

St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine

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

21st Annual Show June 14-15

Your Association holds its 21st Annual June Show on the 14th and 15th in Louisville, New York at the Louisville Community Center ball-park and arena.

The main events will be the traditional displays of antique engines, tractors, and machinery. Your Association's Anderson diesel and Farquhar steam engine will be there.

The Lane saw mill will be in operation. Look for the Hercules engine recently donated by Marty Osuch.

There should be a good line of antique tractors along with antique trucks and cars brought by local clubs. The Norwood Model Train Club will have a display in the Arena.

On Saturday there will be a demonstration of lawnmower racing. On Sunday the antique tractor pull and kids pedal pull will be held.

Providing added financial support for the show, several people have purchased flea market and crafts spaces.

There are great breakfasts, hot food from the grill, spaghetti dinner Saturday eve, and grilled BBQ chicken for Sunday lunch.

The Louisville Fire Department invites everyone to come to its dance on Saturday night. They'll be providing emergency coverage during our show.

And there's great live bluegrass music each afternoon with Floyd Sherman and friends Saturday and the Goodtimers on Sunday.

Set up any time during the week. Come Thursday at 6:00 pm for the work meeting and help set up. Load up your old iron and join in. ☺



Phil Bigarel (l) and Lee Williams (r) and another hidden member look over a John Deere H at the June Show of 2000. Pray for dry, sunny days at the 21st Annual Show.

SEARCH FOR LAND GETS UNDERWAY

In March, president Ross Goodyear presented several objectives for the Association. Among them was beginning a search for a piece of land on which we could hold shows and where facilities could be found or built to store the Association's equipment.

Ross set a goal of finding a suitable property during the next 24 months. A site committee was established with Paul Shirley as chairman and members from throughout St. Lawrence County.

To date, properties have been examined including 48 acres on hwy. 37 near Waddington, Stan's junkyard on hwy. 11 north of Canton with buildings and 37 acres, a property north of Dekalb Junction with 80 acres, and possible sites on highway 68 between Ogdensburg and Canton.

An important first step is to gain exemption from federal taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This will allow the Association to receive large donations. Donors will be able to add the value of their gift to their list of itemized deductions on their tax returns. It will also improve our opportunity to receive grants from the government and foundations.

Roger Austin has submitted nearly 100 pages of financial and other documents to a consultant who will help the Association find its way over the legal and financial hurdles. Her associates include attorneys and accountants in case their expertise be required.



Association Events

June 12	Work meeting Thursday night at 6:00 pm at the Louisville show site. Come help set up.
June 14-15	21st Annual St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association Show at Louisville.
July?	Members meeting.
August 30-31	Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show at the Hutchinson Farm, Heuvelton, NY.

MEMBERS ATTEND APRIL BANQUET & MAY MEETING

Now and ice failed to keep seventy hardy members and friends from attending the Annual Banquet at the Louisville Community Center on April 5.

Following dinner, Paul Shirley gave a brief review of the Association's history and introduced the speaker.

Ellen Nesbitt of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce was the guest speaker. She noted new attractions in the county and opportunities for financial assistance to the Association.

On May 15, 21 members attended a meeting at the home of Roger & Carol Austin.

Reports were heard from the site committee and safety committee. The June show was discussed. The new finance committee was introduced and reports on the show at Salmon River Central School were heard.

Look for details elsewhere in this Newsletter.



LOST MEMBERS SOUGHT

An unhappy duty of the board is to periodically check the membership rolls to see whose dues are in serious arrears.

As of this writing, letters have been enclosed in the Newsletters addressed to 13 members whom we have not heard from since 2000.

We consider supporting everyone's membership and their participation in the Association a top priority. This year, the number after your name on the address label should be 03, indicating your dues are up to date.

Think of the escalating cost of insuring the Association. The cost per member now exceeds \$2.50. Add the cost of publishing and mailing the Newsletter and meeting notices that ranges from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per year.

Then there are the expenses of purchasing, renovating, and repairing the Association's equipment. And there is the seed money needed to organize two shows each year, rain or shine.

Your \$10 dues goes a long way toward not just supporting your own interests, but also in helping preserve engines and machines of the past for future generations. See you at the registration desk at the June Show. ☺



All pictures on this page are from the 2003 Annual Banquet held April 6 at the Louisville Community Center. Photos courtesy of Pat Shirley.



Other Regional Events of Interest

- June 7-8: Hudson-Mohawk, Pioneer Gas Engine Assn. 36th Annual Gas Up, Schoharie, near Albany. (518) 355-2401.
- June 14: Town of Dekalb Bicentennial parade and display, Dekalb Junction, NY. (315) 347-3465.
- June 21-22 Old Stone House Museum Gas Engine Show (free) by VT Gas & Steam Eng. Assn. (802) 525-3931.
- July 12: 36th Annual Potsdam Antique Car Show, Ives Park, Potsdam, NY. (315) 265-8664.

