

A NEW SITE
RECORD WAS SET
AT FRERICHS FARM

FRERICHS FARM...WARREN, RI...GPC Sanctioned GIANT PUMPKIN Weigh-off. October 9, 2010

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We want to thank everyone for coming this year. Not only was the site Pumpkin weight broken, but a record crowd of roughly 4000 people showed up. This event just seems to get bigger every year. And with 40 pumpkins plus an assortment of Long Gourds, Giant Watermelon and Giant Squash, everyone got to see what they came for. A World Class Weigh-off. Once again the sun shined bright in Little Rhody, which made the day even more enjoyable. And how about those Hay Rides. There was a crowd of kids and parents departing for a hay ride every 15 minutes, from 11:00am until 4:00pm. Thanks once again to our sponsors, on this day, (especially Barbara and David Frerichs) for making everything run so smoothly. Of course we must thank the SNGPG Directors and miscellaneous volunteers, who help inspect and lift pumpkins, or register people and record all the events. Many Hands makes for light work!



The registration table was busy, signing everyone up and the sold about 50 SNGPG Hats. Jim Kuhn needs an email address!



Steve Sperry, Dean Richardson and Peter Sweet talk pumpkin before the weigh-off at Frerichs Farm.





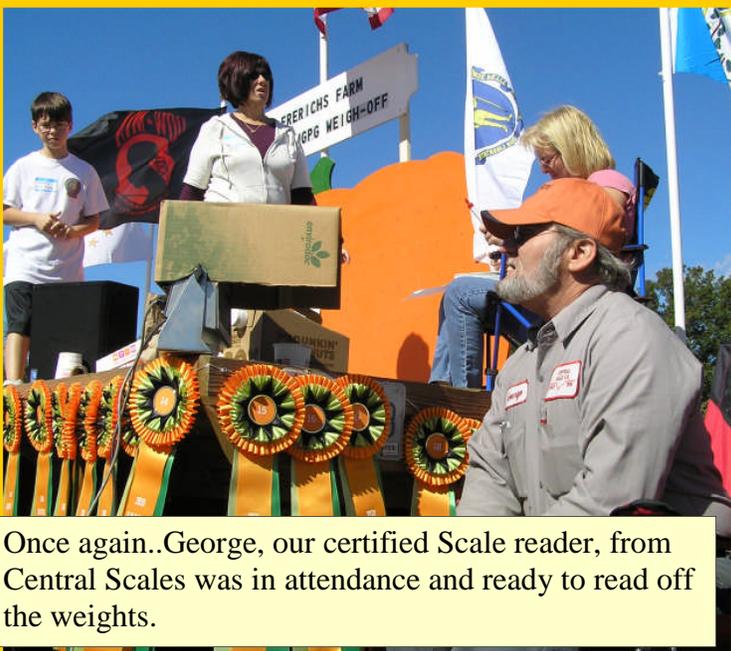
With Ron Wallace MCing the whole event, the weigh-off was about to begin, and the first few pumpkin started making their way to the scales, via the traditional tarp lift method...but that was about to change!



All the club directors, quickly figured out how to use this new futuristic pumpkin lifter.



And...The new OCTO-LIFT, helped get many of the smaller pumpkins to the scales



Once again..George, our certified Scale reader, from Central Scales was in attendance and ready to read off the weights.



I want one of these!



Have you seen Avatar or The Matrix Reloaded. Check it out and you'll know what I talking about.



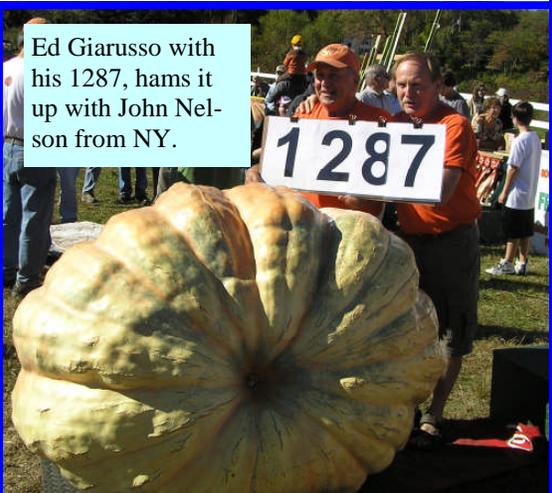
The legend (John Castelluci), was in the house! Good to see THE MAN still taking it all in.



You could get a TV sound byte anywhere. There was a lot of media coverage.



Barbara Stetson pulled double duty, by entering her Giant Pumpkin at the weigh-off and operating her booth.



Ed Giarusso with his 1287, hams it up with John Nelson from NY.

Woah...wait a minute here. Norm Gansert is a new force to be reconned with. We are looking at some serious weight here. CONGRATS NORM! and best of luck in 2011.



And the winners are:

Top 10 Giant Pumpkins

- 1) 1610 Charlie Lieber
- 2) 1520 Steve Sperry
- 3) 1493 Armand Michaud
- 4) 1441 Norm Gansert
- 5) 1401 Ron Wallace
- 6) 1370 Steve Connolly
- 7) 1359 Bill +Linda Rodonis
- 8) 1287 Ed Giarusso
- 9) 1272 Dave Parenty
- 10) 1269 Scott Palmer

Top 3 Long Gourds

- 1) 123.5" Joe Jutras
- 2) 107.75" Gene Larivere
- 3) 97.5" MaryAnn Hoomis

Top 2 Giant Squash

- 1) 767 Jim Kuhn
- 2) 461 Bruce Hooker



Lots more information will be published in the December Newsletter. We look forward to seeing everyone next year. Recharge those batteries during the off season, and may you find the seed of your dreams this winter.

If you have time to get to the Growers Convention, at Niagara Falls, in March, its definitely worth the trip. You might even meet this years champion

Chris Stevens and learn more about his World Record 1810.5.



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SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND GIANT PUMPKIN GROWERS
GPC AFFILIATES
FRERICHS FARM WEIGH OFF