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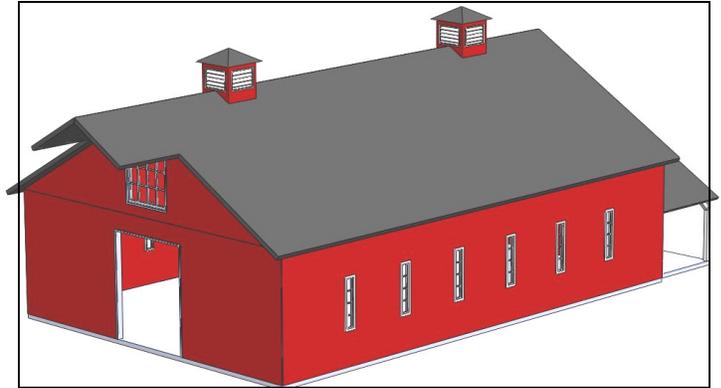
DRAFT 2009 CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEWED

The present financial crisis brings real challenges to the Museum. We are fortunate that major funding is in hand to support construction of a steel Collection Storage Building (see page 2) next year. The new facility will provide much of the space needed to begin a regular schedule of open Museum hours, a major goal for 2009.

The Finance Committee will be looking at other projects as well. Among them are: pavilion wiring and lighting, \$5,000; expansion of electrical system to Collection Storage Building, Maple Sugar House, and Gas Station, \$6,000; Bath House with toilets, \$10,000; relocation of the Walker Granary, \$1,000; Sawmill, \$8,000; alarm systems, \$1,000; collection management software, \$1,000; ground surveying, \$2,500; CAD site plans, \$5,000; and general infrastructure, \$2,000.

Not including the Collection Storage Building, the remaining proposed capital items total \$41,500. At their January meeting, the Finance Committee will determine

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Conceptual drawing of the future 40 X 60 Collection Storage Building showing equipment entrance. Main entry is at opposite end. Cost of a gambrel roof instead of the gable roof shown is being studied. A gambrel would provide more second story space. Drawing by Mike Bradley, Clarkson University.

BOARD NOMINATES EXPANDED SLATE

The Board of Trustees will present a slate of nominees for elections to be held at the Annual Meeting of the Members on February 1, 2009. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Members not able to attend the meeting can vote by proxy. Forms will be mailed to each member before the meeting.

There are nine Trustees. Four are officers who are elected for one-year terms. For the year 2009, the Board will nominate: President, Roger Austin; Vice-President, Grant Thesier; Secretary, Julie McGraw; Treasurer, Chuck Goodlen.

The five remaining Trustees are elected for rotating three-year terms. Those remaining on the Board will include: Al Garrand, Jim Locy, and Paul Moore. Mike Livingston's term expires, and Julie McGraw's seat will be vacant if elected Secretary. To fill these two seats, the Board will nominate John Castle and Wayne Day.

The Board will also ask the membership to support creation of two new seats on the Board, bringing the total number of Trustees to 11. If approved, the Board will

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We have come a long way since June. The completed Multi-Purpose Pavilion has become the center of Exhibition activity.

Museum Events 2009	Jan. 25:	Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, 1:00 PM, Madrid Community Center, Madrid, NY.
	Feb. 1:	Annual Meeting of the Members with election of new officers and trustees, 1:30 PM, Madrid Community Center, Madrid, NY.
	May 9:	31st Annual Banquet, 6:00 PM, Madrid Community Center, Madrid, NY.
	May 17:	Board Meeting
	June 13-14:	27th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition, St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum, Madrid, NY.
	Aug. 16:	Board Meeting,
	Sept. 5-6:	19th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition, St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum, Madrid, NY.
	Oct. 11:	Board Meeting, 1:00 PM.
	Oct. 18:	Members Meeting, 1:30 PM.

GAS STATION PROGRESS

During November, William Mousaw, William MacIntire, and George Cox, all members of the Museum and the St. Lawrence/Adirondack Section of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), and Clarkson student Matt Parno spent quality time at the old gas station at the intersection of State Highways 310 and 345 in Madrid.

The group took measurements, pictures and made sketches from outside and in. Parno will prepare the data collected so it can be used to guide construction of a replica gas station in 2009. The present gas station originally built in the 1920's is in very poor condition and could not be relocated.

The AACA Section will take primary responsibility for construction of the replica. The group welcomes aid furnishing it with appropriate period items. If interested, please email Cox at gcox@twcny.rr.com.



The 1920's gas station in Madrid to be replicated in 2009. Much of the station has rotted and is impossible to be moved.

Names Left Out

Several readers were quick to point out that we had overlooked several members in our report on the Fall Exhibition. Janice Sibbitts, Pam Dalton, and Helen Alton were troopers in the kitchen. Jean Tupper was invaluable at the information table, and Marge Fisher supplied her golf cart.

We have a feeling there are others we have missed, but we wonder whoooooo. ☺



Bill Mousaw built this display to show how harpoon hay forks were used to lift hay into barns more than 50 years ago.

WORK CONTINUES ON FARM GRANARY

The small granary building near the Museum's farm house received improvements during October. Reg Chester installed floor joists, removed the jacking plank, and replaced boards under the rear window. Wayne Day installed electrical conduit and a junction box for future use.

Floor boards taken from Dave Baker's old horse barn hay loft were installed by Dave, Claude Burdick, John Hough, and Rudi Sinkeldam.

