

Hot-rod

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do," "One to Go," "The Sting," "Glory Seeker," "Deere Power I," "Running Bear," "The Canadian Hauler," and "Chitty-Chitty Bang-Bang."

The Southeastern Penn-

sylvania Tractor Pullers Association, which sponsors and sanctions most pulls in the area, has approximately 75 members, not all of them active. Most became interested in it after seeing a pull elsewhere. It starts out

as a hobby and just grows on the individual. Some have found that they can buy the basics for just a few hundred dollars; but add \$900-a-piece tires and a few tricks to the engine, and you've got a few thousand dollars invested. Some admit they have approximately \$10,000 in their screaming, smoke-belching rigs.

Wright's "Glory Seeker," one of the best known tractors in the East, is equipped with a 436 cubic-inch engine which develops between 850 and 1000 horsepower at 5000 rpm. Two turbos and an in-line fuel pump help deliver the extra power needed to perform as a winner.

David Becker's "Hot Rod Lincoln" is equipped with two Ford engines which have a combined total of 920 cubes and a power potential of close to 1000 horsepower.

Brubaker, who serves as president of SEPTPA, says he uses big fuel pumps from a Mack truck. A pump with a 60 gallon per hour capacity wasn't adequate, he added.

He's pushing ten times the normal amount of fuel through it and mixing it with 10 times the amount of air. Consequently, "it would burn up" if he left it run too long. For this reason, pullers generally shut their engines down right away and prefer to be pulled around by others if a lot of extra movement is necessary.

As one who's been around farm machinery all his life, Brubaker says he does most of the work himself, while an implement dealer helps with the "fine things." Basically the same is true of most others. Flowers, for example, does everything himself except some of the engine work.

Harry Greist, Chester County who regularly pulls in the area, says his tractor puts out about 935 horsepower, according to a computer. Anything above seven or eight hundred I'd let 'em guess, he added, figuring that at that kind of rated power the difference isn't too great any more. Other critical factors aside



Sporting a black beard and Mountaineer hat, "Woody" Flowers has become one of the best known tractor pullers in the East. Last year he was voted "Most Popular Puller" in southeastern Pennsylvania, where he has delighted fans for the past five years.

from actual horsepower are involved.

Balance and weight are of uppermost importance. Tractors pull in different weight classes, but can drop up or down in the classes by adding or removing weights. Flowers once came so close with his tractor to making a weigh-in that he decided to

let a few gallons of oil out of the crankcase to make it. It worked, and he won. He's had one of the winningest tractors in the state for the past five years.

Flowers' machine, an old Farmall M modified to accommodate a Chevrolet

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