



# Power & Equipment Museum

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

## Old Fashioned Harvest Days a Blowout Success

Literally. The days were sunny. It drizzled. It rained. it was breezy. it was windy - very windy at times. On Saturday, gusts tore the side of the big tent at the Early Textile Exhibit and then flipped it over. It had been jumping around before then, and the occupants had already packed their gear and were out of the way. And a privy blew over. No one was inside. AJ's Septic Services had it back in service Sunday morning. Willis Shattuck arrived and attached heavy duty straps to his big tent for extra strength. They worked. Several exhibitors had to roll up their awnings and fold up tents to avoid losing them. And yet the Exhibition went on to be a grand event, providing great exhibits and proving to be a financial success. Many exhibits returned for all to enjoy and were joined by several new ones. The Lane sawmill was back in operation in its new home. The new Shoe Repair Shop opened for the first time. The Collection Exhibit Building revealed its much enhanced exhibits. The Century Flyer was back in service. The Farm House held wash house surprises. And it seemed that visitors lingered longer than before at the inside exhibits and in the Pavilion Building, perhaps avoiding the gusty winds. We were pleased to see that TAUNY, the Sustainable Living Project, Heifer International, the DeKalb Historical Society, the St. Lawrence County Maple Sugar Producers Assn., and other associate members had exhibits. As always, members brought their own, always something new and unique at each Exhibition. Jim Mitchell brought his sawmill. There were lots of great animals including alpacas, oxen, and donkeys; chickens in the chicken house; the steamer; plowing; wood splitting; cider making; and absolutely super food. ☺



Tractors on parade at the 20th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition.



The Early Textiles exhibit not long before it was Gone With The Wind.

## Schoolhouse Relocation Approved

On September 2, the Board of Education of the Indian River Central School District passed resolutions transferring Schoolhouse No. 12 to the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum. With these and resolutions passed by the Museum's Board, the transfer was accepted and a one-year lease was obtained on the grounds surrounding the Schoolhouse. The Museum also let a contract for a new, temporary, steel roof to be installed. This work has been completed. The building is now insured by the Museum. The lease and new roof will provide time to plan for the building's relocation and preparation of the grounds and foundation at its new home. Current plans are for Schoolhouse No. 12 to be seated at one end of the future Village Green along with the Gas Station and Shoe Repair Shop. These buildings will become part of the dozen or more vintage buildings surrounding the Green. Fund raising efforts will be underway this winter to support the move and the building's restoration. Lee Golden recently donated old school desks. Tentative offers of a school bell and slate chalk boards need to be confirmed. Maps, flags, texts, framed pictures of Washington and Lincoln, and other items consistent with the school's active years (pre-1855 through 1910) are being sought. It is hoped that a group committed to preserving and interpreting the Schoolhouse will take on responsibilities for its operation and maintenance. 📖



Awaiting its move to the Museum, Schoolhouse No. 12 near Philadelphia now sports a new temporary roof. Its relocation is planned for 2011.

<b>Museum Events 2010</b>	Oct. 16	Saturday, Work day, 8:00 - 12:00 pm.
	Oct. 16	Saturday, Meeting of the Board of Trustees, 1:00 pm, at the Museum Farm House.
	Oct. 21	Thursday, Work Day, 8:00 - 12:00 pm.
	Oct. 24	Sunday, Members Meeting, 1:30 pm, Madrid Community Center.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
WORK DAYS,  
8:00 -NOON,  
SATURDAY, OCT. 16  
THURSDAY, OCT. 21**

