

# St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine

A Newsletter for Members of the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association, Inc.

## 17th Annual Canton Show June 12-13

**Saturday, June 12, 9:00 to 5:00 - Admission \$2.50**

<b>All Day</b>	<b>Gas and Steam Engines, Tractors, and Saw Mill Displays</b> Crafts and Vendors
10:00 - 5:00 pm	Snack Bar Children's Games and Face Painting Petting Pens (goats and rabbits)
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Line Dancing (Saturday Only)
12:00 - 4:00 pm	<i>Good Timers Band</i> (Pavilion)
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Cake Walk
8:00 pm - Midnight	Dance to the Music of <i>The Other Guys Band</i> (\$5.00, BYOB)

**Sunday, June 13, 9:00 to 4:00 - Admission \$3.50**

<b>All Day</b>	<b>Gas and Steam Engines, Tractors, and Saw Mill Displays</b> Crafts and Vendors
<b>10:00 Sharp!</b>	<b>Antique Tractor Pull (see articles on pages 1 and 2)</b>
10:00 - 12:00 pm	Cake Walk
10:00 - 4:00 pm	Snack Bar Children's Games and Face Painting Petting Pens (goats and rabbits)
12:00 - Until	Chicken BarBQue
12:00 - Until	Open Horseshoe Tournament
12:00 - 4:00 pm	<i>Good Timers Band</i> (Pavilion)
<b>1:30 - Until</b>	<b>First Ever Peddle Tractor Pull (see article on page 3)</b>

### **Admission Policy for Displayers Urges Support**

To encourage participation by vendors, crafters, and those bringing their machines for all to see, admission fees have been waived.

Please limit those requesting free admission to those who own, operate or directly assist the display.

Remember, the Annual Show is a major source of funding for the activities of the Canton Sportsman's Club and the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association.

It takes the efforts of many people to make the Show a success. That is why we need everyone's cooperation. The Sportsman's Club sets policy at their fairgrounds. Let's support them. e

### **Antique Tractor Pull Main Event Sunday, 13th**

For the first time, an Antique Tractor Pull will be featured at an Association show. The River Valley Antique Tractor and Engine Club will coordinate the pull which is open to the public. Trophies will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners in each weight class.

***Please be sure to send your change of address to the Association Secretary. Use the return address next to the***

Admission to watch the pull is included in the Sunday general admission fee. Pull participants will be charged a fee of \$3.00 per hook.

Mike Livingston, Event Coordinator, advises that he expects a good turn out from the River Valley and St. Lawrence organizations.

President, Bill Shirley, stated that safety and fun will be the primary concerns with this event (see official rules on page 2). e

### **coming events...**

<b>June 3</b>	<b>Membership meeting, 6:00 pm, pre-show planning and work at the Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton.</b>
<b>June 12-13</b>	<b>Annual Gas and Steam Engine Show held in conjunction with the Canton Sportsman's Club on the Club grounds.</b>
<b>July 18</b>	<b>Deadline for submitting articles or ads for the July-August Newsletter.</b>
<b>August ??</b>	<b>Membership meeting, pre-show planning and work for Harvest Days Show.</b>
<b>Sept. 4-5</b>	<b>Annual Harvest Days show, Hutchinson Farm on Rt. 59 between Heuvelton and Rensselaer Falls.</b>

# Official Rules for Antique Tractor Pull

The officials at the Antique Tractor Pull will be members of or approved by the *River Valley Antique Tractor and Engine Club*.

Each tractor entered in the pull will be charged a fee of \$3.00 per hook.

Tractors must be models built prior to 1960. Certain exceptions might be allowed by the judges where a model was continued in production for another year or two, virtually unchanged, since

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***Look for the article on the first-ever peddle tractor pull for the kids on page 3. Member Wayne Day has even built a mini-sled for the event.***

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originally manufactured in a year prior to 1960.

The 1999 Rules are as follow:

1. Only qualified operators will be allowed to operate tractors, and the judges word will be final.
2. Draw-bar minimum length must be 18 inches from center of rear wheel to point of hook.
  - maximum length of 4 feet.
  - maximum height of 20 inches from top of hitching device parallel to the ground.
  - no use of three point hitch arms or top link.
  - draw bar support allowed.
  - draw bar must be equipped with a 3 inch diameter opening no more than 1 1/2 inches from back of hitching device.
  - all tractors must pull from stock draw bar.
3. Antique classes must be prior to 1960 and must be original or restored tractors only; no rebuilt or modifications allowed which may affect the pull.
4. All tractors must have the engine throttle controlled only by the manufacturers original throttle linkage.
5. All tractors will have stock block and pistons or manufactured replacement stock parts of equivalent or equal sizes, carburetors, or injection pump and other external or internal parts as in catalogue

for make and model indicated only.

6. No alcohol or other racing fuels or pressurized fuel allowed unless manufactured LP gas tractor.

7. Evidence of alcohol is grounds for disqualification, so be careful of your consumption.

8. Antique classes will be as follows, 2500 lb. (optional), 3000 lb., 4000 lb., 5000 lb., 6000 lb., 7000 lb., 8000 lb., 9000 lb., and 10,000 lb. First through third place winners have the option of pulling in the next class up (excludes 2500 lb.) .

9. All tires to be prescribed in manufacturers' literature for make and

model. No cut tires.

10. Start from tight hitch; first tractor is test puller per class with the option to go to third or last in class if pull is not accepted. A 50 foot restart applies only if tractor stalls.

