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Northwest Fall Nationals Special Edition



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Northwest Fall Nationals Tractor Pull Recap

Event: Northwest Fall Nationals Tractor Pull

Venue: Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA

Dates: October 7th-9th, 2011

Rules: USAP and USCP

The Preparation

Prior to going to the NW Fall Nationals there was some prep work that was required. The small fleet to make the 275mi trek consisted of the Massey Harris Mustang, the MH 101 Twin Power and the Minneapolis Moline 335. The Mustang was ready to hook well ahead of time, but the 101 and 335 needed a bit of tweaking just before departure.

One thing I decided to do before going was to top cut the tires on the 101. In the prior three tractor pulls it had trouble hooking up with the ground and I figured top cutting the tires would only help. WHAT A DIRTY JOB. Since the tractor pull started on Friday the 7th, I wanted to take a leisurely drive the day before. Deciding to cut the tires on the day I was supposed to leave was probably not the greatest idea, but it did make a difference. First of all, I hand cut the tires using a special grinding disc purchased from ME Miller Tire. The disc cut well and cut both tires but it still took over 4hrs to complete the job. My only regret was not getting a picture of myself when I was done. I looked like I had been in a coal mine for weeks.

One precaution when cutting tires is to always wear proper safety gear, especially a full face mask with integrated filter. This keeps rubber dust out of your eyes and from breathing it too. Also, the grinding disc is pretty aggressive,

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So covering all bare skin with heavy clothing is a good idea. By the way, I won't reveal exactly how I cut the tires – you'll have to wait for the Antique Tractor Pull Guide: Tires to be published. ☺



The awful mess left from top cutting tires. Yes, I vacuumed it up.

For the 335, it needed a front weight bracket extension. The existing front weight bracket was fabricated out of aluminum by its previous owner. In order to meet the 11ft rule, the bracket was extended almost 18". The wheelbase on a 335 is pretty short and this tractor already had problems with the front end coming up.



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By the time the tractors were loaded and ready to go, it was after 8pm. The drive to Moses Lake isn't bad from the Portland area, and I rolled into town at almost 1:00am. Needless to say, it was not the best way to start a fun filled weekend of pulling by being overly tired.



Yes, three tractors will fit on a 24' trailer

The Friday was reserved for practice hooks in the middle of the day, with the pull officially starting at 3pm. The 2500-4000# classes were pulled the first day, with action resuming at 9:30am on the Saturday with the first King of The Hill class. Pulling continued all day long, with classes all the way up to 12,000lbs. Saturday evening featured a pickup truck pull and Sunday the tractors were pulled all over again.

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This pull is organized by the innovative Mark Valentine, who also owns and operates the sled. Mark is well known for his near perfect preparation and execution of tractor pulling events. Mark says that in the past couple of years he has learned more about track prep and maintenance than ever before. He believes it is an often overlooked art when it comes to putting on a great event. The pull was held indoors at the fairgrounds, yet the dry Eastern Washington climate yielded near perfect 70 degree weather the first two days of the event.

The pull features USAP and USAC rules with a wide variety of speed limit classes and very popular King of The Hill classes. In this three day event spanning Friday through Sunday, there were more than 400 recorded hooks. The pull was well sponsored by local tractor dealerships and businesses which meant very nice ribbons, plaques and trophies were up for grabs. Ribbons were given for each individual day of competition, plaques for combined total distance for both days, and the trophies for the King of The Hill.



Tractors in line to practice hook in the outdoor arena. The actual pull was held indoors.

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I used the practice hooks to gauge weight balance. The outdoor arena track was a little harder than the indoor track the pull was held on. I knew that if I could get the weight balance dialed somewhat close, I could use my intuition to fine tune things once the pull started.

The first test was to see if the 101's tires would hook up. In every pull up until then, it had never popped a wheelie. Big surprise, with only two weights on the nose the front end came off the ground fairly high, which meant the top cut tires were definitely doing something good!

