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Steam Auto Gas & Antiques Inc.

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Cookstown, Ontario

EXECUTIVES PAST AND PRESENT EXPRESS THE SAME CONCERN: VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED IF SHOW IS TO CONTINUE

A Word from our new President, Wayne Lowdon...

To begin, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year, and hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year's celebrations with family and friends.

As you will notice at the bottom of this page, we have some new members on our Board of Directors. I wish to congratulate and welcome our returning Director Keith Williams, and our new Directors: Henry Eggenoor, Lisa Frampton, Stephen McCabe, Norm McLean, Dwight McQuarrie, and Gordon McQuarrie. We also welcome Pat Abernethy as Treasurer and Shirley Corbyn as Secretary. As President, I look forward to working with you all this coming year.

I also wish to express my thanks to the outgoing Directors; Doug Black, Diane Braniff, and Bill Vernon. Doug Black was our past-president and I especially want to thank him for his last three years "at the helm".

Our 50th Anniversary show last year was a great

success, in spite of other plans that Mother Nature had in store for us. Unfortunately Sunday night was a wash out, but we overcame and came out pretty much unscathed none the less.

Although it is only February, our 51st show is just around the corner. The dates for this years show will be July 29, 30, 31, and August 1st. The feature for this years show will be Massey-Harris. We expect this to be a large exhibit of everything Massey. Hopefully you'll start thinking about what you can bring to assist with the Massey-Harris display.

Many of these shows operate with numerous volunteers, and our show is no different than others around the Province. We are always looking for volunteer help in various capacities. In the next newsletter we will be publishing a list of "jobs" and volunteers required for these jobs. They're not long hours, but you will gain great satisfaction knowing that you have contributed to the success of the show.

We are also hoping to have more weekend work bees, for those that cannot make the weekly work days. We are hoping that some can bring their

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trailers/RV's for the weekend, come have some fellowship and fun, while completing some much needed work tasks.

I look forward to working with everyone before, during and after the show. If you have any suggestions for our show, please let me, or any of the Directors know. If we don't know your thoughts or concerns, we don't know what changes may be needed.

Please don't forget our regular meetings, which will be held on the first Monday of EVERY month this year. The meetings are held in the basement of the Cookstown United Church, 37 Queen St, Cookstown (SW corner of Queen & Dufferin St.), beginning at 8:00pm. Tell a friend, or neighbour, and invite them to come along to a meeting, The cost is \$2.00 per person, and there is usually some wonderful treats/goodies supplied by Ellen Hickson, along with a coffee. Come and see what YOUR club is all about, and enjoy some fellowship with your friends/club members.

Also, do not forget to check our website www.steamshow.ca for updates throughout the year. If there is something you would like to see on our web page, let us know and we'll see if it can be done.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy, and successful 2016 year.

Regards, Wayne Lowdon

A Word from new 1st Vice, Gary Frampton

Hello Members,

I would like to take a moment and thank the previous board for all of their hard work. The last few years were very taxing as a board member, with all of the different hurdles that had to be overcome. The board stuck with it. So thanks to Dianne, Fred, Doug and Bill. Thanks Dianne for your years as Newsletter Editor and the hours you devoted to it. Thanks Fred for the time and equipment you made available to us over the years. A special thanks to Doug for helping deal with town politics as well as his numerous volunteer hours. Lets not forget Bill Vernon, who has done so much over the years that words cannot describe. As far as workdays, running around with advertising, getting sponsors and coming up with new ideas for trying to draw in more money. I personally

want to say to all of you... Thank You! Please don't go too far, we will still need your help.

Now, I would like to say Hi!

My name is Gary Frampton, I would like to let you know that the board has selected me as the new 1st Vice President. I have served on the board for the past five years and have been a member since I was about eight or ten years old. Having seen many changes in the club, I would say that we have all managed through it quite well.

However, with all of the new laws and guidelines, the operation of our show has become increasingly difficult to manage. I would personally ask on behalf of all of the regular volunteers that if you have time to spare, it would be greatly appreciated for you to come out and help the club. Work days are every Wednesday, but we are planning on organizing some Saturday work days this year as well. Anyone who is willing to volunteer, please contact our new volunteer coordinator Joanne White. Thank you Joanne for undertaking this important job.

Anyone that has any new ideas for our show weekend or for raising monies, please do not hesitate to contact any one of the board members. As I have said, times have changed, and we will require increased funding for various projects at present and in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings and at the show.

