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

*The St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum
Cordially Invites You to
A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Celebrating The Opening of Its New Home
At the Goolden-Mann Farm
State Highway 345, Madrid, New York
Sunday, August 13, 2006*

*Reception 12:00-3:00 PM
Ribbon Cutting at the Barn 1:30 PM
Food at the Madrid Community Center 11:30-1:00 PM
Wagon Rides between Community Center and Barn
Begin at 12:00 Noon*



**Museum
Events**

- July 16: Sunday, **Site Development Committee** Meeting, 2:00 pm, Madrid Farm. Bring chairs.
- July 25-30: **St. Lawrence County Fair**, Gouverneur, NY. Call Al Garrand at (315) 287-7225.
- July 30: Sunday, **Site Development Committee** Meeting, 2:00 pm, Madrid Farm. Bring chairs.
- Aug. 12: Saturday, Meeting of the **Board of Trustees**, 1:00 pm, Madrid Farm, Madrid, NY. Bring chairs.
- Aug. 13: Sunday, **Ribbon Cutting Celebration**, 12:00-3:00 pm, Goolden-Mann Farm, 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.
- Sept. 2: Saturday, **Finance Committee** Meeting, 7:00 am or 5:00 pm, Hutchinson Farm.
- Sept. 3: Sunday, Meeting of the **Board of Trustees** with Informal **Meeting of the Members**, 8:15, Hutchinson Farm.
- Oct. 22: Sunday, Meeting of the **Board of Trustees** at 1:00 pm; **Meeting of the Members** at 2:30, Madrid Community Center.

FARM PURCHASE UNDERWAY, RIBBON CUTTING PLANNED

Attorneys for the Museum are working with the current owners of the Madrid Farm to conclude its purchase. A closing is hoped for during the next several weeks. To celebrate the acquisition of a home for the Museum, a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place on Sunday, August 13 between noon and 3:00 pm.

The farm, valued at approximately \$200,000, will be purchased for \$100,000. The current owners, Leon and Carole Goolden of Colton, NY, are contributing the balance of the property's value. Mr. Goolden was raised in Madrid and actually ran the former dairy farm while a student at St. Lawrence University.

At this writing, the development fund totals \$104,000 in cash, currently drawing interest in an investment account. A few thousand dollars in pledges have also been received with more contributions arriving each week.

The Museum's goal for 2006 of \$120,000 is expected to be reached this summer. This will cover the full cost of the farm purchase and provide for maintenance and improvements to be made this year.

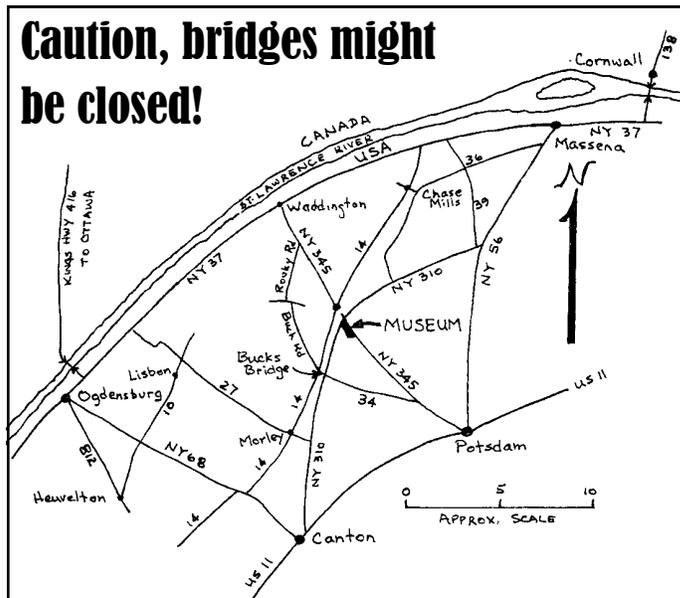
The August celebration will take place almost exactly one year following publication of an article in the *Ogdensburg Advance* newspaper about the Museum's search for a home. Having read the article, Leon Goolden contacted the Museum and offered the Madrid property at a steeply discounted price. He wanted to see his old hometown have the benefit of a regional museum. The following month, Museum members narrowed their search from among twenty properties that had been considered to six, and in October, to two. At the Annual Meeting in January 2006, the Madrid site was finally selected. A purchase agreement was signed not long after.

