

St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine

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

Misty or Sunny, a Great Show

The 21st Annual Show on June 14-15 was a successful thriller. The move to Louisville, uncertain weather, and soggy grounds were overcome with a great turnout, especially Sunday.

Five hundred visitors came through the gate (several through other places), over 100 members and displayers registered, a dozen antique truckers and another two dozen antique car buffs drove in, and nearly 20 crafters and flea marketers set up booths.

There were 84 antique tractors hooked to pull on Sunday (see page 5). Inside the arena were three large model train displays manned by members of the Model Railroad Club at Norwood.

Add all the cooks, bottle washers, chicken grillers, safety crew members, gate watchers, and standby (see *Great Show, cont'd. on page 5*)



George Cardinal kept his promise to bring his big 20 hp McEwen Bros. oil field engine. He is still shy one original flywheel. It's a lawn ornament, and the lady will not part with it. His cooling water is hidden (hint: look inside the tubular steel frame).



These champion pedal tractor pullers hold up their trophies with pride. See page 2 for the list of winners.

MOST IMPORTANT MEETING JULY 26

The next members meeting will be held July 26 at 7:00 pm with Paul Moore as host. Following a short but very important business meeting, Paul will present a program on flywheel engines he has known.

The business meeting will address securing the services of an attorney and accountant to help the Association over the final hurdles of becoming a historical and educational corporation in the state of New York and getting the IRS to accept our application as a tax-exempt charitable organization.

Because of changes in corporate law, the growth of our Association, and the need to assure future compliance with state and federal reporting regulations, several changes are contemplated including a new corporate structure, a modest change in name, and improved accounting procedures.

The process is not without significant expense, but the Association's board of directors feels strongly that the many benefits make it worthwhile. Even better, the board is already able to identify donors for more than two thirds of the cost.

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Association Events	July 26	Saturday, 7:00 PM, members meeting at Paul Moore's house (see article above).
	August 9	Festival of North Country Folklife, Robert Moses State Park (see article, pg. 2).
	August 28	Thursday, 7:00 PM, meeting at Hutchinson's to set up show.
	August 30-31	Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show at the Hutchinson Farm, Heuvelton, NY.

WE THANK OUR JUNE SHOW TROPHY SPONSORS

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Wayne Day and friends talk old cars at the 21st Annual June Show in front of the Louisville arena. Members of antique car and truck clubs from Canada and the US provided a remarkable range of vehicles for all to enjoy.

PEDAL PULLERS

The younger set of tractor enthusiasts competed in the pedal pull competition. Winners in the 0 to 5 years old class were: 1st., Jorden Kennerson and 2nd., Mason Martinez, and 3rd., Madison Martinez. In the 5 and up class, the winners were: 1st., Steven Thesier and 2nd., Sam Hurlbut.

Other Regional Events of Interest

- July 16-17 Northern New York Ag Expo (Wednesday and Thursday), Malone, NY (518) 572-1725.
- July 19-20 Williamstown Hist. Soc. Old Time Gas & Steam Eng. Show & Tractors, Williamstown, NY (315) 964-0032
- Aug. 7-10 NY Steam Engine Assn. 43rd Annual Pageant of Steam, Canandaigua, NY (607) 243-7634.
- Aug. 16-17 Stone Mills Old Farm & Home Festival. LaFargeville, NY (315) 658-2063.
- Aug. 23-24 Kingston Area Antique Assn. Homesteader Days. Nine miles north of Kingston, Ont. (613) 384-1102.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A bonus from the June Show is the addition of 16 new members. Their addition to the roster brings the membership to 253 which includes 21 spouses and 17 junior members. Here are the new ones:

Shannon Bond of Rensselaer Falls, NY; Brent Brenno of Lisbon, NY; Devin Brenno (Jr. member) of Ogdensburg, NY; Thomas and Sally Brothers of Norfolk, NY; Bob Girard of Massena, NY; Joyce (Mrs. Harlow) Hogle of Colton;

Dylan Jarvis (Jr. member) of Massena, NY; Arno Lippassaar of Massena, NY; Cathy Losey and Tanner Losey (Junior member) of Massena, NY; Bill MacIntire of Raymondville, NY;

Ronald Mason of Cape Vincent, NY; Joseph Palmisano of Massena, NY; Oliver Sorrell (welcome back) of Churubusco, NY; and Joe Wood of Clayton, NY.