Kind Regards,
Gary Frampton, 1st Vice

Observations of a Past President

After three years as your President, I want to leave you with some observations of mine, and some possible guidance. As I have said many times in the past, we have reached a 'crossroads' in our journey. We celebrated 50 years as an organization, something that we should all be proud of. We have weathered many hardships and challenges over the years, and are surely to face more in the future. Unfortunately, the past has caught up with us in some instances, and it is now time to decide how our future is to unfold.

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Here is my first observation. Costs have steadily increased and the rules and regulations imposed on us have put us in a position where the status quo is no longer an option. We cannot continue to survive on one weekend of revenue per year. If we are to continue on, and grow, we must find new sources of revenue. To do this, we must complete the site plan of our property and install a second driveway at our grounds. Only then, may we get approval for other events.

Why do you ask? There must be access for Emergency Vehicles to enter our facilities, and our single driveway is simply too restrictive. The second driveway will be a large expense, but it will be worth it.

My small efforts brought in \$15,000 in revenue for very little expense. This was done by renting out the property for music events that lasted a few days and tied up the property for a week. We will never get permits approved for such an event again until the second driveway is completed. The town is familiar with our organization and are willing to help us as long as we put forth the effort to comply with the regulations and are transparent in the endeavours.

My next observation is that we are desperately short of volunteers. The current weekly volunteers are getting older and fewer. We need help. One suggestion has been to open up our camp grounds for members on the weekends leading up to the show so that they may stay and enjoy themselves while completing their respective tasks. This I believe would be helpful and with the right people organizing it, a lot of fun too.

When the founders wrote our constitution, they did so as a corporation. That was brilliant, and they deserve a lot of credit for doing so. The long and short of it is that, the Board of Directors have complete and unfettered control of the corporation. The members are only legally required to elect four Directors every year.

The Board must meet regularly, but the members only need to meet once per year at the annual general meeting. The Board has Director's Insurance to protect them from liability, and are required to make decisions that are good for the corporation. We must encourage our Directors to be brave and decisive, as it they who set the course for the future.

Finally, the last three years as President were challenging. I won't say it was all fun. Presidential duties actually prevented me from enjoying the show for the most part. I look forward to returning to the sawmill and doing what it is I enjoy. I haven't even bothered to bring a tractor for the last few years. Be kind to your President, the other officers and the Board of Directors. They are all volunteers and are doing their absolute best. If you see a problem, fix it if you can, or seek help from the Board before you begin criticizing. We are all on the same team.

Thank-you.

Doug Black (Former President)

Important Upcoming Dates

Please note that there was no regular meeting for the month of January. All regular meetings for 2016 are scheduled for 8:00pm at the United Church in Cookstown on the following dates:
February 1st, March 7th, April 4th, May, 2nd, June 6th.
July 11th, (No Regular Meeting for August),
September 12th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th.

Please Note: The United Church in Cookstown has been sold. As of yet, the board is unaware of how this will affect the club. If any changes occur, the news will be relayed to members immediately.

Directors Meetings for 2016 are scheduled for the following dates: February 8th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th, July 18th, August (No Meeting), September 19th, October 17th, November 14th, December 12th. The location and exact times for Directors Meetings will be given closer to the date.

Receive Your Newsletter through Email

If there are any members interested in receiving their club newsletter through email, please contact the editor so that you may be added to the electronic mailing list. Just like everything else, printing and postage costs are escalating. Please consider the option.

Final Report on the 2015 Feature

This year's tractor feature display was well supported, especially by Georgian Bay members. There were twenty-five steel wheeled tractors at the show. These were composed of nine different manufacturers, including some rare makes such as Sawyer-Massey, Heider and Goold Shapely and Muir.

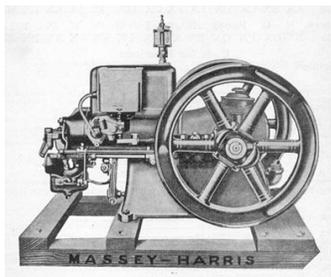
There were 135 garden tractors included in the display, six of which had loaders. Overall, thirty-two different manufacturers were represented. In addition to these garden tractors, was a wide array of implements for farming and gardening, built for these garden tractors.

Being our 50th Anniversary, we were pleased to feature one tractor, the Eagle owned by The Simcoe County Museum, and two engines, a Fairbanks Morse owned by Bill Windsor and a Massey Harris owned by Murray VanRassel that were all at our first show in 1965.

