

GEORGIAN BAY

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Steam Auto Gas & Antiques Inc.

September 2016 Newsletter

Cookstown, Ontario

2016 SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS!

ANNUAL BANQUET OCTOBER 1ST - GET YOUR TICKETS

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS COMING SOON - BE SURE TO VOTE

A Word from our President, Wayne Lowdon...

WOW, what an excellent show we had this year!!!

The attendance was fantastic, and Mother Nature cooperated with great weather too!

I would like to thank the board of directors, the executive, advertising, chairpersons, volunteers, members, exhibitors, spectators and everyone else for all their hard work, efforts, and support, to put the show together, and make it a successful one.

Thank you as well to everyone who helped prior to, and after the show, with setting up, taking down and putting things away.

There are so many people to thank, as it takes many people to make this show happen, and run smoothly. So a HUGE "Thank-you" to you all.

Our Massey display was excellent, and much appreciated. A big thanks to Ken and Dorothy Leatherdale, and Anson McQuarrie for arranging a wonderful Massey feature. A special thanks to all those who brought items to contribute to the feature this

year.

Thank you to Ray Cook and all the volunteers and helpers for organizing and hosting the Saturday night Thresherman's Pork Supper. The supper went over very well, and was enjoyed by all. Out of 150 tickets, there were only 15 not sold. Congratulations on a job well done by all.

We were fortunate with good weather on Sunday evening, to allow the OTTPA sanctioned truck and tractor pull to run. From all accounts, the bleachers were full of spectators. Thank you to all the businesses, and individuals who made donations and sponsored a specific class or classes of pull. Your generosity and support are much appreciated for this event.

Once again, the campground was filled with lots of trailers. Thank you to Shirley Corbyn, Mary McCabe and helpers for arranging and situating the campers. This is not an easy task getting everyone onto their sites but these individuals accomplished all of this very well. Congratulations to all of our trophy winners this year.

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G.B.S.A.G.A.

Newsletter Update

Once again, another Georgian Bay Steam Show has come to pass. As both a participant and spectator, I considered this year's show to be a great success. The crowds were large, the displays were plentiful, and the weather was on our side. I was most impressed by the fantastic feature display put on by members Ken Leatherdale and Anson McQuarrie. There was quite a bit to see.

In case you did not notice, for the vast majority of you the updated club logo has finally appeared on your newsletter envelope. When I took over the Newsletter Editor position from Diane Braniff, I was given a "kit" including thousands of club envelopes from me to use. I finally ran low, and having to order more, I made certain to put the updated logo on them. While this isn't a major advancement, as an organization it is important that we remain both current as well as relevant to our purpose. Enjoy your newsletter.

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All of your hard efforts preparing your exhibits, vehicles, tractors, and engines for the show did not go un-noticed. Do not forget to come to the annual banquet on October 1st to receive your recognition, plaque and enjoy some fellowship over supper, with friends and family.

The annual banquet will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford. If you wish to purchase tickets for the banquet, please contact Pat Abernethy (905) 729-2773 or Shirley Corbyn (705) 357-2531.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the banquet.

Regards, Wayne Lowdon

A Word from Club Secretary, Shirley Corbyn

Hi Members!

I wanted to start by expressing many thanks to all of those who helped me out in various ways for our show. Camping, camping stake out, headquarters, registration, etc. Thank-you to these many volunteers. A big thanks goes out to Norm McLean for supplying my "Gator".

Our Old Time Store was held in the rear half of the large tent this year, while crafts and other vendors were placed inside the building. This change seemed to work out very well.

Our annual banquet will be held in Bradford at St. John's Presbyterian Church (2940 10th Sideroad). Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbour with you. This is a great evening for fellowship and stories – good or bad. Tickets are a must in order to gain entry. You may purchase a ticket from Pat Abernethy or myself.

Again, a "fun draw" will take place at the banquet, so if you wish to donate items it would be greatly appreciated. I hope to see you there. It truly is a fabulous evening.