Goolden had stipulated that the purchase had to be made without borrowing funds. The Museum's new home had to begin debt free. Nearly a third of the funds required had been raised by the end of 2005. After announcing selection of the Madrid site, fund raising accelerated. By the end of June, the required funds were in place.

The farm has approximately 115 acres of which 80-90 are leased for cultivation. Facing State highway 345 is a white wood-frame five-room house with basement that is currently rented. There are also a cow barn, a shop/milk house, granary, piggery and outhouse. At one time there also was a chicken house next to the barn and cow barn on State highway 310. The house has a modern electrical service, sewage system, and deep well.

Half the summer season remains for further donations and pledges. These will support development of facilities needed for the first of the annual shows to be held there, currently scheduled for spring of 2008. It is now possible that one might be held there next year. Storage for the Museum's growing collection is also needed.

Caution, bridges might be closed!



The bridges crossing the Grasse River at Madrid and at Chamberlains Corner could be closed for repair. If coming from the west, use Bucks Bridge or the bridges at Chase Mills or at Canton to avoid the problem.



TRACTORS PROMOTE THE MUSEUM

(Above) Brad Chester pulls a wagon at a rainy Dairy Princess Parade in Canton on June 3. Don Doig provided the wagon and banners. Also driving that rainy day were Reg Chester, Al Garrand, and friends Adam and Brent Kuenzler and Don Beggs. Garrand provided three restored Allis Chalmers while the Kuenzlers brought a restored Oliver and a Cockshutt.

(Below) Al Garrand on his Allis Chalmers shows the Museum colors at the Edwards Field Day on July 8. Also driving tractors were Nancy Lashbrooks and their friend Mark Brackett.



JUNE EXHIBITORS DEFY POOR WEATHER

The 24th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition will be remembered as one of the coldest and wettest on record. Even so, Museum members turned out, putting on a program that pleased exhibitors and visitors alike. Even with the tractor pull cancelled, more than 60 antique tractors were counted Saturday evening. In addition, more antique flywheel engines were on display than in many years, with an estimated 40 to 50 seen.

Waldroff Farm Equipment provided a beautiful New Holland tractor to help with the antique tractor pull, but it was returned virtually unused.

About 80 members took time to register and report their activities. From these records you can see a great level of support. I will apologize now for any errors or omissions that you find.

Tractors, and usually more than one, were brought by Winston Armstrong, Dave Baker, Bill Bartlett, Phil Bigarel, Dan Cole, Al Garand, Gary Hargrave, Dave Hebert, Nancy Lashbrooks, Gary and Mike Livingston, John McBath, John McDermid, Jim McGraw, Lowell Nicholson, Alan Reno, Darrell Seymour, Steve Smith, Steve Streeter, Sue Vought, Lee Williams and Dave McKane and three Brushton-Moira FFA members, Charles Armstrong, Brian Gagnon, and James Gregory.

Engines, and again usually more than one, were brought by Gilbert Allen, Helen and Charles Alton, Roger Austin, Bill Bartlett, Francis Billings, John Bowles, Wilber Copeland III, George and Isabelle Gerome, Gary Hargrave, Alton Jones, Eugene Jones, Chuck Lowman,

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Treasurer Chuck Goolden reports that in spite of the weather, the June Exhibition was a financial success. With gross income of \$4,360, the exhibition netted an estimated \$1,400 (two bills have not yet arrived). This exceeds last year's net of \$1,140.

Big contributors were the kitchen netting \$935, goods sold at the Ladies Corner for \$500 and the auction which brought in a record \$1,585. The McCormick Deering 10-20 donated by Bill Bartlett and the corn sheller from Jim McGraw were big attractions at the auction. The wide variety and quality of goods contributed to the auction and to the Ladies Corner were vitally important. Thanks to all!

Because of the cancelled antique tractor pull and lower attendance, goods remain that can be used at the Ribbon Cutting and during Old Fashioned Harvest Days. These have a value of several hundred dollars.

