



Power & Equipment Museum

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

Two Big Events Featured in August

The Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition rolls out August 30-31 with much to do getting it ready and much fun when visitors arrive on Labor Day weekend. On August 16 -17 is the Can-Am Border Antique Truck Show presented by the Northern Empire State and Upper Canada chapters of the Antique Truck Club of America. The Truck Show will need volunteers to help host visitors at the Museum's exhibit buildings and feeding them in the Pavilion Building. The kitchen will be open that Saturday and Sunday morning too. The Museum's Exhibition two weeks later will need the usual high level of support of members and friends that has become the Museum's hallmark. Volunteers make things happen. Both events will be great fun. See the insert for details of the Museum's Exhibition. Why not make copies and share them with friends or post them where others can see them. 📄



Chopping corn at last year's Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition featured Farmalls and Fords.

Skies Brighten for June Exhibition

Once again the early threat of poor weather proved to be a minor annoyance to the June Exhibition. Skies were mostly bright and visitors, exhibitors, and vendors had a great weekend. It is sometimes difficult to make each show unique with new exhibits and events to experience. This time it was the big Antique Tractor Building under construction, progress at the Schoolhouse, and our first attempt to get the shingle mill operating. The special new event that everyone enjoyed was the Garden Tractor Pull organized by an experienced team from Franklin County. They will be back at the Fall Exhibition. This year we collected the names of over 150 volunteers and exhibitors who made the event possible. Lots of pictures were taken. These and names of volunteers will be featured in the next edition. If you were not able to be there, come to the Fall Exhibition and leave your name at the Information Desk. We will add your name to the list. 📄



The Garden Tractor Pull was a new event during the June Exhibition and attracted an enthusiastic crowd.

Antique Tractor Building Takes Shape

Basic framing by **Burns Construction, LLC** on the Antique Tractor Building is largely complete. Project Chair Reg Chester, Leon Cline, Wayne Hill, Don Lustyik, and Wayne Stark have put up siding sawn at our own mill and by **Jim Mitchell**, sawyer, during shows. The logs were donated by Pat Curran at **Seaway Timber Harvesting, Inc.** The new roof donated by Roger LaPierre's **RSI Roofing, Inc.** is being mated to the siding with Chester's crew installing soffit using a man-lift borrowed from **Burns**. Interior walls are being installed, dividing the show room, work shop, and storage areas. Ken Tupper has the surrounding area graded and ready for seeding. The building soon will be sufficiently finished so that it can be put to good use during upcoming events. However, funding is still needed to complete the project. Overhead doors, electrical service and lighting, and interior furnishings top the list. No gift too small. Every gift important. Thanks! 📄



A front view of the Antique Tractor Building in late July shows the progress made this summer.

Museum Events 2014	Aug. 15-17	Weekend. Can-Am Border Antique Truck Show presented by the Northern Empire State and Upper Canada chapters of the Antique Truck Club of America. Set up Friday. Show Saturday and Sunday morn.
	Aug. 30-31	24th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition . Board meeting Sunday at 8:00 AM.
	Oct. 11	Meeting of the Board of Trustees
	Oct. 19	Meeting of the Members
	Don't forget: Open House at the Museum every 2nd and 4th Saturday. Work days every 4th Saturday.	

Schoolhouse Dedication August 30 at 1:00

At 1:00 PM on Saturday, during the Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition, old Schoolhouse No. 12 from the Town of LeRay will be dedicated. We will not only commemorate the restoration of this remarkable structure, but also celebrate the experiences of those who once attended a one-room schoolhouse. Assemblywoman **Addie Russell** will be an honored guest. In late 2009 she informed the Museum that the **Indian River Central School District** would be willing to donate the building. Thus began the long effort of transferring its title, disassembly, transport, re-erection, and final restoration that continues today. Every effort has been made to preserve the features that students saw from around 1850 until it closed in 1913. There are also a few items that prove that others used the building through the period of WWII. The celebration will feature students in the costume of the late 19th century. Join in the celebration. Schoolhouse No. 12 will be open all during the exhibition. Former one-room *schoolers* can share old memories. 📖



The Schoolhouse sports a new wood shingle roof, front door, and many interior improvements.

Sewage Line Installation Gets Underway

The first phase of construction of the sewage line project has been completed. During June the concrete pump station shell was connected to the sewage line which is buried as far as the edge of the terrace near the Maple Sugar House, a distance of 700 feet. The concrete structure has been buried, and work will continue with the removal of rocks, grading and smoothing the ground, and planting grass in time for the fall show. The balance of the pipeline will be buried as soon as the crops are off the lower field. Pumps and valves and other guts of the pump station are on hand and will be installed soon. Efforts will get underway to get the manhole and bore completed at Hwy. 310. Lee Williams was the time keeper and sand raker, Ken Tupper was the loader operator and chief landscaper, Jim McGraw operated the hydraulic excavator, Maurice Campbell was digger and pipe coupler, Bob Smith was Army truck driver and digger/coupler, Bob Bixby was Army Truck driver escort and pipeline coupler, Wayne Hill operated the Army Truck and was digger/coupler, Roger Austin was gopher and planted grass with wife Carol. Wayne Day and Ted Schulz repaired the damage to the buried power line. Paul Moore showed us how to *giterdone*. Major thanks go to **Kelly Farms** for the loan of their Kobelco excavator, Jim Curtis of **LeBerge & Curtis** for the JD 544G front loader, **Ken Tupper** for his JD 5055 tractor/loader/rake, and **R&S Construction** (Robert and Bernard Reed) for a bargain transport of the Kobelco. The concrete pump station components were set in place by a crane from **KT Power, Inc.** (Bill and Marcia Tiernan) and operated by **Gary Thomas** (a draft horse puller). **Gary Sayer**, our farming neighbor, spread hay on the newly seeded ground. Thanks also to the **Madrid Rescue Squad** who lent us a hand when needed. When completed, the Museum's sewage system will be connected to the Town of Madrid's waste management system. 🚧



Jim McGraw buries the sewage pump station for the sewage line. The project is partially funded by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency.