HELP NEEDED AT FESTIVAL OF NORTH COUNTRY FOLKLIFE

For several years, your Association has participated in the Festival of North Country Folklife. We also net a nice donation from the Festival.

Ed Fincham will need help this year, as some of the regular displayers will not be able to participate. Engines, tractors, or antique machines are welcome. The more motion, the better.

Please call Ed at 315-769-6800 or email him at efincham@twcny.rr.com and let him know you want to help. The festival is fun and you will be helping it as well as your Association. Call now while you are thinking about it.

(Important Meeting, continued from page 1)

Members should look for a letter and proxy form enclosed in this Newsletter. They provide further details of the board's recommendation. If unable to attend the meeting, your wishes can be expressed in the proxy. Mail it soon!

Paul's house is located at 723 Finnegan Road. From Canton, travel about 1.7 miles north on State Hwy. 310 from US Hwy. 11. Turn right onto Finnegan Road.

From the Morley-Potsdam Road, travel south about 1 mile on Hwy 310. Turn left onto Finnegan Road. Look for house 723. See you there!



Steve Smith unloads his International 660, ready for the antique tractor pull held Sunday during the 21st Annual Show. There were 84 entries in the competitions. Winners of the pulls are listed on page 5.



Leo and Freda Sorrell show off their Maytag and John Deere Engines at the 21st Annual June Show at Louisville. This year they were joined by Oliver Sorrell.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Shirley reports

that the net from the June Show was \$2,013 on receipts of \$6086. The net includes anticipated unpaid bills.

Receipts included revenue from the sales of food at the concession stand, baked goods, caps and T-shirts, calendars the clock raffle, the tractor pull and entrance gate fees, and \$615 in membership dues.

Major expenses included food stuffs, pull services provided by the River Valley Antique Tractor Club, and facilities rentals.

On July 6, 2003 there was \$3604 in the bank with unpaid bills of \$142 outstanding. This is in line with the balance at this time last year of \$4150 considering the \$402 cost increase for insurance (see right) and the recent payment of \$420 for legal fees.



Ed Fincham checks the fire in the Association's Farquhar steam engine. Ed has begun training Gary Hargrave as an operator. More are needed if willing to take the time to learn.

Insurance Cost Continue Rise

Your Association's insurance policy provides \$1 million / 2 million in commercial general liability coverage.

Not long ago, this coverage cost just \$150 per year. Last year the cost rose to \$688. Last month we paid the new premium of \$1090 per year.

There are 232 paying members (spouses who desire membership pay no dues). That translates to \$4.70 in insurance premiums each, including junior members.

This coverage probably does not extend to drop-in displayers. This is the reason we have become fussy about show participants registering and confirming their membership.

It is also the reason why the new safety committee is so important. The least costly incident is the one that does not happen.

It is also the reason why dues at \$10 per year is a pretty good deal. ☺

MANY HEROES AT THE JUNE SHOW

Their names are not in any particular order, but these are the folks that kept things running at the 21st Annual June Show.

At breakfast, serving silver dollar pancakes or cooking a ton of spaghetti for Saturday dinner and lots of hotdogs and hamburgers in between we thank the following: Bill Shirley, Patti Shirley, Michelle Shirley, Alice Pharoah, Mae Magoon, Pat Shirley, and Cathy Losey.

Grilled chicken that sold faster than a speeding pullet was cooked up by Louisville firemen John Sheets and Gilles Marceau with Lenny Vancor.

Keeping an eye on the bake sale and selling Association memorabilia were: Susan Shirley, Sandi Fincham, and Becky Shirley. Becky and Pat Shirley also managed the sale of raffle tickets for the tractor clock.

The Louisville Volunteer Firemen provided standby emergency help. Grant's (Thesier) Construction provided willing manpower on the safety wagon.

Dewey LaValley and John Beaty from the Louisville Community Center kept all the utilities and traffic running during the show and rolled out the rain-soaked field after we left.

