



Power & Equipment Museum

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

27th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition June 13-14

Highlighted by the dedication of the new Collection Building, the 27th Annual June Exhibition will feature exciting events of interest to everyone. This year's poster (page 4) lists not only the major displays but all the special events, hour by hour. After you make copies for your friends and posting them in your community, be sure to tape it to your refrigerator. All these activities will need more support than ever - and promise more fun than ever.

Preparations begin Saturday, May 30 at 8:00 AM with erection of the fences and laying out of the site. Come early and we should be done by noon. On Thursday afternoon, June 11, we will be pulling out Museum equipment and setting up displays in the new building. Friday will see the arrival of exhibitors. Enjoy hotdogs and sodas for volunteers at lunch and a covered dish dinner that night. Come early on Saturday June 13 and join members and friends for a great breakfast in the Pavilion.

(See June Exhibition on page 5)



Gary Hargrave and a mystery associate getting the steam engine ready for last year's June Exhibition.

Collection Building Grand Opening June 13

The first major event at the June exhibition will be the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Collection Building at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 13. During the brief ceremony, the Museum will recognize those who supported its construction including Senator Darrel Aubertine and the Sweetgrass Foundation, not forgetting members and friends as well.

The new building will provide 2,400 square feet of urgently needed space for the storage and display of items in the Museum's collection and will be open on a regularly scheduled basis beginning in July. Burns Construction Co. has been working hard since early May to get the new facility completed and ready for the event. Come out Thursday, June 11, and help set up the first displays.



Burns Construction has braved wind and rain as the new Collection Storage Building begins to take shape. (May 17)

Members Celebrate Fifth Anniversary at Banquet



Jim and Julie McGraw provided two big anniversary cakes for the celebration.

On a drizzly May evening, members and friends met at the Madrid Community Center to celebrate the Museum's 5th anniversary. After a grand dinner prepared by the United Church of Madrid, MC Chuck Golden read a letter from Senator Griffo who was unable to attend. He praised the Museum and its members for their efforts to preserve the region's history and promised to continue his support. President Roger Austin presented a slide show reviewing our first five years. Financial donors, contributors to the collection, and volunteers were asked to stand and be recognized. Former President, Dave Baker, was recognized for his two years of leadership. The evening's highlight was a presentation on *Manufacture of Early Agricultural Equipment in St. Lawrence County* by Carlton Stickney, a recognized historian in the region. All enjoyed a chance to gather after a long winter. (See photos on page 3)

Museum Events 2009

May 30:	Saturday, help put up fence at the Museum. Come help 8:00 to noon. All volunteers welcome.
June 11-12	Thursday, help get out stuff and set up Collection Building. Friday, help set up exhibitors.
June 13-14:	27th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition, St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum, Madrid, NY.
Aug. 16:	Board Meeting, Sunday 1:00 PM, Pavilion Building. Open to members.
Sept. 5-6:	19th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition, St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum, Madrid, NY.
Oct. 11:	Board Meeting, 1:00 PM, Madrid Community Center, Madrid, NY.
Oct. 18:	Members Meeting, 1:30 PM, Madrid Community Center, Madrid, NY.

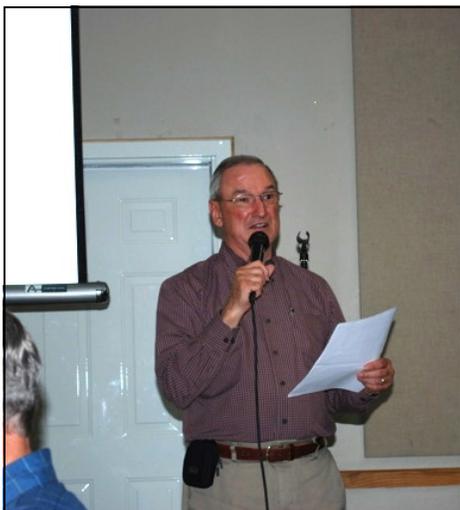
Museum Farm House News

At its meeting on May 17, the Board of Trustees decided to continue renting the Museum's farm house. Meanwhile, the Museum will begin collecting items that eventually will fill the house in the future. It, the barn and nearby buildings will become a post-WWII farmstead, one of four period farmsteads to be developed at the Museum. The facilities will be furnished with items typically found in a farm of the mid- to late-1940's, around the time "the boys came home from the war."