By the June exhibition, the improved granary will hold an excellent exhibit of vintage seed cleaners, fanning mills, and other equipment from the Museum's collection and those of members. Anyone wishing to help set up the display should contact Dave Baker. ☺



Cedar logs from Max Fisher and pine and hemlock from Seaway Timber Harvesting were sawn into lumber during the 2008 Exhibitions, to be used in 2009 construction projects.

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meet and amend the Museum's By-Laws. Notice of the amendment will then be sent to various government agencies as required.

One of the new seats will be for three years, the same as other non-officer Trustees. The second seat will have a one-year term and will be generally reserved for the Immediate Past President though also open to others. The intent is for an Immediate Past President to remain on the Board one year to assist the Incoming President during a transition period.

If the new seats are approved, the Board will seek approval to appoint Robert Marshall to the seat with the three year term and Immediate Past President to-be, Dave Baker, for the one-year term.

The Board looks forward to a large turnout at the Annual Meeting to address these important issues. 🌿

Sweetgrass Challenge Nears Goal

As the year comes to an end, contributions earmarked to match the Sweetgrass Foundation challenge now total more than \$13,000. The Museum must raise \$15,000 to secure the matching funds.

The Foundation made the challenge in March of this year as we sought funding to support construction of the steel Collection Storage Building.

A grant of \$15,000 was offered contingent on our being awarded funds through a Community Development grant which was achieved in October. It is also contingent on the Museum receiving an equal amount in earmarked donations.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the matching fund can do so by sending a check to the Museum at PO Box 400, Madrid, NY 13660. Please write *Sweetgrass Match* on the check. And to all those who have already contributed, thanks! ☺

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We thank you for your support!

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how funds will be secured to support the capital program and will then present their findings at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 25, 2009.

The budget provides for construction of the first historical buildings. Most of the labor will be provided by volunteers, and much of the lumber has already been sawn by members on the Lane sawmill and by Jim Mitchell on the band saw mill he built himself.

The completed historical buildings will enable us to display many related collection items in their original context. Member support will be needed to help collect and set up items, prepare signage, and host the exhibits. 

Collection Management Software Studied

During November, Susanne Longshore, Collection Manager of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association and Deputy S.L. County Historian, demonstrated collection management software the Association uses called *PastPerfect* to the Museum team of Al Garrand, Michelle Kerr, and Gary Hargrave. The software is widely used among museums and is described at www.museumsoftware.com.

The team was very impressed by Longshore's demonstration of the software and believes it will bring improved nomenclature, descriptions, and numbering. Searches for common elements will be easier, and there will be space for each item's history and acquisition information.

The Board of Trustees expects a recommendation to acquire the software at its annual meeting. Estimated cost of the software is approximately \$1,000 after a museum discount. 

Having regular open hours for the Museum will be a major project for 2009. It will require volunteers to help organize displays and act as hosts and guides for our visitors. Can you help? Contact the secretary or contact us at the Annual Meeting. Thanks! ☺



Town of Madrid has provided generous support, even use of their gate house.

CLARKSON STUDENTS VOLUNTEER

Several Clarkson University students have offered to help the Museum as part of their Public Service Project. Daniel Valyou is investigating the origins of the Century Flyer train, Matthew Parno has collected measurements for the gas station replica project, and Mike Bradley has prepared conceptual drawings of the Collection Storage Building.

Ben Hrycik will work on documenting the A.B. Farquhar steam engine, and Pamela Planishek will be collecting historical information on various items recently donated to the collection.

Lou Ann Lange at Clarkson introduced the students to this opportunity. Working with the students are Roger Austin, Dave Baker, George Cox, Gary Hargrave, and Paul Moore. 



John Castle and others provided plowing demonstrations at June Exhibition.



Willis Shattuck, Auctioneer, has been very generous in providing big tents for Museum events for many years. Thanks!

The Finance Committee will meet Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the Canton - Potsdam Hospital. Contact Chuck Goolden for details. 

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**Proposed capital budget presented.
Board makes nominations for 2009.
Improvements at Museum continue.
Clarkson volunteers step up.
Train shares sell out.**

Please mark February 1 on your calendar, the date of the Annual Meeting. To qualify to vote in the elections, your dues for 2009 must be paid. Members may pay dues at the meeting. See you there!

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The Museum's 1948 Century Flyer.

This issue completes ten years of publications under one editor. The Newsletter urgently needs new blood to help write, take photos, do layout, edit, proof, visit printer, fold, seal, make labels, affix labels, and mail. Our goal is to provide first class information to our members. We are willing to train, demonstrate, teach, and nag anyone willing to help. Please contact us at (315) 353-2888 or at info@slpowermuseum.com.

Century Flyer Report

We are pleased to report that all 150 shares of the North Country Express, Ltd. are subscribed. We reported earlier that \$2,000 had been spent to purchase the 1948 Century Flyer amusement park train, leaving \$1,000 for needed repairs.

A picture of a similar 1951 model can be found at www.soaphs.com/czindex.htm. We have also discovered that the archives of the manufacturer, the National Amusement Device Company, are now with the National Amusement Park Historical Association. A student from Clarkson University is researching the train and its origins (see story on page 3).

It appears that the Century Flyer was designed to reflect the style of the new generation of diesel electric trains that were built right after World War II. Google ALCO FA, and you will see the likely source of the designer's inspiration. Some still remain at work 60 years later. 