

# St. Lawrence POWER & EQUIPMENT MUSEUM

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

## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS SOON AT MADRID SITE

The Site Development and the Construction Committees have begun setting priorities and getting cost estimates for several projects that will have the Museum's farm ready for exhibitions in 2008.

Site Development chair, Jim Locy, led a meeting of his committee on April 1. Present were Joe Finnegan, Ken Friedel, Dot Locy, Jim and Julie McGraw, Gary Hargrave, Mike Livingston, Dave Baker, Grant and Steve Thesier, and Al Garrand.

At its May meeting, the Museum's Board of Directors will take the conceptual plan for the site and hammer out a final layout for selected elements so they can get underway. As the construction season arrives, members will be advised of projects on which they can help.

Fair weather last January allowed initial grading work to begin. This will continue as essential entrances, parking areas, and service roads are prepared. Parking access routes will be graveled to allow compaction during the coming months. The construction area, previously planted in corn, will be grassed by the McKnight family

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*Grading work behind the barn at the Goolden-Mann farm has improved the surface for exhibitions to be held there in 2008.*

## \$25,000 CHALLENGE KICKS OFF CONSTRUCTION FUND CAMPAIGN

The 2007 Construction Fund Campaign seeks \$100,000 in funding, half raised through the contributions of members and friends, and half from grants and other awards. The funds will be used for construction of facilities at the Museum's Goolden-Mann farm, especially those needed to support exhibitions planned for 2008.

An anonymous donor offers to match, dollar for dollar, the first \$25,000 in contributions of any gifts of up to \$1,000. Whether you give \$100 or \$1,000, your gift will be matched. The contribution must be made during 2007. The matching donor hopes that this will encourage generosity so that the 2007 goal will be exceeded and construction plans can be accelerated.

A pledge and contribution form can be found on page 4. Please return it in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. A pledge is almost as important as a gift; it will enable the Site Development and Construction Committees plan the year's work. And your pledge, if early enough, will qualify your subsequent gift for matching.

Several sources of grants are being addressed, including Federal, State and private organizations. If you have any suggestions you wish to share, please contact

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*During the good spell of weather in January, Dave Baker and Jim Locy laid out the grade. Paul Moore's excavator and Grant Thesier's dozer arrived. And under Jim McGraw's direction, he, Ken Tupper, and Bob Ploem shaped the area into a user-friendly slope - a great way to start 2007.*

### Museum Events 2007

- April 15: Sunday, 1:30 pm, **Finance Committee** meeting, Madrid Community Center, Madrid, NY.
- May 12: Saturday, 6:00 pm, **Annual Banquet**, Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton, NY.
- May 19: Saturday, 1:00 pm, **Board of Trustees** meeting at the Madrid Community Center, Madrid, NY.
- June 2: Saturday, noonish, Our tractors in the **Dairy Princess Parade**, Canton, NY. Contact Al Garrand (315)287-7225.
- June 9-10: Saturday and Sunday, 25th Annual **Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition**, Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton, NY.
- July 16-21: 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.

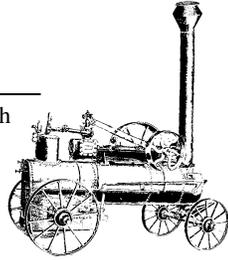
**ST. LAWRENCE  
POWER & EQUIPMENT MUSEUM**

*Ima Member*

is a member in good standing through

*2007*

(date)



*Beginning in February of this year, the Museum adopted the new membership card shown above. The card includes the image of an 1899 A.B. Farquhar portable steam engine, virtually the same engine as the Museum's own 1922 model seen below with Bill Clinger (l) and Gary Hargrave. Your old-style membership card still remains valid.*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**T**he Museum's 2006 Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990) for the IRS has been prepared and will be submitted by the May 15 deadline. New this year will be Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (Form, 990T). The State of New York will be sent a related return (Form CT-13).

Also new this year will be a Statement of Financial Position, a report required by New York State. This will be in addition to the report of the Museum's Audit Committee submitted in January. The report is less in scope than an audit. The IRS and State reports and the Statement are being prepared by Gray & Gray, Certified Public Accountants, P.C. of Canton, NY.

