

# 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 APRIL 5

**Y**our Association's Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 5 at 6:00 pm at the Louisville Community Center. Set up begins at 5:30.

Turkey, beef, and ham will be provided as well as sodas, coffee, tea, and milk. Each member is asked to bring their favorite dish to share as well as utensils to eat with.

Of course, bring your significant other. Children and guests are welcome as well.

Entertainment will include a speaker from the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. The Association has been a member of the Chamber for several years. Our shows are included in their website at [www.northcountryguide.com](http://www.northcountryguide.com).



Founder Ed Fincham (left) and early-member Don Sloan share memories at the 2002 June Show. They have seen the Association grow from 12 to nearly 250 members.

## ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT 1st ANNUAL INT'L VINTAGE POWER & EQUIP SHOW

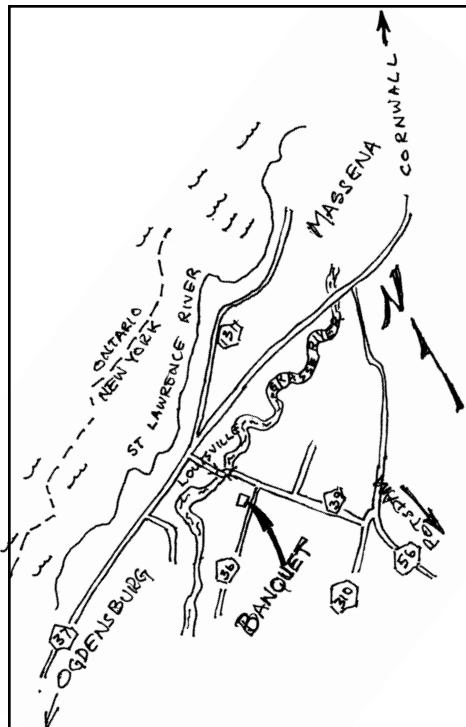
**O**ur Association has agreed to participate in the 1st Annual International Vintage Power & Equipment Show sponsored by the River Valley Antique Tractor and Engine Club. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4, in the Salmon River Central School Arena at Ft. Covington.

We will be joined by the Champlain Valley Antique Engine & Tractor Assn. and the Chateaugay Valley Antique Association of Canada. It is hoped that this show will promote an alliance of our four related organizations. The theme of the show is the preservation of vintage power equipment and tools and to educate the public of the value of preserving our mechanical history.

Several exhibits are already planned, but help is still needed. If you wish to add to or help manage the exhibit, contact Ross Goodyear (phone and address on back page). Being indoors, there are limits on the size and nature of the displays. The Association has one quarter of the space or 30 X 90 feet.

Set up is Friday evening. Vendor space is limited, and those interested should contact an Association officer as soon as possible to assure a space. All vendors and exhibitors must be in place by 8:00 am Saturday and remain until 3:00 pm on Sunday. What a great place to promote your Association.

Why not call Ross and offer your help!



### Association Events

April 5  
May 3-4  
June 14-15  
August 30-31

Annual banquet at the Louisville Community Center, Louisville, NY.  
1st International Vintage Power & Equipment Show at Ft. Covington, NY.  
21st Annual St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association Show at Louisville.  
Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show at the Hutchinson Farm, Heuvelton, NY.



Gary Livingston's John Deere 530 was good enough for him to place in the 7000 lb. class in the antique tractor pull at the 2002 Old Fashioned Harvest Days.

## JANUARY MEETING HELD MARCH 8

Winter's weather and the flu conspired against the January meeting. Rescheduled for early March, it attracted 22 hardy souls.

Earlier this year, the board of directors had appointed Ross Goodyear to the vacant office of president. Ross had several items on the agenda to present (look elsewhere in this issue for details).

The upcoming banquet and June show were discussed. Ross presented an action plan for the Association's acquisition of land for a permanent show and equipment site.

Ross also discussed training of new operators for the Association's equipment and the need to fill the chair position for the Safety Committee.

Members were asked to recommend candidates for the vacant position of vice-president. The by-laws call for the board of directors to appoint officers to positions vacated following annual elections. Ross will also be appointing a Safety Committee Chairman.

We thank Gary and Cheryl Crowe for kindly hosting the meeting in Heuvelton.

### JOSEPH P DOBOZE

Joe Doboze, long-time resident and farmer in the Louisville-Norfolk area, passed away on February 12, 2003.

Buying a farm from Robert Power in the 1930's, he acquired an Empire threshing machine built in Cobleskill.

In late 2001, Joe donated the thresher to the Association, providing a legacy for future generations to study and enjoy.

A plaque will be mounted on the thresher, commemorating Joe and his generous gift. Ω



The Association's Anderson diesel engine in 1992, sitting on its lowboy after being removed from the cheese box factory in Heuvelton. Roof and sides were added to protect it from the

## JIM SMITH DONATES PULL TRACK CLAY

Last fall, you may have noticed that the pulling track at the Hutchinson farm was a bit uneven, placing unwanted stress on the pull boat.

To solve the problem, late last fall, Steve Smith dug and loaded nearly 500 truck-loads of clay from his farm. The trucks were hired by the Association.

Upon delivery to the pull track, Bill Bartlett, using Smith's Cat. Dozer, leveled and compacted the clay. Jim McGraw coordinated the loading and hauling, a job that took all those involved a full day.

