

St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine

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

FALL SHOW ONE OF BEST EVER

Bright sunny days, extensive advertising, and a full program of events including an antique tractor pull combined to make the Old Fashion Harvest Days Show one of the most successful in recent memory.

The show was held at the Hutchinson Farm located between Heuvelton and Rensselaer Falls on September 4th and 5th. Several areas of activity included harvest demonstrations, gas engine and other displays, rows of farm tractors and their implements, three saw mills, food, and entertainment by the *Good Timers* blue grass band.

Over 80 people (see list, pg. 3) registered as displayers, not including many of those who entered tractors in the pull event. Many brought more than one item to be displayed. Twenty two entrants presented over 50 gas engines.

A new show layout provided better access and encouraged a greater number of people to view displays.

Gary Crowe, Ed Sheppard, James Putman and Dave Hebert harvest corn at the show.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Three generations of the Hutchinson family spent many hours getting the their farm ready for the arrival of many hundreds of visitors and their equipment at the Old Fashion Harvest Days Show.

Howard started early getting the fences open, leveling the tractor pull area, and pulling out thrashing and other equipment.

His daughters, Joyce Hutchinson, Irene Ladoucer, and Janice Gray pitched in as well, mowing fields, putting equipment safely away, and preparing pens for the petting zoo.

Even grand daughters contributed. Raelyn Brown was seen mowing, and sister Janell appeared in costume as one of the Harvest Queens.

Howard's wife, Verna, shared her collection of antique regional post cards with those taking time to visit with her in the small tent next to the food concession.

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Gerald Primeau and Paul McKeever with their 1915 Sullivan Compressor.

The family atmosphere of Harvest Days is an important part of the event. Those not raised on one have an opportunity to see and enjoy a working farm. The Association appreciates their cordial hospitality.

Nominations & Elections for New

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, nominations for Association officers were made for the coming year.

Those nominated were: for President, Gary Hargrave; for Vice President, James (Jim) McGraw; for Secretary, Roger Austin; for Treasurer, William (Bill) Shirley.

These nominations will be presented at the next meeting of the Association to be held on December 5 (see Coming Events below. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted as well at that time.

Elections will follow the closing of nominations. The newly elected officers will immediately assume their duties.

coming events...	Dec. 5	Members meeting, Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Heuvelton Equipment Co., Commerce St., in Heuvelton, NY. Election of officers and tour of Gary Crowe's collection of antique farm equipment.
	Feb. 12	Members meeting, Saturday at 2:00 PM at Gary Hargrave's house, 10 River St., Norwood, NY. Gary will discuss "Maytag Engine Identification and Rarity".
	April 8	Annual Banquet, Saturday, Wilson Hall, Louisville, NY.
	April 10	Annual banquet of the Association at Wilson Hall, Louisville

Treasurer's Report

Association funds currently total nearly \$7,200 with about \$500-600 in bills outstanding for a net of about \$6,600.

A preliminary tally on the Harvest Days Show indicates a net income of about \$1,600.

Prepayment of \$250 has been made to partially cover advertising costs expected for next year.

Excess funds available will be used to support the purchase of and materials for antique engines, tractors, and equipment owned by the Association.

Notices to those who are behind in their dues are being included in the

Ken Proven, Dave Hebert, Steve Smith, Marty Osuch, and Marty Jr. (l. to r.) run corn through the ensilage cutter. Note thrashing machine in background.

FOR SALE OR

For Sale: Coffee mugs, baseball hats, and T-shirts with our logo. One 2000 Old Iron Calendar remains. See Bill Shirley at Association meetings.

For Sale: 1940 Centaur Tractor (4 cyl. Leroi engine), \$800. 1 3/4 hp. Associate motor, restored, \$500. 262-9760.

Wanted: Carburetor for 6 hp. engine, ca. 1940. Built by Wisconsin, from Montgomery Ward. Contact George Kirkpatrick at No. Syracuse, NY 13212 or call (315) 458-0082.

Wanted: Slab edge trimmer for saw mill. Contact Paul Shirley at (315) 764

Lyndon Charter and son, Matt, look after Don McIntosh's engines while he slips out for a glass of tea. Don brought eight engines.

