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

GAS & STEAM ENGINE SHOW JUNE 14-15

New Location-New Exhibits

After a year and a half of waiting, an exhibition will finally be held at the Museum's home in Madrid, NY. The event will be the 26th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition to be held June 14-15. Members have made it possible for Chuck Goolden, exhibition coordinator, to make this the largest June event ever.

As ever, there will be an abundance of antique gas engines, the Farquhar steamer, and the Anderson diesel. Tractors of all descriptions are expected. There will be antique trucks on Saturday and antique cars on Sunday. The Old Iron Auction on Saturday, saw milling, and horse and tractor wagon rides will be there too. The TAUNY Talkers' Tent will be there Sunday.

New this year will be spring plowing by antique tractors and draft horses, pony rides for the kids, an animal farm exhibit, and vintage children's games. Four great traveling exhibits will also be there including the State Police Safe Child ID Program, the Northern Forest Cen-

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The Museum's Multi-Purpose Pavilion takes shape at the Goolden-Mann farm. Multiple overhead doors will make the building capable of enjoying fair weather events or providing secure storage. Completion is expected by early June.

PAVILION NEARS COMPLETION

On a cold 29th of April, members and friends of the Museum gathered at the Madrid farm to break ground for the construction of its first new building, the Multi-Purpose Pavilion. Robert Burns and his crew from Burns Construction LLC were already there with excavator and dozer to make the job easier.

Since then, wide and deep concrete footings and knee walls have been poured, and wall framing and roof trusses erected (see pictures on page 6). Already the basic plan of the 50 X 80 foot building can be seen. There will be 10 large overhead doors making it possible to enjoy a warm sunny day or to keep out a blowing rain.

Jim McGraw and Ken Tupper borrowed Burns' dozer to improve highway entrances. Crushed stone has been brought in by Gordon Merrick, coordinated by Paul Moore. The building and temporary access roads will be completed before the June Exhibition.

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Pavilion ground breakers (l to r) Ken Tupper, Ron Day, Jim McGraw, Sheila Day, Murray Fisher, Marjorie Fisher, Pat Bartlett, Bill Bartlett, Jim Smith, Irene Hargrave, Al Garrand, Jim Locy, Jean Tupper, Mike Livingston, Bill Carkner, Dave

Museum Events 2008

- June 7: Saturday, Join the **Dairy Princess Parade**: Canton. Call Al at (315) 287-7225.
- June 11: Wednesday, **Exhibition Volunteers Meeting**; at the Museum farm, Madrid, 6:00 PM. Call Chuck at (315) 262-2525.
- June 12: Thursday, **Work Day**: Help set up the Exhibition grounds at the Museum farm; 2:00 PM.
- June 14-15: Sat.-Sun., **26th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition**: the Museum's Goolden-Mann Farm, Madrid, NY.
- June 15: Sunday, **Board Meeting**: Open meeting during breakfast at the Exhibition at the Museum farm: 8:00 AM.
- Aug. 4-10 All Week, **St. Lawrence County Fair Exhibit**: Gouverneur Fair Grounds, Gouverneur, NY.
- Aug. 30-31: Sat.-Sun., **18th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition**: the Museum's Goolden-Mann Farm, Madrid, NY.
- Oct. 19: Sunday, **Members Meeting**: Madrid Community Center, Madrid, NY.

JUNE EXHIBITION

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ter's *Ways of the Woods*, the Elk's Club Drug Awareness, and Fire Chiefs' Safety Project.

The Antique Tractor Pull and Kids Pedal Tractor Pull on Sunday will be preceded on Saturday by a new event, the Garden Tractor Pull.

There's always great food, but do not miss the famous breakfasts with an open board meeting Sunday morning. Then great spaghetti Saturday night with music by the Lime Hollow Boys. Be sure to get in line early for Marshall Pharoah's famous BBQ chicken on Sunday. There will be fresh baked goods both days. Yum!

Exhibitors and volunteers receive commemorative plaques. Pullers whose tractors are displayed all Saturday may also receive one.

Admission this year will be \$4.00 each day for those 12 and older. Little kids are free. Once inside, visitors will find all events are free with plenty to see and do. Volunteers, helpers, exhibitors, vendors, and pullers are admitted free. Members not participating are requested to pay.

Dry camping will be available Friday through Monday, free to exhibitors and volunteers and \$10 per day for others. There will be a special area for those without displays.

