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During this 2 day event, over 100,000 HP will be witnessed in action, pulling weights exceeding 60,000#. The three large tractor classes are the 5,200#, 7,200#, and 9,200# modified classes and the pickups will be participating in the 5,500# and the 6,000# pickup classes. Also, Saturday night will feature a 1,750# min rod class.

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			5500	Modified Pickups
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Tractor Pulling - Yesterday, Today. . . Tomorrow

Men have become involved in competitive sports for centuries for many reasons, but Tractor Pulling has only recently evolved in the 20th century with the advent of internal combustion engines. Tractor pulling got its start in 1929, in two different areas of the U.S. - Bowling Green, Missouri, and Vaughnsville, Ohio. Originally tractors pulled a flat-bottom wooden sled loaded with rocks.

As machines grew and H.P. increased human weight became popular, spectators were asked to set 10 ft. apart and walk out onto a flat metal sled in order to stop the tractor from moving.

Intense safety promotion and rapid increases in tractor pulling technology prompted the introduction of the present day Mechanical Weight Transfer Machine.

Tractor pulling has become involved in one of the most unified, rigid safety programs of any competitive motor sport. Each tractor is required to meet proper shielding and construction specifications. This safety equipment includes items such as 3/8" steel drivetrain shields, automatic break-away kill switches, and tip-over protection pads on the rear of the tractors.

Tractors are separated into classes according to the weight of the tractor and its driver. Each tractor must not exceed the weight of the class in which it is entered.

What makes you a Winner? Today, power, traction, strength and balance are all key factors in the Battle for Victor over the Weight Transfer Machine.

Each driver wants to pull the weight machine as far as possible, until the tractor runs short on power or loses traction. After forward motion ceases, a measurement is taken and recorded as the pullers distance. The farthest pull is the winner.

In the early 70's, many State Assns. were formed and tractor pulling swept across Rural America. In 1977, over 16 million people viewed almost 1500 tractor pulls in the U.S. and Canada. Last year some 2,000 competitors traveled across America in an attempt to capture their share of the \$17 million paid in prizes.

Tractor pulling has progressed beyond comprehension in the past 10 years. Today it has become "The fastest growing sport in Rural America".

The Weight Transfer Machine

Today's modern weight transfer machines use a relatively simple concept to accomplish the formidable task of stopping tractors generating in excess of 3000 H.P. The object of tractor pulling is to pull the sled or weight transfer machine as far as possible.

As each tractor hooks to the sled, the weight box starts from a rearward position with the weight concentrated over the rear wheels on the sled. A series of chains, gears and transmissions propel the weight box a given distance up the rail for each revolution the wheels on the sled make. As weight is transferred off of the sled wheels and onto the actual skid pan (where the tractor is hooked), down pull is increased on the drawbar; thus increasing the HP necessary to maintain motion.

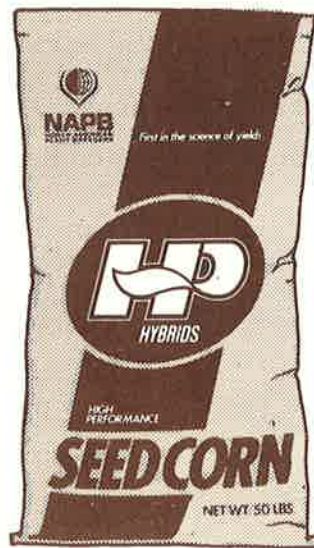
After each tractor has pulled, the weight box is returned to its rearward position, as tractor classes change, the weights may be added to the weight box or a faster gear may be selected to increase the speed in which the weight box moves forward.