A beautiful display of restored antique cars and trucks was provided by drive-in visits from the Massena Antique Car Club, the Adirondack Region of the AACA, the Vintage Truck Club of Northern NY, and the Cornwall Antique Car Club.

The Norwood Model Railroad Club set up three large displays in the arena. Many vendors also chose to set up there as well.

There are still many others unnamed including members who helped set up Thursday night and those who came back after the show to clean up.

A tip of the hat to Paul Shirley who coordinated a fine show. ♪

David Parent tunes his 3 hp Fairbanks Morris Z at the June Show. This was just one piece of his large display.



Reporter Carol Austin talks to show guest Glenn Wynne about the great collection of engines he brought to the June Show. We need him as a member.

IT'S STURTEVANT, NOT STYVESSANT

From time to time The Newsletter has reported on our Styvessant steam engine. Getting the spelling correct was always a concern. But we had the wrong name.

Your Association actually owns a B.F. Sturtevant Company steam engine made in Boston, USA. The engine was donated by the Terwilliger Brothers in 1992 when they also donated our monster 2-cylinder Anderson diesel engine.

The Sturtevant is a single cylinder vertical engine about seven feet tall when the governor is mounted on top. It has a 10 inch cylinder and 9 inch stroke. It operates at 330 RPM at 100 psi steam pressure.

The engine is intended to be stationary, mounted on a monolithic concrete base. The boiler did not accompany the engine. The engine



WE NEED TO BE A TAX-EXEMPT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

The difficulty and expense of becoming a tax-exempt charity is substantial. However, as our Association grows, there are important benefits to be gained.

The organization becomes exempt from income taxes. We will still have an annual reporting requirement, but any income we might have will not be taxed.

Donors to the Association will be able to deduct the value of their contribution from their income taxes if they itemize deductions on their tax returns. Most large donors will not contribute to organizations that are not tax-exempt charities.

We will be exempt from paying state sales tax on purchases we make. Whether we are required to collect sales tax on items we sell will be determined by circumstances not related to being a charity.

US postage costs will be reduced by more than 40%. That will save us about \$250 per year.

We will become eligible for private and government grants determined by how well our plans match the objectives of the granting agencies.

If we own property, exemption from property taxes will be determined by the local government. Our status as a tax-exempt charity might support our case, but it will not guarantee the result.

Not all *not-for-profit* organizations are *tax-exempt charities*. There are numerous not-for-profit groups that support political programs and organizations. They are not charities.

Likewise, when we become a charity, we will be prohibited from supporting political parties or candidates. We may support certain non-political government programs.

The board of directors believes that doing nothing could be as costly and more complicated administratively. Growth from donations will be seriously limited. The Association's future well-being depends on its becoming a tax-exempt charity. ♪



Bill Bartlett (l) and Bill Pharoah operate the Association's Anderson diesel engine.



Bob Shirley watches Sheila Gordon as she trains on the controls of the Lane saw mill at the June Show.

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firemen and the total easily reaches a thousand participants.

Over 20 displayers brought at least twice that many engines. Many brought a variety of machines including pumps, rope makers, potato harvesters, and old tools.

A beautiful machine was the 1909 McIntyre auto driven in by new member Bill MacIntire and his wife, Keitha. Equally interesting was the traction engine built by member John McDermid from a 1913 Fairbanks Morse flywheel engine. John came down from Moose Creek, Ontario.

The Association provided the heavy iron with its Lane saw mill, Ann Arbor hay press, Farquhar steam engine, and Anderson diesel.

Operators included Ed Fincham, Bob and Tom Shirley, Ross Good-year, Bill Bartlett, and Paul Moore. In training on these machines were Gary Hargrave, Sheila Gordon, and Shannon Bond. ☺

JUNE SHOW TRACTOR PULL RESULTS

A wet track failed to discourage participants in the antique tractor pull on Sunday of the June Show. There were 84 hooks registered in 12 classes, including Century. Winners are listed below.

2500 lbs.: 1st., Brent Jarvis, 1950 Allis Chalmers C; 2nd., Al Garrard, 1947 Allis Chalmers C; 3rd., Dick Hammond, 1952 Allis Chalmers CA.

