

# ST. LAWRENCE POWER & EQUIPMENT MUSEUM

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NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. LAWRENCE POWER & EQUIPMENT MUSEUM, A 501(C)3, EDUCATION CORPORATION

## EARLY FARM PURCHASE POSSIBLE ! CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN THIS YEAR



*Members of the Museum at the Madrid farm on May 7. Nearly 40 spent the afternoon looking at the land and facilities and discussing various development locations and options.*

On May 21, the Museum's board of Trustees reviewed the tremendous response of members and the community to the 2006 Fund Drive. Having received enough to pay for the farm in Madrid, the Board agreed to pursue the purchase as soon as possible.

Moving the purchase date up several months would permit us to begin preliminary constructions this year. The board concluded that fund raising efforts should continue in earnest, so more members and others in the community can contribute and support the purchase and the earlier construction program.

Extraordinary gifts from members and the community made the accelerated program possible. The surge began late last year when a member's friend and another's brother-in-law each added \$10,000 to the fund. The fund had topped \$30,000 at year's end.

This year, members responded to the choice of the Madrid farm and to the President's request for each member to contribute      *See: Extraordinary Gifts, page 2*

## GAS & STEAM ENGINE EXHIBITION JUNE 10-11

The 24th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition takes place Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11 at the Canton Sportsman's Club. Go east from Canton, NY on County Rt. 27 and take Rt. 25 about 3 miles out. Less than a mile after the turn off, take Nickerson Road to the Club's grounds.

The exhibition will feature antique engines, cars, trucks, tractors and other equipment. On Saturday there will be an old iron auction and tractor games after lunch. On Sunday will be an all-day antique tractor pull and the kids pedal tractor pull at 1:00 pm.

There will be saw milling, wagon rides, and live Bluegrass Music each afternoon. A Museum attic sale, a flea market and crafts sales will be there. Museum members will be cooking up great food beginning with breakfast each day. Hot dogs, burgers and fries follow. Enjoy our spaghetti dinner Saturday night.

Exhibitors must be a member for insurance reasons. Crafters and flea marketers will be charged a one-time fee of \$15 or must be members. Volunteers working each day may enter free. All others over 11 years old will pay the gate fee of \$3.00 per day. The antique tractor pull will be managed by the River Valley Antique Tractor Club. It can attract over 80 tractors from throughout the region. **SET UP WORK MEET - 2:00 PM THURSDAY THE 8th!**



*Don McIntosh and his 1½ hp. Associated gas engine at an earlier June exhibition. Don has brought fine engines to many shows over the years.*

### Museum

June 3: Float and tractors in the **Dairy Princess Parade**. Contact Don Doig at (315) 386-3785.

June 8: Thursday: **Work Meet, 2:00 pm** at the Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton.

June 10-11: **24th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition**, Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton, NY.

June 12: Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the Exhibition, 8:15 am. Members welcome.

July 25-30: **St. Lawrence County Fair**, Gouverneur, NY. Call Al Garrand at (315) 287-7225.

Aug. 12: Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Saturday, 1:00 pm, Madrid Library, Madrid, NY.

Aug. 31: Thursday: **Work Meet**, 2:00 pm at the Hutchinson Farm, Rt. 15 out of Heuvelton, NY.

Sept. 2-3: **16th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days**, Hutchinson Farm, Heuvelton, NY.

Oct. 29: Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 1:00 pm, followed by Meeting of the Members at 2:00, Madrid Community Center.

### Events

## **Extraordinary Gifts** *Continued from page 1*

\$200, or whatever one could, to the Site Development Fund. In March the Fund topped \$60,000 in cash and pledges. Not long after, a contribution of \$25,000 was received from the Sweetgrass Foundation. This extraordinary gift spurred others to contribute.

When the Annual Banquet began on April 22, there was \$96,280 in the fund. And by the end of the banquet, the total topped \$100,000 in cash and pledges. At the recent board meeting, Assistant Treasurer, Amy Moulton, announced that the Fund had reached \$102,866.