Several improvements to the house have been made in the last few months including installation of double-pane windows, improved insulation, upgraded electrical systems, new water heater, new fuel tank, and water chlorination among others. The 5-room, one-bath house will be rented for \$500 per month. A couple is preferred. The lease will be for a minimum of one year. Any member wanting further information should contact Lee at (315) 262-2014 or any Board member.



Grant Thesier and the Mr. Grant Const. crew layout last year's June Exhibition.



Chuck Goolden at the Annual Banquet in Madrid.

Join the Dairy Princess Parade

The Museum will participate in this year's Dairy Princess Parade on Saturday, June 6, in Canton. Tractors and implements, antique trucks and a horse and carriage are planned. Drivers and passengers are needed for a few hours of fun. If interested, please contact Al or Nancy Garrand. Al's contact information is listed on page 6. Thanks.

Treasurer Reports Good News and ...

Treasurer Chuck Goolden reports that the first invoice presented to the State Dormitory Authority for reimbursement of expenditures for construction of the new Collection Building has been received, and that \$40,000 has been deposited in the Museum's account. The Authority is the agency overseeing our expenditure of State funds. Upon completion of a task, the Museum pays the contractor's invoice and then submits the paid invoice along with the cancelled check to the Authority for reimbursement. Funds used to pay the initial bill included \$15,000 grant from the Sweetgrass Foundation and the \$15,000 in matching funds contributed by members and friends.

Goolden also reports that donations have come in slower this year with significantly fewer large donations. This reflects the challenging financial conditions found everywhere. While seeking new avenues of raising funds, the Board voted to reduce the budget for extraordinary items from \$46,000 to \$37,900. Contributions to date total \$4,300. The reduced budget still provides for key developments in 2009 including lights in the Pavilion Building, public toilets, site surveying, sawmill building, house improvements, and software.



The 2008 Dairy Princess and her court lead last year's parade.



Al Garrand (front) explains the joy of AC tractors to John Hough at last year's Dairy Princess Parade.

Other Events

May 30-31: Heritage Power & Country Festival, Cumberland Heritage Village Museum, Ontario. (613) 833-3059.

June 6-7: Hudson-Mohawk, Pioneer Gas Engine Assn. Annual Gas-Up, Schoharie, NY. (518) 895-8954.

June 20: Great Adirondack Car Show, Crete Center, Plattsburgh, NY.

July 9-11: New York State Two-Cylinder Expo IX, Canandaigua, NY. (585) 227-1864.

July 11: Antique & Classic Car Show, Ives Park, Potsdam, NY.

July 11-12: Annual Champlain Valley Antique Gas Engine & Tractor Assn. Exhibition, Plattsburgh, NY (518) 643-8254.



Guests begin arriving at the Museum's 5th Anniversary Banquet in Madrid.



Harry Gleason (l) is presented his half of the \$338 50:50 pot.



Guest speaker and historian Carlton Stickney (r) talks with Reginald Chester at the banquet.



Former President David Baker (r) is presented the Trustees Award by Roger Austin.

Century Flyer Repairs Underway

The engine of the Museum's 1948 amusement park train has been pulled and taken to an Oliver specialist in Chateaugay for a new starter and flywheel. Bill Bartlett, Jim McGraw, and John McBath have worked hours removing and then reinstalling the engine. With a new pilot bearing, crank seal, and fresh oil, the train is running again. Best of all, the starter now works, a project Bill spent long hours on last year.

Body work, rewiring and other improvements remain, not to mention work on the passenger car. Research also remains. Someone needs to travel to Ohio to examine the manufacturer's archives stored there. If interested, please contact Jim or Judy McGraw. #

Thanks to Max and Barbara Fisher for their kind donation of a freezer. ☺

Publicity Chair Sought

Your Museum needs a member to take the place of Irene Hargrave, our Publicity Chair. Irene is becoming more involved as Assistant Treasurer and needs to pass her publicity responsibilities on to another.

There will be plenty of help for whomever takes her place. The list of contacts and dates are well established, advertisements follow a standard format, and others are available to provide assistance.

Anyone interested in this responsibility should talk to Irene. Her contact information is on the last page. #



A Century Flyer engineer.

Newsletters Now Available On Line

The Museum's Newsletters are now available on line. On your computer, go to www.slpowermuseum.com and click the Newsletter tab. The photos in the on-line version are in full color for those who would like to print copies of their own.

Web Master Gary Hargrave provides this service for visitors to the website and for members who temporarily forward their mail. Newsletters are not forwarded under the bulk mailing permit used by the Museum. To keep track of members not receiving their Newsletter, the Museum asks the Postal Service to return them at a cost of a first class stamp for each.

