

ST. LAWRENCE POWER & EQUIPMENT MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. LAWRENCE POWER & GAS MUSEUM, SUCCESSOR TO THE ST. LAWRENCE GAS & STEAM ENGINE ASSN.

Gas & Steam Engine Show June 12-13

The 22nd Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Show will be held June 12-13 at the Louisville Community Center arena and sports field. Approximately 6 miles west of Massena, turn south from State Hwy. 37 onto County Rt. 39. Cross the Grasse River and follow signs.

Setup places are available outside as well as in the arena. Featured are the traditional displays of engines, tractors, and machines. The Sunday antique tractor pull will be complemented by antique tractor games on Saturday afternoon. The kids' pedal pull is on Sunday about 1:00 pm.

Displayers are required to be members for insurance reasons. If you do not have a display and would like to participate, you can do on-the-job training in the operation of the Museum's engines and equipment.

There will be live Blue Grass music in the afternoons,
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Sue Cleaveland-Vought, her 1950 Farmall Cub with her dad, Ben Cleaveland, at the International Vintage Power & Equipment Show (see story on page 3). The Cockshutt is also a 1950.



Charles Alton and his scale model 5 hp. Canfield engine in the Louisville arena at the Int'l. Vintage Power & Equip. Show in May. This model helped the Museum win the "Best Group Display"

Museum Charter Approved April 20 Members and Assets Transferred

On April 20, 2004, the Regents of the State University of New York granted the **St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum** a provisional charter as an education corporation. The provisional charter will be made absolute when the Museum develops assets and programs satisfactory to the Regents.

During the morning of April 24, the initial board of trustees of the Museum, the sole initial members of the Museum, and the board of directors of the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association each held meetings to effect the transfer of assets and membership to the Museum.

At first, activities of the new organization will continue much as before. Dues paid into the Association have been credited to their new Museum membership. The Association directors and officers elected by the members in February 2004 have been confirmed as the trustees and officers of the Museum (see photo on page 4). And the two exhibitions, the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Show in June and Old Fashioned Harvest Days on Labor Day weekend remain highlights of the year.

With the Museum's advent come a greatly improved status as a not-for-profit organization and a focus on education and preservation. With these we
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Association Events

June 10	Thursday work meet at 6:30 pm at the Louisville Community Center grounds.
June 12-13	22nd Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show, Louisville Community Center, Louisville, NY.
June 26	Board of Trustees meet at Paul Moore's house at 9:00 AM.
August ?	Festival of North Country Folk Life, Massena, NY. The Museum will have a display.
Sept. 2	Thursday work meet at 6:30 pm at the Hutchinson Farm.
Sept. 4-5	14th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days exhibition, Hutchinson Farm, Heuvelton, NY.

NEW: THE COLLECTION MANAGEMENT POLICY

Essential to the new Museum being chartered was the adoption of a collection management policy. The policy assures the public that items purchased by or contributed to the Museum will be properly cared for.

The eight page document describes the purpose of the collection, factors which determine what items will be included in it, and the kinds of items sought. There are guidelines for record keeping including descriptions, storage and display, accepting loans of items, and giving access to the collection.

The procedures for *accession* (purchase, gifts, bequeaths) and *deaccession* (selling, trading, discarding) items are spelled out. Proper documentation of transferring ownership of items is required.

Methods were included to minimize temptation and conflicts of interest among those managing or directly involved with the collection. These are spelled out in the final section of the document. They prohibit circumstances where these individuals might have an unfair advantage in acquiring items over the Museum or members and others because of their position.

Individuals have already contacted Trustees with offers of new items for the collection. The collection is expected to grow rapidly from its present list of about two dozen, mostly large, items.

The Museum is actively seeking individuals interested in managing or supporting its collection. Anyone with archival or collection management experience, skills in writing or photography, or description of items through searches of old literature and references should contact any Trustee right away. Anyone interested in the *Collection Management Policy* may contact the Secretary. Copies will be provided at cost.



The Museum, one of the four participating groups, provided multiple displays for the International Vintage Power & Equipment Show (see story, page 3). Gary Hargrave (l) displayed a Maytag engine and videos of "old iron" exhibitions. Brice Winters (r) lifts the roof on his 1/12 scale model of his family barn. It duplicates every detail.

FOR SALE

Available at the 22nd Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Show in Louisville on June 12-13 will be:

Old Iron 2005 Calendars, \$8.00; **show plaques** from former years, \$1.00-2.00; rare, out-of-print **caps and T-shirts** with St. Lawrence Gas & Steam logo, prices posted; **Mugs** also with SLG&SEA logo, \$1.00; and a limited number of the **2004 Show Directory** (the best), \$10.00. Proceeds benefit the Museum and clean up the attic. \$



The Annual Banquet in April celebrated the Museum's new charter, received just four days earlier. Look for more photos of participants on page 3.