The new clay bed has had a season to settle. In the near future, it needs to be graded and re-compacted to be ready for the Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show. ☺

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We extend a welcome to our newest members: Bill Fieldson of Palmyra, NY; Laura Thesier of Harrisville, NY; and Leo and Patricia Paige of Gainesville, FL.

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

## MOVING THE BIG MACHINES

Bill Bartlett and Paul Moore are making plans for the relocation of the Association's Farquhar steam engine and Anderson diesel engine.

Currently located at the Canton Sportsmen Club grounds, the engines will be moved to Louisville, NY, site of the June show this year.

Weighing several tons, the move is not simple. Grant Thesier volunteered his time and equipment as needed. The board has approved purchase of new tires. Gary Crowe offered the use of his tire-changing equipment. ☹

# Looking for a Home

**A**t the member's meeting in March, president Ross Goodyear presented his thoughts on a most important goal, securing a suitable piece of land for the Association.

Following a successful search for a site, the property would be leased or purchased. The Association's large equipment would be relocated there and set up in facilities suited to their long-term operation.

With the board's approval Ross has appointed a search committee consisting of members from across the region including Dan Cole, Wayne Day, Gene Jones, Lee Latu-



Founder Harlow Hogle at the only show at Russell, NY, back in 1982. A 7 hp Gilson operates a shingle mill. A smaller engine runs the pump.

## MONEY, MONEY

**D**ues for 2003 can be paid at the banquet or any show. If you do not have an '03 after your name on the label, you are due. Members are still \$10.00 and junior members are \$5.00 per year.

**T**he treasurer's report was read at the March meeting. With all bills paid, there is a balance remaining of \$4919.62.

**S**ale: The 2003 Steam & Gas Show Directory will be for sale at the next Association events. There's only a few available; shop early. ☐

lpe, Jim McGraw, and Paul Shirley with Shirley as chairman.

The board suggested factors they should consider including road frontage, topography, streams, buildings, utilities, and price. Between 25 and 50 acres would be required.

The committee is to add to and refine the above specifications. Upon their approval by the board, the committee would locate a suitable property.

Purchase of the property would follow assurance that the Association qualified for non-profit charity status with the IRS, making donations tax deductible.

A discussion followed the presentation. Members were asked to make suggestions if they knew of any favorable sites. ☐

## TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

**A** very important goal set for this year is the training of new operators for the various machines owned by the Association.

Proposed by president Ross Goodyear at the March members meeting, the idea received support from several attending.

Gary Crowe noted that there was room for new volunteers in the operation of the corn harvesting equipment used at the Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show.

Bill Bartlett and Paul Moore have expressed interest in having someone prepare a video and hand book for the operation of the big Anderson diesel engine. These would be very useful in preserving hard won knowledge on its operation.

The saw mill has attracted one new sawyer, Sheila Gordon. Bobby Shirley says he could use some new willing hands. And Ross would like more help on the haypress.

Ideally, each machine will have enough skilled operators to assure its safe future operation. Manuals will be written. And crew members will have time off to enjoy other aspects of the shows. △

# Need a Few Good Men

**A**t the march meeting, members were asked to put forth names (including women) for the vacant position of Association vice-president. The board of directors is directed by the by-laws to elect or appoint officers to fill vacated positions.

President Ross Goodyear also plans to appoint a Safety Committee Chairman soon. He wants to be sure that Association members have had the opportunity to participate.

Several names were received at the meeting. The board now has a list of excellent candidates, and the selection of a new vice-president should be made soon. ☐



Marty Osuch at the controls of the Anderson diesel engine at the June Show in 2001.

## OSUCH DONATES 5HP HERCULES

**M**arty Osuch, a former president, has donated a 5 hp Hercules fly wheel engine to the Association.

The 1920 engine was offered to the Association for use as either a fund-raising prize or to power its various items of equipment.

The board of directors elected to add the engine to its collection of antique engines and approved funding for parts and materials.

A used magneto has been located and purchased. The engine is now under restoration by Paul Shirley. ☐

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## inside...

Annual Banquet coming soon - Saturday, April 5.  
1st Annual International Vintage Power & Equipment Show.  
Association begins search for land.  
Bartlett and Moore move big equipment for the June Show.  
Smith donates tons of clay, and Osuch a 5 hp Hercules



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## HELP OTHERS CELEBRATE

Two events in June need your help while offering an opportunity to promote the Association.

The first is the **Dairy Princess Parade** held annually in Canton, NY, a week before our June Show. The

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parade will be on Saturday, June 7.

The second event is the **Town of Dekalb Bicentennial Celebration** on June 14 at Dekalb Junction, NY. We are invited to display our engines, machines, and other antique items.

Though this is the first day of our own show in Louisville, we should do our best to help them as we have other communities. ☺

## 21st ANNUAL SHOW COMING JUNE 14-15

Make plans now to participate in our 21st Annual Show to be held this year at the Louisville Community Center arena and grounds in Louisville, NY. Louisville is located 6 miles west of Massena.

Your engines, tractors, and related displays will be the central exhibits. The Association's big engines and saw mill will be there. There will be model train displays, antique automobiles, crafters, and flea market.

The antique tractor pull and kids pedal pull will be on Sunday. Great food both days, music, wagon rides, and old fashioned fellowship will also be there.

Each display will receive a handsome 21st Annual Show plaque, this year in green with white lettering. Put it on your calendar now. See you there! ☺