

# St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine

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

## 20th ANNUAL SHOW COMING JUNE 8-9

Only a couple weeks remain before our show at the Canton Sportsman's Club. This year International Harvester engines, tractors, and machines will be featured. Of course, all makes are important and needed.

In addition to engine and tractor displays there will be a flea market, kids' activities, and real Blue Grass music. Vendors are welcome (see note on page 2).

The Association's monster Anderson diesel engine and A.B. Farquhar steam engine will be featured along with its Lane saw mill.

An antique tractor pull will be held on Sunday. For rules and details, contact Mike Livingston (315) 347-7777 or Jim McGraw (315) 347-2362. The track has been greatly improved since last year.

Admission is \$2.50 on Saturday and \$3.50 on Sunday. Vendors and displayers enter free (limited to two per).

To get to the show site drive south out of Canton on Park Street (County Rt. 27). About 2 miles out turn right onto County Rt. 25. In about a half mile you will see Nickerson Rd. on the right. Follow it to the entrance to the Sportsman's Club grounds. See you there!



*The Anderson diesel engine after it was donated in 1992. It will be on display at the Canton Show.*

## ANNUAL BANQUET FESTS 100 MEMBERS & FRIENDS

April 6 saw members from New York and Canada gather at the Louisville Community Center to join the annual banquet. It was the largest ever, with at least 100 attending.

Following the dinner, Ken Fridel spoke about railroading, its impact on the North Country, and especially the 20th Century Limited.

The Good Timers finished out the evening with fine Blue Grass music (see story and photo on page 3).

The door prize, a set of John Deere cups, was won by Sheila Gordon. Allan Shirley split the 50:50 that raised \$45.50 for the Association.

So many people arrived so early, that the evening's festivities got underway early. The directors decided to reduce confusion and cancelled the meeting of members that had been scheduled to start a half hour before the banquet.

The parade committees met briefly after the program to discuss preparations for the Dairy Princess parade and the Bicentennial parade at Madrid.



*Association members fill their plates from a large feast of favorite dishes. Pat Shirley (front left) purchased and prepared the meat dishes and other supplies.*

### Association Events

- June 5 Member's set-up meeting, Wednesday evening, 6:00 PM at the Sportsman's Club.
- June 8-9 20th Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show, Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton, NY.
- June 9 Member's breakfast & business meeting, 8:00 AM, Sunday morning at the registration tent.
- 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.

## Attention Vendors

**B**e sure that you have your NY State sales tax I.D. number. If you do not have yours, apply now by calling 1-800-972-1233. Ask for an Application for Registration as a Sales Tax Vendor.

When processed, you will receive a Certificate of Authority Number. You should bring this with you to the show.

The form is also available on the web at [www.tax.state.NY.US](http://www.tax.state.NY.US) or by stopping by a district office.

With 20 days to process an application, will you have one? Try asking another vendor to support your concession. ☺



*Some of the more than 100 members and spouses that enjoyed the Annual Banquet at the Louisville Community Hall in April. Banquet photos courtesy of Gary Hargrave.*



*Ken Fridel of Potsdam speaking about railroading at the Annual Banquet.*

## DON'T FORGET THE PARADES

**A**ssociation members have agreed to support several parades and other shows this year. Volunteers are still needed to help prepare for and participate in them.

**June 1:** Dairy Princess Parade in Canton. Contact Paul Shirley at 315-764-0952.

**July 6:** Madrid Bicentennial and Old Home Days. Contact Wayne Day at 315-322-8956.

**July 13-14:** Massena Bicentennial Parade. Contact Paul Shirley.

**July 20:** Hopkinton Bicentennial Parade. Contact Gary Hargrave at 315-353-2888.

**August 10:** Festival of North Country Folk Life. Contact Ed Fincham at 315-769-6800.

**September 28:** Harvest Festival at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Farm, Canton. Contact Roger Austin at 315-344-7470 or Carolyn at the Extension at 315-379-9192, ext. 237.

There is no better way to share your old iron with others while promoting your Association. Why not cut this out and post it on the refrigerator. ✂

## WORK- AND BUSINESS MEETINGS NEED YOUR ATTENTION

**T**wo membership meetings are planned, one to set up the June Show, and the other, a business meeting. It proved impossible to hold the one planned for at the Annual Banquet.

