could not tie in with the Missouri State Fair or Washington. One Missouri competitor has already told me that their vehicle will not be at Diamond because there is a PPL in Wisconsin that weekend. For 2 years there has been talk of new tractors coming out, but it has never happened. This class has a \$1000 increase in purse to \$3500 paying out \$900 to win.

Modified 4WD Trucks (4WD) – This class does not have as many hooks as I would like to see with 19 scheduled as of now. Mainly because of the 8 hooks lost in Texas and then 3 more when Missouri State Fair and Washington did not book Outlaws. Richland dropped the class when that happened and that makes a total of 12 hooks lost that would have made a total of 31 for this class. There are 6 state hooks for this class this year and I believe by next year the hooks will be back up close to 30. There is only 1 4WD truck left in Texas that pulled with Outlaws last year and the only other truck in Texas is for sale. Just 8 years ago there were 13 Modified 4WD trucks in Texas that pulled with Outlaws and this is the reason for not hooking this class in Texas. Of the 6 trucks that pulled at Taylor last year, 3 are not running for points and were not committed to going to Texas this year (Kendrick-2, Hagedorn-1). Most of the vehicles are in MO (11), and IA (9), followed by NE, SD, and TX with 1 each. All 3 of the new events I am looking at that are not listed on the schedule include the 4WD class. The 5 new hooks for this class this year are Prague, Rock Valley (2), and Oskaloosa (2). I just couldn't make up for all the lost hooks this year. This class has a \$2000 increase in purse to \$5000 paying out 15 places with \$900 to win.

Modified 2WD Trucks (2WD) – This class is the most spread out class of vehicles that Outlaw's has. The most are in Texas (8), followed by MO (5), IA (5), NE (4), AR (2), NM (2), OK, KS, IL, and MN with 1 each. That means I can hook this class almost anywhere and have a good turnout of vehicles. Three vehicles ran for points and went to almost all the hooks, and then we picked up different vehicles at different locations. We do get a little short when we get too far north and west. When Randy Urban announced at the annual meeting that he wasn't hooking his two trucks with Outlaws this year, I pulled them out of Ravenna, NE, along with other events in that area, as there were only 6 trucks there last year and the 3 that run for points have to drive from southern MO and Texas. This class has 27 hooks in Outlaws along with 11 state hooks. The class has a \$2000 increase in purse to \$5000 paying out 15 places with \$900 to win.

Modified Tractors (MOD) - This class has vehicles north and south, but none in the middle. There are 11 up north in SD, NE, IA, and IL. There are 7 down south in TX, KS, OK, and AR. There are none in Missouri and the numbers reflect that as some of the lowest turnouts of vehicles were Lebanon, Washington, Springfield, and Platte City, MO. Taylor, TX only had 5 and unless we get more support from some of the southern modified tractor competitors this class is going to die out in Texas, Oklahoma and southern Missouri. One plus is a new mod in Oklahoma (Justin Gallion), but there are a lot of modified tractors that hook none or very little (Roarin Rooster, Uncle Sam, Stud Mule, Cotton Candy, Oso Negro, Hooterville Express, Joker, and to a lesser extent Texas Thunder and Texas Bullwhip. Outlaws is considering some rule changes for this year to even up the class some more as far as fair competition is concerned and this will help some, but next year the class needs to look at some other options. The class has a \$2000 increase in purse to \$5000 paying out 12 places with \$1000 to win.

In closing, I hope this letter helps to clarify our current schedule. I hope to see you on the OTTPA Summer Tour this year.

Doug Roberts

### 2008 Tentative Class Purse

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>HOOKS</b>	<b>HOOK PURSE</b>	<b>TOTAL PURSE</b>
<b>LPS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>\$47,500</b>
<b>P4x4</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>\$77,500</b>
<b>LSS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3500</b>	<b>\$112,000</b>
<b>SF</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>
<b>PS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>
<b>DSS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3500</b>	<b>\$66,500</b>
<b>USS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3500</b>	<b>\$31,500</b>
<b>4WD</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>
<b>2WD</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>
<b>MOD</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>238 Points Hooks Purse =</b>	<b>\$953,000</b>
		<b>30 State Hooks Purse =</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
		<b>Raised Purse =</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>
		<b>2008 Total Purse =</b>	<b>\$1,021,500</b>