

# St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine

Newsletter of the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association, Inc., A Not For Profit Organization Founded in 1976

## ANNUAL BANQUET SATURDAY, APRIL 6

The Association's annual banquet is only a few weeks away. Do set aside Saturday evening, April 6.

At 6:00 PM the dinner bell will ring at the Louisville Community Hall. Members and their families will already be there to attend the pre-dinner members' meeting at 5:30. Others will have been setting out the great spread of different dishes.

Entertainment this year will be provided by the Good Timers band. You can enjoy great bluegrass music and ballads or put on your dancing shoes and step to two-step tunes, a fox trot or two, and waltzes. Older members will remember them, and younger ones will have fun learning.

Each family is asked to bring a covered dish along with their own eating utensils. Meat, drinks, rolls and napkins will be provided. The covered dishes are great, usually old family favorites. Come early; stay late. See you there! 🎵



Members and their families enjoy good company and fine food at an earlier Banquet.

## JUNE SHOW IS INTERNATIONAL (HARVESTER)

Plans are already underway for the 20th Annual Show at the Canton Sportsman's Club. This year it will be held on June 8-9. In conjunction, a members meeting will be held at 8:30 AM on the 9th.

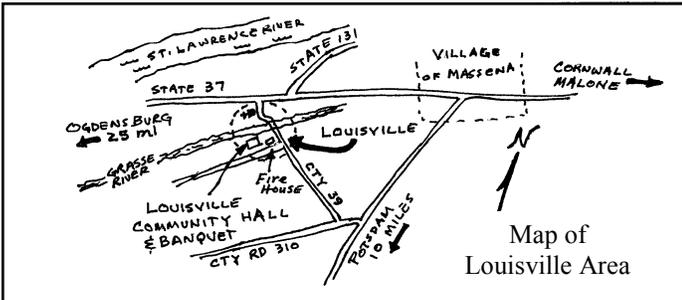
International Harvester engines, tractors, and other machines will be featured. Each displayer of IH or other make engines or machines will receive the traditional plaque, red this year and bearing the IH logo (see page 2).

Think of the International blood lines: the McCormick reaper, the Deering (not John) harvester, International Harvester, Titans, Moguls, McCormick-Deering, Farmall, and a few other names.

A parade at the show grounds is planned for one of the days. Sunday will feature the tractor pull. Mike Livingston and Jim McGraw will be organizing a committee to get the pull track in the best shape ever, even removing that middle dip that has claimed so many.

Start polishing up your engines and machines. You have plenty of time if you start now. Think International.

Vendors should look on page 2 for some new (fairly easy) rules that will keep them and the Association out of trouble. ✖



Gene Jones and his 1 hp Mogul Junior, one of the early (pre?) International Harvester engines. Look for it at the Canton Show. Restoration by Ted Utess.

<b>Association Events</b>	April 6	Members Meeting and Annual Banquet, 5:30 and 6:00 pm Saturday, at the Louisville Community Center near the Volunteer Fire Department.
	June 8-9	20th Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show, Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton, NY. Tractor pull Sunday.
	July 28	Member's family picnic, Sunday, Hutchinson cottage (tentative plan).
	August 31-Sept. 1	Old Fashioned Harvest Days at the Hutchinson Farm, near Heuvelton, NY.

## BY-LAWS PASS

The first revision of the Association's by-laws since they were written in 1982 was approved by the membership at its meeting on January 27.

The revised document redefines the Board of Directors, clarifies responsibilities of officers, establishes standing committees, and creates a non-voting junior membership.

It also gives full membership status to the ladies who have supported the organization over the years (see below).

The new Safety Committee will be an important addition to this year's shows.



Bill Pharoah and his wood splitter at last year's Canton Show. Watch your thumbs.

## SPOUSES SIGN IN

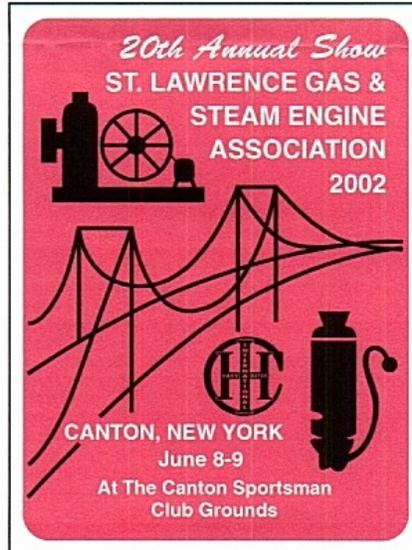
I've always felt like I was a member", said Pat Shirley. But for the first time, Pat's name is on the roster along with that of her husband, Paul.