Wednesday, June 5 at the Canton Sportsman's Club at 6:00 PM, members will meet to layout the site, set up fences, and make other preparations for the show that weekend.

Sunday morning at about 8:00-8:30 AM during the show, members will meet for a business meeting at the registration tent. Fantastic breakfasts are served here each morning, so it is an excellent chance to enjoy good food, meet old friends, and catch up on your Association's business. ⌚

***President Gary Hargrave has been working on the Association website. All you members with computers, try <http://home.twcny.rr.com/harg43/>***



*An International Harvester trio: (r to l) 1 1/2, 3, and 6 HP engines. They also made a 10. Photo courtesy of Gary Hargrave.*



## Blue Grass Special

A special treat at the Annual Banquet was the great singin', pickin' and fiddlin' by the Good Timers.

Featured were songs about railroading, a fine complement to Ken Fridel's talk after dinner.

The performers included (front left to right) Cheryl Crowe on bass, Jeff Rose on banjo, Gary Crowe and Merlin Childs on guitar, (rear left to right) Morrie LaFaver on Mandolin, Neal Morrison on the fiddle, and Dan Pearson on guitar and harmonica.

Over the years, performances by the Good Timers have become an important part of Association programs. We sincerely appreciate their many hours of fine music. We will see them again at the June show. ☺



*The Good Timers at the banquet. See story at left.*



*After the meal, everyone enjoyed the presentation by Ken Fridel.*



*The antique tractor pull will be held on Sunday at the Canton Show. This event is open to tractors built in 1960 or older.*

## STEAM ENGINE TRAINING COURSE

The Western Minnesota Steam Thresher's Reunion, Inc. will hold its annual two day course on theory and practice of steam engine operation on June 15-16. The class of 75 has already been filled, but we still might be able to

get a seat as vacancies occur.

The course is held at their grounds in Rollag, Minnesota, and they call it (a bit tongue-in-cheek) the "University of Rollag, College of Steam Traction Engineering".

The course is 11 hours of class and demonstrations and 5 +++ hours of hands-on operation. No tests or quizzes.

They plan to have 12+ full steam tractors, 2-3 miniature tractors, 3-4 stationary steam engines, a steam-powered sawmill, and a full size railroad locomotive.

They report there are 42 instructors. The course is open to all interested parties. You do as much as you are comfortable doing.

If you are interested, please contact Roger Austin at 315-344-7470 as soon as possible. The course costs \$50. Food and accommodations are up to the students. Motels are about 30 miles away and camping sites are available.

We are looking for similar programs nearer home, but this is the first we found. Any takers? ☺

## Other Shows of Interest —

July 5-7: Champlain Valley Antique Gas Engine & Tractor Assn. Plattsburgh, NY. (518) 563-7557.

August 8-11: New York Steam Engine Assn. 42nd Annual Pageant of Steam, Canandaigua, NY. (716) 394-8102 or [www.pageantofsteam.org](http://www.pageantofsteam.org).

August 9-11: Merrickville Agricultural Fair, Merrickville, Ont. (613) 269-3405.

August 17-18: Stone Mills Old Farm & Home Festival, LaFargeville, NY. (315) 658-2063 or [mmtimerman@earthlink.net](mailto:mmtimerman@earthlink.net).

August 24-25: Kingston Area Antique Assn. Homesteader Days, Inverary, Ont. (613) 384-1102 or [jsaunders4@home.com](mailto:jsaunders4@home.com).

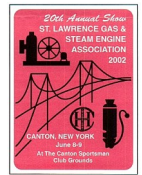
Sept. 6-8: 27th Annual Flywheels & Pulleys Club Old Time Gas and Steam Show, Constableville, NY. (315) 465-4206.

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**Canton Show coming June 8-9. Work night June 5.  
April's Annual Banquet biggest ever.  
Many invitations received to join parades and shows.  
A reminder to vendors.  
Steam engine course offered in Minnesota July 15-16.**



Yes, dues are due again. Check your mailing label. If it has **02** after your name, you are up to date. If not, you can catch up at the Canton Show registration desk. Dues are \$10 for regular members, \$5 for juniors, and spouses of members are free - just let us know you want to be a member. ☺

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*Association members and spouses at the Annual Banquet in April. Participation in this event has nearly doubled in the last three years.*

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