## New Museum Cookbook Sales Brisk

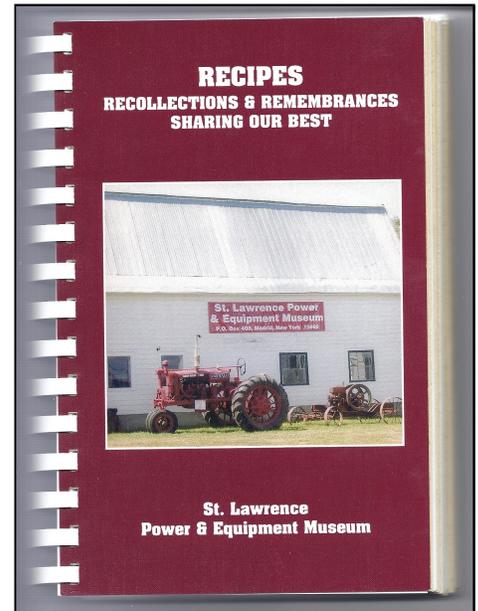
The publishers completed the Museum's cookbook, *Recipes, Recollections & Remembrances, Sharing Our Best*, just in time for the Fall Exhibition. Chair Dot Locy, Co-Chair Nancy Garrard and the committee did a great job, gathering 479 recipes covering eight categories. They secured sponsoring ads from 138 wonderful businesses. The result is a 251 page volume with great food preparation ideas. The Cookbook was dedicated to Howard and Verna Hutchinson who 20 years ago first invited members of the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association for a picnic and to bring their engines, tractors and machines to their Heuvelton farm to celebrate Old Fashioned Harvest Days. This classic event continued even after the Association was transformed into our Museum. The last event at their farm was in 2007, moving to the Museum's site in Madrid the following year. Added thanks are due their daughters Joyce Flounders and Janis Gray who took over more of the work as the event grew. To date, the cookbook has netted \$4,694. Only 125 books remain unsold. Remember, Christmas is a comin'. Cookbooks will be available for \$10 at the members meeting on Sunday, October 24 at 1:30 pm at the Madrid Community Center. You can also contact the Locys using information listed under Trustees on the last page. 📖

## New Museum Road Entrance Completed

Long term plans for the Museum called for a road entrance closer to the Collection Building. The location would be more central, and safety on when entering State Highway 345 would be greatly improved. Kevin Finnegan, Madrid Town Councilman, discussed the Town's support for an improved entry with Ernie Olin of the **NY State Highway Dept.** The result was the construction of a new entry nearly 40 feet wide, complete with grading, installation of a long culvert, and placement of gravel. To extend the State's work, four loads of crushed stone were donated by **Barrett Paving Materials** of Norwood and hauled to the site by Al Garrard in trucks borrowed from **ST Trucking** of Norfolk. Three more loads were purchased by Heritage Homes of Massena and delivered by Bob Dalton. Another load was purchased by Dave Baker. Ken Tupper prepared the entrance road by removing the top soil using his John Deere and laying geofabric. He then spread the gravel to form the nice wide entry we all enjoyed at the Fall Exhibition. The old entrance should no longer be used. This is an important step in establishing wet weather roadways that will handle vehicular and pedestrian traffic throughout the Museum's grounds. Thanks to all for a great job! 🚛

## Chores Done on Aug & Sept Work Days

Work mornings have been scheduled for the third Thursday and Saturday each month this summer with another coming up shortly (see front page). Scheduled from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, many necessary chores have been accomplished. Great progress has been made on getting seven sets of bleachers reduced to appropriate size, strengthened, and painted. Landscaping around the barn has been done. Grass was mowed. Lumber was relocated, stacked, and covered. The sawmill was moved to the new building. The Collection Building was dusted and bug bombed. The sign was updated. Drooping insulation in the Farm House basement was tacked up. Grass was planted on the acre of newly cleared ground along Highway 310. Volunteers included Barb Alford, Charlie and Helen Alton, Roger and Carol Austin, Linda Batt, John Castle, Reg Chester, Shirley Dickinson, Chuck Goolden, Lee Goolden, Gary Hargrave, Wayne Hill, Shi Krieg, Myron Langford, Jim McGraw, Dave McKane, Doug Mathey, Paul Moore, Bob and Carole Moulton, Rudy Sinkeldam, Ken Tupper, Lee Williams. Our apologies to those names we missed. ☺



*The Museum's 1st edition cookbook, ready for Christmas, showers, birthdays, or a special place in your kitchen.*



*A truck from the Madrid Volunteer Fire Department arrives at the Museum's new Entrance.*