With few outstanding bills or deposits, the operating account has \$14,570 in it, Development Fund account \$12,776, and the Collections account \$244. 

## OUR GENEROUS CORPORATE MEMBERS & CONTRIBUTORS

When you have a chance, take a moment to say thanks to the following organizations who have become corporate members and/or have provided generous support to the Museum.

**Caswell True Value Hardware**, Waddington, NY

**Community Bank, N.A.**, Madrid, NY

**Grasse River Housing Corporation**, Madrid, NY

**Kimro's Medicine Place**, Ogdensburg, NY

**LeBerge & Curtis, Inc.**, Canton, NY

**Marshall's IGA**, Lisbon, NY

**Mr. Grant Construction Company**, Harrisville, NY

**Paul Moore Excavating & Trucking Co.**,  
West Potsdam, NY

**St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union**, Dekalb  
Junction, NY

**Structural Wood Corporation**, Waddington, NY

**Walldroff Farm Equipment**, Canton, NY



*The classic profile of the original late-20's gas station at the intersection of State Highways 310 and 345 in Madrid is the inspiration for the Museum - AACA collaboration discussed on page 3. Its salvage is problematical but being considered.*

## Sportsman's Club Directions

**F**rom the US Post Office at the center of Canton, travel southeast on Park Street, County Rt. 27. Go past LeBerge & Curtis. About three miles out, take the right fork at the four-way stop onto County Rt. 25.

In less than a mile, take the first right onto Nickerson Road. About one mile down you will see the entrance to the Canton Sportsman's club on the right. Follow the gravel road to the end. You will see the log building. Find a parking spot and enjoy the evening. 



*The Annual Banquet in 2003, a year prior to the birth of the Museum. Ellen Nesbitt of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce spoke, describing various means of raising funds for a new museum. The Museum is 3 years old April 20, 2007.*

## TAUNY - Power & Equipment Museum Collaboration Underway

Dave Baker, Power & Equipment Museum President, and Varick Chittenden, Executive Director of TAUNY (Traditional Arts in Upstate New York) are pleased to announce a new collaborative effort. The two organizations will be developing an application to the Folk Arts Program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) requesting support for a project called *Doing Chores: The Arts of Farm Life before Electricity*.

If funding is received, TAUNY folklorists will interview and record residents of the North Country for their recollections and observations about daily life on small family farms and the traditional skills men and women practiced to get the work done. Examples as diverse as calling cows, building stone walls, using a scythe, and piling loose hay to tying quilts, spring housecleaning, canning meat, and making cottage cheese will be sought.

The outcome of the research will be the beginnings of an archive of oral histories of local farm life that the Museum and TAUNY would share for future programming by both organizations.

Programs that may result are a traveling exhibit that can be shown at the Museum's spring and fall festivals, a "talker's tent" where local people will share their memories and swap stories in public, a new page on the Museum's website with selected recorded stories in audio files, and possible short radio features for use on local media, such as North Country Public Radio.

We anticipate knowing the results of this grant request by mid-December. For more information about TAUNY, go to [www.tauny.org](http://www.tauny.org) or [www.north-countryfolklore.org](http://www.north-countryfolklore.org) for access to several modules including stories of river communities, food customs, North Country Heritage Award Recipients, and a register of local landmarks of the North Country.



## ANNUAL BANQUET MAY 12 Remington Director to Speak

This year's Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 12 at the Canton Sportsman's Club lodge. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm by members of the Sportsman's Club.

This year's featured speaker will be Ed LaVarnway, Executive Director of the Frederick Remington Art Museum in Ogdensburg, NY. Members will have an excellent opportunity to listen and talk with him about the programs and experiences of a premiere museum.

There will also be a video of early exhibitions by the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association, the predecessor organization to our own Museum. There will be a 50-50, some super door prizes, and perhaps some auction items

A great turnout is expected. The cost is only \$10 per plate. Members are asked to email or call Jim or Julie McGraw to let them know how many members and friends will be coming. Julie's contact information is included in the list of Trustees on the last page. Why not call now before you forget!



## AACA REGION DISCUSSES GAS STATION WITH MUSEUM

The St. Lawrence-Adirondack Region of the AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) and the Power & Equipment Museum have been holding a series of discussions regarding establishment of a vintage gas station on the lane that will surround the future village green at the Museum's Madrid site.