The format of the Newsletter was modified this year to provide horizontal columns which are easier to read on the computer screen. The possibility of offering direct e-mail delivery in lieu of mailings for those who would prefer it is being considered. #

Help Needed for June Exhibition.

Please help if you can. Here are just a few ideas.

Volunteer: Any skill or no skill is welcome. Half a day or all day or all weekend. Just report in at the Information Table in the Pavilion on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Baked Goods: These are very popular among our hungry visitors. They go especially well with the ice cream sold nearby.

Attic Treasures: What are you keeping that you do not need? Donate it to the Attic Treasures tent.

Monday After: After every great party, someone still has to clean things up and put things away. Just come. There will be plenty for all.

Exhibit: Bring your treasures and tent and share your neat things with members and visitors alike.

Work Days: Join other members getting things ready for the show. #

June Exhibition
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June Exhibition (from page 1)

This year's program will include classes and demonstrations on plowing, tractor safety, wool, spinning, and weaving. Blacksmiths return after a year's absence. Visitor transportation has improved with both horse- and tractor-drawn wagons making rounds on a regular schedule.

Exhibiting members and volunteers pay no entrance fee, a small thank you perk for hours of effort. ☺



Field of dreams at last year's June Exhibition. Age does make it better.

Clarkson Honors Students Complete Work

Pam Planishek, a graduating senior majoring in history, presented the results of her Honors Program project to the Museum, titled ***Northern New York Farms: The Terry Family***. The text, interview voices, and early family photos are combined on a CD that will become part of the Museum's archives and a reference for items donated by the Terry family.

Planishek's work joins that of other Clarkson University students who are participants in the Honors Program. One of several requirements includes 40 hours of community service. All have easily exceeded that requirement.

Work by other Clarkson students including Mike Bradley and Matthew Parno has been reported in earlier Newsletters. Bradley's conceptual drawing of the Collection Building was very close to the actual construction. Parno's drawings of the 1920's gas station in Madrid will be used as the design for the replica to be built this summer. ✍



Mike Livingston (r) moves the goods at the 2008 Old Iron auction with help from Jim Locy.

Collection Committee Makes Progress

Collection Committee Co-Chairs Jim and Julie McGraw report that work to install item reports in PastPerfect, our new collection software, is coming nicely with 125 items completed. More items remain to be done, many with paperwork first needing completion. More than ten other items have been offered to the Museum and need review.

There will be a Collection table set up in the Pavilion during the June Exhibition where you can volunteer to be on the Committee or where you can discuss items you may wish to donate. Hats off to Michelle Kerr who has kept the extensive files now being downloaded into the computer. 🖱

FOR RENT: Charming 5-room with bath country cottage on south side of Madrid. Perfect for couple. New insulated windows, water heater, and improved wall insulation. Minimum one-year lease plus deposit. References required. \$500 per month. Call Lee at (315) 262-2014.

A special thanks to LeBerge & Curtis, Inc. and to Ron Day who provided door prizes for at the Annual Banquet. The former donated John Deere items and Ron, a bottle of wine and a hand-crafted bottle holder. ☺

Old Iron Auction

The Old Iron Auction has been expanded to three hours at the forthcoming June Exhibition. This popular event seems to grow each year. Please check around the house to see if you have almost anything with an engine, wheels, crank, gears, levers, or handles. We do not want junk, but if restorable or useful as yard art, an item might qualify. Tools, burners, crocks, hames, Adirondack chairs, plows, sawbucks or buck-saws, bells, vices, clocks, forks, or pulleys among others would be welcome. Items can be dropped off during work days at the Museum. If any questions, just call Shirley Dickenson at (315) 322-5584 or Bob Marshall at (315) 393-7644. Thanks! ☺

Concept Site Plan Approved

At its recent meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a draft Concept Site Plan for the Museum. Engineering services will be sought to adopt the map to computer assisted drawing (CAD) systems which will allow it to be combined with topographic survey information acquired in late 2007.

The plan shows the location of major features envisioned as they might appear in the long term. This will facilitate proper location of new construction projects. The Maple Producers Association is ready to begin work on the Maple Sugar House as soon as their site is staked out. The AACA will not be far behind with the Gas Station. The draft Plan will be available for inspection at the June Exhibition. ✍

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Exhibition June 13-14. Poster inside.
New Collection Building to be dedicated.
Farm house improvements made, available for rent.
Items sought for Old Iron Auction.
Board approves long-term conceptual site plan.

Big or small, we need them all, whether hours served as a volunteer, financial support, or gifts to the collection. Regardless, all are welcome.

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