*Some September Work volunteers, (l-r) Lee Goolden, Roger Austin, Wayne Hill, Rudy Sinkeldam, and Myron Langford.*

**Photos by Roger Austin, Ted Austin, John Bartholomew, Chuck Goolden, and Lee Goolden 📷**

## Shoe and Leather Shop Exhibit Opens

During the Fall Exhibition, the Museum opened the doors to its newest building and exhibit, the Shoe Repair Shop. Work on the 16 X 20 foot facility began this past spring. Project leader Reg Chester and a crew of several volunteers worked through the summer to have the building ready for the Fall Exhibition. The building was constructed on skids and can be located or used for a variety of purposes. It has wide front doors and an access ramp so everyone can enjoy it. Vintage shoe and leather machines and materials fill its interior. Most were formerly part of the collection of the Heritage Grist Mill at Morley, NY and had been donated by the family of Herbie J. Haven who died in 1996. His shoe repair shop had been located in Canton. Some of the items probably were also used by Art Barbour from whom Haven acquired the business. Shirley Dickinson spent many hours cleaning and oiling the vintage equipment. She met with experienced cobblers to better understand how the items were used, even learning to operate some of the machines. Just days before the Exhibition, the items were moved to their new home including large sewing machines, shoe lasts, shoe vices, punches, nippers, and other items. Hundreds visited the exhibit during the Exhibition, bringing smiles to those who remembered and curious stares from the younger set. 🐾

Set up and clean up

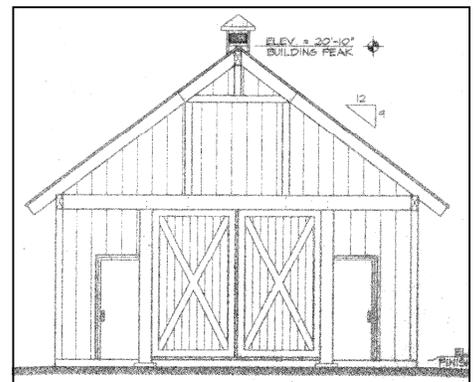
List of people who set up and cleaned up if room allows.



*The Shoe Repair Shop, inside and out.*



*Quick repairs were needed as winds hit the nearly completed service station.*



*The front of the Public Toilet Facility by T. Pahler. The style incorporates barn elements suggesting the late 1800's.*

## Public Toilet Design Completed

Designs for the long awaited Public Toilet Facility have been completed and were presented to members during the Fall Exhibition. The building and sewage handling facilities were designed by architect and engineer Thomas Pahler of Norwood. Inside the 24 X 24 foot building will be four toilets in the ladies' section, two toilets and two urinals in the men's section, two individual shower rooms and a utility room. At the front and rear will be 5-foot wide covered access ways with a barn door style privacy wall. During early October, a team reviewed the plans with technical input from Mark Thompson of Jefferson Concrete Corp. and Don McGrath, engineer for the NY State Dept. of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Places. 🚻 🚻

This article will be finished after visiting with the Health Dept. on Wed.

## Mystery Next to Highway 310 Explained

A few months ago, more land was needed for plowing exercises and demonstrations. Not wanting to take land from active cultivation, a team moved to an overgrown area next to Highway 310. Al Garrand and Terry and John Mouthrop cut down trees, cleared brush, and buried stumps. Jim McGraw borrowed Roddy Burns' excavator and dug holes and buried the refuse. John and Terry then plowed, harrowed, and seeded the cleared land. The grass is up, and it looks great. Thanks to the crew, we now have another acre for crops. 🐾

**THANKS AGAIN TO THE  
MADRID - WADDINGTON  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE LOAN OF  
BLEACHERS AND SOUND  
SYSTEM. ☺**





