

St. Lawrence

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

## NEW BOARD SEATED

The Annual Meeting of Museum members netted a new board. Dave Baker was elected President/Trustee, replacing Ross Goodyear who retired after serving four remarkable years.

Grant Thesier stepped up as Vice-President/Trustee while Roger Austin and Chuck Goolden were re-elected as Secretary/Trustee and Treasurer/Trustee respectively.

Julie McGraw and Paul Moore were elected to three-year terms as Trustees, and Frank McDonald to a two-year term. Reg Chester and Mike Livingston remain on the Board, serving respectively the last one and two years of their three-year terms. McDonald's new term is a year short to help stagger the normal three-year terms.

Baker, who lives in Waddington, is retired from Alcoa and still does a little farming. Living not far from Madrid, he pays frequent visits to the Museum's new site. He has been serving as Chair of the Site Maintenance Committee.

Goodyear says he is ready to take a year off from Museum responsibilities and relax a little. However, he plans to completely overhaul the sawmill for the exhibition in June. During his tenure as President, he oversaw the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association's decision

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*Members listen while Treasurer Chuck Goolden reports on the financial condition of the Museum at the Annual Meeting in Madrid, NY in January.*

## ANNUAL MEETING SETS ATTENDANCE RECORD

This year's Annual Meeting was held at the Madrid Community Center on a spring-like day on the first Sunday of January. Members poured into the building. As the meeting began, the secretary counted 77 members and held proxies for over 30 more. And another dozen showed up soon after. There were more than twice the number required for a quorum.

After President Ross Goodyear called the meeting to order, Secretary Roger Austin reviewed the activities of the past year (see *A Great Year* on page 5). Treasurer Chuck Goolden reported on the Museum's financial health (see story on page 2). A report by the Audit Committee followed, which stated that the records and information provided had been reviewed and had proved more than satisfactory.

Grant Thesier, Chair of the Collection Management Committee, reported on the several additions to the collection made during 2006 and the new system of recording transfer of assets to the collection.

Jim Locy and Dave Baker reported on the status of

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*The Museum's 2007 Board of Trustees. Front row l to r are Chuck Goolden, Julie McGraw, Frank McDonald, and Dave Baker. Back row l to r are Grant Thesier, Roger Austin, Paul Moore, Mike Livingston, and Reg Chester.*

### Museum Events 2007

Winter: No scheduled meeting. Look for possible for announcements in the newspaper about special work days or invited events.  
 May 12: Saturday, 6:00 pm, **Annual Banquet**, Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton, NY.  
 June 9-10: Saturday and Sunday, 25th Annual **Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition**, Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton, NY.  
 July: Exhibit at the **St. Lawrence County Fair**, Gouverneur, NY.  
 Sept. 1-2: Saturday and Sunday, 17th Annual **Old Fashioned Harvest Days**, Hutchinson Farm, Heuvelton, NY.  
 Oct. 27: 2:30, Sunday, **Meeting of the Members**, Madrid, NY.

## EARTH MOVING GETS

The weather had just been too good to resist. So after the annual meeting on January 7, several members drove up to the Museum's Goolden-Mann farm on State Hwy. 345. Walking out in the field, they surveyed a long ridge that extends from behind the barn out into the field.

Jim McGraw had told the board, "You put the grade stakes in, and we'll move the dirt." During the next couple days, a bull dozer and a crawler excavator were delivered by Mr. Grant Construction Company and the Paul Moore Excavating & Trucking Company.

Jim McGraw, Ken Tupper, and Bob Ploem, all experienced heavy equipment operators, wasted no time in getting started on leveling and grading the high ground. Dirt piled up in a hurry. Before the freezing weather set in, a substantial beginning had been made in shaping the future surface of the museum site.

Once leveled, the former corn field will be planted to grass by the McKnight family which farms the existing fields. This year, a seven-plus acre area has been reserved for the Museum so it can be developed. Yet the McKnight family who rents the fields to grow crops on the farm land has generously offered to plant the reserved area in grass.

The newly formed Construction Committee, headed by Paul Moore, is working against a spring deadline to have the site graded before planting begins. The committee has been given responsibility to oversee the design and construction activity on the area. Getting a well established grass on the old corn field will greatly improve our ability to do construction without sinking in mud this summer.

In addition to the work underway, salvaging topsoil from areas planned for parking areas and driveways needs to be done. These areas will be grveled so they can be used as staging areas. If all goes well, sufficient progress will be made this year so that the Museum's festivals can be held at the site in 2008. 