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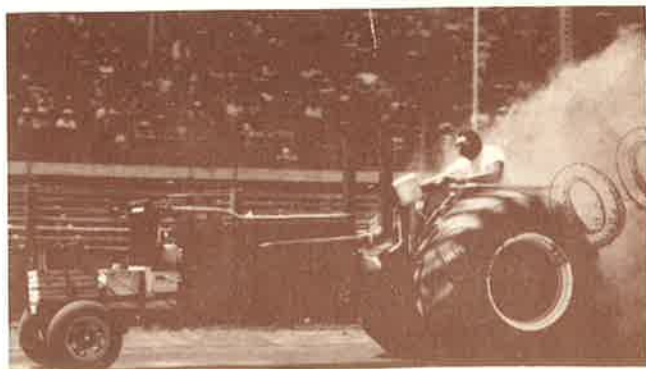
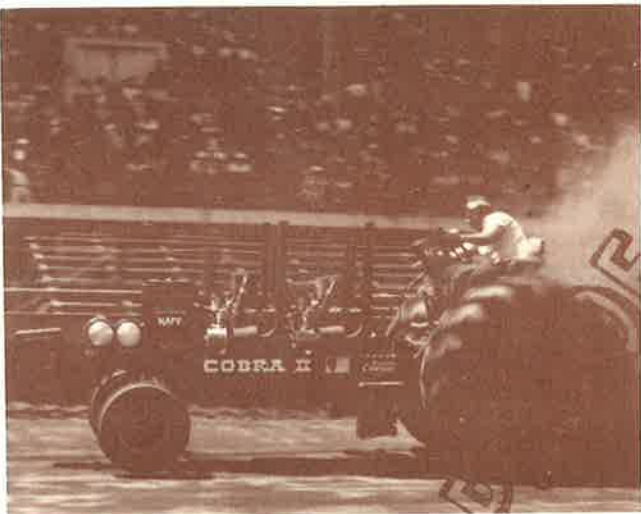
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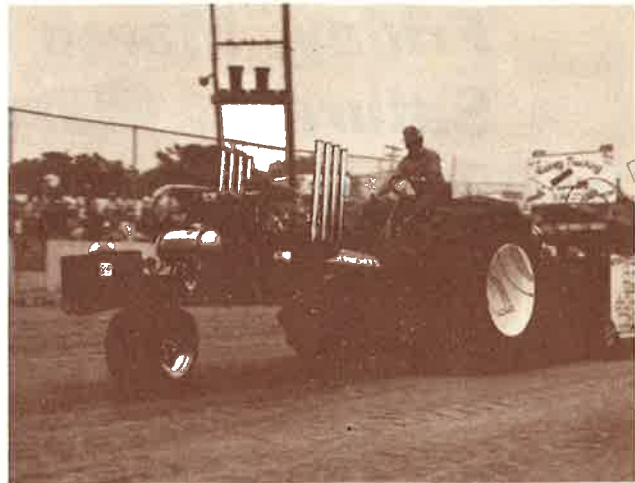
7200# MODIFIED

<u>PULLERS</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>POS. NO.</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>STANDINGS</u>
1. Arnold Boyer	Carthage, Il.	_____	_____	_____
2. Danny Brockelsby	Edinburg, Il.	_____	_____	_____
3. Ross Bryan	Gardner, Ks.	_____	_____	_____
4. Bob Chickering	Bloomfield, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
5. Gary Cook	Springfield, Tn.	_____	_____	_____
6. Ed Cowman	Ashland, Il.	_____	_____	_____
7. Charles DeClerck	Taylorville, Il.	_____	_____	_____
8. Tom DeClerck	Stonington, Il.	_____	_____	_____
9. Jerry Forinash	Keota, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
10. Allen Harrs	Osga, Il.	_____	_____	_____
11. Vern Huser	Slater, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
12. Lanny Kay	Wheatland, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
13. John Killion	Hustonia, Mo.	_____	_____	_____
14. Kenny Legband	Scribner, Ne.	_____	_____	_____
15. Wayne Longnecker	Cambridge, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
16. John McManus	Taylor Ridge, Il.	_____	_____	_____
17. Emil Merta	Fairfax, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
18. Mike Miller	Greenup, Il.	_____	_____	_____
19. Perry Noord	Geneseo, Il.	_____	_____	_____
20. Keith Pearey	Cambridge, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
21. John Strothman	New London, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
22. Curtis Ulmer	Menno, S.D.	_____	_____	_____
23. Tom Venhuizen	Morrison, Il.	_____	_____	_____



Friday, March 24 - 7:30 P.M. & Saturday, March 25 - 2:00 P.M. 5500# and 6000# MODIFIED PICKUPS