Next came the entry forms and hook fees. With 3 tractors, multiple speed limit classes, and being 275mi from home, I decided to make it worth while by



Jeff Kentch on his MM Z during practice.

signing up for 16 hooks. The Mustang pulled in the 3000 and 3500# classes, while the 101 and 335 were in the 4000 and 4500# classes. There was a 3750# KOH class in there too. At this pull, because it's such a large event, only 3 hooks per tractor per day are allowed (which includes KOH classes).

So how did these three tractors perform? The answer is well, to say the least. The biggest surprises were the Mustang and the 101, which hit the podium in every class entered. The absolute biggest surprise of the entire weekend was the fact that the 101 was the 3750# KOH winner, beating out 11 other really tough tractors.

Folks, you've seen the trials, tribulations and extensive work that went in to putting the engine into the 101, fabrication, messy tire cutting, and so on. It's moments like this that make every scraped finger, bruised knuckle and late night spent all worth it. I literally had to sit down for a minute to take it all in.

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NW Fall Nationals Recap (cont)



It's hard to stop smiling with this sort of feeling of accomplishment.



MH 44 Special, Allis Chalmers WD, JD 435 GM, Allis Chalmers D12

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Mark Valentine at the driver's meeting



Allis Chalmers D-14



Farmall 460



Ford 8N Funk 6cyl



Allis Chalmers WC



Minneapolis Moline U Special

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JD 435 GM



Allis Chalmers WD



International 350 Diesel Utility



Howard Nunnikoven on Farmall 560



Valentine's Self Propelled Sled



Eddie Hadaller – MM G

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New this year was the beautiful brand new speed readout at the end of the track, showing pullers their actual ground speed while hooked to the sled. Valentine's sled also features a speed limit horn, however it didn't sound off as many times as years past since the digital display was available. Folks came from several surrounding areas and states to attend, bringing tough competition with them. This year there were two very special guests in attendance – Bubba Emmick and Ray Denney. Both of these guys were able to participate in the pull on Valentine's tractors and even helped out with the track crew. Ray is a member of the Mean Green Pulling Team who puts on the Southern Nationals at Tunica, MS. During the drivers meeting each day he mentioned a few words inviting everyone to come down and enjoy some southern hospitality during the first weekend in December.

Friendly rivalries have popped up over the years and none is more entertaining than the rivalry between Randy Valentine and Scott Hodges. Both men pull very evenly matched Oliver tractors and often place a \$5 bet on one of their classes at every pull. This time it was Randy who had to shell out \$5 after Scott put on a clinic with his hook in the 4750# KOH class with his Oliver 770.



Bubba Emmick & Ray Denney



Scott Hodges & Randy Valentine

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Special thanks go out to Diane & Bonnie Valentine and their small army of workers that kept the paperwork end of the pull in check. Also thanks to all involved with the track crew who kept the surface in order, especially break out star Jeff Kentch for his amazing skills on the leveler.

With over 400 hooks on the weekend (including pickup pulls Saturday night), the NW Fall National Pull keeps growing bigger every year. Since it is a multi-day pull, many folks have time to visit in the evenings, share stories, knowledge and form new friendships. With USAP rules and multiple speed limit classes there is a place for everyone to pull no matter the type of tractor or skill level. Plan on attending in 2012 since this is quickly becoming a destination pull well worth the experience.

**Bonnie Valentine
Oliver 77**



**Dick Roberts
International 1468**

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(number) denotes
qualifying 2 day
entries in each class

Here are the **overall results** from the competition:

KOH 3750 4mph (12)

1st Zack Peterson 190.39' MH 101

KOH 4750 4mph (12)

1st Scott Hodges 189.33' Oliver 770

KOH 8750 5mph (3)

1st Loren Heinrichs 176.73' Farmall 806

3000# 3mph (4)

1st Cheryl Roberts 373.24' Ferguson TO-30
2nd Howard Nunnikhoven 294.95' Farmall 200
3rd Ted Simkus 290.39' Ferguson TO-30

3000# 4mph (2)

1st Zack Peterson 362.54' MH Mustang
2nd Sue Inghram 222.28' Ford 8N

3000# 6mph (5)

1st Russ Eveleth 356.53' Ford 8N Funk
2nd Zack Peterson 274.25' MH Mustang
3rd Myrna Franklin 261.52' Oliver 60

