



Power & Equipment Museum

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

Tractor Building Topped by RSI Roofing Inc.

Everyone has been amazed to see how rapidly the Antique Tractor Building arose from the cold winter ground. Just as amazing has been the installation of its standing seam roof by **RSI Roofing, Inc.** of Gouverneur, NY. Last year, Roger LaPierre, RSI's CEO, met Trustee Wayne Hill at the Dairy Princess Parade in Canton. Wayne invited Roger to the June Exhibition where he gave him a grand tour of our facilities and activities. Hearing of plans to build a facility for antique tractors, Roger said he would donate the roof. During May, Joel LaPierre and a crew of six from RSI arrived with a roll of steel and a machine to form the roofing panels. With two more days of work the job was complete. Reg Chester has chaired the Building Committee with members including Al Garrand, Dave Baker, Jim McGraw, Jon Mouthorp, and Ken Tupper. Construction started last year with ground preparation. Ken Tupper and Jim McGraw removed soil and set a sand base. **Burns Construction, LLC** was contracted to erect the building's frame and pour concrete footwalls, knee walls, and floor. This work has been completed but much remains including installation of siding and windows and completion of the interior which will have a display room, an all-season work shop, and a storage area. 🚧



Construction of the 5,000 square foot Antique Tractor Building gets underway.



The RSI team installing an interlocking standing seam roof on the new Antique Tractor Building.

Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition June 14-15

June Exhibition chair Don Lustyik reports that plans for the first big event of the year are progressing well. Events are listed in a poster found on page 7 of this Newsletter. Make copies and share them with your friends. Crowds are expected to be larger than ever, so please do call a Trustee (see back page) and let one know that you'll be glad to help for a few hours or even a day or two. Members will be at the Museum the entire week before the event getting out stored equipment, setting up exhibits, cleaning off winter's dust, putting up tents, and even checking out the *comfort stations*. Check the poster to see all the places you can help. It's fun and it's really needed. Thanks! 🚧

Kitchen Gets Fire Suppression System

Pull the handle and stand back. The gas feed to the grills is shut off, and a spray of wet potassium carbonate chemical puts out the fire. The kitchen hood previously donated by Charles and Helen Alton now sports an integral fire suppression system made by Pyro Chem. **G&E Extinguishers, LLC** of Malone was contracted to do the installation and our former president, Wayne Day, oversaw the work. G&E was also contracted to inspect and update all our existing extinguishers and even add a few to the mix. Safety chair Dave Baker will work with them to see that all our extinguishers are checked and properly tagged. Every building at the Museum has at least one fire extinguisher, and some have several. Dave notes that it's not just for good health that smoking is not permitted in buildings - it's an important safety issue too. 🚒



Pull pin, pull out handle, stand back. Easy and effective fire suppression.

Museum Events 2014	June 14-15	Weekend. 32nd Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition. See poster on page 7.
	June 15	8:00 AM, Sunday during the Exhibition. Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Open to members and friends.
	Aug. 15-17	Weekend. Border Antique Truck Show by the Northern Empire State and Upper Canada chapters of the Antique Truck Club of America.
	Aug. 30-31	24th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition.
	Don't forget: Open House at the Museum every 2nd and 4th Saturday. Work days every 4th Saturday.	

St. Lawrence Nurseries Donates Trees

The Museum enjoys a growing number of trees which will provide welcome shade in the future. During April, Bill MacKentley, owner of **St. Lawrence Nurseries** near Potsdam, donated sixteen more trees to the Museum. The trees include three Elm and two American Chestnut trees from blight-resistant strains he has developed over many years. There were also two Black Walnut trees. These were planted at the Village Green. He also donated nine apple trees. These were planted near the Goolden-Mann farm house. The variety of tree is consistent with the WW II theme of its exhibits. Reg Chester led a team consisting of Zach Taylor, Wayne Day, and Myron Langford which dug in the saplings during a break in the late-winter rains. 🌱



New trees being planted by (l-r) Zach Taylor, Wayne Day, and Myron Langford at the Village Green.

Schoolhouse Restoration Sees Progress

With a dedication scheduled for the Fall Exhibition on Labor Day weekend, work continues at the Old No. 12 Schoolhouse. The school bell donated by Reg Chester and his mother, Marion Chester, now sits atop a pole in front of the building. Restoration of the windows and replica windows built by Stan and Barbara Alford are finished. Their re-installation is largely complete. The *Friends of the Schoolhouse* Committee is making plans for the dedication including sewing period garments to be worn at the event. Contact Judy Liscum at (315) 375-4205 if interested. Work will soon focus on restoration of the interior. Volunteers are needed to clean the soot and dust of the ages from the walls while preserving graffiti and other artifacts. This involves old-fashioned soap and water. If interested, call Roger Austin at (315) 344-7470. Major work remaining includes installation of a wood shingle roof, a new floor, a new ceiling, and some masonry. Contributions are still welcome. 🏠



Reg Chester responded to a call from Bill MacKentley who had offered trees for exhibition and beautification at the Museum. The two set the tree planting program in motion.

