



# Frerichs Farm 2009 Weigh-off

Barbara and David Frerichs hosted their 10th annual first class weigh-off with the SNGPG, in Warren RI, on October 10th. What a day we had! It was a classic Fall afternoon, and in excess of 3500 people with family showed to see the Big Ones be driven in by the growers. With the Pumpkin Drop, Food, Games, Entertainment and Hayrides there was something for everyone to do. And the anticipation built all morning as this GPC sanctioned event got closer to weigh-off time. People came in from everywhere in New England and New York. Even Santa Clause showed up!



Its not a beauty contest! They were Big, Heavy, Orange, Green, Pale Yellow, and sometimes downright Ugly.

The crew at our Registration Table kept things moving smoothly. Just ask Norm Gansert.

# Get Ready to Rumble!



Steve Sperry and Ken Watkinson, (aka **"Kenny The Heat"** on Big Pumpkins.com), were ready for some action. You knew it was time to start weighing the Giant Pumpkins

What good is a weigh-off with-out nice awards. So we made Pap stay up all night polishing the trophies.



The OAF recipients were a little timid at first. Then they started to come out of the woodwork. One gift per person..... and everyone got something for Halloween.

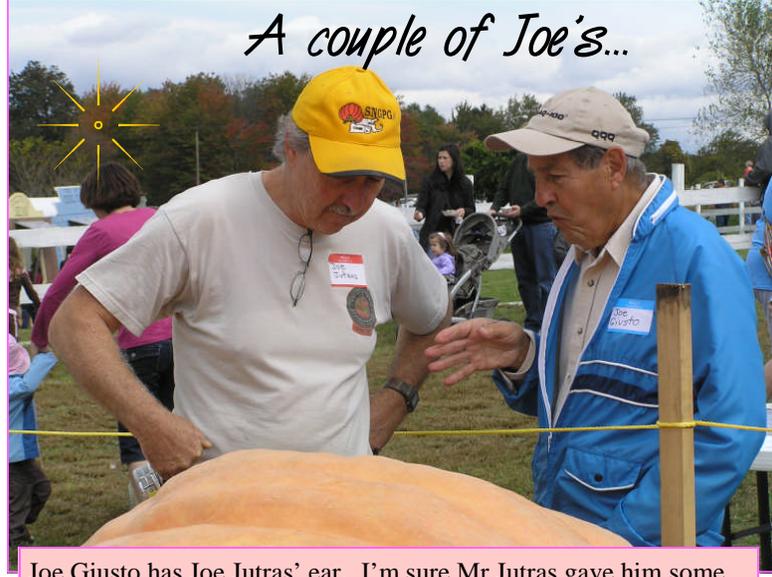
This young grower had his Exhibition Pumpkin weighed, at 65 lbs. At this moment he was in 1st place!



# Bringing them to the scales

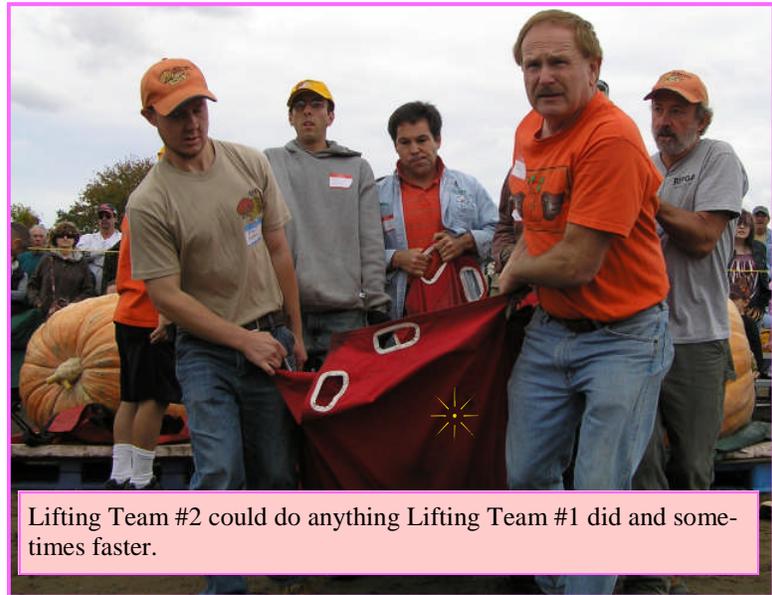


Don't try this at home. The members of these lifting team's are Pro's, and they've been working out all summer for this one task!