3500# 3mph (8)

1st Kent TeVelde 360.07' AC D14
2nd Zack Peterson 353.61' MH Mustang
3rd Bubba Emmick 353.38' AC WC

3500# 6mph (5)

1st Mark Valentine 400+ 382.14 p.o. Ford 800
2nd Jinny McMinimee 400+ 332.03 p.o. AC WD
3rd Russ Eveleth 353.16' ----- Ford 8N Funk

3500# 12mph (3)

1st Jinny McMinimee 378.15' AC WD
2nd Russ Eveleth 265.46' Ford 8N Funk

4000# 3mph (13)

1st Bubba Emmick 365.64' AC WC
2nd Dick Roberts 334.40' Farmall 200
3rd Rich Zeiler 321.31' JD 435

4000# 4mph (5)

1st Zack Peterson 392.17' MH 101
2nd Jeff Kentch 335.96' MM ZT
3rd Don Buys 299.03 JD 435

4000# 6mph (5)

1st Randy Valentine 378.90' Oliver 77
2nd Bonnie Valentine 378.02' Oliver 77
3rd Mark Valentine 364.36' Ford 800

4500# 3mph (16)

1st Don Weil 380.01' Farmall 300
2nd Glenn Carrigan 347.43' JD A
3rd Bob Opsahl 345.79' Oliver 77

4500# 4mph (6)

1st Max Franklin 343.83' Oliver 70
2nd Zack Peterson 334.54' MM 335
3rd Tanner Zeiler 306.61 JD 435

4500# 6mph (2)

1st Russel Gourley 334.75 Oliver 88

5000# 3mph (14)

1st Don Weil 361.71' Farmall 300
2nd Glenn Carrigan 349.59' JD A
3rd Levi Scartozzi 304.73' Oliver Super 88

5000# 4mph (3)

1st Myron Gablein 343.09' MM 445
2nd Max Franklin 315.97' Oliver 70
3rd Larry Fugle 278.32' IH 350 D

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Here are the **overall results** from the competition:

5000# 6mph (2)

- 1st Jim McMinimee 384.80' Oliver 88
- 2nd Howard Nunnikhoven 383.63' IH 460 D

5000# 12mph (5)

- 1st Russ Gourley 389.67' Oliver 88
- 2nd Howard Nunnikhoven 388.41' IH 460 D
- 3rd Jim McMinimee 387.05' Oliver 88

5500# 3mph (7)

- 1st Don Weil 305.80' Farmall 300
- 2nd Jeff Kentch 291.39' MM UTS
- 3rd Joe Gabelein 265.97' MM 445

6000# 3mph (9)

- 1st Don Weil 367.05' Farmall 300
- 2nd Joe Gabelein 348.29' MM 445
- 3rd Doug Bouwman 341.03' Oliver 770

6000# 4mph (7)

- 1st Michael Gabelein 348.02' MM U
- 2nd Jesse Kriete 312.99' Farmall Super M
- 3rd Jake Finke 311.92' Farmall Super M

6000# 6mph (3)

- 1st Ray Denney 390.29' Case L
- 2nd David Valentine 389.58' Oliver 77
- 3rd Daniel Huntley 340.25' MM U Special

6500# 3mph (3)

- 1st Jeff Kentch 328.63' MM UTS
- 2nd Howard Nunnikhoven 268.26' IH 560 D
- 3rd Jim Buys 262.88' JD G

6500# 4mph (4)

- 1st Michael Gabelein 292.88' MM U
- 2nd Jake Finke 283.04' Farmall Super M
- 3rd Jesse Kriete 253.99' Farmall Super M

7000# 3mph (4)

- 1st Howard Nunnikhoven 320.39' IH 560 D
- 2nd Doug Bouwman 293.00' Oliver 770
- 3rd Roger Smithhisler 270.75' Farmall M

7000# 4mph (4)

- 1st Eddie Hadaller 354.08' MM GTB
- 2nd Michael Gabelein 351.52' MM U
- 3rd Jesse Kriete 334.30' Farmall Super M

7000# 6mph (2)