We awarded four plaques as part of the feature as follows:

- Oldest Steel Wheel Tractor - 1918 Beaver (Ron McEachern, Orangeville)
- Exhibitor Travelling the Greatest Distance (Joe Kautzman, Cynthia, Indiana, U.S.A)
- Oldest Garden Tractor - 1928 Centaur (Glen Finney, Hillsdale)
- Peoples Choice Garden Tractor - Gravely 424 Riding Tractor (John Denouden, Dornock)

After the feature for 2016 was announced I took the liberty of e-mailing George Gordon of the Massey Harris club to inform him that Massey Harris would be our 2016 feature. He responded, telling me that their club meeting would be held in October and that he would let his fellow members know about our feature.



It would be a good idea for the 2016 Feature Chairperson to touch base with George Gordon in the New Year. I might also suggest that the 2016 feature include Sawyer-Massey, Massey-Ferguson and as well as Ferguson, and be prominently promoted this way.

Floyd Tilson
2015 Feature Chairman

Have an Interest? Become a Chairperson!

At the January Director's Meeting the board began the process of updating their list of current Chairperson's. Keeping in mind that the demographics of our membership is aging at an alarming rate, the board has asked for members to come forward and become Chairpersons.

What positions are available you might ask? **ALL OF THEM!** If you are a member and have a specific interest pertaining to the club, the board invites you to embrace that interest and put it to work in developing our show. Many Chair positions are already filled, but this makes little difference, "Co-Chairs" are required to assist with the responsibilities and learn how the Chairperson operates so that the "torch can be passed on" and the show may continue to run smoothly.

Case in point: A long serving Chairperson recently passed away weeks before show time, leaving the club in a panic to organize their activity/area. Having a Co-Chair will not only spread out the workload for our current volunteers, it will also ensure that the knowledge of how our show and the positions within it operate is passed on.

So please, whether you are young or old, a seasoned member or have just recently joined, contact a Director and let them know what you are interested in and how you could possibly help. They will put you in contact with the right people. The offer is open!

- Your Board

Lots of "Old Stuff" in Video Format

The World Wide Web has plenty to offer collectors as well as those with a general interest in the bygone era. For those with Internet access, the website www.youtube.com has thousands of videos related to our fine hobby. If there is something you have heard about but have never seen, chances are you will find it on Youtube.

In fact, if you visit Youtube and type in "Georgian Bay Steam Show", over thirty videos turn up featuring our show. Another great video to see is "Plowing Tug Hill". Nearly lost, it was spliced together from old film reels by long time member Ross Calder. Ross worked for Fink Snowplows, and did a great job preserving this old film. Be sure to check it out.

Cookstown's Light Up Night

It was cool and damp on the night of Cookstown's annual 'Light Up Night', but there was still a very good turn out of floats and spectators. Our club was able to muster three floats for the event. Bill Vernon pulled the people mover with the Innisfil Council on it (Approximately 8 people). Thank-you to Deputy Mayor Lynn Dollin for helping to organize this. The club's threshing machine was in the parade, pulled by Fred.

Donald Duck was wandering the streets, passing out candies to the little ones with Grace. Frosty the Snowman, fully equipped with corncob pipe and corn broom was also in attendance. It appears that they had plenty of fun!

Lawrence Vendrum from Barrie had his Fireman's Bar-Bee-Q. (Lawrence owns The Butcher Shop on Cundles Rd. E in Barrie). Thanks Lawrence.

Thanks to Ray & Grace, Murray, Fran, Josh, Shirley, Louis & Joy, Keith, Ken & Elaine, Eileen, and Ellen for putting on the lunch prior to the parade. I hope I didn't miss anyone...

In all there were about twenty-two floats in the parade. Kim from the Chamber of Commerce deserves a very special thanks for her great job in organizing this event.

Thank-you so much.

- Fred Priest

Help Needed in Locating Club Members

Membership Chair Eileen Stephens requires your help in identifying the current status and location of two honorary members, Wally Bonderchuk of Elmvale and John Adam Wilkinson of Tottenham. The contact information we have on file for these two individuals is out of date as recent club postage sent to them has been returned. The club no longer knows the current address for these members or if they are living or deceased. If any members know the current status and location of these individuals, we would appreciate it if you contact Eileen Stephens so that she may update the club records.