With more than half of the year remaining, there is plenty of time for those who have not pledged or contributed to do so. And achieving the new financial goal this year will make it possible to accomplish preliminary constructions originally not expected until next year. ☺



*Paul Moore oils the Museum's Anderson diesel engine at a recent Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition. You can see one of two large flywheels on the left and the pair of cylinders in front of Moore.*

**POSTER: PLEASE MAKE AND DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE EXHIBITION POSTER WHEREVER YOU CAN. AND POST IT ON YOUR REFRIDGERATOR!**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE BEGINS SOLICITATIONS**

**A**t its first meeting on April 2, the Museum's Finance Committee developed a list of over 50 individuals and businesses in the region who were considered potential donors for the Development Fund. At a meeting prior to the Annual Banquet on April 22, Committee members reported the first results from solicitations.

Many contacted had read or heard about the Museum's recent activities and were pleased to participate. A few noted that their budget did not include the Museum, but pledges were made to contribute later in the year.

At the May 21 meeting of the Board of Trustees, more members were approved and added to the Committee including Ben Cleveland, Don Doig, Al Garrand, David McKane, Jim McGraw, and Paul Moore.

The Museum's fund raising program is in its second phase with membership solicitations being the first, regional solicitations, second, with government and foundation solicitations to follow. This plan enables the Museum to confirm the strong local and regional support that exists. This will be important when presenting ourselves to groups beyond the immediate region.

**HOW TO SPOT A DONOR:** A donor is a feller of average height, some taller but some shorter. Medium complected though some's lighter and some's darker. Hair is tricky, 'cause some's short and some's long but some longuns' cut theirs short. Some wear a cap. And some's gals but the former rules still go. Some's good lookin' and some's smart, rarely both but don't start on them questions when talkin' to 'um. Gettin' mixed up on that can be problematical. Most of all they're satisfied. Big donors or small, they did the best they could. But most of all they DID it. At the June Exhibition, look for the ones wearing ribbons that say **CONTRIBUTOR**. The ribbon doesn't say how much they gave, just that they DID!

Question: How much of each donation actually benefits the Museum? Answer: Nearly 100%. Volunteers do the work. We do buy stamps and send a few letters. But it doesn't get much better than that.

*Bill Pharaoh will be at the 24th Annual Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition in June. You can always count on him to bring something of interest. This year he will also be busy in the kitchen. Bill has been generous to the Museum; see the back page for a report on his last contribution.*

# ANNUAL BANQUET ATTRACTS CROWD

About 75 Museum members attended the Annual Banquet on April 22 at the Canton Sportsman's Club. A fine spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by all. Jim and Julie McGraw provided a cake celebrating the second anniversary of the Museum's charter on April 20, 2004.

President Ross Goodyear began the evening's program with a slide presentation that reviewed the history of the Museum and the predecessor organization, the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association.

The featured speaker was Varick Chittenden, known for his work with Traditional Arts of Upper New York (TAUNY). Chittenden shared valuable experience and made many suggestions that will be useful. Chuck Goolden fortunately took good notes during the presentation which will prove valuable to the Site Development Committee and the Board of Directors.

Great events continued. At the beginning of the banquet, there was \$96,280 in cash and pledges in the Development Fund. By its end, the total was \$100,680. Purchase of the Madrid farm was within reach! A quick check of the pledge list assures us that the sum is real.

There were door prizes courtesy of LeBerge & Curtis. The 50:50 earned the Museum \$65. And the winner turned out to be our honorable speaker, Varick Chittenden. Truly, a good time for all. ☺



Museum member Don Doig (l) and Varick Chittenden, featured speaker at the Annual Banquet. Chittenden shared valuable experience and advice about forming a museum.

Assistant Treasurer, Amy Moulton, reported that on May 21 we had \$102,866 in cash and pledges in the Development Fund and \$5,147 in the regular operating account. \$232 remains in the Collections account. She also reported the Museum has submitted its 2005 Form 990 to the IRS as required of organizations exempt from income tax.

# BOARD MAKES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 21, new appointments were made on standing committees. Grant Thesier is the new Chair of the Collections Management Committee, replacing Don Doig who has assumed duties as Chair of the Site Development Committee. The Real Property Management Committee was activated and its first Chair is Reginald Chester.

Two new committees address new programs. They include the Insurance Committee co-chaired by Grant Thesier and Chuck Goolden and the Young Members Committee co-chaired by Stan (Jr.) and Tori Russell.