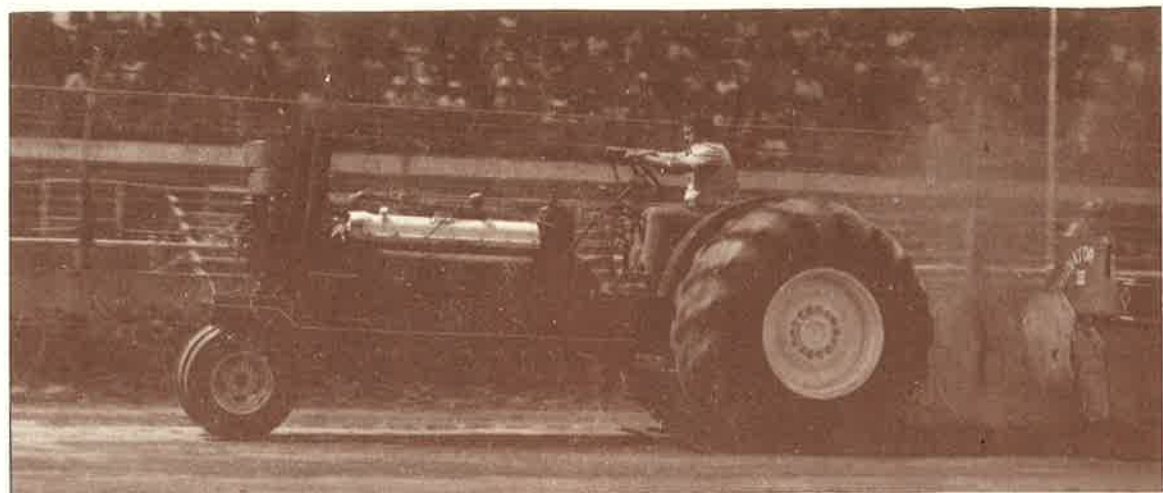
<u>PULLERS</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>POS, NO.</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>STANDINGS</u>
1. Gerald Ammann <i>Chery</i>	Pocahontas, Il.	_____	<u>134.7</u>	<u>8</u>
2. Rod Cambron <i>454 Chery</i>	Indianola, Ia.	_____	<u>138</u>	<u>7</u>
3. Jim Caudle <i>FORD</i>	Story City, Ia.	_____	<u>111</u>	_____
4. Gary Coder <i>77 Chery</i>	Horton, Ka.	_____	<u>120-10</u>	_____
5. Don Eddinger <i>69 FORD 428</i>	Winchester, Il.	_____	<u>124.1</u>	<u>10</u>
6. Lee Farrell	S. St. Paul. Mn.	_____	_____	_____
7. Carl Hawkins <i>68 chery</i>	Cincinnati, Ia. <i>both driveshafts</i>	_____	<u>128-11</u>	<u>9</u>
8. Allen Henry <i>Chery</i>	Indianola, Ia.	_____	<u>146-8</u>	<u>4</u>
9. Gary Hiatt <i>59 FORD</i>	Centerville, Ia.	_____	<u>143</u>	<u>6</u>
10. George Hinman <i>454 chery</i>	Peoria, Il.	_____	<u>110-2</u>	_____
11. Greg Holt	Cokato, Mn.	_____	_____	_____
12. Phil Hudson <i>72 chery 454</i>	Kent, Mo.	_____	<u>157-7</u>	<u>1</u>
13. Gary Kelderman <i>77 Dodge</i>	Oskaloosa, Ia.	_____	<u>153-4</u>	<u>2</u>
14. Tom Lashmett <i>OLD DODGE</i>	Jacksonville, Il.	_____	<u>153-2</u>	<u>3</u>
15. Jerry Mullenix <i>49 Chery</i>	Cincinnati, Ia. <i>Gears</i>	_____	<u>38</u>	_____
16. Frank Koebel <i>Center 427 chery</i>	Fenton, Mo.	_____	<u>112.8</u>	_____
17. Steve Shubat <i>452 Chery</i>	Seymour, Ia.	_____	<u>146</u>	<u>5</u>
18. Max Smith <i>23 Dodge</i>	Creston, Ia. <i>120 dec</i>	_____	<u>133-2</u>	_____
19. Ron Wade <i>Chery</i>	Iowa City, Ia. <i>driveshaft</i>	_____	<u>45-7</u>	_____
20. Harold Wheaton <i>CHERY</i>	Des Moines, Ia.	_____	<u>107-1</u>	_____
21. Mike Butler	Dallas City, Il.	_____	_____	_____
22. Joe Vinton <i>427 CHEVY</i>	Glennwood, Ia. <i>automatic</i>	_____	<u>41-9</u>	_____



