

St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine

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

HARVEST DAYS SHOW SEPT. 4-5 !!!!

The annual Old Fashion Harvest Days Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5 at the Hutchinson Farm.

The farm is located on County Route 15 between Heuvelton and Rensselaer Falls. Drive south from Ogdensburg on State 812 or west from Canton on State 68 and then south on County 14. Look for our Show signs when you reach County 15.

This issue of the Newsletter includes a poster that each Association member can post or use to make copies for wider distribution.

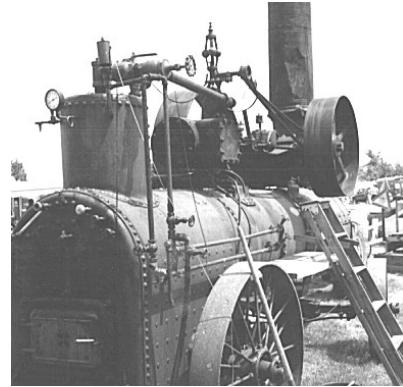
Displays will include a variety of gas

engines and engine-operated machines. Farm tractors also will be shown. There will be wagon rides for the family and plenty to eat from breakfast through dinner.

Saturday's main events will include harvesting corn and grain, thrashing, and chopping. The steam engine and saw mill will make lumber from logs.

Sunday's special events will be the antique tractor pull featuring tractors built before 1960 and the kids' pedal tractor pull.

Look for great food at the concession stand near the engine displays.



The Association's 1922 Farquier Steam Engine will power the saw mill.



The kids pedal tractor pull returns. Wayne Day (shown above right with brother Bob Day at the Canton Show) reports that the sled has been completely serviced and is ready for the Harvest Days competition on Sunday. Winners will receive awards.

coming events...

Aug. 21-22	Association display at Stewarts Shops, intersection of Hwy. 56 and 37 near Massena to promote Harvest Days show.
Sept. 2	Thursday, 6:00 PM members meeting at Hutchinson Farm to help set up for Harvest Days Show. Bring gloves.
Sept. 4-5	Annual Harvest Days show, Hutchinson Farm on Rt. 15 between Heuvelton and Rensselaer Falls.
Oct. 15	Deadline for submitting articles for the November-December Newsletter.

New Show Layout Favors Displayers

A new design for the various activities will be introduced this year at the Old Fashion Harvest Days Show.

Gas engine and other displays will be located next to the registration and refreshment booth. Tractors and other large farm equipment will be located farther away from this area yet closer to harvest activities.

The tractor pull area will be located between these groups, assuring that the general public will be encouraged to visit all sites.

Vice President Gary Hargrave, an avid old iron restorer, says the new arrangement will be great. "It is a central location, and the ground is more level."

Treasurer's Report

All the bills are in, and accounts have been settled with the Canton Sportsman's Club.

Currently there is approximately \$3,832 in the checking account less monies advanced on expenses for the Harvest Days Show.

The Canton show made a small profit which was split between the Club and our Association. The Club made additional income through their food concessions.

Some goods and materials have already been purchased for future use in the Newsletter and at the Harvest Days Show.

ITEMS TO BE SOLD AT HARVEST DAYS

Stop by the registration desk at the concession stand and you will find:

- ⇒ Coffee mugs with the new logo.
- ⇒ Baseball hats with the new logo.
- ⇒ Old Iron Calendars for the year 2000, guaranteed to be K2 bug free.
- ⇒ T-shirts with logo in various colors.

We make a *very* small profit on these sales. Get a bargain; support

CHECK YOUR

Your Association still has a website for those who surf the web with their computer.

Try <http://members.aol.com/cribs/slgas>. Your webmaster is Gary Hargrave. Gary is looking for comments. Email him at



Bob Stewart of Brockville, Ontario proudly displays his 1948 Allis-Chalmers "G" tractor. It has a 4 cylinder L-head engine generating 10 brake HP. There were 29,036 of this model built between 1948 and 1955. Bob can be seen cruising in his tractor at shows in the US and Canada.

ADVERTISING HELP REQUESTED

For the last few years, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce has assisted your Association and the Canton Sportsman's Club in obtaining State matching funds to advertise the Canton show.

For the year 2000, advertising budgets of \$600 for the Canton show and \$400 for the Harvest Days Show have been requested. The State provides half of these amounts.

