



Power & Equipment Museum

A Newsletter for Members of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum, a 501(c)(3), Education Corporation

Fall Show Fills Museum Grounds

Our 23rd Old Fashioned Harvest Days enjoyed mostly good weather and exhibitors and visitors alike filled the Museum. Volunteers were there to open buildings and welcome guests. New roads, horse drawn wagons, and the Century Flyer made it easier for folks to move around. We wonder if more space is needed for campers and field activities. The Board will soon address that question. The new miniature horse rides for the kids were a hit. Other new features (see page 3) included a Civil War encampment, the sales annex at the Maple Sugar House, church service early Sunday morning, a tent promoting the future Antique Tractor Exhibit Building, master gardeners representing the Cornell Cooperative Extension, and many unique exhibits provided by members. As always, harvest activities, sawmilling, horse and tractor pulls, big and little engines, farm animals, the apple cider press, and great food were there. Exhibitors and other volunteers worked long hours to make the weekend a great success. Unseen heroes arrived many days before and after to prepare the grounds and then put things away. Thanks everyone! ☺



Eric Warner and his team gave rides to visitors at the 23rd Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days.

Schoolhouse Gets New Siding

Old No. 12 Schoolhouse will enjoy a snug winter with its new house wrap, new western red cedar siding, and restored windows. Damaged or missing molding has been replaced with premium pine lumber donated by Charles and Helen Alton. The lumber has been custom molded by Gary and Pati Hartson at **Northern Sharpening**. Nails and screws are of stainless steel. The lumber used has been primed on all sides before assembly, and two coats of premium paint complete the job. A rear door has been added to the building. This will eventually serve as access for the disabled. More work is scheduled next year. Outside work includes the access ramp, layers of molding on the crown, soffit, and fascia, and a shingle roof. Inside work will include closet walls, floor boards, and ceiling. The walls need cleaning and a coat of clear sealer. If all goes well, the Schoolhouse will be filled with students and dedicated at the 2014 Fall Exhibition. Donations are still welcome. ☺



Old No. 12 Schoolhouse now sports new siding restored windows, and a coat of paint. It is ready for winter, but more work is needed before its dedication at the Fall Exhibition in 2014.

Sewer Project Gets Underway

Engineering drawings have been completed for the Sewer Line Project at the Museum. The design calls for a pump station near the Public Toilets, 2,100 feet of sewer line, a manhole at the bottom of the hill near the intersection of State Highways 345 and 310, and a bore beneath the highway to connect the line with the Town of Madrid's municipal waste water system. A small sand pit has been opened on Museum property. The sand will be used to bed the pipeline in rocky ground. Jim McGraw has been operating the hydraulic excavator loaned to us by Allen and Mary Kelly, Bob Smith drove the Museum's Army Truck, and Tom Brothers operated his 1953 Ford dump truck. In all, the team moved more than 350 tons of sand. ☺



Jim McGraw operates Allen and Mary Kelly's excavator, filling the 1953 Ford dump truck owned and operated by Tom Brothers. The sand will be used to protect sewer pipes from rocks.

Museum Events 2013	Oct. 12	Saturday, 9:00 AM, Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Museum Pavilion or Farm House.
	Oct. 12	Saturday, 10:00 - 2:00, Open House.
	Oct. 20	Sunday, 1:30 PM. Meeting of the Members. Madrid Community Center.
	Oct. 26	Saturday, 9:00 - Noon, Last Work Day of the Year.
	Oct. 26	Saturday, 10:00 - 2:00, Last Open House of the Year.

The Museum is open by appointment, weather permitting. Call Wayne Day at (315) 322-8956.

Treasurer Reports Viridian Results

Chuck Goolden recently reported the following: “Linda and I received our first National Grid bill which included Viridian Green Energy as our Supply Service Provider. It covered from 8/7 to 9/9/13. We used 657 kWh of service for \$20.63. The previous month we used 657 kWh of service for \$33.50. Our one month savings with Viridian is \$12.87. Not a bad deal when multiplied by 12 for a year depending on use and the variable rates which could make it a bit more or less. An important factor is that we are helping the Museum develop a steady monthly income. For every 25 people who sign up with Viridian under the Museum’s sponsorship, \$250 is received by SLPEM. In addition, a monthly payment of \$2.00 per meter is received. For larger users of kWh’s the Museum will receive much more than the \$2 a month. Viridian’s ability to buy cheaper green energy service allows them to pass savings on to consumers as well as the Museum. At the Fall Exhibition we nearly reached the first 25 meters which helps make VIRIDIAN a true WIN-WIN.” Questions? Call 315-262-2525 or 208-890-2299 or visit www.viridian.com/slpeem to learn more. ↗



Bill Pharoah signs up for Viridian Green Energy during the Exhibition.

