

Frerichs Farm 2008 World Class SNGPG Weigh-off

The SNGPG directors, with the help of David and Barbara Frerichs, put on a fantastic weigh-off for the people of New England, plus some visitors from New York and Pennsylvania to enjoy, on October 11th 2008. And mother nature cooperated once again. A beautiful sunny Fall morning, set the stage for the throngs who about to arrive. On Friday evening the first of the Giant Pumpkin started rolling in. By Saturday morning about 10 of the Atlantic Giant behemoths' we quietly resting on their pallets with a light coating of morning Dew. Entry after entry arrived, and when the 1pm cut-off time had passed 36 Giant Pumpkin, 2 Giant Squash, 1 Giant Watermelon ,and 4 Log Gourds were registered and on display. The crowd had grown to about 3500 people. Everyone had plenty to do all morning, thanks to the Frerichs, who coordinated a festival like atmosphere, with a Country Rock band,, a 900 lb Pumpkin drop, and numerous food and activity booths. We hope you enjoy these photo's which recap most of the day.



Inside the Frerichs Farm buildings, customers saw that Halloween was in full display, for all to enjoy.



The crowd at Frerichs Farm had grown to about 3500 by the time the weigh-off was ready to start. SNGPG members with their Giant Pumpkins, from all over New England, were lined up around the weigh-off area.



The Brain trust... L to R; that's Joe Jutras, Dave Stelts (GPC executive from PA), and Ron Wallace, president of the SNGPG ,discussing the days events, and making sure the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC) guidelines are followed.

Orange Angels: At Frerichs Farm Pap was giving Back to the kids.



Dick "Pap" Wallace did a great job, at the SNGPG Frerichs Farm weigh-off, raising funds for under privileged kids. He had a little left over from earlier fund raising, for his Coats for Kids winter project. So at our Weigh-off, the kids under 12 years old, in attendance, were treated with a free gift.



Good job Pap. You put a smile on a lot of kids faces. I think every kid from Rhode Island was in attendance, cause your table of free prizes was wiped clean in 5 minutes. I wish I was a kid, because I saw some great prizes, that your helpers were giving away.



Let the Weigh-off begin!

Before all the Heavy equipment was needed, the SNGPG Directors, (all of whom had been working out for months), carried the first Giant Pumpkins to the scales.



As you can see, we needed a Team #1 and a Team #2. to get these monsters to the Scales.

These guys are professionals!
Do not try this at home.

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Oh my Gourd! How do they grow those things?



In Case you missed it...Giant Watermelons, Giant Squash and Long Gourds were competing for top honors too. Details will follow in the December Newsletter.

Geoffrey Peirce brought his 1307 pound Pumpkin with meteorite skin, from New Hampshire. We will let you know what happened in the next Newsletter.



And the Frerichs Farm winners are:

1st Place: JOE JUTRAS

2nd Place: Michael Oliver



3rd Place: Steve Davies



AND THERE WAS ANOTHER... BUT..THE MIGHTY 1568 POUND BEAST HATH SPRUNG A LEAKETH. The right call was made though.

Say it Ain't So!



Below: The Bright Orange Beast from the East soaked up the sun.



There were a lot of familiar faces in the crowd. Upper Left..That's Rose Giarrusso and Ken Desrosiers from BP.com.

Lower left... that's Dave Stelts with his wife and Don Langevin author of the three "How To Grow Giant Pumpkin Books".