The inspiration for the effort is the original one-room portion of the gas station at the intersection of State Highways 310 and 345 in Madrid. The station reportedly was moved there from Waddington. Records indicate it may date to 1926, and a lease was recorded in 1933 with the Atlantic Refining Company, Inc.

The site does not belong to the Museum, but the owner has expressed a willingness to allow the Museum to salvage parts of the original small building. However, certain concerns remain regarding such a project. The AACA Region members suggest that construction of a replica facility might be a better alternative.

AACA Region Secretary, Bill MacIntire, reports their members are very committed to the project. He and their President, George Cox, are also members of the Museum.

The site of the old gas station has been the subject of remediation efforts since 1988, aimed at removing gasoline from the groundwater. Conditions at the site have been somewhat improved, and the site is now routinely monitored by the State.



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farm as they prepare their adjoining fields for this season's crops. This will establish a turf layer that will support traffic, exhibitors and other activities.

A steel building is the likely choice to provide space for the Museum's rapidly expanding collection. There is a list of items that are waiting for space so they can be donated. The building is needed to meet State requirements for proper management of collections.

Accommodations must also be provided to care for exhibition visitors including a suitable food preparation area and potable water. There are several possible alternatives to consider, and a decision will be made shortly.

There are other important but less critical projects that can also be pursued. The Walker Family granary needs to be moved to the site and repairs made. The barn timbers in storage can be used to reconstruct a 100+ year-old barn which could be used to store and display threshing equipment.

Improvements to the existing barn including electricity, a new entrance on the south end, new windows, and repairs to the siding will make storage and display of items safer and more effective. The existing pump/milk house, pig-gery, outhouse and small granary all need attention to ready them for storage and displays.

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\$25,000 CHALLENGE**

Roger Austin or Chuck Goolden. Contact information is on the last page.

We continue to look for volunteers who have experience in writing or preparing grant applications. Additional hands would accelerate the application process.

As we begin our first efforts at securing grants, please remember that the support of the membership is an important measure of the Museum's vitality. And your early support will help bridge the period of time between submitting the first applications and the receipt of the actual awards.

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**THE ST. LAWRENCE POWER & EQUIPMENT MUSEUM  
2007 CONSTRUCTION FUND**

Dear Members and Friends,

The St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum Construction Fund was established in January 2007 to provide financial support for the Museum's construction programs. Unless otherwise specified, contributions to the Museum during the year will be allocated to this endeavor. Every member of your Board of Trustees has already pledged or made contributions this year, and they invite you to join them in expressing your support.

Virtually 100% of your contributions will go directly to construction efforts. The Museum has few fund raising costs as administration is done by volunteers and printing and related costs are covered by dues. When you give, you know that you are getting your money's worth. If you itemize deductions on your Federal tax returns, your contributions could be deductible. The Museum is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.

Large or small, every contribution is important. An investment in the Museum is an investment in the future of the North Country. It will preserve the region's history and help promote tourism. Best of all, you can see the results of your generosity and enjoy knowing that you have done your share. Please fill out the pledge form below. Checks should be made out to the *St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum*. Mail them to the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum in the enclosed envelope or to *PO Box 400, Madrid, NY 13660-0400*.

Thanks,  
*Dave Baker*

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**Yes, I want to support the growth of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum through its Construction Fund! (check one or more )**

- I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a contribution.
- I pledge to make contributions totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_ during 2007.
- Please send me a receipt for the contribution I have made.
- Please contact me about a special gift I would like to make.
- I have enclosed \$15 (voting member) or \$5 (under 18) for dues.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

## WE REMEMBER

**W**e sadly report the passing of the following members of the Museum during the winter.

**Olin E. Vought**, 2/13/07, a member and exhibitor for many years from Gouverneur, NY.

**Victor C. Cryderman**, 2/15/07, our neighbor at our Goolden-Mann farm in Madrid and an enthusiastic member since last June.

**Barry VanVleck**, 2/18/07, a member for several years who with his wife, Cathy, regularly came all the way from Hilton, NY to exhibit engines and other treasures.

**Floyd M. Beswick**, 3/1/07, a member since May 2006 when he heard the Museum would be coming to his town of Madrid, NY.