Antique Tractor Exhibit Building Gets Big Boost

As this Newsletter goes to press, a letter from the Sweetgrass Foundation informs us that it has awarded the Museum a \$10,000 matching/challenge grant in support of the construction of the Antique Tractor Exhibit Building. Every new dollar raised and received between October 1, 2013 and October 31, 2014 for this project will be matched up to a total of \$10,000. The projected cost of the 4,000 square foot building is \$70,000. The match of future gifts from members and friends along with gifts and pledges already received greatly enhances the chance of starting construction in 2014. The new facility will be located next to the red Collection Building. It will include a front showroom, a year-round shop for restorations, and space to house the Museum’s growing collection of vintage tractors. Thank you, Sweetgrass! ⚡



Lee Goolden (center) with wife, Carole at his right, sister Fay Cambridge to his left, and brother Chuck and Linda Goolden following the dedication of the Monument honoring the memory of his parents and grandparents.

We Remember

Elliott A. Wood 86, of Constantia who passed away unexpectedly on August 16, 2013. He was a great supporter of the Schoolhouse and could be found there welcoming visitors during exhibitions. He thought nothing of making the long drive to attend meetings. He will be remembered for his interest in history and the Museum. 🐦



Monument Honors Goolden-Mann Families

The families of the previous owners-operators of the farm and land now owned by the Museum were honored at a ceremony during the Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition. During the ceremony a monument standing between the flag poles near the front of the Collection Building was unveiled. The generosity of Leon and Carole Goolden in allowing the Museum to acquire the property at less than half its appraised value was inspired in part by their affection for the region and a desire to honor family. The dedication to Leon’s parents and grandparents reads, “In memory of Leon L. Goolden, Sr. and Emma M. Goolden and Fay G. Mann and Maude K. Mann, owners of this family farm spanning a period of over 70 years with faith in God and love of family, farming, and helping others.” The bronze monument is mounted on stone that once flanked the stairs at the front entry of the former Madrid town hall. Upon demolition of the town hall in 1972, these stones were moved next door to the Fay G. Mann Funeral Home where they remained after the business was acquired by Phillips Memorial Home in 1986. David and Linda Fray donated the stones to the Museum earlier this year. President Alan Garrand introduced speakers and guests. Treasurer Charles Goolden related the story of the stones. Secretary Roger Austin reviewed the history of the Museum and the activities related to acquiring the Goolden-Mann property in 2006. Leon Goolden spoke on behalf of his family, recalling the news article about the Museum’s search for a home and how well their property matched the features sought by the Museum. Vice-President Reginald Chester oversaw the unveiling. The bronze and stone monument stands as an attractive reminder of a most important contribution to the success of the Museum. 🏛️

Gary and Irene Hargrave Receive Museum Award

Gary and Irene Hargrave were presented the Museum's Achievement Award at a ceremony during Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition. Gary was a member of the Museum's first Board of Trustees, serving three years. He also served as a president and trustee of the predecessor organization, the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association for many years. He is known widely as an expert on antique one-cylinder engines and advocate of engine-driven Maytag washing machines. Gary became chief engineer of the Museum's A.B. Farquhar steam engine, training and teaching others about its care and operation. He built and maintains the Museum's website and is contemplating a major upgrade. Irene served as Assistant Treasurer and Honorary Trustee for several years providing coverage for the Treasurer in his absence. She has led the Museum's publicity efforts for several years by submitting articles and maintaining contact with Radio, TV and newsprint outlets. She is never far from the information desk during exhibitions or volunteering for work elsewhere. Gary and Irene have generously contributed to the Museum's construction funds and have donated items especially for the auctions. The success of the Museum depends on support such as they have given. 🍷



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Some of the several new features at the Fall Exhibition



The 11th New York Independent Battery of Light Artillery, Scott Wilson (2nd left) commanding, set up its first encampment during a Museum exhibition.



The Maple Sugar Princess presented sweet products at the new annex at the Maple Sugar House.



Lee and Amy Fields brought their miniature horses to the Museum for the first time during the Fall Exhibition.



The first church service at the Museum.



The Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition featured many unique machines such as this very early Wade drag saw.



A special tent promoted the future Tractor Exhibit building.



Oats harvested in the Village Green.

PHOTOS BY ROGER AUSTIN, JOHN BARTHOLOMEW, CHUCK GOOLDEN, AND ELAINE MCDONALD. LOOK FOR MANY MORE IN THE NEXT ISSUE.



Master Gardener Shi Krieg discusses compost at the Cornell Cooperative Extension tent.

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Snow Birds! If you have a winter address, please let us know where and when you will be moving. This will save us postage on returned mail. Thanks. ☺

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Members' Meet Sunday, October 20

A meeting of the members will be held on Sunday, October 20 at 1:30 PM. This is the second of two meetings held each year. Members may also sit in on the half dozen meetings of the Board of Trustees held throughout the year. Their next meeting will be Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 AM. The members meeting will include an update of the Museum's financial status as well as the budget for next year. There will be updates of construction projects and programs planned for 2014. Members will be invited to comment and pose questions to Board members who will be there. The Museum will close on October 26 following the year's last Open House and Work Day on that date. #tt



Bob Marshall leads the parade during the Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition.