

St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine

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

Old Fashioned Harvest Days!

Labor Day weekend brings Association members together at the Hutchinson Family Farm on Rt. 15 between Heuvelton and Rensselaer Falls.

President Ross Goodyear is hoping for the largest turnout of members ever as opportunities for participation continue to increase. These range from bringing in the old iron for display to volunteering for chores.

Operators of Association equipment continue to seek trainees who want to learn how to run the haypress, threshing machine, saw mill, or steam engine. And there is room for those with a hankerin' to plow or bind and chop corn. And the antique tractor pullers are always looking for new competitors.

Visitors love the flywheel engines and other operating equipment like the old washing machines, cider mills, pumps, and compressors. And the bluegrass music, great food, and vendors of old iron.

Do stop by and register. While there, sign up for one or two hours of service at the gate, kitchen, policing the grounds, or even taking photos.

We still need displayers to be members so their activities will be covered by Association insurance. Vendors who are not members, flea marketers, and crafters will be asked a set-up fee of \$10 to cover both days.

Here's a chance to share your equipment and skills with other members and the public. See you there!! ☺



John McDermid on the gas traction engine he assembled with a 1913 Fairbanks-Morse Model H engine at the June Show.

MEMBERS APPROVE REORGANIZATION AS HISTORICAL/EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION

Members of the Association approved plans for reorganization at a meeting on July 26. The vote was unanimous with 23% of the qualified voters present or represented by proxy. See *New Name* on page 2.

Approval was an essential step toward obtaining charity status under IRS code. The approval also allocated funding from the treasury and contributions to pay for legal costs and application fees.

As of this writing, a draft of a new set of by-laws has been sent to the attorney for review and approval. It combines features of the existing ones and an model set whose features comply with corporate law.

Applications for a new bank account and post office box have been obtained. Work will soon begin on preparing budgets for the first three years of the new organization. It will be based on summaries of past accounting already completed. A CPA will oversee this work.

Incorporation of historical or educational organizations is overseen by the Regents of the State of New York through the Department of Education, rather than the Department of State.

Upon favorable ruling from the Regents, application to the IRS for charity status will be made. Targeted completion date for all these actions is January of 2004.



The Norwood Model Railroad Club had a great display at the June Show. (l to r) Henry Strong, Scott Young, Paul Bestor, Nick Kedovary. Not shown are Ken Friedel and Ed Alfonsin.

Association Events	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.
	August 31	Sunday, 8:00 AM, informal breakfast meeting at the Show. Come and catch up on things.
	October ??	Annual meeting & elections. Look for an announcement.

A NEW NAME - THE ST. LAWRENCE POWER & EQUIPMENT MUSEUM

Selection of a name for the new organization was the second and last order of business at the members meeting on July 26 (*see Members Approve on page 1*).

The name **St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum** was chosen by those present with no dissenting votes and support from many of the proxies received. The name will have to be approved by the Regents of the State of New York.

Discussion on the question was long and thorough. The tradition of the Gas & Steam name was in the minds of most, yet the broader new name spoke to the present breadth and future growth of the organization.

It was also felt that the annual shows had been and would continue to be living museums where visitors and members could see and feel how power was generated and equipment was used in the past.

The museum concept would be further enhanced with the projected acquisition of land and development

of proper facilities for the current collection and future acquisitions.

Keeping the current name was not an option, because of the manner in which reorganization will take place.

Nothing prohibits use of the titles of past events such as the **Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show** or **Old Fashioned Harvest Days**. Members may choose future event titles as they wish.

The term **Equipment** grew from recognition that while engines and tractors had been key, other things had become important at shows.

Equipment also includes machines like the saw mill, haypress, or thresher; vehicles including cars and trucks; and other items like tools and parts.

Our celebration of the inventions that powered and facilitated the North Country's entrance to and success during the early 20th century will continue. This is a celebration worth sharing. ☈

OOPS - Still 2003

 was wrong in the letter included in the last issue. Member eligibility to vote requires payment of dues for the current year, not 2004. I must be worrying about next year already. Anyone wanting a refund, let me know. Roger



William McIntire and his 1909 McIntyre (with a Y) Model H at the June Show.

WE ATTEND THE FESTIVAL OF NORTH COUNTRY FOLK LIFE

The Association again had a fine display at the Festival of North Country Folklife in Massena on August 9.

Many of Ed Fincham's engines were there, but Ed was unable to attend due to the illness of his wife, Sandi.

Paul, Bill, and Bobby Shirley pinch-hit for Ed and also brought the Association's Ann Arbor haypress along with Paul's Farmall Regular to run it.

Gary Hargrave, a regular contributor to this show, brought along his engines.

A banner advertised our upcoming show and leaflets were handed out. The Association received a \$100 stipend for its contribution. ☈

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SUPPORT JUNE SHOW

At the real risk of leaving a name out, here is a list of displayers who registered and noted what they brought at the June Show in Louisville.

