

St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine

Newsletter of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum. A Not For Profit Organization. Founded 1976

Important Meeting Feb. 8

The first meeting of the new year will be held Sunday, February 8 at 2:00 pm at the Heuvelton Equipment Company's store in Heuvelton, New York. Your hosts will be Gary and Cheryl Crowe.

Topping the agenda will be a vote authorizing transfer of the assets of the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association to its successor organization, the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum.

The transfer will be conditioned on the Museum receiving its provisional charter from the Regents of the State of New York and approval as a charity under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code. All the necessary documents have been submitted to the Museum's attorney. Approvals are expected within one to two months.

The second order of business will be a vote to approve application for all members of the Association in the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum. This vote will follow a formal offer of membership to all by the Trustees of the Museum. When these votes are completed and any remaining business is concluded, the meeting will be adjourned. (Continued on page 3, Important Meeting)



Lyle Sloan (l) and Ken Gordon fork oats into the Association's Case thresher during the 2003 Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show. The straw was then baled in the Ann Arbor haypress.

Fall Meeting Attracts Crowd

Thirty one members of the Association and two guests enjoyed fall colors at the headwaters of the Grasse River at the home of Bill and Alice Pharoah near Hermon, NY on October 19, 2003.

Following a reading of the minutes, Treasurer Bill Shirley reported there was \$6772.06 in the checkbook with all bills from the last show paid. He noted that the fall show and related activities had netted \$3770 which included income from concessions, gate fees, raffles, 50/50, pull fees, dues paid, and a donation.

President Ross Goodyear announced that election of officers would be delayed until the first meeting in 2004 after reorganization as a museum was complete. He noted that future elections will be during the first quarter and will use paper ballots. Election of officers will be one at a time, and then election of the other trustees for three-year, staggered terms.

Secretary Roger Austin reported progress on the reorganization. A resolution was passed that a plaque be presented to Leberge & Curtis from the Association and the River Valley Antique Tractor Club in recognition of their support of our activities.

Paul Shirley reported on the search for land for the Association, and a ladies group met after the main meeting adjourned (see Ladies Corner on page 2).



Matt Charter (l) makes a final adjustment to his Briggs & Stratton Engine under the watchful eye of Don McIntosh. This generational exchange of technology is important to future success.

MORE ON THE 2003 FALL SHOW

What a gathering of engines, tractors, and equipment! Too many folks helped to mention them all in the last Newsletter. Here's a list of those who registered.

Tractors: John McCready, Donald Ring III, Amanda Gordon, Kenny Proven, Claude Livingston, Sue McDonald, Betty Livingston, Cally Coffey, Michael Livingston, Seth Latulipe, Lee Latulipe, Al Snider, Winston Armstrong, Allen Shirley, Tom Shirley, Lowell Nicholson, Paul Shirley, Chelson Putman, David Putman, Daniel Cole, Wayne Moquin, Ken and Sheila Gordon, Tony Laclair, Sue Vought, Ben Cleaveland, Phil Bigarel, Bill Bartlett, Jim McGraw, Grant Thesier, Howard Hutchinson, Roger and Carol Austin.

Engines: Chad Simpson, Oliver Sorrell, Mac Blachford, Jamie Dunning, Ray Dunning Sr., Ray Dunning, Brice Winters, Michael Shirley, Lawrence Proven, Gary Hargrave, Ed Fincham, Ron Day, John Smith, Alan Merchant, George Cardinal, Donald McIntosh, and Charles Alton.

Garden Tractors: Patrick O'Brien, Kenny Proven, Gary Hargrave.

Various Tools: Clayton Weatherup, Gene Jones, Olin Vought.

Antique Vehicles: Howard Bice, Dave Hebert, Wayne Day, Kyle Hartmen.

Buzz, Drag, and Chain Saws: Ken and Sheila Gordon, Jay Bigarel, Matthew Charter, Wayne Moquin.

Other Displays: Washing Machine, Howard Bice; **Plows,** Ken and Sheila Gordon, Bill Bartlett, Carol Austin,

Allen Shirley; **Pedal Tractors,** Phil Bigarel; **Corn Binder,** Ed Sheppard, and **Tin Man,** Brice Winters.

Cooks, servers, cashiers, gate tenders, and privy police included Bill and Patty Shirley, Michelle Shirley, Mae Magoon, Scott Raymond, Sue and Lenny Vancor, Roger Austin, Joyce and Janice Hutchinson.

Bob and Tom Shirley ran the sawmill with help from Shiela Gordon. Ed Fincham ran the steam engine with help from Gary Hargrave and Bob Gray. Ross Goodyear, Ken Gordon, and Don Sloan ran the hay press.

Thanks to everyone! So many helped that we must have overlooked someone. Who? ☺

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The Trustees of the Museum will then meet briefly to approve the application of the Association members and accept the Association's conditional offer of its assets. At that point, each person will be a member of both the Association and the Museum. This will continue until conditions for transfer of assets to the Museum are satisfied.