*Heavy equipment begins grading work at the Museum's home at Madrid. This January effort took advantage of the good weather. Who are in the cabs, McGraw, Tupper, or Ploem?*

## CONSTRUCTION FUND CAMPAIGN STARTS IN MARCH

Good grief, didn't we just finish one campaign? There are several answers to that very good question. First, look at what we have accomplished in just a couple years. It is still hard to believe how blessed and how lucky we have been. The Museum is off to a great start.

To continue this work, the Board of Trustees has set the goal of raising \$100,000 for new construction. Private contributions are hoped to raise \$45,000 of this amount with the balance coming from grants. This will be the first concerted effort to secure grants from the government, foundations, and other sources.

*So why do you need my money?* Because, granting agencies take a measure of the commitment of an organization's membership. It is a simple fact that it is easier to count heads and dollars than it is to evaluate dreams and promises.

And, you can have fun building something that will preserve history and benefit future generations. That sounds like a solid investment to me. 

## TREASURER'S REPORT

At the Annual Meeting of the members in January, Treasurer Chuck Goolden presented the financial results of activities during 2006 and a budget for 2007. The uncertified results had been approved by the Board of Trustees and the new Audit Committee.

The 2006 profit and loss statement showed cash income of \$106,397. With expenses of \$20,893, there was a net income of \$84,728. The donation of over 50% of the appraised value of the Goolden-Mann farm resulted in non-cash income of \$118,500 for a net of all income of \$203,228 for the year.

Cash income from donations and gifts totaled \$82,419, the remaining income coming largely from dues, interest, the June auction, and income from two exhibitions. These were offset by exhibition and administrative costs.

The year began with \$37,877 in bank and brokerage accounts. Of this amount, \$31,869 was in the Development Fund, reserved primarily for purchase of a permanent site. Total contributions to that fund reached \$114,288 or 95% of the fund's goal before its conclusion at year's end. Only \$11,115 remained at year's end, primarily due to the purchase of the Goolden-Mann farm.

With the farm's purchase and certain additions to the collection, the value of the Museum's non-cash assets increased by \$220,238 to \$277,937. Total cash and non-cash assets increased by \$203,729 to \$299,306. At year's end there was \$8,910 in the general checking account, \$11,115 in the brokerage interest-bearing account, and \$244 in the collections checking account for a total of \$20,269.

The budget for 2007 calls for similar operating costs, but with \$100,000 raised primarily to fund capital improvements to the Museum's new site. 

# Charter and Development Fund Contributors Recognized

Not since its provisional chartering in April 2004 has the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum publicly thanked all the members and friends from whom we have received generous financial contributions. First there was an expense of several thousand dollars to cover the legal and other costs of becoming a museum and gaining tax exemption. The Development Fund Campaign began in the fall of 2005, as the search for a home narrowed to two excellent sites.

Each site would involve an investment of approximately \$100,000, and it was imperative that the necessary funds would be available before 2006 passed. In early 2006, Museum members accepted the generous offer from Leon and Carole Goolden of Colton, NY - the family farm in Madrid appraised at \$216,000 - for sale for just \$100,000. At the time the decision was made, gifts already had reached more than \$30,000.

Knowing that improvements would be needed as soon as the purchase was completed, the initial goal of \$100,000 was increased to \$120,000. In June there were sufficient funds to purchase the farm. Peter Lekki of Lekki, Hill, Fisher & Duprey, P.C. in Canton generously offered to provide legal services at no cost. The property deed consisted of no less than 10 parcels, a complex document with much detail to consider.

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## CHARTER AND DEVELOPMENT FUND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS

### FOUNDATION GRANTS

Sweetgrass Foundation, \$25,000

### BENEFACTORS (\$10,000 or more)

Roger and Carol Austin

Eugene Jones

Dr. Charles W. McCutchen

Dale Weed

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Chuck Lowman

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Paul Moore

Grant and Kathy Thesier

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## NEW BOARD

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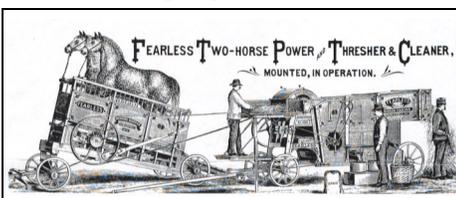
to reorganize as a provisionally chartered museum under the Regents of the University of the State of NY, transfer of all the members and the Association's assets to the new organization, the search for a home for the Museum, and the final decision and acquisition of the site in Madrid.

