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An interview with Gaetan Yelle...
A man who knows how to pull his weight



Gaetan Yelle, for 43 years He has performed in professional tractor pulls throughout Northeastern United States and Canada. He is well known and feared by the competition in this region and anywhere else he so chooses to deploy his awesome arsenal of over the top hopped-up tractors.

There are about 25 competitions a year that you can catch him at, and as you can tell by taking a look around his living room and garage, he tries to win as many times as possible.

Estimated at 3,000.00, Hp by means of a dyno (Engine Performance Calculator), These show horses are equipped with modified DT46, engine and 5 speed Transmission.

The tractor weight is about 8400.00 lbs., plus added weights are often placed on the nose of the tractor to keep its front end down. The cost of one of these bad boys is \$135,000.00 dollars. With all that motorized muscle and trophy bling – bling, you can bet as the country song goes “She Thinks My Tractor’s Sexy”.

Although they may only top out at approximately 60 mph, the excitement of being there to watch them compete, to pull tons of dead weight is a must see event. Looking forward to seeing him win in the many May, June, August Tractor Pull Events of 2012. You can bet he and his wife Holly will be at next year’s Franklin County Fair in Malone N.Y. bringing home the Gold.