11. Track director's word is final. Debate could entail ejection.

12. Tractors must be weighed after pull is completed, optional to weigh before pull.

13. Only two sets of wheel weights are allowed. They must be bolted onto rear wheels. Wheel weights have to be the same vintage or kind as manufactured for that model tractor. Front wheel weights or block weights are allowed, but either will count as one set. Any added weight and/or brackets must be

securely attached to frame or wheels, none behind or above rear tires or over 24 inches ahead of frame; must not interfere with hitching; none on seat, platform, footrest, draw bar, or 3-point links. Maximum width 10 feet, redi-rods or attaching bolts will not protrude more than 4 inches. Suitcase weights allowed only when moving up a class. Any weight lost while attached to sled disqualifies tractor.

14. If the front wheels of the tractor lift higher than the judges' knees the tractor is disqualified.

15. Each tractor which pulls must have had a Nebraska test report. If the model and number is the same as the one tested in the book, it is okay to pull.

16. If the judges feel that a tractor is over RPM, the judge may disqualify it.

17. Any diesel tractor that is turned up or putting out too much black smoke may be disqualified by the judges.

18. Maximum of 700 RPM on the PTO.

19. No pullers under the age of 16. All pullers will remain seated during the pull.

20. \$300.00 tear down. It has to be posted by a driver in the same class. If he or she is not legal, the money goes to the protester. If the tractor is legal it goes to the owner.

21. All tractors must use second gear or lower.

22. The River Valley Antique Tractor and Engine Club boat will be used for antique tractors only.

23. A ten dollar membership fee is required to pull and vote.

24. THE JUDGES' WORD IS ALWAYS FINAL

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# Shirley Remembers Early History *Part 2*

As discussed in the previous Newsletter, twelve men met at the home of Leon Page in Stockholm on December 12, 1976 and formed the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association.

The purpose of the new Association was the preservation and enjoyment of any type of historical or special interest power plant designed to make production of man's necessities and sports easier.

Dues were set at \$5.00 per year, a rate not changed for the next 22 years. Dues cover the cost of the Newsletter. The Association has a complete set for anyone interested.

The original bylaws called for four meetings each year with a dinner meeting in early Spring to plan summer activities and a banquet in January or February.

Membership would be by application and sponsorship of another member.

The first show was held in June, 1977 at the Louisville, NY Fireman's Field Days. There were 26 engines, 2 tractors, and a Model A pickup.

The Association was Incorporated in the spring of 1983. This allowed the organization to insure itself against liability. As a non-profit organization, it also made it possible to receive the gift of a steam engine from the County.

Harold Deruchia donated an International gas engine which was sold to raise money to pay for legal fees.

Leadership has been provided by Presidents including Harold Derushia (3 years), Paul Shirley (6 years), Bill Pharoah, Ron Day (3 years), Gary Crowe (7 years), Marty O'Such (2 years), and Bill Shirley (2 years).

Other officers have included Ed Fincham, Gary Hargrave, D. Woodside, Lowell Nicholson, Linda Parmerter, and Roger Austin.

Annual banquets have been held every year since 1978. e

## Help Needed to Restore Siding Mill

An early 1920's wood siding mill was recently acquired by the Association. It needs someone to restore it to operating condition.

The name plate includes the following data: *J.S. Graham, Rochester, N.Y.* No dates have been found. The machine is belt driven from a separate tractor pulley or engine.

The mill is presently located in Louisville, NY at the Paul Shirley residence.

Anyone interested in the project should call Paul at 764-0952. e

## New Members

The Association is as strong as its membership. We are pleased to welcome: Charles Lashombe, Heritage Grist Mill Association, Norwood, NY.

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***If you want your spouse's name to be included on the address label, just write to the***

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## Canton Show to Feature Peddle Tractor Pull

The St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Show at the Canton Sportsman's Club fairgrounds will feature a tractor pull for the kids.

Young people are invited to bring their peddle tractors to the competition beginning about 1:30 pm on Sunday, June 13.

A real but significantly down-sized sled has been built by Wayne Day of Madrid for the event.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the various classes. There is no entrance fee.

As this is the first ever event of this kind, the rules are still under study. Entrants and their parents should allow the judges a little discretion as everyone gains experience in this project.

The objective of the event is to encourage the interest of children in the activities of the Association.

Collectibles have become popular in recent years, and old peddle tractors have received their share of attention.

Organizers hope that members who own peddle tractors will bring them for the youngsters. e

## Founder Found

In Part 1 of Shirley Remembers, eleven of the twelve founders were listed. Through an oversight, the name of founder Ray Page was left out.

Ray lives in Hastings, NY where he still has his collection of 35 engines which he cranks up a couple times each year.

He now owns the shop where the first Association meeting was held. It was once the old one-room school house he attended as a boy.

The school had been converted to a wood shop by his father and founder, Leon Page who passed away in 1979.

Ray has added a shed to the shop to accommodate his engine collection.

Ray is now sawing and milling timbers for his son's log house now under construction. e

# Members to Hold Meeting on June 3

An important meeting of the membership will be held on Thursday, June 3 at 6:00 pm at the Canton Sportsman's Club fairgrounds.

Following a short business meeting, members can help make preparations needed for the forthcoming Show on June 12 and 13.

There is fencing to put up, signs to post, display areas to outline, and other tasks.

Wear your old clothes and come

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## Don't Forget, Dues are Due!

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