Baker expressed the member's appreciation of Goodyear's service who stood and received an extended standing ovation from everyone present.

Gary Hargrave who retired from the Board, after completing the third year of his term as trustee, was recognized for his many years of service to the Museum and to the former Association. Hargrave held several offices during many of those early years including those of President and Treasurer. ¶



*The vintage privy at the Museum's Goolden-Mann farm is a beauty, but in need of care. Anyone owning a shovel is welcome to help improve its condition.*



*Newly elected President, Dave Baker (l), receives the gavel from former President Ross Goodyear.*

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When the sale was completed, a crew and equipment from Mr. Grant Construction Co. of Harrisville, along with several Museum members, worked several days to clean around the barn, milk house and shop in time for a grand ribbon cutting ceremony in August 2006.

Gifts from both campaigns totaled nearly \$120,000, not including the value of services and goods received. If you find an error in the sums reported or your name inadvertently omitted or incorrectly reported, please let us know. ¶

## CONTRIBUTORS (Continued)

Moses Hershberger  
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## ANNUAL MEETING

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the Museum's new home, the Goolden-Mann farm in Madrid. They reviewed the conceptual plans made during 2006 and gave an overview of work to be done during 2007. Exciting discussions followed which led to a ground-breaking a day later (see Earth Moving on page 2).

Gary Hargrave reported on the several improvements to the website. Visit [www.slpowermuseum.com](http://www.slpowermuseum.com).

After elections were completed, Dave Baker took over the meeting. Treasurer Goolden presented the budget for 2007, the earliest this has ever been done. Highlights include a fund raising campaign and efforts to secure grants and awards totaling \$100,000. These funds will be used to support construction of essential facilities at the museum site.

Baker emphasized the opportunity for organizations sharing an interest in the region's history. They can affiliate with the Museum and help develop facilities that will serve their own interests and the mission of the Museum. Inquiries have been made to antique automobile organizations, horse fanciers, maple sugar producers, and railroad enthusiasts.

It was agreed by many present that work on projects at the museum can begin while (or as soon as) the weather permits. There is no shortage of opportunities.

Members enjoyed cookies made by Rosie Bartholomew, Mable Baker, Dot Locy, Carol Austin and Linda Goolden. Reg Chester served the cookies along with coffee and coke, earning \$55 in donations for the Museum. Jim Locy sold Museum caps while Chuck Goolden, Michelle Kerr and others collected dues.

The meeting was not too long, and members had a chance to visit and enjoy the coffee and cookies. Others wandered up the hill to the Museum's site on State Highway 345 to consider where to begin work. It was a fine afternoon. ¶

*Photos in this edition of the Newsletter are courtesy of John Bartholomew and Chuck Goolden.*

## HARVEST DAYS PULL RESULTS

A shortage of space prevented our reporting the results of the antique tractor pull on Sunday during Old Fashioned Harvest Days. Tractors compete against others of similar weight. New this year was the addition of *enhanced* classes in which the original tractor engines are allowed to be modified. The results are below.

**2,500 lb. class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Al Garrand, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grant Thesier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tammy Abbrid.

**3,000 lb. class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Joe Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Burwell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aaron Durant.

**4,000 lb. class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kelly Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Moore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Otis Bishop.

**5,000 lb. class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kelly Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Rupp, 3<sup>rd</sup> Otis Bishop.

**6,000 lb. class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Red Chapman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Kenney, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben Cleveland.

**7,000 lb. class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kris Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Al Snyder, 3<sup>rd</sup> Terry Bellinger.

**8,000 lb. class:** 1<sup>st</sup> John Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Livingston, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kris Jordan.

**9,000 lb. class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Terry Mouthrup, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steven Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grant Thesier.

**10,000 lb. class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ed Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roddy Burns, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kris Jordan.

**11,000 lb. class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Roddy Burns, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kris Jordan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Livingston.

**12,000 lb. class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Gary Livingston, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kris Jordan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Roddy Burns.

**Century class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Don Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Otis Bishop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed Jordan.