Opening the Museum After a Long Winter

After a long, cold winter, much needs to be done to get the Museum ready for business. John Castle turns on the water pump and checks out all the plumbing for leaks. Maurice Campbell follows the NY State Department of Health procedures and disinfects the well and purges the drinking water system with chlorine chemicals. The testing lab is called to check for bacteria. Roger Austin submits the application for the Campground Permit to the NYSDoH for approval of its camping facilities, water system, and food service facilities and plans. Chuck and Linda Goolden update the front sign. Meanwhile, buildings are opened and volunteers begin the long process of sweeping out the dead flies, dusting, polishing, and getting exhibits ready for visitors. If you feel left out, contact a Board member listed on the last page or just stop by. 🏠

**On Fathers Day
Dad will be very impressed when you
bring him to the June Exhibition !**

Getting Ready for the June Exhibition

The recent rains have supported a thick grass cover and large crop of dandelions at the Museum. Barbara Alford and Dave Gibson have been mowing while Chuck Goolden has been weed whacking, and the campus looks great. The partially completed Antique Tractor Building will provide a fine covered concrete floor for activities. Jon Mouthorp has cultivated the Village Green and planted lawn grass. The site is now smooth enough for croquet. Dave Baker and Wayne Hill have pulled equipment out of the Pavilion Building. Wayne has repaired the brakes and starter on the Century Flyer train. The Farquhar steam engine boiler is scheduled for ultrasound testing and inspection in early June. There is always more work needed than available hands can provide. So if you were thinking of going over to the Museum to help out for a few hours or a day, now is the time to do so. 😊



Volunteers from the United Church of Madrid cooked up a great meal for the Annual Banquet in May.

Annual Banquet Celebrates 10 Years of Dedication and Growth

The 11th Annual Banquet (the first was held the month of incorporation) of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum celebrated the 10th anniversary of the organization. It was held May 17 at the **Madrid** Community Center with nearly 120 members and friends attending. After a welcome by President Al Garrand everyone enjoyed the traditional meal of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, corn and slaw prepared by the **United Church of Madrid**. Anniversary cakes were donated by Jim and Julie McGraw and served with a dollop of ice cream. During the meal a scrolling slide show prepared by Secretary Roger Austin reviewed the history of the Museum. Following the meal, Austin asked all prior recipients of the Museum's Distinguished Service Awards to rise. He then asked all those who had made financial contributions or made gifts in kind and those who had been volunteers or exhibitors to join them. Almost all present were standing to the applause of everyone. Al Garrand, Vice-President Reg Chester, and Treasurer Chuck Goolden then called several members and friends forward to receive special awards (see below and on page 4). Hats off to Banquet chairs Mary Jean and Reg Chester as well as Barbara Fisher, Amy Moulton, Paige Moulton, Nathan Moulton, and Adam Finnegan for a fine evening. Nancy Garrand, Linda Goolden, Bob Moulton, Marcia Oney, and Jean Tupper took care of reservations, collected dues, and sold 50:50 tickets. About two dozen attendees took home plants for door prizes. Roger Austin won the 50:50 but returned it to the Museum for good luck. 🍀

Burns Construction and LeBerge & Curtis Recognized for Support

Since acquiring the Goolden-Mann farm in 2006, the Museum has been fortunate to receive support from many businesses. Two were honored during the recent Annual Banquet.

Burns Construction, LLC has helped construct many of the buildings at the Museum's campus. However, many of its efforts have gone beyond what was required of them. Their help with planning and design and the loan of heavy equipment have made a difference, making the grounds attractive and helping with construction. Owner Roddy Burns and son Robby are enthusiastic tractor pullers. Reg Chester presented them the *Outstanding Business Award* and a plaque memorializing the event.

LeBerge & Curtis Incorporated's association with the Museum goes back to our predecessor organization. It used to loan a big John Deere tractor to handle the tractor pull sled. Loan of heavy equipment has continued to support construction efforts. Loans from their **Mid-State Golf Cars** has been a blessing to our visitors, especially those with disabilities, and tired volunteers alike. They played a vital role in the relocation of the Curtis windmill to the campus. And children enjoy pulling and racing the John Deere pedal tractors they so generously donated. Chuck Goolden called several members of the Curtis family forward and presented them the *Outstanding Business Award* and a plaque memorializing the event. 🍀



Great food for hearty appetites at the Annual Banquet was enjoyed by all at the Annual Banquet.