## Draft Horse Teams Meet in Pull Competition

On Saturday during the Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition, five teamsters and their draft horse teams met to see which could pull sleds with increasingly heavy weights on them the farthest. Each team paid an entry fee. Cash prizes totaling \$300 were provided by sponsors and presented to the winners. First prize went to Jim Gordon, second to Larry Bango, third to Gary Thomas, fourth to Wayne Beldock, and fifth to Scott Becksted. Wayne Beldock received the Best Teamster award and a \$20 gift certificate from Elliotts Home & Farm Store. The event was sponsored by Bill Collins of MacFadden Dier Insurance Co., Roll Lock Truss Co., Wight and Patterson Feeds, Couglers Feeds, Mark Snell and Eric & Keira Warner. The event was chaired by John Castle. Also on the committee were Ted and Eleanor Austin, Gary Bush, Bob Dalton, Dan Dunkleberg, Bob Smith, Gary and Ann Thomas, and \_\_\_\_\_ pull back driver. 🐾



*A draft horse pull demands the very best from the team and teamster.*



*Draft horse teams with wagons provided visitors with transportation and fun during the Fall Exhibition. Teams were driven by Tom Aldous, Scott Becksted, John and Andi Castle (above), Tim Hatch, Monica Stone, and Eric and Kira Warner.*

## Antique Tractor Pull Draws Big Crowd

The antique tractor pull is a popular event at the Museum's exhibitions. They have been held at each one since June of 1999. The pulls are managed by the River Valley Antique Tractor and Engine Club, many members of which are also Museum Members. The pulls are restricted to tractors built in 1960 or earlier - all of them now a half century old or older! Tractors are organized into weight classes. A tractor is hitched to a large sled designed to place more weight on the hitch as the tractor moves forward. Winners are determined by the weight and distance of each pull. Tractors in *Enhanced* classes are allowed limited modifications to improve performance. Each pull entry pays a "hook" fee. The winners in each weight class receive a trophy. There are strict rules to assure a fair and safe competition. There were 109 hooks at this event. Winners in order from 1st to 3rd place in each class at the 2010 Fall Exhibition were the following:

- 3,000 lb.: Aaren Bice, Dennis Baker, Steve Baker.
- 3,500 lb.: Adam Kuenzler, Dave Burwell, Rocky Jacobs.
- 4,500 lb.: Adam Kuenzler, Red Chapman, Ed Jordan.
- 5,500 lb.: John McBath, Otis Bishop, George Lester.
- 6,500 lb.: George Lester, Neil Kenny, Kelly Jordan.
- 7,500 lb.: Mike Livingston, Kelly Jordan, Neil Kenny.
- 8,500 lb.: Mike Livingston, Gary Livingston, Kris Jordan.
- 9,500 lb.: Mike Livingston, Steve Smith, Greg Martin.
- 10,500 lb.: Gary Livingston, Steve Smith, Greg Martin.
- 11,500 lb.: Gary Livingston, Mike Livingston, Greg Martin.
- 7,500 lb Century (seniors): Gary Livingston, Neil Kenny, Ed Jordan.
- 3,500 lb. Enhanced: Winston Armstrong, Al Garrand.
- 4,500 lb. Enhanced: Winston Armstrong, Adam Kuenzler.
- 5,500 lb. Enhanced: Chuck Chapman, Brent Kuenzler, Winston Armstrong.
- 6,500 lb. Enhanced: Brent Kuenzler, Chuck Chapman, Kevin Rowan.
- 7,500 lb. Enhanced: Lorie Durant, Chuck Chapman, Kevin Rowan.



*Storm clouds threaten, but the antique tractor pull was completed with 109 hooks.*

## Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Results Announced

The Kids Pedal Tractor Pull was more popular than ever at its new location next to the Museum's farm house. Coordinators Wayne and Mary Day, Mandy and Shawn Losey, Dana Mitchell and his brother, and Ted Schulz managed 22 entries in 4 classes. Winners in each class follow.