- 1st David Valentine 385.65' Oliver 88
- 2nd Ray Denney 385.51' Case L

8000# 3mph (3)

- 1st Howard Nunnikhoven 319.39' IH 560 D
- 2nd Eddie Hadaller 316.90' MM GTB
- 3rd Bill Elzey 228.97' Farmall M

9000# 6mph (2)

- 1st Grant TeVelde 361.15' AC 190
- 2nd Loren Heinricks 348.59' Farmall 806

9000# 8mph (2)

- 1st Kevin TeVelde 383.30' AC 190
- 2nd Loren Heinricks 342.90' Farmall 806

10000# 6mph (2)

- 1st Marty Allbaugh 370.42' White 2-105
- 2nd Jinny McMinimee 318.45' Farmall 1206

10000# 8mph (2)

- 1st Marty Allbaugh 358.54' White 2-105
- 2nd Jinny McMinimee 316.10' Farmall 1206

10000# 12mph (2)

- 1st Marty Allbaugh 336.98' White 2-105
- 2nd Jinny McMinimee 307.84' Farmall 1206

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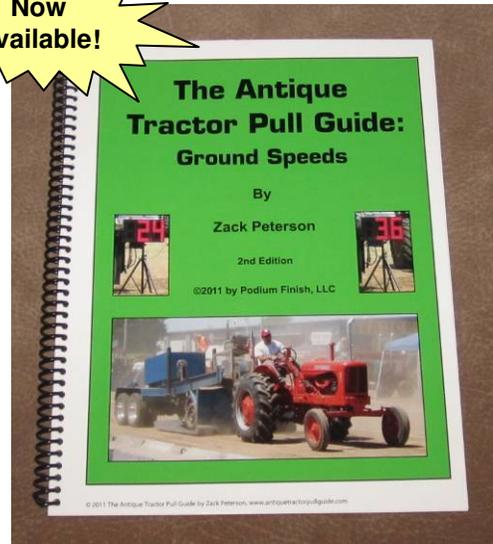


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Remember these pictures of plaques, ribbons, & the trophy?
Here are the results for each.

**1st place KOH
MH 101
3750# 4mph**

**3rd place ribbons
MH Mustang
3500# 3mph (day 1)
MH 101
4000# 6mph (day 1)**

**2nd place ribbons
MH Mustang
3000# 6mph (day 1)
MM 335
4500# 4mph (day 1)**



**1st place ribbons
MH Mustang
3000# 4mph (day 1)
MH 101
4000# 4mph (day 1)
MH 101
3750# KOH
(to accompany trophy)**



**2nd Place
Combined (2 hook)
Overall Ribbons
MH Mustang
3000# 6mph
MH Mustang
3500# 3mph
MM 335
4500# 4mph**

**1st place
Combined (2 hook)
Overall Plaque
MH Mustang
3000# 4mph**



**1st place
Combined (2 hook)
Overall Plaque
MH 101
4000# 4mph**

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Final thought:

The trip to the NW Fall Nationals this year was one for the record books. Did I expect to have the success that I did? No. Was I pleased with the results? Absolutely.

How did I do so well? I simply did my homework and paid attention to my set up. That's it; that's all it takes. With a bit of preparation and the willingness to explore what's possible, I was able to make a huge impact on my performance.

This also holds true in our day to day lives. Putting in hard work, often behind the scenes, can make a huge difference. Also, thinking in terms of "what's possible" and focusing on tangible goals are keys to success.

Sometimes folks get a little jealous of other's success. If you've ever felt that, and I have too, you have to remember to be happy for success wherever it occurs. No two people are alike, and we will never reach success in exactly the same way. Think in terms of "Wow, I'm happy for them and I am excited to find success in my own way, on my own terms."

One other thing I always think about is the enormous time and dedication people put into striving for their goals. To bring it back to tractor pulling, that's why I'm always in awe of the other tractors at pulls and have utmost respect for their owners – I know what it takes.

Here's to a full pull,

Zack

PS – visit the Podium Newsletter Archives for the NW Nationals individual day results.



KOH Winners: Loren Heinricks 8750#, Scott Hodges 4750#, Zack Peterson 3750#