

ST. LAWRENCE POWER & EQUIPMENT MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. LAWRENCE POWER & GAS MUSEUM, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT, 501(C)3, EDUCATION CORPORATION

Annual Meeting & Elections

Museum President Ross Goodyear has called for the annual meeting of the members of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum to be held on Sunday, January 30, at 2:00 pm. The meeting will follow the Museum's annual board meeting to be held at 1:00 pm. The meetings will be held in the salesroom of the Heuvelton Equipment Company on Commerce Street in Heuvelton, New York.

The bylaws of the Museum call for an annual meeting to be held during the first two months of each year. The principal function of this meeting is to elect officers and trustees. A detailed financial report is also to be presented.

Museum members elect the Museum's board of trustees. The board consists of four officers and three other

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Blast from the Past 1: Founding member of the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Assn., Harold Derushia, brought engines to shows. In a 1977 photo are (from front) a Schmit, McDeering, Associate, Tom Thumb, and an International in the truck.

MUSEUM JOBS AND HANDS-ON TRAINING

As a member of the Museum, you have a great opportunity to operate rare engines and equipment. In fact, the Museum needs more members to train in the care and use of the many items in its collection.

Ed Fincham and Gary Hargrave are looking for apprentices for the steam engine. Gary Crowe would love to have some members spell him and others doing corn binding and chopping.

How about having Howard Hutchinson teach you how to operate the big Case thresher or Ross Goodyear, the Ann Arbor haypress. Bobby and Tommy Shirley were pleased to have Sheila Gordon join them on the Lane sawmill. But now they have the vertical sawmill to run as well. Help would be welcome on either machine.

These and other items from the Museum's collection are fun to operate and a favorite among those who come to the shows. And the Museum needs your help. Just contact any of these people or a trustee. Thanks. Y



Blast from the Past 2: Harlow Hogle, another Assn. founder, at the only show held in Russell, NY, operates a shingle mill powered by a 7 hp Gilson engine. The Association was the predecessor organization to the Museum. Is this the early 80's?

Association Events	January 30	Sunday, Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees , 1:00 pm at the Heuvelton Equipment Company offices, Commerce Street, Heuvelton, NY. Reconvenes following the Meeting of the Members.
		Sunday, Annual Meeting of the Members , 2:00 pm at the Heuvelton Equipment Company.
	March 13	Sunday, Special Program Meeting , subject and program to be announced.
	April ?	Saturday, Annual Banquet, 6:00 pm, date and location to be announced.
	June 18-19	23rd Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show , Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton, NY.
	July 31	Sunday, Special Program Meeting , subject and program to be announced.
	Sept. 3-4	15th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show , Hutchinson Farm, Heuvelton, NY.
Oct. 23	Sunday, Special Program Meeting , 2:00 pm, subject and location to be announced.	

Chairmen Sought For Events

Those who responded to last year's questionnaire indicated that they would like to learn more about engines, tractors, and other machines, especially those owned by the Museum.

Three special non-business meetings are scheduled for members this year (see front page). The board is asking for volunteer hosts who would be willing to show, explain, or teach other members about their particular interest or specialty.

Volunteers are also sought to chair or organize the June show, the annual banquet, and the Museum's entries in the Dairy Princess Parade (June 4) and at the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Fall Harvest Festival (Sept.).

Plenty of guidance is available for those interested in being responsible for any of these programs. Punch-lists have been prepared and a few volunteers have already been identified. So if you are interested, you will have support. Contact a board member soon. Thanks. ☺



John Deere bucking at the antique tractor pull during Old Fashioned Harvest Days in 2004.

Board Confirms Advisory Committee and Other Appointments

The board of trustees has confirmed two advisory committee appointments including Roger Austin as chairman of the Finance Committee and Grant Thesier as chairman of the Safety Committee. Advisory committees support the board of trustees and the programs of the Museum.

David Hebert accepted his appointment of Chairman of the 15th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days show to be held September 3-4. Dave successfully chaired this show in 2004.

Michelle Kerr and Grant Thesier were approved as members of the Finance Committee and Bill Clinger was approved as a member of the Safety Committee.

Museum members who are interested in becoming a member of these or other committees should contact the respective committee chair or a trustee. They do need your help and support. ☺

How to Order Your Show Directory

The *Farm Collector Show Directory* will not be sold by the Museum this year. However, they will be available from the publisher starting February 28, 2005.

The *Directory* lists almost every *old iron* show held in the US and Canada, including the two Museum shows.

If you want a directory you may call them toll free at 1 (866) 803-7096 or go on line at www.farmcollectorshow-directory.com.

Before Jan. 21, the price is \$9.95 + \$2 S/H in the US or \$7 S/H in Canada. After Jan. 21, the price increases to \$11.95 plus shipping and handling. In Canada add 7% sales tax. US funds or payment by credit card are preferred. ☺



Dave Parent stands next to his 2 1/4 hp Associated flywheel engine at the June 2004 show. Note the pedal machine in front. It was used to power a leather-sewing machine

WANT ADS WANTED

Museum members have the privilege of free ads in the Newsletter. Anyone wishing to buy, sell, or trade something of interest to the membership should contact the Secretary.