The Collections Management Committee assures compliance with the Museum's *Collection Management Policy* and with related regulations governing museums.

The Real Property Management Committee will be responsible for assuring that, when purchased, the Madrid farm lands and facilities are properly maintained.

Those interested may contact Chester at (315) 394-6513, Thesier at (315) 543-2049, Goolden at (315) 262-2525, and the Russells at (518) 594-3441. ■■■

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS!! Please be sure to sign in at the registration desk at the June Exhibition. Check your personal info, pay dues (still only \$15), and let us know if you are displaying or volunteering. Thanks**

**PLEEEZE . . .**  
**bring some goodies**  
**for the BAKE SALE**  
**at the June Exhibi-**  
**tion. Items need to**  
**be packed for sale in**  
**individual packages.**  
**Cookies, cake, pie,**  
**brownies, tarts.**  
**Yum. Pretty please.**

**PLEEEZE . . .**  
**bring items for the**  
**AUCTION at 3:00 pm**  
**Saturday at the June**  
**Exhibition. Old**  
**tools, implements or**  
**even a tractor. And**  
**ATTIC TREASURES**  
**will be needed all**  
**weekend. Thank you !!!!!!!!**

## THINGS YOU WANT

**2007 Old Iron Calendars:** Beautiful tractors for you each month. Place your order at the registration desk at the June Exhibition.

**2006 Farm Collector Show Directory:** Call Ogden Publications at (800) 682-4704.

**Beautiful Candles:** Home & Garden Candles in 10 oz. Jars. \$7.00 each. See Sheila Gordon at the June Exhibition or call (315) 386-3978. \$2.00 of each sale benefits the Museum.

# HELP, HELP, HELP !

**Y**our Museum is managed and operated entirely by volunteers. With roots in the old Gas & Steam Engine Association, member volunteers have gotten the job done. Now your help is needed at the June Exhibition.

Call Jim or Julie McGraw at (315) 347-2362 or Paul Moore at (315) at 386-4315 and tell them you want to help. COLLECT TICKETS AT THE GATE; WORK A MORNING, AFTERNOON, OR DAY IN THE KITCHEN; SELL FOOD AND BEVERAGES; BRING AN ENGINE, TRACTOR, OR OTHER DISPLAY; DIRECT PARKING; REGISTER MEMBERS AND VISITORS; POLICE THE GROUNDS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES; OPERATE A MUSEUM MILL OR BIG ENGINE; SELL BAKED GOODS AND ATTIC TREASURES; HELP AT THE KIDS PULL; OR JUST BE HANDY IF NEEDED.

You can also help layout the show and set up the kitchen on Thursday night starting around 6:00 pm. There are flags to put up, bushes to trim, tents to erect, and more. It is okay to stay home and **cook brownies, cookies and cakes for the bake sale!!**

If you want to work with food prep or sales, call Alice Pharoah (315) 347-4737 or Mae Goodyear (518) 594-7469. Call Gary Hargrave (315) 353-2888 to apprentice or help operate the steam engine. Most of all, be there! ☺

## BRUSHTON-MOIRA CENTRAL SCHOOL FFA ISSUES CHALLENGE



Members of the Brushton-Moira Central School Chapter of FFA present Finance Committee member Susan Vought with a check for \$1,000 for the Development Fund. This extraordinary gift was part of a challenge to other FFA Chapters in the region to do the same. Advisor David McKane says the Chapter will bring their 1939 Farmall F-14 to the Exhibition in June. They have been restoring the tractor for several months and would welcome comment and advice.

### Other Shows:

- May 27-28 Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine and Auto Show at Cumberland, Ontario. Phone (613) 833-3059 or email paul.adams@ottawa.ca.
- July 8-9 Champlain Valley Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Assn., 16th Annual Exhibition, Plattsburgh, NY. (518) 846-7583.
- July 14-16 Farmersville Steam Fair, Athens, Ontario.
- Aug. 10-13 46th Pageant of Steam, Canandaigua, NY. Info@pageantofsteam.org. Phone (585) 394-8102.
- Aug. 19-20 Stone Mills Festival, LaFargeville, NY. Email agstonemills@usadatanet.net. Phone (315) 658-2063.
- Aug. 19-20 Harvest Day Demonstrations, Prescott, Ontario. (613) 925-2100.
- Sept. 8-10 Flywheels and Pulleys Old Time Gas & Steam Show, Constableville, NY. (315) 465-4206.