3000 lbs.: 1st., Dave Burwell, John Deere 40 owned by Ed Jordan; 2nd., Earl Favaro, 1953 Farmall C; 3rd., Brent Jarvis, Allis Chalmers B.

4000 lbs.: 1st., Mark Jarvis, 1957 Ford 900; 2nd., Winston Armstrong, Allis Chalmers WD 45; 3rd., Otis Bishop, 1953 Allis Chalmers WD.

5000 lbs.: 1st., Wayne Langlois, Farmall M; 2nd., Ron Dishaw, 1953 Farmall Super M owned by Mike Dishaw; 3rd., Otis Bishop, Allis Chalmers WD 45.

6000 lbs.: 1st., Kris Jordan, 1959 Oliver 880; 2nd., Grant Thesier, 1954 Farmall Super MTA; 3rd., Mike Dishaw, 1958 Farmall 460.

7000 lbs.: 1st., Bill Bartlett, 1948 International W9; 2nd., Kris Jordan,

Oliver 880; 3rd., Grant Thesier, 1958 Farmall Super MTA.

8000 lbs.: 1st., Dave Lockwood, 1959 Farmall 560; 2nd., Steve Smith, 1957 International 650; 3rd., Ben Cleaveland, 1951 Minneapolis Moline G.

9000 lbs.: 1st., Eric LaBombard, 1956 John Deere 720LP owned by Dale; 2nd., Dave Lockwood, 1959 Farmall 560; 3rd., Pete Bishop, 1958 Case 800.

10000 lbs.: 1st., Grant Thesier, 1959 International 660; 2nd., Chuck Chapman, John Deere 820; 3rd., Walt Bishop, 1960 Case 900.

11000 lbs.: 1st., Grant Theiser, 1959 International 660; 2nd., Chuck Chapman, John Deere 820; 3rd., Mike Livingston, 1959 Case 900.

12000 lbs.: 1st., Mike Livingston, 1959 Case 900; 2nd., Chuck Chapman, John Deere 820; 3rd., Gary Livingston, International 660 owned by Gary and Mike.

Century: 1st., Winston Armstrong, Allis Chalmers WD45; 2nd., Larry Mayville, Farmall H owned by Wayne Langlois; 3rd., Otis Bishop, Allis Chalmers. ♣



Willis Shattuck's tent hosted diners and music lovers listening to the Floyd Sherman players and the Good Timers.

MORE EMPHASIS ON HEALTH & SAFETY

Grant Thesier, chairman of the new Safety Committee, got things off to a good start at the 21st Annual June Show.

Work began before the show started. Attention was given to safe placement of large operating equipment. Caution tape limited visitor access to hazardous areas, and caution signs were posted.

The NY State Department of Health inspected the food concession facilities. After discussing menus with Bill Shirley and addressing

specific concerns, it issued a permit to operate a temporary food operation at the show.

At registration, displayers were given copies from Grant of safety rules used by the Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Assn. More detailed information is available at their website, www.edge&ta.com.

During the show, Grant and his crew provided materials that would help crowd flow and improve displays while also keeping an eye out for unsafe conditions or practices.

This is an excellent first step toward improving safety awareness among members and visitors. Several commented on its importance to the Association. △

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21st Annual June Show successful in spite of rain.
Very important meeting at Paul Moore's on July 26.
Antique tractor pull results announced.
Insurance costs going up.
Displays, helpers, and sponsors build a successful show.



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Sunday afternoon at the June Show's antique tractor pull. The big John Deere pull back tractor was provided by Steve McKnight. His son, Travis, brought it directly from their fields. The Association greatly appreciates their generous support.

Did We Miss Your Name?

Literally hundreds of Association members and friends contributed time and energy to make the 21st Annual Show a success. They brought engines, tractors, and machines. Others brought baked goods

or cooked for all. Some set up and ran the Association's big steam and diesel engines or the old sawmill.

We were only able to get a fraction of the pictures we took into this issue. There will be more in the next one. We missed some of you, but if you registered, we will find

your name there.

But you know you were there. You contributed. You helped make the show the success it was. Thanks.

Check the Web: <http://home.twcny.rr.com/harg43/slgas.html.html>.