If approved, in February we will send the Chamber our half of the Canton contribution (\$150) as well as all of the Harvest Days contribution (\$200). These and the matching funds can be drawn during the year.

Notes from the Members Meeting, Sept. 2, 1999

A general meeting of the membership was held at the Paul Shirley residence in Louisville, NY.

About 12 members were present. The reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were presented. The Canton show was discussed under old business.

New business focused on the Harvest Days Show. Discussed were the program, advertising, food service, and items for purchase.

Paul reported that there appeared to be little progress in improving the grounds at the Gateway Museum site.

He also provided refreshments and tours of his works in progress. Thanks

Other Up-Coming Shows:

- ◊ August 21-22 - **Harvest Day Demonstrations by Antique Wheels in Motion**, near Brockville, Ontario, north of Hwy 401 between County Rd. 29 and 15; Cockshutt featured, cradles, flails, binders, stokers, plows, small engines, threshing machines, plow school 21st; (613) 926-0292.
- ◊ August 21-22 - **Homesteader Days**, Ken Garrett Memorial Park, Inverary, Ontario. Exit Hwy. 401 Kingston, Division St. North, 13 kms.; (613) 546-6210.
- ◊ August 27-29 - **Farm Equipment, Gas Engine and Steam Equipment Show**, at the Agricultural Museum located on Rt. 180 at Stone Mills, NY near LaFargeville; (315) 658-2353.
- ◊ August 28-29 - **Chateauguay Valley Antique Association**, Rockburn, Quebec at the former Rennie Museum; cars, engines, tractors, thrashing, saw milling, woodsmen competition; (450) 264-2248.

TRACTOR PULL FEATURED AT HARVEST DAYS SHOW

Tractors will gather on Sunday, September 5 for another big contest of power. Gary Livingston (347-7777) is supervising construction of a new track for the event.

The River Valley Antique Tractor and Engine Club will provide scales and sled as well as track officials. Rules published in the May-June issue of the Newsletter will be used.

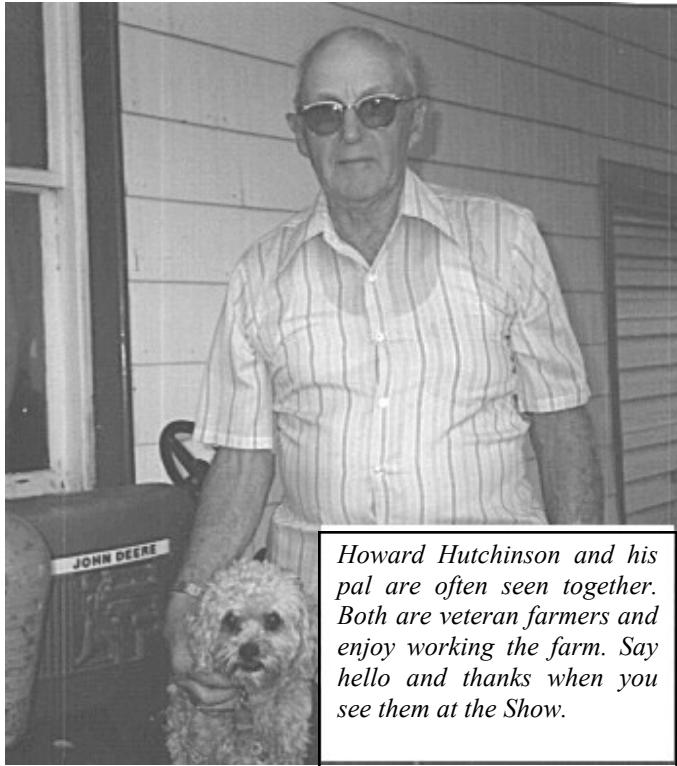
The competition will begin at 10:00 AM sharp. Entrants should arrive early to be sure they have time to weigh-in.

Trophies will be awarded winners



Steve Streeter must have won the competition of seeing how many tractors could be placed on one lowboy. At Canton, he entered five in the pull. Competition at the Harvest Days Show is expected to be just as tough..

HUTCHINSON HOSTS HARVEST DAYS



Howard Hutchinson and his pal are often seen together. Both are veteran farmers and enjoy working the farm. Say hello and thanks when you see them at the Show.

For the last several years, Howard Hutchinson and his family have been the Association's host for the annual Harvest Days Show.

Howard has been a member of the Association since 1977, almost since its inception. Always interested in rural history, he and son, Lee, have accumulated about 14 tractors.

They are stored "here and there", and he admits he has not seen some of

them for a couple years.

Reflecting on the Association, he notes that "it has been a lot of work and a lot of fun." He said that the success of the organization is based on "the cooperative effort of many people."

Howard maintains a large herd of dairy cows and grows corn and hay to feed them.

Over the years he and his family have expanded operations to include several hundred acres. He

doesn't work the farm alone. Others in the family help out as well.

While farming, he has also found time to serve the community. He was on both the school board and town board for nearly two decades.

Born at the house where the Show is held, Howard and his wife now have a family of 5 children, 7 grandchildren and recently their first great grandchild. e

Important Stuff

Your last easy chance of paying dues will be at the Harvest Days Show. You should have a '99 after your name on the address label if you are up to date (and if our records are correct).

Please stop by the registration desk at the concession stand and check your records. You can be sure your address and phone numbers are

Did You Know?

- That one inch of rainfall means 100 tons of water on every acre.
- That a gallon of water weighs 8 1/3 pounds.
- That a cubic foot of water equals 7 1/2 gallons and weighs 62.5 lbs.
- Water expands by 1/11 of its bulk when it freezes.

Now you know why farmers must be tough. e

We Need Flags

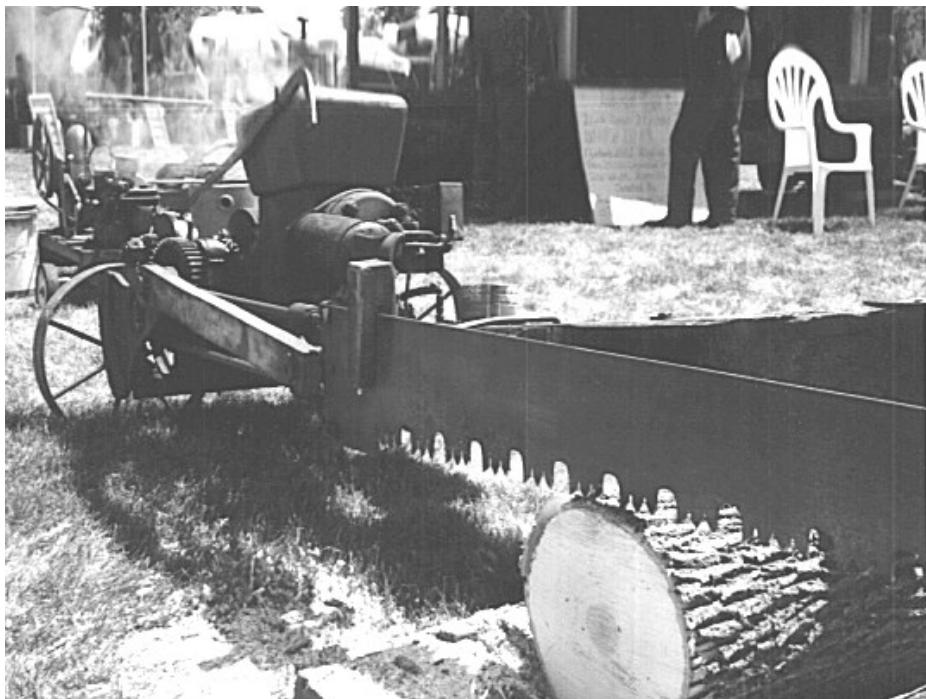
Your Association is in need of three US and three Canadian flags, poles and mounting brackets.

If there is a member who could shop for these items, please call Roger Austin at (315) 344-7470.

Anyone wishing to donate a flag would be appreciated. We want to recognize the countries of our members.

One Mean Machine

One of the most amazing machines seen at the Canton show was the 1914 Ottawa drag saw shown in the photo below. Stand



back; it saws!

Its owner and operator, Gerald Primeau of Flackville said he likes machines that do work. It operates on gas or kerosene. The machine is all original. Gerald has owned it for 10

Correction

Anyone who has tried to email our President, Bill Shirley, might have had problems with his email address. His corrected address is shown below. Sorry for the error.

Officers

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Inside...

Here comes the Harvest Days Show!
Engineering displayers get improved location.
Our host, Howard Hutchinson.
More Canton memories.

Members' favorite machines.

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Roger Austin, Secretary

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