Questions? Call Chuck at (315) 262-2525 or Roger at (315) 344-7470. Make our first exhibition at the Museum's home the best ever! e

The Old Iron Auction needs contributions of neat old stuff. Corn shellers, old wrenches or saws, plows, pitchforks, hames, wooden pulleys, sad irons, steel wheels, iron flywheels, mowers and cultivators, engines, separators, early kitchen ware, iron pots, anvils, generators, Grandma's rocker, stoves, or grinders. Bring them before Saturday if you can. ✕



Bill Pharoah at the 2001 June Exhibition shows how to split wood "the good old way" while keeping your fingers.

Snowbird or Moving?

This Newsletter and other items are being mailed to members with the notation **Return Service Requested**. Our Non-Profit postage saves us money but does not provide forwarding service. At a cost of 42 cents per returned item, we are able to keep up with those whose addresses have changed.

So, if you have moved, please let us know right away. If you have a special winter address, be sure to give it to us along with the months you will be there. This will save us the return service fee. Just contact the secretary or treasurer who are listed on the last page. Thanks. ☺



Frank McDonald at the June Exhibition at Louisville in 2004 shows off his vintage engines and mowers.

MUSEUM RECEIVES GRIFFO FUNDING

Museum President, David Baker, has received notice from the Development Authority of the North Country that Senator Joseph Griffo has designated \$5,000 in financing to assist with improvements to the Museum.

The Authority will administer the funds. The Museum also received forms that are to be completed before disbursement can begin.

This support grew out of a meeting with Senator Griffo last year when members of the Board of Directors met with him to introduce him to the Museum and its activities. The Senator expressed real interest in the Museum and promised to support any legislative effort made on our behalf.

The designation by Griffo came about in spite of his having said he could make no promises for this year. Baker has written him, thanking him for his surprising and successful efforts. We thank you, Senator. ☐

CAUTION! MADRID BRIDGE CLOSED !

We have just been advised that the Grasse River Bridge in Madrid is being closed to all traffic for a year or more.

Those traveling from Ogdensburg are advised to travel State Hwy. 68 approximately 11 miles toward Canton. Go north on County Rt. 14 past Morley, cross the Grasse River at Bucks Bridge, and then follow State Hwy. 310 to Madrid.

Coming from the north or northwest, be sure to get to the east side of the river using the bridges at Chamberlains Corners (use County Rt. 44 out of Waddington) or Chase Mills (taking County Rt. 14 out of Louisville and going over to Rt. 36 on the other side). Once on the east side of the river you travel south on the Chase Mills/Ruddy Road, turning right on Hwy. 310. Madrid is about 3 miles

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Join the Dairy Princess Parade June 7

The Annual Dairy Princess Parade will be held in Canton, NY on Saturday, June 7. This is a week prior to our own Exhibition, and we have a great opportunity to promote our event while supporting the community.

Please contact Al Garrand who is lining up a variety of participants with tractors, horses, wagons, and even a float. This is always great fun for everyone. Al's contact information is listed on the back page of this issue. ☺



Ben Cleaveland at the June Exhibition in 2002 at Canton.

Board of Trustees Looks to the Future

At its recent meeting, the Board of Trustees began work on updating its intermediate- and long-term plans for the Museum's future. The goal is to clarify our vision of future activities and programs, facilities, infrastructure, grounds, collection storage, and training.

The list of items is already three pages long. Members with ideas of what the Museum could do to better achieve its mission should share them with a Board member or attend a Board meeting.

It was never more true, *if you are headed somewhere, it's best to know where you are and where you are going before you leave.* Share your thoughts with others at the Exhibition.



Members in the 2005 Dairy Princess Parade at Canton

Help! On Wednesday, June 11 at 6:00 pm, Chuck hopes to see all those who will be volunteers at the Exhibition site for an orientation. At 2:00 pm on Thursday we will have the usual work session. And all day Friday there will be plenty to do.

With the Exhibition being the first big event at the Museum's farm, we are faced with more preparation work than ever before. You'll actually find folks at work all week starting on Monday, June 9.

Please give Dave or Chuck a call (numbers on back page) and offer a hand. Or just show up, and we'll set you to work. Thanks!!! ☺



Farquhar steam engine belted up at the 2003 June Exhibition in Louisville.

More Exhibition Volunteers Needed

Whether for a couple hours, a day, or all weekend, your help will be needed more than ever at this year's June Exhibition. There is opportunity for everyone: light-duty to sawing logs, policing the grounds to helping cook, working the gate, doing registrations, helping with kids games, caring for the animals, driving a tractor or a team, plowing, or skidding logs.

Please do not wait to be asked. Call Chuck at (315) 262-2525 or see him at the grounds before the Exhibition gets underway if you can. Walk-in volunteers are welcome. The success of your Museum depends on its member volunteers. ☎



The June Show Ladies Corner in 2005.