Last, but certainly not least, many thanks to all of our current workers and volunteers that put on this years show. But, let us not forget all of the workers and volunteers from the past, for it was their hard work and dedication that helped build our show into what it is today.

Take care. See you at the banquet.

Sincerely, Shirley Corbyn (Secretary)

Feature Chairs Thankful for Support

After organizing a fabulous "Everything Massey" display Feature Chair's Ken Leatherdale and Anson McQuarrie wish to thank all of those who contributed in any way with this year's feature. The efforts made by club members, volunteers, and exhibitors are all very much appreciated. We could not have done it without you! Thank-you all!

- Ken Leatherdale & Anson McQuarrie

2016 Trophy Winners

Kitchen Trophy (Best Restored Steam Engine)
Frank Hume - 1913 Sawyer Massey Traction Engine

Hutchinson Bros. Trophy (Outside Steam Traction Engine Model) NO ENTRY

G.B. Muir Trophy (Best Restored Gas Tractor)
Ken Leatherdale - 1941 Massey Harris 201

Georgian Bay Trophy (Best General Interest Tractor, 1957 & up)
Leonard King - 1964 Massey Ferguson

Shanty Bay Golf Club Trophy (Best Steel Lug Gas & Oil Tractor, up to 1947)
Ralph Scholten - 1938 John Deere

Ralph Mertz Memorial Trophy (Best Tractor, 1948-1956)
Phil & Betty Brett - 1956 Ferguson TO

Howard Haynes Trophy (Best Restored Gas Engine 3hp & under)
Mike Unwin - 3hp Massey Harris

McCabe Trophy (Best Restored Gas Engine 4hp & up)
Chris Craig - 5hp Lister

Clint Truax Trophy (Best Car, 1926-1940)
* To be announced.

Harris Steel Trophy (Best Restored Car, up to 1925)
NO ENTRY

General Interest Trophy (For Car 1941 & up)
Don Philp - 1960 Pontiac

Georgian Bay Trophy (Inside Showcase Display)
Diane Bell - Display of Iron Collection

Georgian Bay Trophy (Small Farm Antiques)
Frank Jansen - Old Hand Drills, Water Pumps, etc.

Junior Effort - Georgian Bay Trophy
Cameron Goss - 2hp DeLeval

McKnight Memorial Trophy (Best Restored John Deere Tractor)
Dennis Casey - John Deere LA

General Interest Trophy
Ken Leatherdale (1896 Massey Harris Lady's Bicycle)

Bill Pellet Memorial Trophy
Shawn Pinkey - 1954 Copar Panzer T205 Garden Tractor

Earl Rowe Trophy (A special award given to a club member for outstanding contributions to the club)

Junior Achievement & Scholarship Award

* These last two awards are to be announced and presented at our club banquet.

A Steam Show "Parade" Thank-You

Thank-you to all who participated in our 51st annual parade. We had four days of great weather, which made for a fantastic parade.

Thank-you to President Wayne Lowdon, Ed and Brian, our announcers. Thank-you to Fred who helped with the organizing, as well as Marlene and Loretta who made sure everyone had a parade card. Your help is much appreciated.

Carol Warner (Parade Marshall)

Show Pictures Wanted

After such a successful show, the Board is seeking photographs so that our club archives may be updated. If there is anyone willing to donate copies of photographs they took at this year's show, please contact any one of the Directors.

Thank-you for your help.

- Your Board.

Tractor Collecting Makes for Fun Detective Work “The Minneapolis Mystery”

Apart from exceptionally rare tractors, the history of tractor production is pretty well documented. Unfortunately, once these fine machines left the factory, the fields they tilled, the equipment they powered and the people that operated them are often total mysteries. I myself have been able to document the complete history of just two tractors in my collection, the others only partially. These cases are never closed but remain ongoing as new leads arise and information slowly reveals itself.

Currently I am trying to solve the mystery of the newest addition to my collection, a 1929 Minneapolis 27-42 (S.N. 10818), built by The Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company of Hopkins, Minnesota. I am aware of its two previous owners, but am seeking to learn who may have owned the tractor prior to this. Here is what I know at this point in time.