Reg Chester (left) presents the Outstanding Business Award to Burns Construction, LLC. Receiving the award is Roddy Burns next to his wife Darlene, son Robby, and friend Darcy Wilson.



Al Garrand makes comments as the LeBerge & Curtis team look on. Pictured are (l to r) Jim and Karen Curtis, Helen Curtis, and Lloyd and Kris Barrigar.

Members Honored for Service

Several Museum members received the *Distinguished Service Award* during the recent Annual Banquet. Recipients received an engraved plaque with the notation stating "Distinguished Service Award presented to (the recipient) for their outstanding dedication and support by the St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum, May 17, 2014." The following received awards:

Charles and Helen Alton were members of the former St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association when its membership was transferred to the new Museum. Charlie just completed a 3-year term as a Trustee, serving from 2011 - 2013. He is a recognized expert in the restoration of antique engines. Among those he has restored are many found in the Museum's collection. Charlie and Helen did extensive re-siding and repair of the old barn, providing not only their labor but materials as well. Charlie worked on the Schoolhouse relocation, again donating much of the fine lumber for the exterior trim. Both volunteer at exhibitions, arriving days early to help get things started. Helen's reorganization of the Attic Treasures sales resulted in greatly improved revenues. Charlie and Helen also organized the popular hotdog lunch for volunteers held each Friday before exhibitions.

Bert and Betty Beswick joined the Museum in 2006 when the Museum found a home in Madrid. Since the first exhibitions in Madrid, Bert has been a host to countless visitors, especially in the Collection Building. Betty has been a hostess in the Farm House and could also be found working in the kitchen. Both enjoy driving the Golf Cars, touring visitors around the Museum campus. During construction projects, Bert is often present to offer welcome words of support. The Beswicks have been ambassadors for the Museum, spreading the word of the Museum's growth and promise.

Dave Gibson also joined the Museum in 2006. As the Museum grew, so did the size of its campus and lawns. For the past several years, Dave has brought his Farmall Super C farm tractor and trailing mower almost every week to groom the lawn. It takes about 8 hours to cover the ground. It is his close work with Barbara Alford and others that has created the lawn that visitors so enjoy. Last winter, Dave added another mower on the side of his tractor. We assume (hope) this means he intends to keep up his excellent work.

Roger Austin received a surprise when Al Garrand called him to the front. Over the years, the Trustees had made a practice of not making awards to sitting members of the Board. Al presented him with a *Meritorious Achievement Award* "for years of dedicated service to the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum." Roger called on his wife, Carol, to join him and noted that her taking care of many of his chores at home had made it possible for him to spend more time at the Museum. ♪

**PHOTOS BY ROGER AUSTIN,
REG AND MARY JEAN CHES-
TER, SHIRLEY DICKINSON,
CHUCK GOOLDEN,
AND AMY MOULTON**

***Don't Forget --
Baked goods are need-
ed at the June Exhibi-
tion and sure go well
with ice cream!***



Charles and Helen Alton receive their Distinguished Service Award from Reg Chester at the Banquet.



Chuck Goolden reads the Distinguished Award text to Bert and Betty Beswick at the Annual Banquet.



Al Garrand comments on Dave Gibson's Distinguished Service Award at ceremonies during the Banquet.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MUSEUM

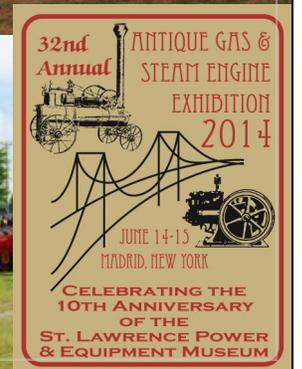
The St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum was founded in 2004 as a 501(c)(3) education corporation provisionally chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. It is supported by over 900 members. Approximately 250 are exhibitors or do volunteer work each year. There is no paid staff. The Museum is managed by the 11 members of its board of trustees and the chairpersons of its several committees. Today the Museum brings living history to the North Country of New York, telling the story of how people of the region once lived and how new technologies helped shape their lives. Initially the Museum had no home. However, in 2006 it acquired the 115 acre farm in Madrid we all know and enjoy. Since 2008 new buildings have been constructed bringing the total covered space for exhibits and activities to over 28,000 square feet. Each year the Museum sponsors two major exhibitions, the *Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition* during the second full weekend of June and the *Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition* during Labor Day weekend. The Museum is also open to the public the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from May through October. There are also special events including the International Truck Show and harvest demonstrations among others. The net asset value of the Museum exceeds \$1 million with virtually no debt. One fourth of that value is in its collection which is managed closely through its Collection Management Policy. Records of the collection are maintained using PastPerfect software. The Museum maintains a growing endowment fund, assuring continued financial support well into the future. The Museum reports its activities to members through five Newsletters each year. It also regularly sends appropriate information to the New York State Department of Education, New York State Dept. of Revenue, the IRS, and the NY State Dept. of Health. The Museum has grown primarily through the generosity of its members and friends. Gifts, memorial contributions, or bequests have a major impact, as virtually 100% such funds go directly toward support of Museum activities.