- Age 3:** 1st, Kaitlyn Putman; 2nd, Kate Finnegan.
- Ages 4-6:** 1st, Tanner Smith; 2nd, Colby Beldock; 3rd, Braydon Dutton.
- Ages 7-8:** 1st, Nick Beldock; 2nd, Macayla Hyde; 3rd, Austin Armstrong.
- Age 9-10:** 1st, Adam Finnegan; 2nd, Nicolas Ranger; 3rd, Camryn Chester. 🐾



*The pedal tractor pull requires young legs and lots of encouragement.*

## Financial Notes from the Treasurer

We feared that the wind and rain would keep visitors from attending this year's Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition. However, the number of visitors through the gate was slightly higher than last year. They were a hungry crowd too, with kitchen sales totaling \$8,900 and at the ice cream parlor \$1,434. Attic treasures sold for \$504. And raffles brought in \$1,077. With all the bills paid, net income was \$7,716, a tad above last year. Total net income for both 2010 Exhibitions was \$19,853, up 5% from last year. Exhibitions provide an opportunity for folks to join the Museum, pay dues, buy soft goods, and make donations. Nearly \$21,000 in donations has been received this year. Contributions for the Horse-Drawn Equipment Exhibit Building lagged a little, because we lacked detailed plans that could have been used to promote the project. Dues paid are up over \$1,000 compared to last year. But the cost of the Museum's insurance, maintenance, utilities and other operating costs also continue to grow and exceed dues revenue. For this reason, the many volunteers and supporters who make the Exhibitions a financial success are essential to the continuing growth and success of the Museum. From all the comments heard, these events also met our primary goals - to be educational and fun. A tip of the hat to all!

## Barn Repairs Deferred

Earlier plans to begin needed repairs on the Barn have been deferred until next year. Boards on the rear side need replacing, and it needs a good repainting. Following an interview with Dot Locy, the River-view Correctional Facility in Ogdensburg approved the Museum's request for prison labor to do much of the work. Charles Alton had found a source of old-style siding that matched the barn. He and Helen purchased 300 lineal feet and donated it for the repairs. We then received word that the prison crew that was to do the work had been transferred to another facility and were no longer available. However, we are on River-view's list for assistance in 2011 when a new crew is organized.



The 1920 Lane sawmill moved into its new home this summer. Improvements will continue during the coming year.

## Raffle Winners Announced

Raffles at the 20th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days netted a record \$1,077. The winner of the Alpaca Blanket donated by Jim and Sharon Dear of the Dear Alpaca Farm was Joan Timmerman. The Tractor Quilt sewn by Mary Jean Chester was won by Ted Palmer. For the first time, 50:50's were held each day of the Exhibition. Leon Goolden won Saturday's, splitting a pot of \$691. Bill Carkner split a pot of \$770 on Sunday. Hats off to Jim Locy and Bob Moulton who managed the 50:50 and many thanks to Jim and Sharon and Mary Jean for the raffle items.



Eugene Jones (l) presented a check for \$5,000 to Museum president, Roger Austin at the Fall Exhibition. Major donations from Gene and his wife, Mary, go back to the purchase of the Goolden-Mann farm. Since then, their practice of annual giving has placed them among our most generous supporters with gifts totaling more than \$25,000. Regardless of size, annual gifts add up and become a very significant component of the Museum's success.

**Hi Members: The date on your address label shows the year through which your dues are paid.**



The 1948 Century Flyer amusement park train needs volunteers.

## Help Needed

- Looking for 12 large harrow discs in good condition.
- Looking for someone to do bodywork, electrical, or engine improvements on the Century Flyer.

Please call Wayne Day (315) 322-8956.

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**Exhibition pictures by the dozen.**  
**Museum acquires No. 12 Schoolhouse.**  
**Cookbook project going strong.**  
**Many projects completed and more underway.**  
**Financials look good.**

**The Annual Meeting of the Members is a great opportunity to see how we have done this year and to share your thoughts with other members. Hope to see you there.**

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## *We're a bit different*

*One of the frequent problems museum administrators confront is how to give recognition to volunteers who contribute so much of their time. This is where we are different. We ourselves administer the museum. There are dozens of mini-departments headed up by you and me. The sum of the mini-departments is the Museum. We are rewarded and recognized by what we achieve. And we've achieved a lot! You won't find many names in this issue but lots of pictures. I hope you find yours, one of your exhibit, or a project you worked on. We can take pride in what we've accomplished - and the fun we've had together. ☺*



*Just one of the things we have achieved, working together.*

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