The contact information we have on file currently is as follows:

Wally Bonderchuk
P.O. Box 3069
Elmvale, Ontario
L0L 1P0

John Adam Wilkinson
6007 4th Line
Tottenham, Ontario
L0G 1W0

Any help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

- Eileen Stephens (Membership Chair)
(705) 252 – 3235

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – October 2015

- The 'Light up Night' in Cookstown has been scheduled for November 13th. A gathering at the club grounds beforehand for chili, coffee, etc has been planned. Departure for the show will be at 8:00pm approximately.
- Fred Priest had an update on the possible bus trip to George Tackaburry's near Kingston. It was suggested the trip be extended to two days in length and scheduled for May.
- Ray Cook spoke about the car show. Considering the weather, attendance was down. Things went well overall, however a few changes could be made in the future. Ray thanked all those who helped out in any way. A financial report on the Car Show is to follow shortly.
- Our Banquet brought the club a profit of \$349.50
- One minute of silence was held for long time member Ross Calder and valued participant and volunteer Aaron Kates.
- One minute of silence was also had in honour of our brave soldiers and veterans.
- Members were sorry to hear that Bruce Wilson had recently suffered a stroke.
- Attendance for the meeting was 63. The 50/50 Draw generated \$68.00. The lucky winner of \$34.00 was Roy Hastings.

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Regular Meeting - December 2015

- For Christmas, our December Regular Meeting door admission will be donated to a local needy family.
- A set of bleachers has gone missing from near the planning mill. If anyone knows their whereabouts, please contact a Director.
- Correspondence from Laurel Williams was received regarding "Miniature's in Motion Acres". This club is looking for land in which to put on horse clinics once or twice a year. The board will investigate this matter further.
- More functions at our show grounds has been suggested. A one day agricultural flea market in May and a Fall Competition Ploughing Day have been considered.
- Steel barrels are needed at the show grounds. If members have any they are willing to part with, the club would love to have them.
- It has been decided that the plaque in memory of Ted Branniff will be placed on our feature building.
- Bill Vernon has offered to store the remaining 50th Anniversary Books for the club.
- Our Anniversary book has brought in \$1831.40, approximately 30% of its cost to date.
- Bill Vernon spoke about the wood carving that took place at our show. After selling the plaques at \$50.00 per piece and paying the wood carver, this venture made the club \$435.01. Thank-you Bill.
- Happy Birthday to Fred Priest and Lisa Frampton as well as others who celebrate a birthday in December.
- The car show at our grounds made a profit of \$633.72. Thank-you to Ray Cook and others who participated in anyway.
- Thanks to Tom Cobo for the birthday cake, and to those who brought all the goodies. Thanks for all of the additional items brought for our draw.
- Overall attendance for the December Regular Meeting was 44. The 50/50 draw generated a total of \$65.00. The Lucky winner of \$32.50 was Tom Cobo. (Tom asked for his winnings to be added to the door admission which is being given to needy family) Thanks Tom.
- Murray reported that our meeting generated \$125.50 for the needy family (\$93.00 from the door, plus the \$32.50 from Tom)

- A very special thanks to Wayne Lowdon, Dave Julian, Roy Hastings, Loretta McQuarrie, Evelyn Elmer and John Wiederhold for supplying the great music to complete year.

Directors Meeting - December 2015

- The board voted amongst themselves to form the new executive. Our new officers are, Wayne Lowdon (President), Gary Frampton (1st Vice), Keith Williams (2nd Vice), Shirley Corbyn (Secretary), Pat Abernethy (Treasurer)
- Outgoing President Doug Black spoke on behalf of our club, wishing it and its new executive all the best in the future. He turned the gavel over to our new President Wayne Lowdon.
- Bruce Buckle has offered to donate his Edger to the club. This will be discussed and if interested will contact Ruth and Steve McCabe.
- Ed Helmich's portable engine was discussed. It was damaged at the 2015 show. Repairs totaled \$465.00 plus tax (\$525.45)
- The club is in need of a copier/printer. It would be very handy to have on site.
- Susan Bowes inquired about some of our anniversary books for the Innisfil Library. It was suggested we give them one copy and after that they may purchase additional copies for the \$23.00 sales price. A copy should also be given to the Town Hall perhaps?

Club Memberships

Please do not forget to pay your annual membership fee! Your membership must be paid in order to continue receiving your newsletter and your ribbons for the upcoming show.

If you have any concerns Membership Chair Eileen Stephens can be reached by phone at 705-252-3235. Otherwise, please send your information, accompanied with a cheque by mail to:

Eileen Stephens
1 Peartree Court
Barrie, Ontario
L4N 2N7

- Thank-you.

Newsletter Update

Well, Mother Nature took her time, but the winter weather finally made its appearance. I am not sure how other members deal with the coming winter in relation to their collections, but as a tractor collector I make a point to drain the water out of my machines right around Thanksgiving. Little did I know that I still had another two months in which to fool around with my old tractors. Better to be safe than sorry I guess! Although most collections are tucked away at this time of year, for many the winter months are when collectors barricade themselves in their drive sheds, garages or basements, tinkering with their latest project... or projects.

