

# St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine

Newsletter of the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association. A Not For Profit Organization. Since 1976

## MUSEUM CHARTER DECISION DELAYED

The application for a provisional charter for the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum was not addressed in March as expected. It had been scheduled for a March consideration by the Board of Regents of the State of New York.

The good news is that it will be considered at the Regents' April meeting to be held in Buffalo a few days before the Annual Banquet on April 24. The results of that meeting will be announced at the Banquet.

All the necessary work on the application was completed and submitted several weeks ago. An office worker had urgent personal business and was unable to make all the preparations necessary for the Regents. Our application was among the items left off their agenda.

Practically, the delay will have little impact on the activities of the Museum. All activities will still be held as scheduled. *(Continued on page 3, Museum Charter)*

**The 22nd Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show comes the 2nd weekend in June. We are counting on your display to make it a grand success!**



Fay Vebber (l) and Dick Sitterley admire a Ford Model T touring car at the 21st Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show at Louisville last year.



Last year, the Annual Banquet attracted more than 70 members and guests in spite of the ice and snow. See you there this year!

## Annual Banquet April 24th

You do not want to miss our Annual Banquet, Saturday evening, April 24 at 6:00 pm at the Louisville Community Center arena. Set up begins at 5:30. Bring your spouse, significant other, or a neighbor.

Here is a good opportunity to welcome spring along with other members and friends, a good place to introduce new members, and a good time to catch up on our progress toward becoming a chartered museum.

Bring a favorite dish to share and your own eating utensils. Turkey, ham, and beef will be provided along with beverages, plates and napkins.

From Ogdensburg or Massena, travel on Rt. 37 to Louisville turnoff at county Rt. 39 about 7 miles west of Massena. Drive a mile or two, cross the Grasse River, and look for the firestation at Rt. 36. Turn right, and the Community Center is a quarter mile beyond.

From Potsdam, travel north on Rt. 56 to the intersection with Rt. 310. A quick left and right will put you on Rt. 39. Look for the firestation a couple miles beyond at Rt. 36. Turn left and look for the Community Center on the right. I will be there; how about you! ☺

### Association Events

April 24	Board Meeting at Paul Moore's house (address on page 4) at 9:00 am.
April 24	Annual Banquet at 6:00 pm at the Louisville Community Center. Set up at 5:30.
May 15-16	2nd Annual International Vintage Power & Equipment Show at Ft. Covington.
June 13	Work meet at 6:30 pm at the Louisville Community Center grounds, Louisville, NY.
June 12-13	22nd Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show, Louisville Community Center, Louisville, NY.
Sept. 4-5	14th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show.

## ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

The first members meeting of the year was held February 8 at the Heuvelton Equipment Company in Heuvelton. Forty five members attended with proxies held for 15 others. Two junior members and a guest were also came.

Elections for the coming year were held with the following results: President, Ross Goodyear; Vice-President, Paul Moore; Secretary, Roger Austin; Treasurer, Grant Thesier; 3-year director, Gary Hargrave; 2-year director, Jim McGraw; and 1-year director, Bob Johnson.

Members approved a resolution to transfer the assets of the Association to the Museum when it receives its charter and conditioned upon the new officers and directors becoming the Museum's officers and trustees. Museum by-laws call for non-officer trustees to serve for three years on a rotational basis. Thus, future elections will require selection of only one trustee each year.

Other topics discussed were safety, land search, June show location, and



*Jim Curtis holds the recognition plaque presented by Ross Goodyear (r) and Lee Latulipe (left of Curtis) as Red Chapman (far left) looks on.*

## Jim Curtis Recognized for Years of Support

On February 6, Jim Curtis of LeBerge & Curtis in Canton was recognized for his support of the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association and the River Valley Antique Tractor and Equipment Club.

Ross Goodyear and Lee Latulipe presented a plaque expressing the appreciation of the respective groups.

LeBerge & Curtis has provided new 7000 series John Deere tractors to support tractor pulls at many shows. These large tractors are needed to return the heavy sled to the starting line after the antique tractors are finished their pull.

LeBerge & Curtis sells and services a full line of John Deere farm and garden equipment at their store just outside of Canton on the Canton-Russell Road. This is their 50th year of serving the North Country! ❗

## Reports From the Treasurers

At the February 8 members meeting, former Association treasurer Bill Shirley reported that there was \$3665.51 in the checkbook with one invoice of \$200.00 unpaid.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors on March 7, Roger Austin, treasurer of the unchartered Museum's organizational trustees reported that legal, accounting, and other costs had reached \$6,366 and that further costs were estimated to be another \$1,400.

Only \$1,000 of these organizational costs had been paid directly from the Association's funds. The remaining \$5,366 had been paid through loans and donations from eight members, in amounts ranging from \$350 to \$1,000. Donations have been pledged to cover the loans.

