

## Debbie's Thought's:

Thank you all for coming out to pull with us. We haven't had that many tractors, hooked to the sled, since Silk Hope in 2009. We had great weather for a pull. Made up for all the rainy Saturdays lately. Almost made up for all the problems we had. We have been doing this for several years. Never had so many breakages and malfunctions before. Ricky got everything out and tested it. Wanted to make sure it all survived the winter. Guess some parts didn't. We appreciate your patience while the guys made repairs. Special thanks to the ones that helped them. We also appreciate everyone that worked the pull: our regular team and the folks that stepped up to help them.

We had a lot of new pullers. Please don't judge OCP by this one pull. I think our regulars will agree, this wasn't a normal pull for us. We are normally done within 5 or 6 hours. All our repairs slowed us down. We are used to having time limits at festivals. All our team is used to working to keep the sled moving.

I do have three requests of everyone. First, please help us to make our scales last. We cannot afford to buy new ones. Ours work fine if they aren't mistreated. I think a lot of people are used to scales that are set up permanently. Ours are portable because we don't have a home track. Please drive slowly on them, stop easy, and drive off slowly. If you can't do that please push your tractor on and off them. Secondly, don't cause a traffic jam at the scales. Don't park your tractor near them and leave it. Some people couldn't get to the scales. Most importantly stay with your tractor in the staging area. When you come off the scales be close to your tractor and ready to pull. If this happens anymore we will start a time limit. We don't have time to wait for someone to hook to the sled. It is also boring to the spectators. Do you want to go watch a pull and wait for something to go down the track? I had no idea we had all this going on at the scales. I wish someone would have told me. I would have tried to help. Please come tell me next time we have problems. I move around a lot, if you can't find me tell the announcer to call for me. Lastly, please don't drink alcohol at our pulls. Some of our regular pullers, with children, noticed that happening. We are trying to have fun for the whole family. It will be safer for everyone if you don't drink and drive, on and off the track.

Again thank you for coming out and supporting us and the Providence Fire Department. They have always been great folks to put on pulls for. They were exceptional this year. Not only did they provide lights to finish and load up by, they stayed late and let us eat. They want us to come back this fall. We are going to do everything we can to. I will let you know when.

Hope to see everyone Saturday, May 7th. Please come support Halifax County Quarter Scale Tractor Club. They will be putting on their first pull this year.