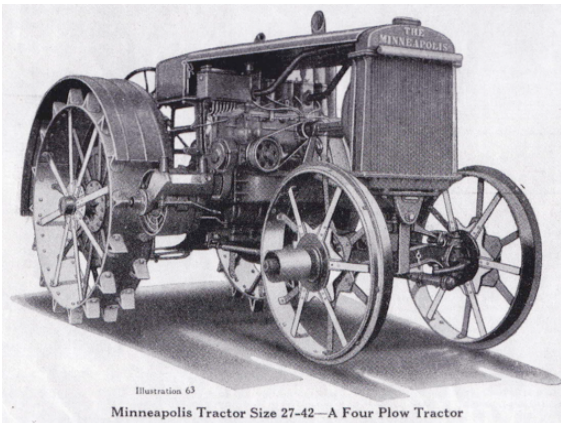


Illustration 63
Minneapolis Tractor Size 27-42—A Four Plow Tractor

This tractor was formerly owned by well-known collector Sherwood Hume of Milton, Ontario. According to Sherwood's family, the tractor was purchased from the late Kent Gibson of Dundee, New York during the late 1960's. Gibson brought the tractor to the first Western New York Steam & Gas Association Show in Alexander, NY, where Sherwood and his wife Gladys trucked it home.

According to Dave Shearns of Marion, New York, Gibson owned approximately three of these crossmotor Minneapolis tractors at one point, however which of these is now mine is difficult to say. The very best of these three Shearns remembers was on cut down steel, which he recalls Gibson converting back to full steel. Interestingly enough, there is evidence on my tractor that the rear steel was

removed/exchanged at some point. Shearns stated that Gibson never traveled too far to acquire items for his collection, believing that this Minneapolis would have been a native New York or Pennsylvanian tractor. As of now, where Gibson found my tractor I cannot determine.

Having shared my mystery with fellow collectors on the online discussion forum *Smokstak*, I came into contact with a man named Ed Christian of Cogan Station, Pennsylvania. As a young boy Christian remembers the late Kent Gibson, the late John Ritter and his late father working on a crossmotor Minneapolis in Loganton, Pennsylvania, a small village located off of I-80, just south of the Williamsport area. Christian believes this was my tractor, but I have no way of confirming this.

I am hoping that whoever reads this may have information for me, or at least a new lead. Perhaps you or someone you know was close to Sherwood Hume or Kent Gibson and remember hearing details about my tractor. Gibson owned this tractor 50 plus years ago, resulting in many elderly collectors either forgetful or deceased. I am hoping someone out there still knows something about where my tractor resided prior to Gibson purchasing it. Regardless of the outcome, my venture has been very rewarding. Having the opportunity to speak with tractor collectors from across North America has been a real pleasure. After all, this hobby is not just about the tractors, but the people you meet and what you learn along the way.

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Post Show Financials

Please find enclosed with your Newsletter a copy of the post show financials. This statement presents both the expenses and income related to various activities carried out prior to and during our show. Also included is an overall differential of these values. There are still some bills and income to be reported so these numbers are subject to change.

Thank you.
Pat Abernethy (Treasurer)

Club Memberships

Are you 70+ years old and been a member in good standing for 10 years or more? If you have answered yes to these two questions you qualify as an "Honourary Member". Contact Membership Chair Eileen Stephens and have your membership status updated.

For all of our other members, 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
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- Thank-you.

Them Loonies Add Up!

After many months of preparation and long hours over the course of our show weekend, Loonie Draw Chair Shari Dunn wishes to thank all of those who helped her in organizing and operating this years Loonie Draw.

The draw itself is dependent on hundreds of donations from members as well as a few larger prizes to draw in the crowds. Thank-you to all who contributed to our draw. The Loonie Draw does not operate by itself either, requiring volunteers to manage the table and draws. Thank-you to those who volunteered their time as well as Joanne White our club's Volunteer Coordinator who allocated individuals for this event.