**3,500 lb. enhanced class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Al Garrand.

**5,500 lb. enhanced class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Burns.

**6,500 lb. enhanced class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Robert



*The Museum's own auctioneer, Mike Livingston, at the auction held during the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition last year. Stan Russell is seen examining a box full of treasures. The*



*Rain was a constant during the 2006 exhibitions. The pull track turned to muck during Old Fashioned Harvest Days (above) on Labor Day weekend. The antique tractor pull at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition had to be cancelled.*

## 2006 - A GREAT YEAR

**January:** Tours of final two potential museum sites. Annual meeting and elections. The Goolden-Mann farm in Madrid chosen.

**February:** Madrid farm gift-purchase agreement signed. Board of Trustees increased from seven to nine.

**April:** Annual banquet. Development fund reaches \$100,000 in cash and pledges.

**May:** Key support committees created or activated.

**June:** Development fund tops \$100,000 cash. Tractors in Dairy Princess Parade. 24th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition. Members authorize farm acquisition.

**July:** Tractor and engine exhibit at St. Lawrence County Fair in Gouverneur.

**August:** Goolden-Mann farm acquired. Ribbon cutting ceremony.

**September:** 16th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days near Heuvelton. Business and Organization associate memberships created. Joint board meeting with the Madrid Historical Society.

**October:** Meeting of the members.

**November:** Walker farm granary building purchased.

**December:** Development Fund campaign completed with \$114,000 or 95% of goal achieved.

**Plus:** Concept design created for new museum site, great new contributions received for the collection, barn cleaned and readied for storage, financial reporting enhanced with QuickBooks Premier, and membership almost reaches 500, a 50 % increase in families participating. (

## COMMITTEES SERVE THE MUSEUM

Committees play the major role in looking at the Museum's future, determining how funding can be raised, overseeing the collections, assuring safety, running the exhibitions, participating in community events and taking care of many other key functions. Please review the list of committees and their chairs and vice-chairs below. If you wish to support one, why not call a chair now.

**Anderson Diesel:** Paul Moore.

**Annual Banquet:** Jim McGraw and Paul Moore.

**Audit Committee:** Roger Austin.

**Collections:** Grant Thesier.

**Construction:** Paul Moore.

**Farm Equipment:** Jim McGraw, Mike Livingston.

**Farquhar Steam Engine:** Gary Hargrave.

**Finance:** Chuck Goolden, Al Garrand.

**Flywheel Engines:** Frank McDonald.

**Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition:** Jim McGraw and Paul Moore.

**History:** Frank McDonald.

**Insurance:** Murray Fisher.

**Invited Exhibits:** Al Garrand.

**Kitchen:** Mae Goodyear and Alice Pharoah.

**Ladies Corner:** Alice Pharoah.

**Newsletter:** Roger Austin.

**Old Fashioned Harvest Days:** Dave Hebert.

**Safety:** Grant Thesier.

**Sawmills:** Ross Goodyear.

**Site Development:** Jim Locy, Sheila Gordon.

**Site Maintenance:** Dave Baker.

**Publicity:** Irene Hargrave.

**Young Members:** Stanley and Tori Russell, Jr.

**volunteers make the difference!**

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**Election results announced.**  
**Annual meeting sees record attendance.**  
**Earth moving begins. Construction focus for 2007.**  
**Charter and Development Fund contributors reported.**  
**Committees announced for 2007.**  
**Treasurer reports extraordinary year.**

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**Supporting Regional Events Promotes Museum**

It is a win-win situation when you can help the community and gain recognition for the Museum at the same time. This was exactly the case at the recent meeting of the St. Lawrence County Maple Producers Association.

The Museum had a nice display to help entertain during breaks in the program. At the same time, the Museum's mission was explained to those who stopped by our table.

There to help were Dave Baker, Al Garrard, Chuck Golden, Nancy Lashbrooks, and Jim Locy. Lashbrooks provided a nice 2 X 6 foot banner to dress up the front of the table.

The importance of these programs has been recognized by the creation of the **Invited Exhibits Committee**. Al Garrard chairs the new group.

Already on the calendar are the Dairy Princess Parade in Canton, the St. Lawrence County Fair in

Gouverneur, and Cornell Cooperative Extension's Fall Festival. Other invitations are being considered.

Volunteers are always needed to help with the displays. Sometimes only a day or an evening is needed. If interested, call Nancy Lashbrooks at (315) 287-7725 or email nlashbrooks@twcnny.rr.com. ☎



*A chilly and damp Dave Baker looks at an exhibit during last year's Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition near Canton.*