The recently revised by-laws call for full recognition of member's spouses who wish to be active. All they have to do is let an officer know.

There are no dues requirement for the spouse if the member's dues are up to date.

Over the years, the ladies have played a major role in the Association's success, especially in fund-raising. You will also see them working with their husbands as they set up their displays.

At the January meeting, Pat Shirley, Elaine Stinson, Carol Austin, Michelle Shirley, Anne Prouty, and Julie McGraw signed in. More are expected to do so at the Annual Banquet April 6.

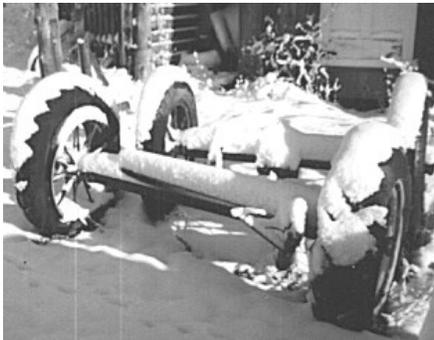


Displayers at the June Show in Canton will receive this plaque. White background with red letters, black figures.

## AXELS DONATED

Member Rick Swanson of Rensselaer Falls donated the axels shown below for possible use with the Empire Thresher.

The axels are now with Paul Shirley who will attempt to return them to their former shape.



'Twas a cold winter's day when these axels were loaded on the truck.

## JOIN A PARADE OR HELP OTHER SHOWS

Several Association members have already promised to help various villages and organizations with their parade or program. They are looking for volunteers who want to help build floats or make a display.

**June 1: Dairy Princess Parade.** Help promote our show which comes the following weekend while supporting the folks at Canton. Contact Paul Shirley: 315-764-0952.

**July 6: Madrid Bicentennial and Old Home Days.** Give a hand to the Day family and the other Association members from the Madrid area. A parade float and small show afterwards are planned. Contact Wayne Day: 315-322-8956.

**July 13-14: Massena Bicentennial Parade.** The parade on Saturday will include an Association float planned by Paul Shirley, Wayne Day, Dave Hebert, and Jim

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## YUP, DUES ARE DUE AGAIN

One thoughtful member said it would help if we reminded him how much dues are from time to time. We are happy to oblige.

Dues are \$10 per calendar year for regular members and \$5 for junior members. Couples who are both members are only required to pay for one.

Dues can be paid throughout the year. However, the earlier you pay, the more we can use the cash to help cover the cost of setting up shows.

The date on the mailing label shows the year through which you are paid. \$

## SHOW VENDORS MUST HAVE STATE TAX I.D. NUMBER

Our vendors should have a NY state sales tax I.D. number, called a *Certificate of Authority Number*.

It is easy to get one. You just complete and submit an application form, DTF-17. The form is available on the web at [www.tax.state.NY.US](http://www.tax.state.NY.US) or at a district office or by calling 1 (800) 972-1233. Ask for an Application for Registration as a Sales Tax Vendor.

Plan ahead. It takes 20 days to obtain an approval, and you must have it in hand before doing business in NY.

If you have any questions, contact Roger Austin or Paul Shirley. They hope they have the answers.

Directors will be visiting with vendors at our shows to assure that they are not at risk of being fined in the event of a visit by state inspectors. !

### JOIN A PARADE (Continued from page 2)

McGraw. This has all the makings of a big one. It is possible that the float could be used at Hopkinton too.

**July 20-21: Hopkinton Bicentennial.** Association members are invited to help with the Parade Saturday, to bring engine and equipment displays, and to participate in the tractor pull. Contact Gary Hargrave: 315-353-2888.

**August 10: Festival of North Country Folk Life,** Massena, NY. The Association has participated in this program for years. A good display earns cash for our treasury. This should be a big show as this is St. Lawrence County's bicentennial. Contact Ed Fincham: 315-769-6800.

**Sept. 7-8: River Valley Antique Tractor Club Show,** River Valley Farm near Constable. It will be a full-blown weekend including trophies. We have been personally invited by our member and their president, Ross Sutton. Contact Ross at 518-483-2292. 

## JANUARY MEETING A COOL SUCCESS

Jim and Julie McGraw hosted the January meeting at their home on January 27. There were nearly 30 in attendance.

The revised by-laws were passed, the Newsletter was approved as a suitable vehicle for giving notices of meetings, and sending letters to Senators about Section 803 of S. 1766 was approved.