Board Picks New Vice President

Paul Moore of Potsdam was elected vice-president of the Association at a meeting of the board of directors on April 6.

Association by-laws called for the board to fill the vacancy created when the previous vice-president, Ross Goodyear, was chosen to become president.

The board received several excellent recommendations for the position. Paul selection reflects his many years of dedicated membership.

Paul played a vital role in moving and restoring the Association's Anderson diesel engine. There were no manuals to work from.

Moore and others deciphered the secret of bringing the old diesel back to life. He recently organized its relocation to the Louisville Community Center grounds.

Say congratulations to Paul when you see him at the June Show. ✖

HOW ABOUT BRINGING A CAKE, PIE, COOKIES OR OTHER GOODIES FOR THE BAKESALE AT THE JUNE SHOW. THEY ARE A GREAT FUND RAISER. THANKS!

FOR SALE

Allis Chalmers CA. and equipment: Engine set up but cylinders oiled. Guaranteed no mechanical damage. Narrow front end but have wide end conversion. Has small trip bucket and chains. Needs radiator. Includes matched AC Roto Baler, makes 14" bales. Also a matched 2-point hitch hydraulic mower. All for \$1500 OBO. Contact Rick Swanson, 615 Childs Rd., Ren. Falls. 315-344-7470.

2004 Old Iron Calendars: Only \$8.00, retails for \$11.00. Visit the registration desk at the June Show.

2003 Farm Collectors Show Directory: Only a couple left. Visit the registration desk at the June Show. \$



Vice-president Paul Moore (r) and Lief Lanning discuss a Vermont engine the two rebuilt back in 1998. The engine has been shown at June Shows and was in show ads in 2001 and 2002.

SAFETY CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED

Grant Thesier was selected to be the chairman of the Safety Committee at the board meeting on April 6.

Though a new member, Grant has been a collector of antique tractors and held an interest in antique machines for many years.

In his contracting business, he has successfully used a safety program to avoid serious accidents, improve awareness, and reduce his insurance costs.

"I don't see myself as a safety police officer for the Association. We can still have fun while becoming more aware of safe practices", says Grant.

At the members meeting on May 5, he distributed some of the rules published by the Early Days Gas Engine & Tractor Assn. Inc. (EDGE&TA). The material listed some of the basic steps toward being safe while operating our engines and equipment.

Grant and others will be available at the June Show to share some of the safety ideas. He will have caution tape and a few posts that can be used to keep visitors from unsafe areas.

He is looking for members interested in helping with the effort. It is another opportunity to serve your Association. +

FINANCE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

At the board meeting on May 18, the board established a Finance Committee. It also appointed Laura Thesier and Roger Austin as co-chairs.

President Goodyear wants the committee to tie together the effort to gain exemption from the IRS with fund-raising efforts related to the possible acquisition of land. Duties include assuring the Association meets government reporting requirements.

The co-chairs have been asked to recommend the names of members who should be added to the committee. They are looking for members who have experience related to the mission of the committee.

Members should submit recommendations to the chairs. ☐

WE REMEMBER

Past member Harmon E. Parmerter of Oswegatchie, New York passed away during on May 2 of a heart attack. Harmon was 49 years old.

He will be remembered for his strong interest in collecting and displaying antique engines. Harmon was also a member of the Flywheels and Pulleys Club of Constableville.

The Association and its members extend their sympathy to his wife Linda, his parents, and family.



Old iron at its best on display at a June Show. Let's see yours at Louisville.

NEW MEMBERS

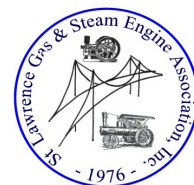
Please welcome John McDermid of Moose Creek, Ontario. ☺

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21st Annual June Show at Louisville this year.
Paul Moore elected vice-president.
Land search begins with sites examined and IRS considerations.
Safety Committee established with Grant Thesier chair.
Annual Banquet attracts seventy; twenty one attend members meeting.



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John Deeres line up to show off the green at the 2002 June Show in Canton.

SALMON RIVER SHOW SUPPORTED

Your Association joined with three other clubs to present the 1st Annual International Vintage Power & Equipment Show on May 3-4.

Our display was provided by Ross Goodyear who brought tractors and the Ann Arbor haypress, Gary Hargrave with his small engines, and Brice Winters with engines and other displays. Gary Crowe provided a truck to transport the large items.

The show was hosted by the River Valley Antique Tractor Club. The program was held inside the Salmon River Central School arena at Ft. Covington.

Thanks go to Brice, Gary, and Ross for staying with the displays to explain them to visitors. ♀

SEE THE 1920 5 HP HERCULES ENGINE DONATED BY MARTY OSUCH AT THE JUNE SHOW.