We are reminded of the importance of each day allotted to us. Our colleagues will be missed.



*Ever wonder what's inside the pump house at the Museum's Goolden-Mann farm? Answer: a pump!*

### Other Exhibitions

- April 21: E. Central PA 2-Cylinder Club, Antique JD Tractor and Implement Plowing Show. Hereford, PA. (610) 967-1997.
- May 10 (Thurs.): Seaway Tech Cruise In, 4:00-8:00 pm, Norwood, NY.
- May 11-12: Rough and Tumble Engineers Historical Assn. Spring Steam-Up. Kinzers, PA. (717) 442-4249.
- May 19-20: AACA Can-Am Auto Flea Market, Potsdam, NY. 9:00-5:00, (315) 268-0056.
- May 26-27: Cumberland Heritage Village Fair and Spring Crank-up. Located 15 miles east of Ottawa, ONT. (613) 833-3059.
- June 23-25: Madrid Bluegrass Festival, Madrid Community Park in Madrid, NY. (315) 322-4341.
- August 8-11: NY Steam Engine Association, Annual Pageant of Steam, Canadaigua, NY (315) 483-9419.
- August 17-19: Stone Mills Old Farm and Home festival, Stone Mills, NY (315) 658-2063.

## MAGAZINES FOR THE WELL READ MEMBER

**T**here are several excellent magazines available for those interested in antique power and equipment. We are contacting several to see if we can have special offers available to Museum members at the Annual Banquet and the spring and fall exhibitions.

**Antique Power**, covering all and only tractors. Contact [www.antiquepower.com](http://www.antiquepower.com) or call (888) 760-8108. Six issues. Special until April 30 for 7th free for \$26.95.

**Engineers & Engines**, covering steam traction and portable steam engines and driven equipment. Call (410) 673-2414. Six issues for \$18.00.

From Ogden Publications are three magazines. We should have a discount for new subscribers soon or call (800) 888-9098. These include:

**Gas Engine Magazine**, covering flywheel engines. Six issues for \$33.00.

**Farm Collector**, covering all vintage farm equipment. 12 issues for \$29.95.

**Steam Traction**, covering steam traction engines and related equipment. Four issues for \$38.00.

The **Antique Automobile Club of America** has an excellent magazine for its members. Contact the local section at (315) 268-0056.

**FYI: Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to members who wish to share an idea or simply would like to sit in.**

## Museum Exhibit at Ag-Update in West Potsdam

**I**n a continuing effort to promote interest in its programs, your Museum provided an exhibit at the Ag-Update held at West Potsdam, NY on March 29.

The Expo is organized each year by the Cornell Cooperative Extension in cooperation with many businesses that support the region's farmers.

Dave Baker, Jim Locy, Gary Hargrave, and Frank McDonald were hosts at the exhibit. It was well received and netted new members and promises of several exciting items for the Museum's collection.

Opportunities for special exhibits occur all during the year. If you know of any, please contact Al Garrand at (315) 287-7225 or Nancy Lashbrooks at [nlash-brooks@twcny.rr.com](mailto:nlash-brooks@twcny.rr.com) or any of the Trustees listed on the last page. ☺



*Barry VanVleck at his forge during the 2006 Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition. He was also known for his great engines. Barry passed away in February.*

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**\$25,000 challenge received.**  
**Annual Banquet May 12. RSVP please.**  
**Get ready for construction.**  
**Collaborative efforts with TAUNY and AACA.**  
**A chance to provide financial support to your Museum.**  
**Things to mark on your calendar.**

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ter, put kerosene in the burner, and light the wick. An hour later you chase the family out of the kitchen, latch the door, and enjoy the new luxury of a hot bath.

Francis Geppner of Morristonville, NY found this luxury device and donated it to the Museum last August. It will be at the spring exhibition for all to enjoy. ☺

**Keeping up with the Neighbors**

**Y**ou find out that the neighbors now have inside plumbing. But no way are you going to move your toilet INTO the house. But the idea of having a nice warm bathtub where you can stretch out has definite appeal.

So you send away for the Ajax portable hot water bathtub. It folds up and can be stored in the closet. Saturday night, you roll it into the kitchen and unfold it, fill the zinc tank with wa-