The Development Fund has over \$104,000 in deposits. With pledges, the total now stands at \$106,000 or 88% of the goal of \$120,000. With anticipated improvements to be made this year, achieving this goal is essential. If you have not had a chance to do so, it is not too late to make a contribution.

At this writing there is a balance in the general account of \$7,185 with outstanding bills totaling approximately \$500. The Museum begins the second half of

Want to make a contribution or pay your dues? There will be a treasurer's table at the Ribbon Cutting and at Old Fashioned Harvest Days. Dues are still \$15. Spouses free. Junior members are \$5. Associated organizations and corporations \$25 and \$100 respectively.

POTATOE DIGGER DONATED

Preston and Janet Harris of Carleton Place, Ontario have donated a circa 1930 or older potato digger to the Museum. The originally horse-drawn implement has been modified to be pulled behind a tractor. It appears to be either a Massey Harris or Oliver. The wheels were yellow, and the body and frame were green with some yellow pinstriping.

The frame is a little bent, but all the parts are there and the frame can be straightened by heating and careful re-shaping. The shovel end is designed to dig into a potato hill. The soil, potatoes, and vines are carried upward by a shaking, open-mesh conveyor. The soil drops through the conveyor. At the top, steel fingers separate the vines from the potatoes. The potatoes roll down long fingers to the ground while the vines are directed by another curved set of fingers to the side.

The main parts missing are the farmers children who walk behind, picking up the potatoes and placing them in a bucket or wagon. Farming books of the era speak about the labor-saving aspect of the machine.

The region used to be famous for its potato crop. The Museum thanks Preston and Janet for their generosity. The machine can be easily disassembled, and anyone interested in a winter restoration project should contact Grant Thesier, chair of the Collection Management committee at (315) 543-2049. ✕



Preston and Janet Harris at the June Exhibition in Canton, next to a trailer with the potato digger they donated.

JUNE EXHIBITION A COLD - WET SUCCESS - WHY?

Worry Thursday and Friday turned to doom and gloom Saturday as the threat of rain at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition turned the event into a cold, wet and windy weekend. Yet a comment often heard was that the exhibition was still a real success.

Members began setting up their exhibits at the Canton Sportsman's Club on Friday. There was an air of excitement and optimism shared by all. Perhaps stemming from the tremendous progress the Museum had made in selecting a permanent site and raising funds for its purchase, there seemed much to share and discuss.

Paid admissions to the show Saturday were off about 35%. And the weather was so bad Sunday morning that the gate was left open, providing free admission to the few hardy souls willing to come. It was too wet for fiddling both days. The track was too muddy for tractor games Saturday or the antique tractor pull on Sunday. Yet members felt the show was a success.

The reduced number of visitors allowed time for exhibitors to relax and enjoy each other's company. Museum members did the cooking this year. There was plenty of hot coffee and donuts all weekend to be enjoyed in front of the fire in the rustic and cozy clubhouse. Food sales did quite well (see *Financial Update*, page 2). The Ladies Corner moved into the pavilion and did a brisk business selling attic treasures and baked goods. Members helped each other hang tarps and tie down tents to keep out the blowing rain.

The wet weather broke for a couple hours Saturday afternoon, just as the auction was about to begin. Members had donated a large and interesting array of goods including an antique tractor, corn sheller, old iron tools, trunks, a quilt, work lamps, kerosene lanterns, garden tractors, engines, pumps, camp stoves, grinders, mower, pumps, chains, tillers, and more. All sold in active bidding.

Sunday morning, when things were really wet and grim, members gathered in the club house for breakfast and to sit in on a meeting of the board of trustees. About 40 attended. Typical business was transacted, but members especially enjoyed the open discussion of how to best utilize the Museum's future home in Madrid.

