

**2017**  
***Poly Royal Truck & Tractor Pull***  
***Donor Packet***



Poly Royal Truck and Tractor Pull  
April 8, 2017 @ 1:00 pm  
Cal Poly Campus

Benefitting the BioResource and Agricultural  
Engineering Department Scholarship Fund

## Event History

Tractor pulling on the West Coast began as a demonstration by the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering (BRAE) department at Cal Poly's - *POLY ROYAL* in 1972. Standard farm tractors were used to demonstrate the influence of weight transfer, traction, and horsepower. The event became increasingly competitive after the first "modified" tractor on the West Coast was built by Mechanized Agriculture student, Ted Link. Due to the development of higher horsepower modified pulling tractors, students and faculty of the Ag. Engineering department designed and constructed a weight transfer machine to test the new tractors. This machine, the first of its kind on the west coast, became known as the "Cal Poly Tractor Pull Sled."



Over the years, the BRAE Department faculty and students have supplied the tractor pull sled for use at county fairs and other special events to raise funds for a department scholarship account. In addition, a tractor pulling competition has been held at virtually every Poly Royal since 1972- with all proceeds from this event going toward the scholarship fund. With the discontinuance of Poly Royal in 1990, the tractor pull event was postponed until 1996, when it returned with triumphant success.



Tractor Pulling has made a comeback in the past few years. We take credit for this growing enthusiasm revered by the BRAE Department. In 1997, a new sled was constructed by the faculty and students. At the 1999 Cal Poly Open House Tractor Pull, "Mustang Fever" made its debut. Mustang Fever was a student project designed and built in the senior level mechanical design class in Agricultural Engineering. Myles Anderson, Russ Angold and Bobby Pierce designed and constructed the Modified Pulling Tractor. Not long after, the BRAE Department built a number of other tractors as senior projects and upper division design classes. In 2004, "Rocky Mountain Thunder", later called "Poly Thunder" was donated to the college. It became a collaborative project for the Cal Poly Tractor Pull Team, which had contributions from both BRAE faculty and students. Additionally, students built more than 40 sets of bleachers, allowing a seating capacity of 4,000 people at Poly Royal.

Mustang Fever and Poly Thunder travel around California and Nevada participating in various tractor pulling events. This experience is excellent publicity for Cal Poly, the College of Agriculture, the BRAE Department and is also a great experience for all the students involved.



## Tractor Pull Fact Sheet

- Tractor pulling on the West Coast began HERE, at Cal Poly, at the 1972 POLY ROYAL.
- All proceeds go directly into the Tractor Pull Scholarship Fund.
- Last year, this fund awarded over **\$30,000** to hard working students in the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Science.



# 2017 Cal Poly Tractor Pull Club

## Donor Form

**YES!** I want to help make the 2017 Poly Royal Truck and Tractor Pull better than ever and be a part of the tradition.

### Donation

Please check one:

- \$100
- \$250
- \$500
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In appreciation for your support, we would like to offer the following to you: 4 points- \$100, 8 points- \$250, 10 points- \$500, 12 points - >\$500.

Points redeemable for commemorative t-shirts and/or event tickets as follows:

1 t-shirt = 2 points

1 ticket = 1 point

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of t-shirts: \_\_\_\_\_

Sizes of t-shirts: \_\_\_\_\_

### Advertising Banner:

- YES, I would like my company's banner on display at the event.
- No, I would not like my company's banner on display at the event.

**Logos:** (Deadline to receive is March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017)

- YES, it is already in the database.
- No, but I have attached a business card or clear copy of my logo.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Responsible: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
**Cal Poly Tractor Pull Club**

Mail Forms and Checks to:  
**BRAE Department- Dr. Mark Zohns**  
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1 Grand Avenue  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407-0253

Thank you for all of your continued support. We couldn't do this without you!  
SEE YOU APRIL 8, 2017 AT 1:00PM!