Treasurer Reports

Our treasurer, Chuck Goolden, reported a cash balance of more than \$118,000, most earning interest, to the Board at its recent meeting. Much of that will be gone upon completion of the Multi-Purpose Pavilion.

Member contributions and pledges continue to do well. We are only \$18,000 away from our goal of \$50,000 this early in the year. If you have not had a chance to send it in, your gift is still needed to help complete all the projects budgeted for 2008.

Our accounting firm has completed the Federal and State tax Returns and an *Accounts' Review* for 2007 for the Museum. At a meeting to discuss the *Review*, the firm stated that there was little material difference in the Museum's and their own accounting results. Hats off to our treasurer.



Annual Banquet a Huge Success

The Museum's Annual Banquet attracted a record crowd of 150 members and friends at the Madrid Community Center on May 10. It was a time for celebration after a successful year and with construction of the Multi-Purpose Pavilion underway, just up the road.

The United Church of Madrid cooked up a fine ham dinner with all the trimmings, topped off with cake and ice cream, the cake provided by Jim and Julie McGraw. Jim Locy sold 50:50 tickets during the meal, collecting a \$592 pot. Museum pens donated by Reg and Mary Jean Chester were distributed to all.

President Dave Baker began the program following dinner, welcoming members and guests. He also read a letter from long-time member Eugene Jones, in which he thanked everyone for cards and phone calls during his recent convalescence. Enclosed with the letter was a check for \$5,000.00 made out to the Museum, an incredibly generous gift!

Secretary Roger Austin made a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed 2007, *A Very Good Year*. He noted that during 2007 volunteers worked a total of approximately 10,000 hours.

Our guest speaker, New York State Senator, Darrel J. Aubertine, then addressed the crowd. With multi-generation roots in dairy farming at Cape Vincent, he said he appreciated everyone's efforts to preserve the rural heritage of the North Country. He complimented all on the accomplishments of the Museum. The Senator reported that our request for a State grant of \$100,000 to support construction of a steel collection storage building was still on track and that we should hear the final results in mid- to late-June.

The 50:50 pot was split with winner Jean Cotey who generously contributed \$100 of her winnings to the Museum. Door prizes were won by Mary Smith, David Smith, Richard Kimball, Bill Clinger, Joyce Finen, Don Sloan, Ralph Frary, and Jim Cotey.



Three long rows of tables were set for the 150 members and friends who attended the Annual Banquet.



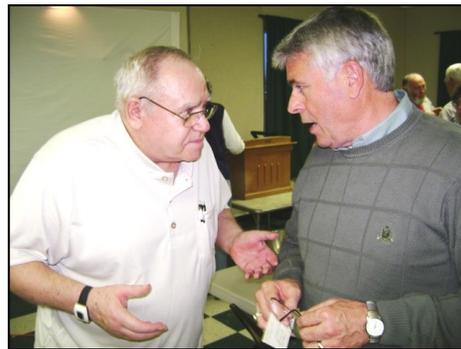
Jim Locy and Bob Moulton sold 50:50 tickets that raised \$296.

Bake Sale Items Needed!

Please don't forget to bring fresh baked goods on Saturday and Sunday to the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition on June 14-15. This is a very popular item for our visitors. Thanks!

FREEZER DONATED

Murray and Marge Fisher responded to the article in the last issue and donated an upright freezer for the kitchen. A gas range has also been received. With these and the refrigerators received earlier, we will be in great shape for the June Exhibition. We will also be able to discard several units that were unserviceable.



Senator Darrel J. Aubertine (r) talks with Eugene Jones who had moments before presented a \$5,000 check to the Museum to support construction of new facilities.



President Dave Baker wraps up an evening of fellowship and fun at the Annual

FFA CONVENTION ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Annual State FFA Convention was hosted by the Canton FFA Chapter this year. The Museum provided a display of its Massey Harris tractor and Farmall F-14 donated earlier by the Brushton-Moira FFA chapter. There were also small antique engines and other items to enjoy.

Max Fisher helped get the F-14 out from the barn by moving the steam engine. Bill Bartlett gave lessons on how to start the tractor with its hand crank.

John Bartholomew, Ron Day, Gary Hargrave, Jim Locy, and Jim McGraw helped get the items trucked to the convention site, set up the display, and hand out pamphlets and information regarding the Museum. The display attracted many attendees.

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26th Annual Exhibition June 14-15.
Pavilion construction nears completion.
Funding from Griffo received.
Annual Banquet sees great turnout.
Volunteers urgently needed for Exhibition.

Please come by the registration desk during the June Exhibition. We want to know who participated, and our membership committee wants to be sure your records are up to date. Thanks.

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