So success came in several forms: financial profit, time spent with friends, shared efforts to fight the elements, a warm place to enjoy good food and escape the wet cold, and real excitement about the Museum's future. And yes, there were quite a number of brave visitors, even on Sunday. That is success by any measure. 🍴

Other Shows & Exhibitions:

- 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. 16-19 58th Rough & Tumble Engineers' Threshermen's Reunion, Kinzers (Lancaster), PA. Phone (717) 355-0881.
- 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.
- Aug. 26-27 25th Homesteader Days, Inverary (Kingston), Ontario. Phone (613) 352-7236.
- Sept. 8-10 Flywheels and Pulleys Old Time Gas & Steam Show, Constableville, NY. (315) 465-4206.

COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT JULY 25-30

This year, the Museum will maintain a booth at the St. Lawrence County Fair at Gouverneur, NY, July 25-30. The booth will display tractors and engines, distribute information on the Museum, and offer memberships. We are also asked to enter tractors in the nightly parade.

Several members have already volunteered, but more are needed. If you would like to help man the booth or provide something for the exhibit, please contact Al Garrard at (315) 287-7225. Thanks! 📧



Steve Streeter runs the Anderson diesel while other Museum members stand in the rain, hands in pockets, necks pulled in. Members congregated this way all weekend at the 24th Annual Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition at Canton.

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Elaine and Frank McDonald, Brian McGovern, Richard and Helen Whitney, Brice Winters, Robert Nottell, and Barry and Kathy VanVleek.

Operating Museum engines were Bill Bartlett, Bill Clinger, Ross Goodyear, Gary Hargrave, and Paul Moore. Jim Mitchell operated the sawmill he designed and built. A variety of other items including sparkplug and oil can collections, toys, pedal tractors, pumps and other old iron were exhibited by Roger Austin, Phil Bigarel, Francis Billings, Ron Day, Don Doig, Ellen and Frank McDonald, Ken Pharoah, Mary Anne and Stanley Russell, Sr., Stan and Tori Russell, Jr., and Barry and Kathy VanVleek.

In the kitchen were Pat Bartlett, Mae Goodyear, Alice and her sister and Bill Pharoah, and Sue Vought. Administration help was provided by Roger Austin, Dave Baker, Chuck Goolden, and Janet and Preston Harris. The Ladies Corner was managed by Carol Austin, Margaret Gary, Sheila Gordon, and Irene Hargrave.

Mike Livingston did a great job of auctioning all the treasures that members had brought. We also appreciate all those who left money on the table when they departed.

Also registered were Claude and Barb Burdick, Wayne Day, Francis Geppner, Lee Latulipe, Paul Mayotte, Doug Stine, Dave Suckow, Fay Vebber, Olin Vought, and Glenn Wynne.

And best of all, we registered new members including Winston Armstrong, Chuck Chapman, Brad Chester, Wil Copeland II, Wilber Copeland III, Victor Cryderman, Lauris Kelly, John and Olga Miller, Michael Pomainville, Alan Reno, Tom Robarge, Darrell Seymmour,

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Madrid farm purchase nears completion, celebration planned.
Wet but successful June exhibition at Canton.
Parades promote the Museum.
Construction plans gain focus.
Old Fashioned Harvest Days planning begins.
Donations and programs enhance bottom line.

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OLD FASHIONED HARVEST DAYS SEPT. 2-3

It is already time to start planning for the Museum's largest exhibition, Old Fashioned Harvest Days. This will be the 16th year that the exhibition has been held at the Hutchinson Farm located midway between Heuvelton and Rensselaer Falls, NY.

Inside the Newsletter, you will find a flyer for the event. Please make copies and post it wherever you can. The Museum reflects the North Country, and members can advertise likewise. More than a third of the members live outside St. Lawrence County.

Volunteers will be needed in every capacity from exhibitor to cook. Members who would like to help operate Museum equipment are also needed.

If you wish to help, please contact Exhibition Chairman, Dave Hebert, at (315) 344-7216 or E-mail mhebert13654@yahoo.com. 

A big thanks to Mr. Grant Construction Company and its employees for their help with the June Exhibition. They contributed men and equipment to move the steam engine, prepare the grounds, and provide safety and first aid supplies. After all was done, they rolled the grounds, returning them to good condition after a wet weekend. **THANKS!!**



Brushton-Moira Central School FFA members showed off their meticulously restored Farmall F-14 at the 24th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition at Canton. Their advisor is Dave McKane.