

St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine

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

A NEW YEAR - A NEW LEADER

Ross Goodyear, elected vice-president for the 2003 term at the October annual meeting of the membership, has assumed the responsibilities of president of the Association.

This followed the announcement in December by Jim McGraw that he was resigning from the position of president for personal reasons. Jim said he regretted doing so and gave assurance that he would continue to support the activities of the Association.

Results of elections for officers for 2003 had been previously announced in the notice of a special meeting sent to members in late October. These were McGraw, president; Goodyear, vice-President; Roger Austin, secretary; and Bill Shirley, treasurer. The by-laws state that a vacancy in the president's position is filled by the vice-president.

Ross stated that he is willing to assume this new responsibility and asks the support of all members. Looking ahead at 2003, he holds many of the same objectives as had been stated by Jim (see *New Goals for 2003* on page 3).



The 2002 Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show at the Hutchinson farm was one of the best ever. Above, Ken Gordon (l) and Luke Ladouceur feed the Association's Case Model 22-36 thresher-separator. This machine was purchased from Ed Sheppard's family about 10 years ago.

Louisville Site of 21st Annual Show in 2003

The 21st Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show in June of 2003 will be held in Louisville, NY, about 7 miles west of Massena.

The move from the usual Canton site was a major point of discussion at the annual meeting on October 27, 2002 and a subsequent special meeting on November 7 where the final vote was made.

During the fall of 2002, our officers had been unable to reach a satisfactory agreement with the Canton Sportsmen Club. Both parties agreed that our Association would run the whole show. However, the Association was unwilling to offer a rental fee that precluded our ability to make any profit.

As an alternative, the use of the relatively new arena and 7-acre field facilities of the Louisville Community Center were offered to us at relatively low cost. Also included were a pavilion, modern kitchens, fenced fields, and parking.

At the same time, a group of members volunteered to contribute additional funds to the Sportsmen Club and see if a larger rental offering would be accepted. If agreeable to the membership, they (continued on page 2)



Ross Goodyear at the 2002 Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show.

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| Association Events | January 25 | Saturday membership meeting at the Heuvelton Equipment Company at 7:00 pm. |
| | April ? | Annual banquet. |
| | June 14-15 | 21st Annual St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association Show, 2003. |
| | August 30-31 | Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show, 2003. |

Louisville New Show Site (from page 1)

would make the offer soon after the annual meeting.

Finally, members at the meeting voted that one more attempt with the Sportsmen Club should be made, and if successful, another meeting would be held to vote on which location to use.

The Sportsmen Club accepted the offer. A special meeting was announced for November 5. On that day, members voted 29 to 27 in favor of holding the show in Louisville.

The decision to move the show to Louisville generated a fair amount of discussion. Many liked the tradition associated with the Canton show. Some will have to travel farther to reach Louisville, yet for others it is much closer.

Regardless, officers and directors hope that all members will come together to make the 21st Annual Show a success. In later discussions there was a consensus among them that the Association needed its own site for long-term growth (see *New Goals for 2003* on page 3). ♂



Frank Shepherd showing off his 1928 3 hp McCormick Deer engine at the 2002 Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show.

Very Important Meeting Saturday Eve, January 25

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Sunday, January 25 at 7:00 pm at the Heuvelton Equipment Company building on Commerce Street in Heuvelton, NY. Look for the signs.

The meeting should be an interesting one with many subjects to be discussed. These include the goals being set for 2003 (see page 3).

Your input is needed, because we will be talking about the long-term development and direction of the Association. Some of the goals will require substantial membership commitment to achieve them.

Volunteers will also be sought for several new committees being established as well for the June Show. And of course, bring a new member with you. See you there! ☺



Frank Billings with a Fairbanks Morse and Ideal lawn mower engines at the 2002 Fall Show.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We extend a welcome to our newest members: Mae Magoon of Ellenburg Center, NY; Joan Jenkins (wife of John) of Salem, NY; Terry Bellinger of Lisbon, NY; Alan Garrand of Richville, NY; and Jack Austin of Huguenot, NY.

New members are invited to become as involved in their Association as they want. Let your specific interests be known. There is always plenty to do! ☺



Count on seeing Gary Hargrave at each show with Maytag engines and washers. "Look ma, no electricity".



John Felt (near) and Robert Foultz (right) help Jim Mitchell (end of mill) on his custom-built band saw mill at the Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show. Jim brings the unit each year, cutting 100's of feet of lumber to an appreciative audience.

DUES ARE DUE AGAIN

Look at the date after your name on the address label. If it does not read 03 (or higher), you probably owe dues. You can mail them to the treasurer, Bill Shirley, or pay them at the January meeting. Even paying at the June Show would do.

Dues for regular members are \$10.00 per year. Regular members are 14 years of age or older. Spouses who declare their desire to be members are not required to pay dues if the other spouse has done so. Paid up regular members and their declared spouses are eligible to vote at meetings.

Junior members are not more than 18 years of age and pay only \$5.00 in dues. They receive the Newsletter and enjoy all the privileges of regular members but are not permitted to vote.

Your dues underwrite the shows and pay for acquisition and renovation of antique engines and machines purchased by or donated to the Association. Your Association has insurance, holds membership in the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, and rents various items each year. Your dues are important. ☺



Sheila Gordon (center) works the Association's saw mill with Bobby (r) and Tom (l) Shirley during the 2002 Fall Show. Her apprenticeship now covers several shows.



Visitors at the Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show enjoyed hay rides with tractor driver Joyce (Hutchinson) Floundres.

GOALS PROPOSED FOR 2003

Acting President Ross Goodyear has put forth four important objectives for the coming year. The other officers and directors of the Association also believe them to be important for our future.

The Next Generation: As our Association ages, so do some of our members. The knowledge they have about the machines they operate must be passed on to younger generations.

We will be looking for members who want to learn and those wanting to teach the safe operation of Association equipment.

We will also be looking for members who want to show how their own equipment is operated and maintained and others who want to record all of this important information.

Safety: This must be the guide word in all of our activities. More attention will be given to safe handling of materials and operation of equipment. We will improve our emergency preparedness and keep a closer eye on the activities of members and guests.

Charity Status: The Association is incorporated in NY State as a not-for-profit corporation. However, it is not registered with the IRS as a charity. Donations to it might not qualify as a deduction on federal tax returns.

Progress was made in 2002 toward establishing a budget and creating required financial reports. We hope to apply for charity status in 2003.

Find a Home: For the past couple years, officers and directors of the Association have kept an eye out for a piece of land that the Association could acquire. The property would have enough space for buildings in which its growing collection of antique equipment could be stored. The property would also have to be suited to holding shows and demonstrations.

If supported by members, we will establish a program to identify a general location, define our requirements, establish funding, and actively search for suitable property.

Committees: Ross will be establishing working committees to achieve these goals, and he is looking for volunteers. Give him a call. 📞

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Next meeting Saturday, January 25 at 7:00 pm.
Leadership change announced.
21st Annual Show in June moves to Louisville.
Goals for 2003 proposed.
More pictures from the 2002 Fall Show.



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Ray Coty's Power King Tractor sporting a track conversion and Carol Austin driving at the 2002 June Show.



Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show, Labor Day weekend, 1999. You can see Howard, Verna, Joyce and Janice waving.