Next will be a meeting of the Museum membership, including its newest members. Various reports will be made and then election of officers and trustees will be held. See the Museum Newsletter for further information. Ω

New Member !

Please welcome new member Mark Scott of Waddington, NY. Mark joined at the meeting last October where he promoted interest in the Waddington area. ☺

Dues Are Due

Please check your mailing label to see if it says **04** after your name. If not, it is time to catch up on your dues. They are still \$10 for regular members and \$5 for junior members.

The yearly dues are for the calendar year - January through December. The Association will be pleased to collect them at the meeting February 8, at the annual banquet in April, at the June Gas & Steam Engine Show, or by mail.

If you wish to vote in the coming election, the by-laws permit only qualified members to vote. These are regular members who have paid their dues for the current year. So if you plan to attend the meeting, please bring dues. If you choose to vote by proxy, be sure to enclose a check for dues if yours are not up to date.

When the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association is re-incorporated as the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum, the dues status of each member will remain the same. Members will only pay dues once for 2004. \$\$\$



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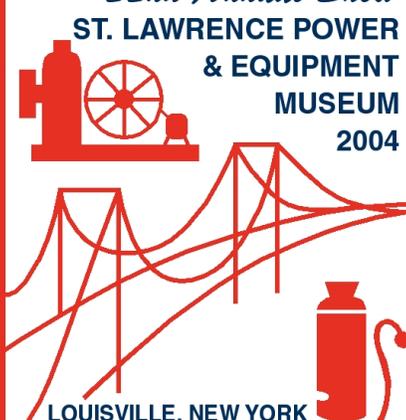
A circa 1940 Ingersol Rand air compressor was donated to the Association at the end of last year by Bill Pharoah of Hermon, New York.

The compressor is one of the early trailer-mounted units familiar to those who like jackhammers.

Not only is the compressor a fine display by itself, it can also be used to power a large number of steam toys and possibly the Association's steam engines.

The Association's collection of engines and machines has largely been acquired through donations like Pharoah's. The Association greatly appreciates his generosity. ♪

22nd Annual Show
**ST. LAWRENCE POWER
& EQUIPMENT
MUSEUM
2004**



LOUISVILLE, NEW YORK
June 12-13
At The Louisville
Community Center

For Sale

SHOW PLAQUES: From years gone by are available for purchase including a few back to 1984. You can have plaques for all years of the June Show beginning with the third in 1984 except 1987, 1993, 1998, and 2000.

KOHLER ELECTRIC PLANT: Model DP, 4cyl., 1.5 KW, 115 volts DC with 13 amps per terminal, battery 24 volts (ex. US Navy) \$100 OBO. Contact Dick Kimball at (602) 230-8133 [AZ] or (315) 386-2536 [NY] after May 1.

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When the last issue of the *St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine* newsletter was at the printer, we received the sad news that Harold Lyndaker of Belfort, New York had passed away on September 3, 2003.

Harold had been an active member of the Association and other old iron clubs for many years. He solved countless engine problems for many people during that time and could be found at shows from Canandaigua to our Old Fashioned Harvest Days at Heuvelton, New York.

He is more recently known for the excellent wooden engine carts that he built, but his real avocation had been engine restoration. He had beautifully restored several. Among his favorites was a very rare 1/2 hp. New Holland of which he was quite fond.

His wife, Velma, survives him, and the Association extends its most sincere sympathy to her.



Ben Cleaveland finishes his pull with wheels high on his favorite tractor, the Minneapolis Moline, during the fall show. Ben's collection includes over 30 antique tractors.

Ladies' Corner

With encouragement from President Ross Goodyear, the ladies got together right after the October meeting while the men finished off the Pharoah's snacks and coffee.

Present were Helen Alton, Carol Austin, Irene Hargrave, Alice Pharoah, Anne Prouty, Michelle Shirley, Pat Shirley, Judy Sitterley, and Kathy Thesier.

After discussion, they agreed that a ladies committee was of interest and that there were several projects that they could support.

Alice Pharoah was elected chairperson. She reports that ideas discussed fell into two categories: (1) projects promoting the mission of the Association and (2) others that would make shows more attractive to ladies accompanying their old-iron husbands.

Several thought it would be interesting to re-create an early 20th century kitchen or other period room which would be filled with period furniture, appliances, and ma-

chines. Show visitors could take part in cooking on a wood stove or doing wash the old way.

Increasing the number and variety of vendors at shows was also suggested. Of special interest would be those selling items consistent with their theme such as homemade preserves, maple syrup products, fruits and vegetables.

All felt that ideas such as these would help widen the base of participants and range of activities.

The Association Board has agreed to support the ladies by providing them the facilities they might require.

Alice invites all the wives and significant others to join with the other ladies at the next meeting on February 8 at 2:00 pm in Heuvelton. Kathy Thesier will chair the meeting.

Anyone interested in supporting these or other projects should attend or contact Alice at (352) 628-3558 or email wpap81@hotmail.com or Kathy at (315) 543-2821. ♀