Reports on various shows and the newly acquired threshing machine were presented.

Attending were Roger and Carol Austin, Dave Baker, Phil Bigarel, Don (Red) Chapman, Daniel Cole, Wayne Day, Gary Hargrave, Dave Hebert, Gene Jones, Lee Latulipe,

Mike Livingston, Jim and Julie McGraw, Everett and Anne Prouty, Dave Sanford, Bill and daughter Rebecca Shirley, Bob and Michelle Shirley, Paul and Pat Shirley, Bill and Elaine Stinson (all the way from Kingston), Grant Thesier, and son Steve.

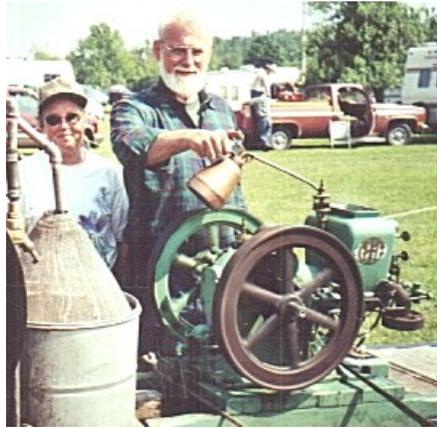
Hope we did not miss anyone. And Julie, thanks for the coffee and donuts! ♥

### Other Shows of Interest —

April 18-21: Spring car show and vendor display at Carlisle, PA. Paul and Pat Shirley plan to attend.

May 11: Annual Hudson Auction, Hudson, NY.

August 17-18 Annual show at Constableville. Contact Gary Hargrave for details.



*An early International Harvester engine anyone would be proud to have.*

## NEXT MEETING 30 MINUTES BEFORE BANQUET

The second members meeting of the year will be held on April 6 at 5:30 PM at the Louisville Community Hall, just before the Annual Banquet.

While others are setting up the food tables, you can help discuss the many activities that need volunteers. Join planning at this early stage; let them know how you want to help your Association. ☺



*Members Gary and Cheryl Crowe and others in the Good Timers Band will treat us to some fine music at the Annual Banquet.*

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SOLID

At the January meeting, Secretary Austin reported that the membership total had reached 211 of which 81% were paid up to date.

The total did not include the recently recognized spouses. Junior members totaled 12.

The Association mailing list also includes names of over a dozen friends who have provided support over the years.

Why not take time to recruit someone you know who shares your interest in even just one facet of the Association's activities. ↑

## LETTERS SENT TO SENATORS CLIN- TON AND SCHUMER

Based on a motion passed at the January meeting, the Secretary has sent letters on behalf of the Association to NY State Senators Clinton and Schumer asking them to oppose Section 803 of Senate Bill 1766.

Paul Shirley had become aware of the bill through his membership in SEMA which serves car clubs and enthusiasts.

Section 803 calls for federal (your) money be given to states so they can give "minimal" grants to owners of cars over 15 years old if they scrap the car and confirm that it has been crushed and baled. The objective is to reduce the number of low-mileage cars on the road.

Not only is it a waste of our limited federal funds, it also reduces the opportunity of antique auto enthusiasts to find spare parts.

Low-income drivers will not give up their affordable transportation for a minimal grant. Many will not be able to deal with the paper work.

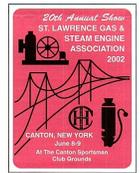
The only benefit will be wind-fall gifts to those who do not need them - at our expense. ■

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***inside...***

**Annual banquet coming Saturday, April 6.  
Preparations underway for Canton Show.  
Many invitations received to join parades and shows.  
Attention Vendors: Read important article inside.  
Revised by-laws adopted.**



**LOOK! THE 2002 STEAM & GAS  
SHOW DIRECTORY AND FARM  
EQUIPMENT GUIDE, ON SALE  
AT THE BANQUET APRIL 6.**

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**AVERAGE INTER-  
NATIONAL HAR-  
VESTER DRIVERS**

*Here's Gerald Primeau (above) and Joyce Hutchinson (as if I have to tell you which is which) modeling the latest in Farmalls.*

*Gerald is driving a 400. The hundred series was introduced in 1954. Gerald, himself, was introduced long before that.*

*I.H. had introduced the letter series earlier in 1939 with the A, B, H, and M. The C came out in 1948, and the Super C (below) arrived in 1951. The letter series lasted until 1954.*

*International Harvester was the dominant force in the industry during these years and then started a long decline. Now, the Farmall name is long gone, except in the minds of a few farmers or the hardened collector.*

*What on earth is that on Gerald's head?*