Remember, dues are now \$15 for voting and \$5 for junior members. Your dues have been paid through the year shown on your mailing label. If you cannot attend the January meeting and did not pay your dues last year, why not mail them in now to St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum, PO Box 164, Rensselaer Falls, NY 13680. ☺

One More Thanks

A big **THANK YOU** is due Don Smithers of Old State Road, Ogdensburg for his help with the display of farm animals at the last Old Fashioned Harvest Days Show.

Children look forward to seeing a variety of animals. Don brought ponies, pigs, turkey, goat, ducks and geese. We appreciate his help.

His grandson's name was misspelled in the last issue. Damien Smithers was winner of the 4-6 year-old class in the pedal tractor pull. ☺



Museum members enjoy sharing their knowledge. Here Jay Bigarel teaches the use of the draw knife at Old Fashioned Harvest Days in 2003. His several generations of McCulloch chain saws are on display in front.

Chairman Selected for the Collection Management Committee

The trustees have appointed Don Doig of Canton, New York to be chairman of the Collection Management Committee. Don will be responsible for assuring that the policies and procedures spelled out in the Museum's **Collection Management Policy** are followed.

The *Policy* provides guidelines for acquisition of items for the collection, their maintenance and handling and record keeping.

Don has announced that William Short and Lee Williams have been accepted as members of the Committee. There is much to be done, and he invites others to join who wish to help.

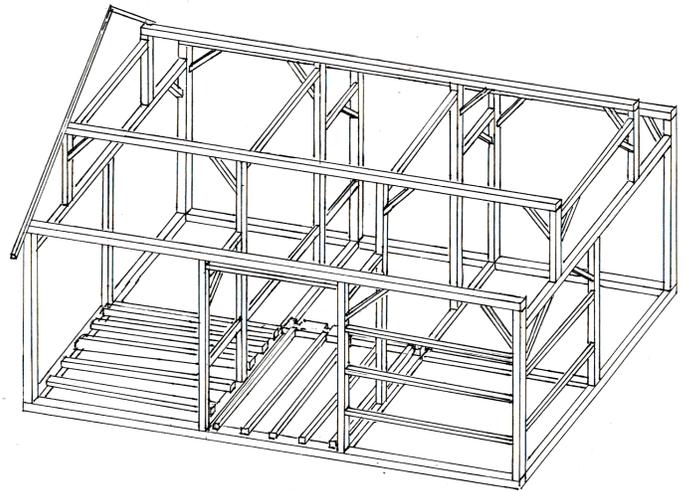
Work is available for volunteers interested in organizing files, documenting provenance, interviewing, researching manufacturers' archives, and taking photos. Of course, there is restoration to be done. Don will recommend needed care to the board of directors.

The Museum Collection Management committee is one of five designated advisory committees established to support the board of trustees and the objectives of the Museum. ☺

Board Meetings Open

Meetings of the Museum's board of trustees are open to members wishing to make a presentation or comment or simply to sit in and listen.

The first meeting of 2005 will be held prior to and following the members meeting on January 30. Other meetings have yet to be scheduled. Meetings are usually held sometime during the week prior to members meetings. Look for schedules to be posted on the front page of future Newsletters. If you have any questions about attending, just contact a trustee. ☺



Sketch of the timber frame of a barn that will be reconstructed from timbers salvaged by the Museum in 2004. Virtually none of the sill timbers remain and few of the roof rafters may prove to be useful. However, the remaining timbers are largely intact. The barn will be 30 X 45 feet and will be constructed when the Museum secures land on which it can build.

Be sure to put WORK MEET on your calendars on the Thursday before each of the two shows. Work usually begins about 6:30, if not earlier.

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members without office. Officers are elected for one-year terms. The other trustees are elected for three-year terms on a rotating basis so that only one vacancy occurs each year. Officers may stand for re-election, but the other trustees may not stand for reelection at the end of their three-year terms.

The four present officers (see list on page 4) plan to stand for reelection at the meeting. The term of Robert Johnson will end at the meeting and must be filled. At the meeting, nominations from the floor will be welcomed for each office and for Johnson's replacement.

The meeting will also include discussions of programs and priorities for 2005. Members are encouraged to ask questions and to offer their support for the Museum's activities. And there will be a drawing for a door prize. ☺

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**Annual meeting and elections January 30.
Schedule for 2005 announced.
Committee appointments made.
Sign up for a committee or learn to operate Museum equipment.
Former shows remembered.**



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Members of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum belt-up the Museum's A.B. Farquhar portable steam engine at the 2004, 22nd Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Show. The engine powered a mill used to grind corn into animal feed. Pictured from left to right are Ed Fincham, Ross Goodyear, Gary Hargrave (standing on wheel) and Shannon Bond.