This brings me to my point. Do you have a funny or interesting story about a restoration project of yours (past or present). A story about how your collecting craze started? A story about how the stars aligned and you landed that prized piece in your collection? Or, perhaps a story about the one that got away? Collectors are a strange bunch and so I would love it if members came forward and shared their tales. In relation to this, if you are looking for a project or wish to get rid of one, remember that our classified section is free of charge, so try to make use of it. Have fun!

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Jeff Blaney – Newsletter Editor

Looking for Lumber?

Recently a fellow member approached the Board of Directors inquiring if they may purchase lumber from the club. Believing that this business should be made public to the rest of the membership, the Board is making a general inquiry (open to all) about the sale of the lumber. The club is in possession of various sizes, lengths and quality of lumber, some of which it is willing to part with.

If you, or someone you know is interested, please contact Director Keith Williams (705) 730 - 3856 for details.

Thank-you.

Like Kids? Here's A Job for You!

GBSAGA Member Brenda Atkins is looking for an individual to take over the "Kids Corner" at our annual show.

In case you haven't heard, there is an opportunity to head up the kids activities. My sister and I have decided to step down and try something new. We have been entertaining the kids visiting our show for at least eight years now. If you are concerned about supplies, there is no need to worry, as there are plenty

of games and such stored away in the souvenir booth for you to make use of. If there is anyone that is interested in assuming this rewarding activity, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Brenda Atkins
519-371-9572

Classified Advertisements

Are you a member with an item you wish to buy, sell or trade? Contact the Editor and have your advertisement placed here for free!

For Sale:

25hp Fairbanks Morse "Y" Horizontal (1921)
Mounted on a frame with steel wheels. Meticulously restored. Looking for a really good home.
Contact: Paul Jordan (416) 346 – 4953

Wanted:

Two 8.3 x 24 Tractor Tires
Contact Bruce King (519) 821 – 2496
tinmanbruce@gmail.com

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Other:

Gerber Auctions is holding an Auction Sale, which is to be held south of Wellesley on Saturday February 13th for Bert & Naomi Frey and Ron and Pauline Weber. Items of interest include approximately 200+ 1/16th scale farm toys, including tractors, combines, threshing machines, cars and trucks. Three small gas engines are also for sale. Full listing and details available.

Obituaries

We are sorry to report the passing of club member Gord Dowding. Gord passed away on Wednesday December 16th/2015 at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, one day short of his 88th birthday. Gord was a long time member of the club (since 1970), devoting much time to the store operations. Beginning by helping Huey McCrindle at the show in Beeton, Gord eventually took over the store, operating it with his many helpers. Gord eventually retired from the store but always loved to help out, continuing to assist customers and visitors in recent years. He was a wealth of knowledge and was very pleasant to deal with. He will be missed by so many.

We are sorry to report that club member Robert Price passed away on December 13th/2015.

We are sorry to report the passing of club member Marion Fielding. Marion passed away on October 17th/2015 at the age of 83.



Our condolences go out to the following members:

Andrew Webb, on the passing of his Mother, January 8th/2016.

Fred Priest, on the passing of his Sister, January 25th/2016.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these individuals and their family.

The Windrow

A certain father who is fond of putting his boys through natural history examinations is often surprised by their mental agility. He recently asked them to tell him "what creature is satisfied with the least nourishment?" ... "The moth!" one of them shouted confidently. "It eats nothing but holes."

A stout woman drove up to a filling station.

"I want two quarts of oil," she said.

"What kind, heavy?" answered the attendant.

"Say, young man, don't you get fresh with me," was the indignant response.

Did you know?

In 1923 alone, Ford Motor Company appointed 432 new authorized dealers in the United States, bringing their total number up to 9,448. There were also an approximate 22,000 Ford Service Stations at this time. In foreign markets, Ford had 3,800 authorized dealers and 7,000 Service Stations.

On May 27th 1924, Edwin C. Nichols, President of the Nichols and Shepard Company, died at age 84. Mr. Nichols was a patriarch of the thresher business, having been associated with his company since 1860 and President since 1891. Nichols and Shepard was founded in Battle Creek Michigan in 1848 by the deceased's late father, John Nichols and David Shepard. These men died in 1891 and 1904 respectively.

**Remember the Upcoming 2016 Feature
Get Your Massey Harris Equipment
Ready!**