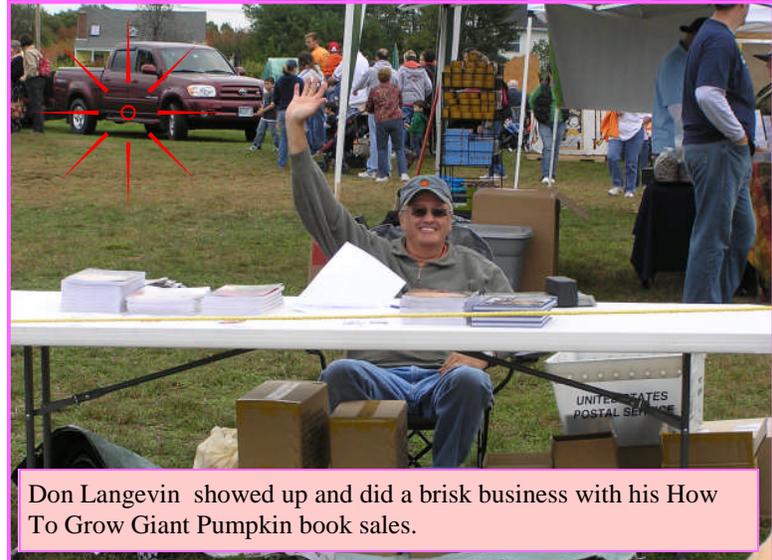


*A couple of Joe's...*

Joe Giusto has Joe Jutras' ear. I'm sure Mr Jutras gave him some good advice.



Lifting Team #2 could do anything Lifting Team #1 did and sometimes faster.



Don Langevin showed up and did a brisk business with his How To Grow Giant Pumpkin book sales.

# 40 Pumpkins, 2 Squash, 1 Watermelon, and a Gaggle of Long Gourds!

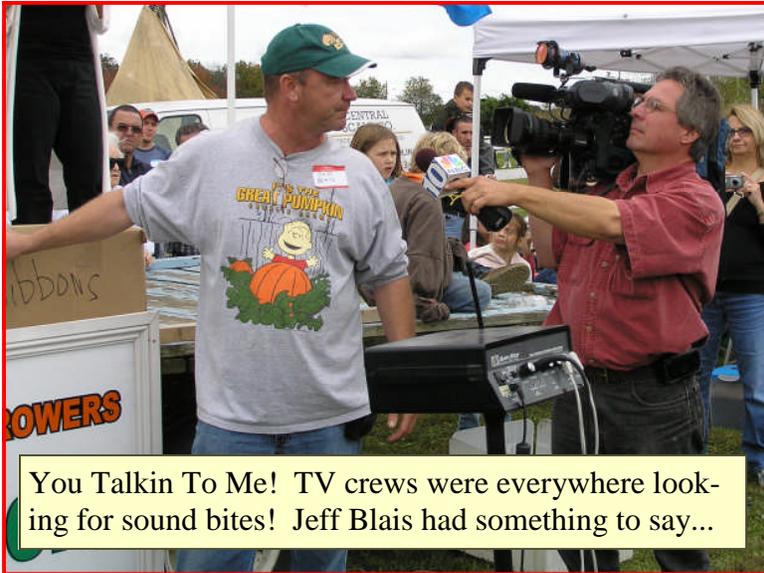
Now that's Ugly! Mike Parente's pumpkin won the Ugliest Award.



George from Central Scale told it like it was!



You Talkin To Me! TV crews were everywhere looking for sound bites! Jeff Blais had something to say...



Ronny MCed the whole event, and did a great job!



## Top 3 Long Gourds

- #1 Joe Jutras
- #2 Wes Dwelly
- #3 Joe Giusto



# OK ...The Tail Gate has Dropped.



Linda Rodonis, from New Hampshire wins the Prettiest Pumpkin Award with this beautiful 700 pounder.



George Caron's entry was shown by John Doucet.



Hey That's Me !



Robert Singleton from Rhode Island, grew this awesome specimen from the 1385 Jutras.



How did he do it!. Scott Palmer pollinated this 1385x1502 Pumpkin on July 17th. WOW!



Art Kaczinski II from Western Massachusetts, trekked across the state with this HEAVY Brute!

# The BIG 3

# 2

Bruce Whittier from  
Henniker, NH



# 3

Charles Lieber from  
Lexington, MA



# 1

Ron Wallace  
from Greene, RI