**URGENT!** Members are needed to design and construct the Museum's float for the Dairy Princess Parade June 3. Please call Don Doig (315) 386-3785 soon so he can make plans. And if you are bringing your tractor to the parade, give him a call too. Thanks!!

## SITE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK

**T**he Site Development Committee met on April 6 and again on May 7 to begin planning the layout and priority of buildings and other facilities at the Madrid farm site. At the first meeting, Don Doig was elected chair and Sheila Gordon, vice-chair of the Committee.

At the second meeting, all members of the Museum were invited to tour the facilities, discuss the general topography, and share their own ideas.

The preparation of long-term plans and short-term plans that do not conflict were discussed. The latter would provide facilities for the June exhibition in 2008. Concern is also to be given to the tenants of the cropland and house. Initial work should begin this year.

Committee members have begun inspecting potential road entrances in anticipation of meetings with the State Highway Department. Another delegation met with Jason Pfotenhauer, Deputy Director of the St. Lawrence County Planning Office. The Planning Office will prepare a series of maps of the site for the Museum showing infrared color aerial photography, topographic contours, property boundaries, hydrology, soil types, and percent slope.

Discussions also have begun with the State Department of Health regarding requirements for drinking water, food service facilities and camp grounds.



## St. LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR OPPORTUNITY ★

**The annual event at Gouverneur, NY will be held July 25-30. This year the Museum will join the nightly parade with antique tractors. During days and evenings we will maintain a tractor display and booth where we can promote the Museum and its programs.**

**A few members have already volunteered, but if you would like to join the fun, contact Al Garrand at (315) 287-7225. Bring a vintage tractor or other farm implement, talk to visitors and hand out information about the Museum, help build and decorate the booth, or just be there. What a great opportunity.** ★

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**Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition June 10-11**  
**Exhibition flyer inside. Please post.**  
**Madrid farm purchase in July?**  
**Construction to begin this year.**  
**Museum site planning underway.**  
**Committee work gaining strength.**

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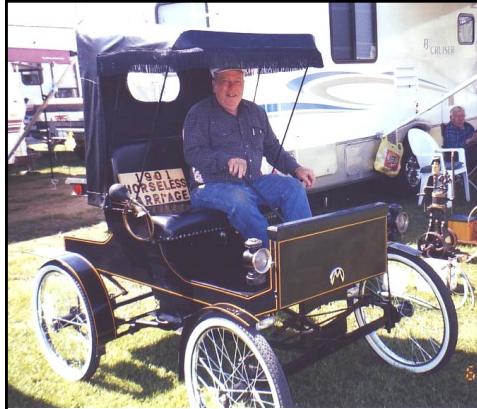
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*Look for John Mitchell at the Exhibition in June on his replica 1901 horseless carriage seen here is a June 2004 photo.*

## **THE Z COMES HOME**

**D**uring 2004, Bill Pharoah donated a 3 hp. Fairbanks Morse, Model Z, Type C gas engine to the Museum. The engine was to be offered for sale to raise money for the purchase of a farm site when one was located.

Very early in 2005, member Chuck Lowman of Vergennes, VT was looking for an engine job to wrap up the long winter. After a year and many hours of restoration work, the engine is coming home.

The engine will be featured at the June Exhibition. It now sports new oak skids, fresh paint and a new powder-coated cast iron truck under it. What you might not see or notice is the rest of the restoration.

There's a new fuel tank and a repaired exhaust valve. The magneto rotor was unfrozen. Happily, the magneto still worked. Missing teeth on the input gear were replaced. The cylinder was cleaned. And the whole block and flywheel were sand blasted and cleaned for painting.

Lowman is donating all his labor and the cost of parts. If you look in the catalogs, that's quite a contribution. And he provided the pick up and return deliveries as well. Unfortunately, he will not be able to attend the Exhibition.

Pharoah is anxious to see the rebuilt engine. He still would like to see it sold. But if the members think it should be kept as part of the collection, then that would be fine with him too. Hats off to both Bill and Chuck! ☈