Over all, the Loonie Draw was quite successful, bringing in \$1492.04 over the weekend. All of those who helped with this event should be proud of themselves and their success as a group.

Thank-you!

Shari Dunn (Loonie Draw Chair)

Diamond Milestone

Unfortunately, in today's age we do not hear of numbers like this too often anymore. Georgian Bay Members, Ray and Gail Synnott recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary this past August. Everyone within G.B.S.A.G.A. congratulates you on this accomplishment and wishes the two of you the very best for the future.



Important Upcoming Dates

Our club banquet will be held October 1st/2016 in Bradford at St. John's Presbyterian Church (2940 10th Sideroad). You must have a ticket for admission. To purchase a ticket please contact Pat Abernethy (905) 729-2773 or Shirley Corbyn (705) 357-2531.

Our annual election will be held on Monday November 7th at the Cookstown United Church at 8:00pm.

All regular meetings for 2016 are scheduled for 8:00pm at the United Church in Cookstown on the following dates: September 12th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th.

Directors Meetings for 2016 are scheduled for the following dates: September 19th, October 17th, November 14th, December 12th. The location and exact times for Directors Meetings will be given closer to the date.

Obituaries

We are sorry to report that Duncan Moore passed away this May. Duncan was President for a short term in 1993 and was a Director for many years.

We are sorry to report that Ray Bowering passed away this June. Ray joined our club in 2003 and enjoyed every minute of our show.

We are sorry to report the passing of Russ Somerville this July. Russ was a long time member, having joined our club in 1975. Russ was proud of his 1924 Model T Doctor's Coupe, which he rebuilt over several years. It was often referred to as a "basket case". Russ will certainly be missed.

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

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:

Gas Engines For Sale

Complete collection being offered. Engines will be available on choice. Many restored, some require restoration. Various makes and models ranging in size from 1-1/2hp to 6hp. I am retiring and have decided to sell.

Call for further information (After 6:00 pm)

Contact: Glen Kirton (Bracebridge) 705-645-8072

A. Variety of Lumber, including Pine, Cherry, Basswood, Oak, Red Oak and Maple. Ranging in size from 1" – 4" thick and 4" – 10" wide.

B. Atlas Steel Lathe, 36" Bed. Comes with lots of cutting tools.

C. Cabinet full of assorted mechanical/woodworking hand and bench tools.

D. Electric Motors (with small gear box attached)

Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ hp.

3/8" to 1-7/16"), (open ended 3/8" to 1-1/4"), ratchet and socket sets (1/4", 3/8", 1/2" drive)

E. Shop Equipment: Drill Press, Grinders, 14" Chopsaw, Vices (2"-5"), wrenches (12 point box end,

For details, Contact: Fred Priest 705-728-7649

Wanted:

Early Minneapolis-Moline Literature, including sales catalogues, brochures, manuals, or other unique company collectibles. Twin City, Minneapolis Threshing Machine Co. and Moline Plow Co. preferred.

Contact: Jeff Blaney (905) 729-4461
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The Windrow

"That young bride worships her husband, doesn't she?"

"You bet, she places burnt offerings before him three times a day!"

Did you know?

In June of 1924, a meeting was held within the U.S. Department of Commerce, Division of Simplified Practice to reduce the variety of hacksaw blades. It was found that among 15 manufacturers (representing 60% of US output) there were 460 different varieties as to the sizes offered. It was also found that 95% of consumer demand came from just 47 of these sizes.

In September of 1923, the Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company worked out a contract to accept wheat in payment for Allis Chalmers tractors and implements. Allis Chalmers would purchase storage receipts at \$1.00 per bushel for No.1 Dark Hard Wheat, and allow up to 10% above the current market price for lower grades. Allis Chalmers would accept no more than 800 bushels for their 20-35 tractor, 500 bushels for their 15-25 tractor or 250 bushels for their LaCrosse implements.

Cop: Hey! Where are you going? Don't you know this is a one-way street?

Stranger: Well, I'm only going one way, ain't I?