The generosity of these members has made it unnecessary to make a general solicitation from the membership. Any member wishing to offer financial support should contact Grant Thesier or Roger Austin. ❗

## Members Invited to Board Meetings

President Ross Goodyear has invited Association members to attend board meetings if they wish. Members may request to speak or ask questions. However, they are not permitted to vote on any actions be-

fore the board. The next meeting is April 24 at 9:00 am at the home of Paul Moore.

If the Regents grant the Museum a charter before the next meeting, actions by the board will include election of Museum officers and transfer of assets and memberships from the Association to the Museum. 📖



*Bridgette (l) and Julie McGraw with Dave Sanford at the 21st Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show at Louisville last year. Note the beautifully restored Farmall M behind them. Time to start planning your exhibit for this year!*

## MORE FALL SHOW HEROS FOUND

We left off several members from the list of volunteers who made major contributions of time and energy at the Old Fashioned Harvest Days show in the last *Newsletter*.

In the kitchen we overlooked Sheila Day, Sandi Fincham, John and Joan Jenkins, Lori and Dave Molton, Brittany and Ashley Molton, Alice Pharoah, Megan and Becky Shirley, and Pat Shirley.

John Sheets grilled great chicken. And there was even a visitor from Massachusetts who helped in the kitchen.

Probably not last, and certainly not least, Keith Tyler brought two tractors.

This brings the total of known volunteers and displayers to over 100 members and friends. Hats off to all of them; they make the show the success it is. 🍴

## MEMBERSHIP INFO

With the recent addition of Ed Jordan of Lisbon to our membership, we currently have 262 voting members and 19 junior members for a total of 281.

At this time last year we had about 245 members. So we have seen an increase of about 15% during the past year. We expect to reach 300 memberships before long.

We always seek those interested in old iron. We now have need for those wanting to help create and maintain records of the Association's engine and equipment collection.

Dues remain \$10 per calendar year for voting members and \$5 for junior members. Spouses of members who elect to also be members do not currently pay dues.

Your dues cover the cost of printing and mailing 6 Newsletters, the Association's insurance, and the cost of parts and maintenance materials for the Association's collection of engines and equipment.

Why not call a friend and invite them to become a member. That's how we have grown! 🍴



*Ed Fincham has his 1 1/2 hp Economy Engine running smoothly at the 21st Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show in 2003. Time to get yours running for this year's show.*

**We regret to announce the passing of two long-time, active members. The information was inadvertently left out of the last issue.**

**David Robedee of Auburn, NY died on October 21 of last year. He had lived in Cape Vincent much of his life. He was a recognized expert on magnetos and their repair. He displayed many uncommon engines, gave lots of excellent free advice and charged little for things he sold to fellow old iron enthusiasts - especially the younger ones. He will be missed at our June shows.**

**Ross Putman of Richville, NY died in December of 2003. He was a regular participant at the Old Fashioned Harvest Days shows, bringing engines and tractors with his son Jim for many years. He is survived by his wife, Doris; his son, Jim; his brother, Chelson; and Chelson's son, David. The men are all members of the Association.**

*(Museum Charter, cont'd from page 3)*

The application for charity status under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code will be submitted as soon as we receive Regents' approval. Almost all the work has been completed.

Approval of the charity status could take a couple months, but it will be retroactive to the date the Regents' charter is received. Thus, contributions to the Museum after the charter is received could be of benefit to the donor at tax time in 2005. 🍴



*Cathy Losey gets an order of fries ready for Lee Hutchinson at the 21st Annual June Show at Louisville last year. In the back are cooks Patti Shirley (l) and Mae Magoon. All the ladies are volunteers.*

## FT. COVINGTON SHOW MAY 15-16

The 2nd Annual International Vintage Power & Equipment Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16 in the Salmon River Central School Arena at Ft. Covington.

Your Association along with the River Valley Antique Tractor and Engine Club, the Champlain Valley Antique Engine & Tractor Association and the Chateaugay Valley Antique Association of Canada will join in the display of antique engines and mechanical equipment.

There will be a consignment auction Saturday evening for those wishing to dispose of their treasures.

Volunteers are needed to bring engines, tractors or other early equipment and to explain the displays to visitors. As the program is indoors, no equipment will be operated. If interested, please call Ross Goodyear or Paul Moore whose phone numbers are on page 4. ☺

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**Annual Banquet April 24 at the Louisville Community Center.**  
**Curtis recognized for support to Association.**  
**2nd International Vintage Power & Equipment Show at Ft. Covington April 15-16.**  
**Election results announced.**

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### *Officers & Directors*

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**[www.slpowermuseum.com](http://www.slpowermuseum.com)**

*Inside is the poster for the June Show. How about making copies and posting them around town. It's time to finish up the winter rebuilds and dust off tractors and engines. Allen Shirley (below) will have his Allis-Chalmers belted up to the saw mill at Louisville. How about you? Anyone who wishes to volunteer for any kind of duty or wants or needs a machine to operate should contact a member or director. Don't know what to do? Just call!!!*