Engines: Gilbert Allen, Mac Blanchard, George Cardinal, Jamie Dunning, Ray Dunning, Jr., Ed Fincham, Gary Hargrave, Preston Harris, Gene Jones, Ronald Mason, Dave Parent, Bill Pharoah, Dennis Rouleau, Frank & Jean Shepherd, Leo Sorrell, Oliver Sorrell, Michael Shirley, Ted Utess, and Brice Winters.

Antique Equipment: Mac

Blanchard, Ken Friedel, Dave Parent, Bill Pharoah, David Robedee, and Frank & Jean Shepherd.

Antique Tractors: Carol & Roger Austin, Phil Bigera, Donald Chapman, Ben Cleaveland, Robert Johnson, Lee Latulipe, Brian McGovern, Jim McGraw, Patrick O'Brien, Gerald Primeau, Allen Shirley, Bill Shirley, Michael Shirley, Paul Shirley, Sue Shirley, Steve Smith, Alfred Snider, Steve Streeter, and Grant Thesier.

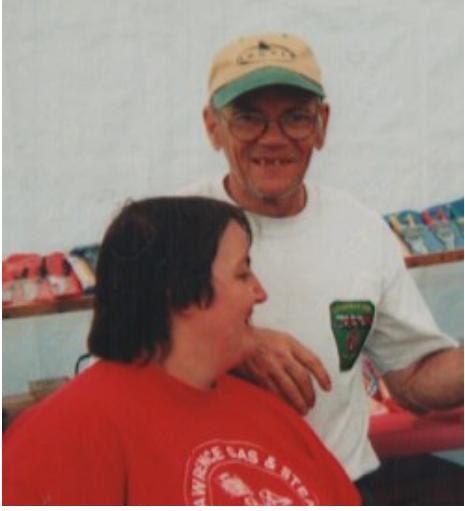
Antique Cars and Trucks: Bob Bixby, Andre Blanchet, Peter Boosamra, Jim Clohosey, Wayne Day, Bill Evans, Tammy & Judith Jacob, Richard Kimball, Randy MacDonald, Bill MacIntire, John McDermid, Calvin McNamara, Allen & Karen Rush, Floyd Sherman, and Joe Palmisano.

Other Regional Events of Interest

Aug. 23-24 Kingston Area Antique Assn. Homesteader Days. Nine miles north of Kingston, Ont. (613) 384-1102.

Sept. 5-7 28th Annual Flywheels & Pulleys Show, Constableville, NY. (315) 465-4206.

Sept. 13-14 Hanford Mills Museum Antique Engine Jamboree, East Meredith, NY. (800)295-4992.



Susan Shirley, daughter of Paul and Pat Shirley, married Leonard Vancor on August 23, 2003 in Massena. Sue has been an active supporter of Association shows for years, working at registration or selling T-shirts and other goods. Len has been a volunteer at the gate and kitchen. We wish them a happy future.

SUBSCRIPTION DISCOUNTS

Three premiere magazines are now published by Ogden Publications. These include the bi-monthly **Steam Traction** and the monthly **Gas Engine Magazine** and **Farm Collector** magazine.

They also publish the annual Farm Collector Show Directory as well as other books and magazines.

Ogden pays a commission to organizations that sell certain of their products including **Steam Traction** and **Gas Engine Magazine**. These normally retail for \$19.95 and \$33.00 respectively per year.

Your Association has been selling subscriptions to members, but has passed the discount on to its members. At last glance, the discount has been 25%.

Stop by the registration desk during Old Fashioned Harvest Days and see how you can take advantage of this opportunity.



Carol Austin on her 1949 McCormick Farmall Cub at the June Show in Louisville.



Brien McGovern and his 1948 Grand Haven Garden Tractor at the June Show.

SETUP MEETNG THURSDAY, AUG.

Members will gather at the Hutchinson Farm at 6:30 pm the Thursday before Labor Day weekend to help set up facilities for Old Fashioned Harvest Days on the 30th and 31st of August.

Extra hands will be needed to set up the kitchen, seating for the tractor pull, Association equipment, wash stations, and many other facilities.

It is also a good time to bring in your own display. Someone will be there to keep an eye on them until the show. See you there!

BAKESALE GOODS NEEDED

The bake sale is a great fund raiser during Old Fashioned Harvest Days. We always have a great selection of cookies, cakes, and pies specially cooked just for the old iron crowd.

Please remember to bring something with you. Just drop it off at the registration table, make your recommendation on what to charge, and we will get it organized. Thanks!



Jean and Frank Shepherd and their 1952 Standard Twin Garden Tractor.



When the antique bikers showed up at the June Show in Louisville



. . . . the antique oglers were there to admire (l to r) David Parent, Eugene Jones, Charles Alton, and Ken Pharoah.

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Old Fashioned Harvest Days show August 30-31.
Members approve reorganization plans.
A new name for the new organization.
June show displayers recognized.
Get discounts on old iron magazine subscriptions.



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Grant Thesier (on tractor) and the June Show safety crew consisting of (l to r) Joe Brown, Steve Thesier, and Tyler Mitchel. The crew helped displayers with fencing, flagging, signs, safety pamphlets, first aid kit, and extra muscle where needed. Thanks for a great job.