Saturday, March 25 - 2:00 P.M. 5200# MODIFIED

<u>PULLERS</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>POS. NO.</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>STANDINGS</u>
1. Eugene Brunscheen	Wyoming, Ia.	—	104-11	—
2. Stan Burton	Williams, Ia.	—	120-	—
3. Bob Chickering	Bloomfield, Ia.	126 du	128-5	—
4. Jerry Forinash	Keota, Ia.	—	130-4	—
5. Carroll Gravert	Malvern, Ia.	—	118-5	—
6. Dean Hamilton	Fairfax, Ia.	—	102	—
7. Duane Jeurissen	Carver, Mn.	—	113	—
8. John Killion	Hustonia, Mo.	127 Du	126-2	—
9. Steve Kiner	Jefferson, Ia.	—	110-11	—
10. Rick Mallams	Mt. Pleasant, Ia.	—	131-6	—
11. Doug Meihe	W. Liberty, Ia.	—	133-11	—
12. Larry Meyers	Maxwell, Ia.	—	120-4	—
13. Keith Pearey	Cambridge, Ia.	—	—	—
14. Otto Roemer	Scribner, Ne.	—	130-6	—
15. Don Sacquitne	Mabel, Mn.	—	145-5	—
16. Keith Sankot	Fairfax, Ia.	—	118-11	—
17. Curtis Ulmer	Menno, S.D.	—	110-1	—
18. Larry White	Winfield, Ia.	—	—	—





Saturday, March 25 - 7:00 P.M. 9200# MODIFIED

<u>PULLERS</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>POS. NO.</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>STANDINGS</u>
1. Robert Ault	Elkhart, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
2. Arnold Boyer	Carthage, Il.	_____	_____	_____
3. Danny Brockelsby	Edinburg, Il.	_____	_____	_____
4. Ralph Bruns	Maple Park, Il.	_____	_____	_____
5. Gary Cook	Spfld., Tn.	_____	_____	_____
6. Ed Cowman	Ashland, Il.	_____	_____	_____
7. Charles DeClerck	Ty. ville, IL.	_____	_____	_____
8. Tom DeClerck	Stonington, Il.	_____	_____	_____
9. Bobby Gooden	Milton, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
10. Lanny Kay	Wheatland, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
11. Kenny Legband	Scribner, Ne.	_____	_____	_____
12. Wayne Longnecker	Cambridge, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
13. John McManus	Taylor Ridge, Il.	_____	_____	_____
14. Mike Miller	Greenup, Il.	_____	_____	_____
15. Bill Newlon	Prophetstown, Il.	_____	_____	_____
16. Bill Noord	Geneseo, Il.	_____	_____	_____
17. Perry Noord	Geneseo, Il.	_____	_____	_____
18. Dave Rursch	Taylor Ridge, Il.	_____	_____	_____
19. John Strothman	New London, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
20. Chuck Thompson	Leon, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
21. Kenny Venhuizen	Morrison, Il.	_____	_____	_____



Saturday, March 25 - 7:30 P.M. 1750# MINI-RODS

<u>PULLERS</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>POS. NO.</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>STANDINGS</u>
1. Dean M. Barker	Rockford, Mn.	_____	_____	_____
2. Joey Brehmer	Pender, Ne.	_____	_____	_____
3. Davie Elliott	Reynolds, Il.	_____	_____	_____
4. Mark Finnel	Hamburg, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
5. Duane Gudmonson	Thompson, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
6. Jack Hoffman	Monticello, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
7. Ray Koch	Monticello, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
8. John Kuepers	Dickeyville, Wi.	_____	_____	_____
9. Scott McAllister	Mt. Pleasant, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
10. Leon Meerkatz	Polk, Ne.	_____	_____	_____
11. Ronnie Miller	Kalona, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
12. Rodney Mohr	Broadlands, Il.	_____	_____	_____
13. Bob Peterson	Monticello, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
14. Douglas Phillips	W. Liberty, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
15. Jim Pospishil	C. Rapids, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
16. Allan Schmidt	St. Ansgar, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
17. James Schwab	B. Plain, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
18. Wayne Siebels	Minden, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
19. Dale Timmerman	Cuba City, Wi.	_____	_____	_____
20. Terry Timmerman	Cuba City, Wi.	_____	_____	_____
21. Richard Trettin	St. Ansgar, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
22. Mel Weitzenkamp	Hooper, Ne.	_____	_____	_____
23. Dennis Wenthold	Waucoma, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
24. Allen White	Bloomfield, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
25. Bob Williams	Nevada, Ia.	_____	_____	_____
26. Dan Yousse	Monticello, Ia.	_____	_____	_____

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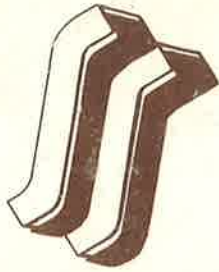
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