Roger G. Farr

We regret to report the passing of Roger Farr of Hailesboro and Hickory Lake, NY on May 17, 2004. Roger had been an active member of the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association and Flywheels and Pulleys Club. He and Marjorie, his wife of 55 years, participated in many antique engine shows. Roger was also a noted, NY Hall of Fame, fiddler. Many will remember listening and dancing to his music at the Grange Hall or other places in the region. The members of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum extend their sympathy to Marjorie who survives him.

JUNE SHOW

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displayed, old iron tools, and vendors and crafters.

Great food is available all day with proceeds benefiting the Museum. It starts with a super breakfast at 7:00 am; hotdogs, hamburgers, and home fries follow; then spaghetti dinner Saturday evening and grilled BBQ chicken for lunch Sunday.

Drop by the registration desk while you are there. Catch up on dues and see our new charter.

Ladies Corner to be at June Show

Ladies Committee chairlady Alice Pharoah reports that several ladies have volunteered to participate in the Ladies Corner at this year's exhibitions.

At the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Show in June there will be demonstrations and instruction in knitting and crocheting, Swedish weaving, making quilt pieces for placemats, and macramé for chairs.

If enough apples can be found, there will plenty of apple grinding and squeezing to make cider.

Anyone who wants to add their talent or help out with these activities, call Alice at (315) 347-4737.

APRIL BANQUET DRAWS CROWD

The Annual Banquet on April 24 had a special reason for celebration as President Ross Goodyear announced the reorganization of the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association into the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum.

Seventy members, their spouses and friends enjoyed the excellent spread of covered dishes and fine ham and turkey prepared by Pat Shirley and Joan Jenkins.

Secretary Roger Austin spoke about the new Museum and the great potential it offered for the future.

Below are photos of some of those who attend the banquet. ☺



Bake sale goods are needed for the June Show. Please remember to bring a pie, cake, cookies or other goodies. Proceeds will benefit the Museum. Thanks! ☺

MEMBER ALERT

First, the good news. We are happy to welcome new members George and Isabelle Jerome of Potsdam.

The bad news is that we have not heard from a few of our members in a long time. If you find a letter enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter, just come by the registration desk at the June show, call, or write and we will help bring your membership up to date.

If you know of old members that you have not seen in a long while, give them a call and tell them about the exciting plans for the Museum. And we always have room and need for new members. ☺

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gain tax advantages for the Museum and its contributors. But we also have acquired new responsibilities in the manner the organization manages its collection, how it provides public programs, and in the reporting of its activities.

Application has been made to the IRS for recognition of exemption under section 501(c)3 if the Internal Revenue Code. When received, approval will be retroactive to the date of the charter.

At the Annual Banquet following the organizational meetings, President Ross Goodyear formally announced the new Museum and welcomed Association members to membership in the Museum.

Goodyear also noted that finding a home would be a priority for the Museum in coming months. ☺

The Ft. Covington Show at Louisville

The 2nd Annual International Vintage Power & Equipment Show was held on Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16, not in the Salmon River Central School Arena, but in the Louisville Community Center arena. The school's arena was closed for repair.

However, the turnout was good and the Museum, one of the four participating organizations, won the plaque for the outstanding display.

Several members brought antique tractors, engines, and equipment as well as miniature steam engines, a model barn, and even a bike.

Museum members participating: Charles & Helen Alton, Roger Austin, Ben Cleaveland, Gary Hargrave, Lee Latulipe, Jim Mitchell, John & Beverly Mitchell, Bill & Alice Pharoah, Bill Shirley, Bob Shirley, Paul Shirley, Oliver Sorrell, Grant Thesier, Susan Vought, and Brice & Betty Winters. ☺

Other Shows - please send dates and locations of shows to PO Box 164, Rensselaer Falls, NY 13680

- July 10 Annual Potsdam Car Show, St. Lawrence-Adirondack Region, AACA, Ives Park, Potsdam, NY. (315) 265-8664.
- July 17-18 Williamstown Historical Show, Kasoag Lake Park near Williamstown, NY. Contact (315) 964-2526.
- Aug. 13-15 Merrickville Agricultural Fair, Merrickville, Ontario. Contact (613) 269-3405.
- Aug. 21-22 Stone Mills Old Farm and Home Festival, LaFargeville, NY. Contact (315) 658-2353.
- Sept. 10-12 Flywheels and Pulleys Club Old Time Gas & Steam Show, Constableville, NY. Contact (315) 465-4206.

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Collection Management Policy in place.
Annual Banquet success.
Ft. Covington Show goes to Louisville. Museum wins award.

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Vendors are welcome at the June Show in Louisville, but they must have a NY state sales tax ID number called a Certificate of Authority Number. If you need one, submit application form DTF-17. It is available on the web at www.tax.state.NY.US or at a district office or by calling 1 (800) 972-1233. Ask for Registration as a Sales Tax Vendor. Plan ahead - it takes 20 days for approval, and you must have it in hand to do business. Thanks!



Trustees of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum (l to r): Roger Austin (secretary), Jim McGraw, Robert Johnson, Paul Moore (vice-president), Gary Hargrave, Grant Thesier (treasurer), and Ross Goodyear (president). Let them know your thoughts. Even better, tell them how you want to help the Museum grow.