Volunteers Make the Difference

We had intended to list everyone that helped make the June Exhibition a success. However, work on various projects has been overwhelming, so this will be deferred until the next issue. As Exhibition Chair Don Lustyik collected the lists of volunteers, it became obvious that the number this year would exceed 150. Perhaps more! That is an amazing number of dedicated people, each willing to devote time and energy to the program. Participating in the shows benefits the Museum and those attending the events. But mostly it is great fun. That is why so many return each year. They know that if they are not there to do it, perhaps it will not get done. And they also know that they would miss out on the friendships, cordial atmosphere, and smiles that we enjoy. It is a rare opportunity. See you at the Fall Exhibition. 🙌



I Love a Parade

The Museum's float in the Norwood Parade featured Norwood's old pumper. The Norwood Brass Firemen greatly appreciated the float and fire department members added many other items to make it special. The floats are prepared by Parade Chair Shirley Dickinson, Bob Smith, and Rod Vice. Their float in the Dairy Princess Parade won 3rd place. Floats were also entered in the Potsdam and Parishville parades.

Delayed Distinguished Service Awards Presented

During its meeting Sunday at the June Exhibition, the Board of Trustees took time to recognize several Museum members who had not been able to join in earlier presentations at the Annual Banquet. President Al Garrand presented Distinguished Service Awards to:

Stan and Barb Alford: They joined the Museum in 2006 soon after it acquired the Goolden Mann farm. We are blessed with a beautiful campus in no small way because Barb began mowing the grounds soon after. Stan kept her big mower running until he finally had to buy her a new one mostly used at the Museum. Both have donated beautiful wood work, making sash for the Gas Station and Schoolhouse in their shop in Madrid using many of the same tools used by Stan's father before him. Barb has helped paint buildings, one of the least popular jobs. During shows you'll find them escorting visitors and tired volunteers in a **Mid-State** Club Car

Shirley Dickinson: She joined the Museum in 2006 soon after Goolden-Mann farm was acquired. Her early volunteer work in the Collection Building improved the appearance of the building's interior and enhanced the exhibits. During construction of a temporary building to house the Herbie Haven shoe repair collection, she recommended and helped improve the design to include the store front we see today. When completed, she set up the collection. She organized the first exhibits in the Goolden-Mann farm house when its use as a rental property ceased. She has led the Museum's participation in parades in the region with nearly a half dozen entries last year and more this year. Shirley attends most Board meetings, providing welcome snacks. She has prepared the Newsletters for mailing and provided photos used in many issues.

Ken and Jean Tupper: Ken and Jean joined the Museum in 2006. Ken has completed a term on the Board of Trustees, serving from 2012-2013. After the Goolden-Mann farm was acquired in 2006, Ken and others operated a bulldozer to improve the land near the white barn, increasing useable space in that area. This began many improvements by Ken but more often with his own John Deere tractor. Ken has organized many of the new roads added in recent years by preparing the ground, setting geofabric in place, and ordering and spreading gravel. His work includes moving, stockpiling, and laying sand and top soil or operating other heavy equipment for construction projects including the Horse Equipment Building, Schoolhouse, and Antique Tractor Building among others. Jean has acted as assistant secretary in the absence of the secretary. During exhibitions she helps man the Registration Desk, taking care of everything from signing up new members to collecting dues. 🍷



President Al Garrand presents Stan and Barbara Alford their award.



Shirley Dickinson receives her award from President Al Garrand.



Ken and Jean Tupper receive the Distinguished Service Award from Al Garrand.

Don't Forget --

Baked goods are needed at the Fall Exhibition and sure go well with ice cream!

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Treasurer Reports June Exhibition Results

Treasurer Chuck Goolden reports the good news that gate sales were up by over \$500 and the kitchen net of about \$5,400 was comparable with last year. However, the net for the event was \$12,382, down by \$1,500. This was due largely to lower proceeds at the Old Iron Auction, off by \$2,178 compared to last year. On the other hand, the Silent Auction produced \$1,000. None was held last year. The Garden Tractor Pull helped the gate and increased membership by 60 new enrollees. Attic sales were down just \$100 at \$ 1,420 while the ice cream corner grossed nearly \$ 2,000, slightly less than last year. The Raffles produced about \$1,300, the same as last year. A special thanks to Don Lustyik for chairing the 2014 Exhibitions. 🏛️

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Regents Extend Charter

The Museum received notice that on July 2, 2014, the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York granted the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum a five-year extension of their provisional charter. The application for the extension had been sent to the Regents on March 21 of this year. Retaining our charter is an essential part of the administration of the Museum. The Regents are provided information on the activities of the Museum, financial reports, and tax records. Our goal is to become fully chartered. Among other requirements is our being open to the public 1,000 hours a year. With the continued support of our volunteers and a few improvements to the facilities, this goal can be achieved. The investment by members and friends in the Museum makes this an important obligation not only to them but the community as well. We can do it! ☺

Don't forget to bring items for the Attic Treasures Tent at the Fall Exhibition. Please, no tires or clothing.

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