Each year Jim and Julie McGraw generously donate cakes for the Annual Banquets, one chocolate and the other white.



Roger Austin makes comments after receiving his award (see page 4) at the Annual Banquet. Carol Austin and Al Garrand look on.



Excellent Raffle Items Donated

Members and friends have donated great items for raffles. Two will be offered at the June Exhibition and two in the Fall. Raffleed in June will be a 26" Mongoose Mountain Bike retailing for \$139. It was donated by Walmart in Potsdam. Bob Moulton successfully solicited this item. There will also be a rope hammock with tubular steel frame donated by Lee and Carole Goolden. It retails for approximately \$185. In the fall the raffle will include a hand made dresser built and donated by Ken Crossett. Ken used specialty woods in its construction which took many long hours. The second item will be a framed print of the poster *Racing to the Franklin County Fair*. Bob Marshall sought help to make this possible. The print was donated by Mark Seymour and framing was donated by **The Frame Mill** in Potsdam. Its value is approximately \$450-500. Raffle tickets are included in this issue of the Newsletter for the June items and will also be available at the June Exhibition. Mail in your tickets along with a check to SLPEM, PO Box 400, Madrid, NY 13660 or deliver them personally at the Information Desk in the Pavilion Building during the Exhibition.



The 26" Mongoose mountain bike donated by Walmart in Potsdam will be raffled at the June Exhibition.

JUNE EXHIBITION JOB VACANCIES

The following jobs offer the same salary as that of the Museum President:
Photographer: Need coverage both days. Must own digital camera and energy to be everywhere all the time. Museum will provide DVD for transferring digital information.

Data Collector: Compile lists of participants and activities during the Exhibition. Museum will provide on-job training, clipboard, and pen. Individual may also carry own camera.

2013 Financial Statement and Tax Returns Done

The *Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2013* was presented to Treasurer Chuck Goolden and Secretary Roger Austin on May 13 at a meeting with **Gray & Gray CPA's, PC** in Canton. This included the Independent Accountants' Review Report followed by the Statements of Financial Position, Activities, and Cash Flows. These were followed by Notes to the Financial Statements including a summary of Property and Equipment and Statements of Functional Expenses. It was all good news, especially that the Museum still carries no debt. We can still tell our contributors that all donations go directly toward Museum activities with none used for fund raising. Gray & Gray then presented the tax returns for 2013 they had prepared for the Museum. These included Federal returns 990 and 990-T and NY State CT-13. These were due May 15. They were found to be in good order, duly signed by Goolden, and sent to the appropriate address by Gray & Gray soon after. The Museum's financial statement and tax returns are open to the public. Access to past federal tax returns can be found at www.guidestar.org.



The dresser donated by Ken Crossett will be raffled at the Fall Exhibition.

Corrections from the Previous Issue

In the previous edition of the Newsletter donors to the collection were listed. There were two errors needing correction. The first regards the 1950 Ford 8-N tractor with a Dearborn 2-bottom plow that was reported on pages 4 and 5. These were donated by Billy L. Dougan and loving family in memory of his parents, Billy Riley Dougan and Eleanor Jean Garvey Dougan. Billy reports that his father used the tractor at his small farm where he raised vegetables and kept a few cows. The second regards the John Deere field cultivator shown on page 4. It should have been listed as donated by Dr. Charles and Evalyn Duncan on pages 4 and 5. We remain sincerely appreciative of the donations and regret these errors in spelling and accuracy.



This print of "Racing to the Franklin County Fair" has been beautifully framed and will be raffled at the Fall Exhibition.

Don't forget to bring items for the Old Iron Auction and Attic Treasures Tent at the June Exhibition. Please, no tires or clothing.



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The new 5,000 square foot Antique Tractor Building will provide needed space for the Museum's tractor collection. Its shop facilities will provide members space for restorations and for teaching skills needed to maintain the old machines. At the June Show, Jim Mitchell will saw siding from logs donated by Pat Curran. Contributions are still needed to finish the project.

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