Jim Mitchell with the sawmill he built.

MORE ON THE

Web master, Gary Hargrave, says a typo error in the address might cause you problems. Try <http://members.aol.com/kribs/slgas> (kribs, not cribs). Gary seeks comments. Email him: Harg43@aol.com.

FUNDS RECEIVED THRU ST. LAWRENCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

During October, the Chamber of Commerce of St. Lawrence County advised that matching funds of \$250 had been approved by the State of NY.

The Association has put up another \$250. The total \$500 will be used to cover advertising costs of shows during the 1999-2000 year.

The Canton Sportsman's Club was informed they will receive another \$300 from the State. Your Association will match the Canton club's contribution of \$150 for a total of \$600 available for advertising.

Last year, almost all advertising for the Canton show received State support. The recent Harvest Days

show had one supported ad. The rest were fully paid for by the Association. Almost all advertising during 2000 will be supported by matching funds.

Advertisements using State funds must include information from the Chamber, promoting tourism in the region. One third of the ad's space will provide this information. e

Other Up-Coming Events:

⇒ Spring (date to be announced), member meeting and tour of the William Day family collections of antique engines, tractors, vehicles, and farm equipment. Lisbon to Madrid, NY.

⇒ June 10-11, 18th Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show, Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton, NY.

⇒ Sept. 2-3, Annual Harvest Days show, Hutchinson Farm, Heuvelton, NY.

MEMBER'S EFFORTS KEY TO SHOW SUCCESS

The success of any show is determined by the willingness of members and others to devote their time and energy.

The Harvest Days Show was no exception. The following support was given and greatly appreciated.

Gas Engine Displays: Members included Charles Alton, Howard Bice, Earl Brant, Eric Davis, Raymond Dunning Sr., Raymond Dunning Jr., Gary Hargrave, Harold Lyndaker, Paul McKeever, Don McIntosh, John Mitchell, Robert Nottell, Marty Osuch, Ross Putman, Harmon Parmerter, and Frank Shephard. Guests included Don Bartlett, Steven Forbes, Kenny Proven, and John & Deb Supple.

Tractors: Members included William Bartlett, Phil Bigarel, Walter Bishop, Jay Clements, Gary Crowe, Vernon Fuller, Kenneth Gardner, Kyle Hartmen, Howard Hutchinson, Lee Hutchinson, Robert Johnson, Kris Jordan, Gary Livingston, Mike Livingston, James McGraw, Paul McKeever, Patrick O'Brien, Marty Osuch, Gerald Primeau, Chelson Putman, Dave Putman, James Putman, Ross Putman, Frank Shephard, Allen Shirley, Paul Shirley, William Shirley,

Donald Sloan, Steven Smith, Robert Stewart, Steven Streeter, and James Wetterhahn. Guests included Jay Bigarel, Walter Bishop, and Douglas Proven.

Tractor Implements: Members included William Bartlett, Mac Blanchford, Gary Crowe, Howard Hutchinson, Edward Shepard, Frank Shephard, Allen Shirley, and Steven Streeter.

Other Items: Members included (garden tractors) Merrill Armstrong, (antique or specialty vehicles) Howard Bice, Ron Day, Wayne Day, Raymond Dunning Sr., David Hebert, John Mitchell, Kyle Hartman, (tools and shop equipment) Earl Brant, Harold Lyndaker, Gerald Power, (compressors and pumps) Paul McKeever, Harmon Parmerter, Gerald Primeau, John Smith, (toys) James Putman, Ross Putman, William Steele, (saw mills) Robert Shirley, and James Mitchell. Guests included Garnet Beckstead, Tom Graveline, Douglas Proven, Brandon Surdez, and Eli Tracy.

Note: We have tried to list all those who

Thanks to the Community

Several institutions provided important assistance in the success of the Harvest Days Show.

Among those supporting the Association was **Waldroff Farm Equipment, Inc.** of Canton. They supplied a large New Holland tractor that was used to haul back the sled during the antique tractor pull. Donald Schell of Waldroff in Watertown took a busman's holiday and drove it during the event.

Willis Shattuck, Auctioneer, again loaned his big tent that provided welcome shade for tables and chairs at

*Princesses
Janell
and
Janice.*

TRACTOR PULL RESULTS ANNOUNCED

The River Valley Antique Tractor & Engine Club provided equipment and personnel for the antique tractor pull held at the Harvest Days Show.

Nearly 60 tractors were entered in the event. The winners of the various weight classes are listed below.

2500 lb.: 1st., Winston Armstrong.

3000 lb.: 1st., Winston Armstrong; 2nd., Alvin Livernois; 3rd., Phil LaRue driven by William Patterson.

4000 lb.: 1st., Kalvin Langlois driven by Kalvin Bishop; 2nd, Wayne (no last name); 3rd., Otis Bishop driven by Mark Bishop.

5000 lb.: 1st., Alvin Livernois; 2nd., Walt Bishop; 3rd, Dick Sprague.

6000 lb.: 1st., Red Chapman; 2nd., Hal Gilbert; 3rd., Alvin Livernois.

7000 lb.: 1st., Lonie Dumont; 2nd., Hal Gilbert; 2nd., Jim Lester.

8000 lb.: 1st., Chuck Chapman; 2nd, Pete Bishop; 3rd., Jay Bigarel.

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10000 lb.: 1st., Phil Bigarel; 2nd., Chuck Chapman; 3rd., Jim McGraw.

More of Don McIntosh's engines. Over 50 engines were on display at the Old Fashion Harvest Days Show, provided by 22 old iron enthusiasts.

Jim Putman says seeing a Deere running in the fall is a beautiful thing to behold.

PEDAL PULL RESULTS

The kids Pedal Tractor Pull attracted 21 entrants. Wayne Day's refitted sled performed according to specification and the kids' great

pleasure.

The winners in the two classes are below.

Ages 0-6: 1st., Victor Sanders, 2nd., Mat Morrison; 3rd., Brady Fuller.

Ages 7-10: 1st., Brandon

Garnet Beckstead and his team.

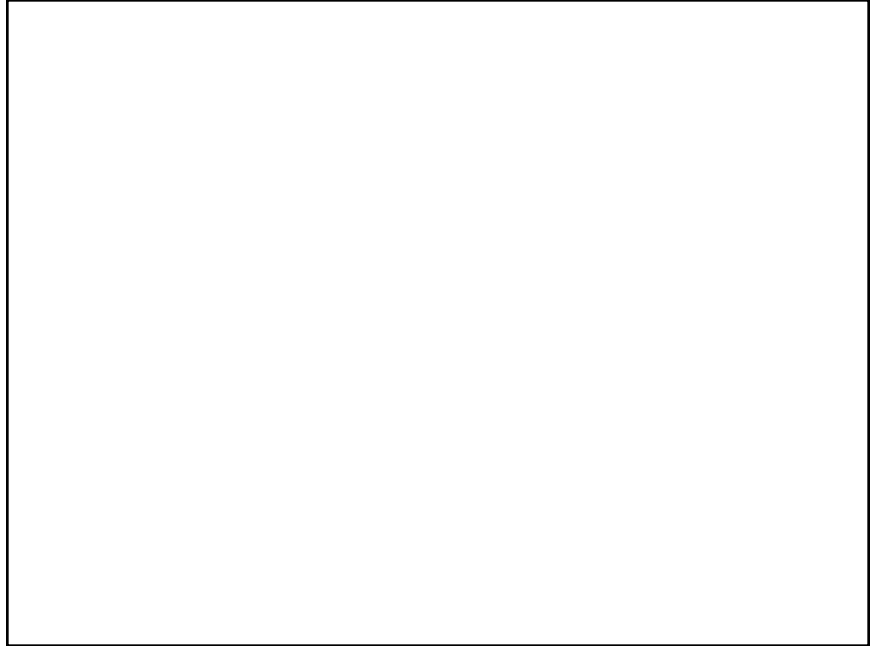
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Matching funds received for next year's advertising.
Tractor Pull results announced.
Fall show participants listed.

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