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Steam Auto Gas & Antiques Inc.

April 2017 Newsletter

Cookstown, Ontario

G.B.S.A.G.A. CELEBRATES MARCH BIRTHDAY OTTPA PULL A MATTER OF DEBATE

A Word from our newly elected President, Gary Frampton...

Hello fellow members,

I would like to begin by introducing myself. My name is Gary Frampton, and I am the elected President for this year. I must say that it is a real honour to hold this position. Thank-you. Regarding our show, I would like to let everyone know that "*Spring is Here*", so please, get your International toys out and ready for what is shaping up to be a great upcoming show.

With so much happening this year, I would like to make a personal request for volunteers to step forward. It is you the volunteers that make our show, and without you, our show would quickly grind to a halt. We require a number of people for various activities before, during and after our show weekend. If you can spare some time, please let us know.

The plan for this year is to fill the schedule and get our patrons involved as much as possible. Give them a quick lesson and allow them to learn about the types of activities being carried by you or others. For example, if you have a display in the Gas Engine section, take the

time to interact with the crowd. Peak their interest or curiosity. Children are always interested. Engage them, take them for a ride if you can! Explain what your demonstration was used for and when. **KIDS ARE OUR FUTURE.** Get them to pick up a wrench and put down their phone for a while.

If there is anyone out there looking after a section of the show and are feeling overwhelmed or need help, please contact a board member, we are here to help in any way possible. As it is Canada's 150th Birthday year, I would like to hear from you how we could help celebrate. Please contact one of the board members regarding this.

Also, if you have a suggestion to help improve the show, please bring it to the board. We are open-minded, and in any case, the show belongs to all of us. All ideas are welcome.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a safe journey. I can't wait to see you at the show!

Cheers!

- Gary W. Frampton (President, G.B.S.A.G.A.)

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

Past President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to the past executive, board of directors, membership and everyone else for their support during my time as your President. It has been great to work with everyone during the past year, and to witness the success of this club and show. I hope everyone will continue supporting the new executive and board of directors, as we move forward in the coming years. Do not forget, this is YOUR organization. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please forward them along, as your input helps to provide planning for the show, and the future of this club.

At this time, I wish to extend my thanks to Norm McLean for filling in for the one year director's position, and for all your input and time spent on the show. As well, we welcome back three of our previous directors; Shirley Corbyn, Gordon McQuarrie and Murray Ross. I'd also like to welcome our newest director, James Few.

Since the election of the new executive could not be held until the January board meeting, I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to Keith Williams, who served as 2nd Vice President, and who spent many countless hours and provided much input for our club and show.

I would like to congratulate our new President, Gary Frampton, 1st Vice President Lisa Frampton and 2nd Vice President James Few. We also welcome back our secretary Shirley Corbyn and Treasurer Pat Abernethy.

Our December meeting was a wonderful wrap-up for the 2016 year. We sang Christmas Carols and enjoyed lots of Christmas goodies. Thank you to all of the musicians, and everyone who brought their favourite treats.

Again, many thanks to all, for the dedication and support you gave me in 2016. I will continue my role as a director, and look forward to working with, and encouraging our new executive.

Lets all help to make another successful year, and bring prosperity for the club.

Regards,
Wayne Lowdon.

OTTPA Pull Plagued by Long Standing Issues

For some time now, multiple problematic issues have surrounded the organization and operation of the *Ontario Truck and Tractor Pulling Association* (OTTPA) modified truck and tractor pull on the Sunday evening of our show. For G.B.S.A.G.A, the major point of concern revolves around the overall profitability of the event. Interconnected with this however, is the matter of entrance fees and admission procedures, sponsorship as well as the entertainment value of the pull. Combined, they create a dilemma for the present board and chairpersons involved. The question is, will the pull continue in future years, and if so how do we overcome the issues mentioned above? The February regular meeting became rather heated as the future of the OTTPA pull was brought up for yet another discussion. Members should become educated on the subject and feel free to offer recommendations regarding the matter. This article attempts to provide a brief and unbiased look into the issues at hand.

Problem number one is that presently no one within G.B.S.A.G.A. knows the actual net profit (or loss) of the OTTPA Pull. Considering the amount of money required to host the OTTPA, (approximately \$10,000, which includes prize money, sled rental and promoters package) as well as the tremendous efforts involved in the planning of the event, our club has yet to determine whether it is a profitable venture or not.

Central to this issue is entrance fees and admission procedures. Put simply, who is actually paying to see the pull and how as an organization do we determine this? While the bleachers appear full each year on the Sunday evening, an indicator that the pull is popular among spectators, this is not representative of its profitability. There is uncertainty as to how many of those individuals are club members that do not pay regular admission, are campers that have paid a flat rate for the weekend, or are spectators that paid admission earlier in the day to experience our regular daytime activities. At present there is no way of knowing who these spectators are, where they came from and subsequently the actual contributions the pull generates for our admission revenue.

In order to accurately record the number of spectators and revenue generated, the pull track and

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pulling spectator area would have to be fenced off, and accompanied by an admission gate. Spectators wishing to watch the pull would be charged a nominally higher fee than regular admission and be given a specialized ticket or wrist band providing them entrance into the fenced off pull track and spectator area. Those entering at our main gate wishing to watch the pull would pay this amount in full, while those who had entered the grounds earlier in the day would simply pay the difference in admission prices at the second admission gate. Such a system has been discussed, but regrettably finding volunteers to set up and manage such a system appears to be the major downfall. It has also been thought that the current admission prices being charged by G.B.S.A.G.A. for admission into the grounds and pull are grossly undervalued when compared to other local festivals hosting similar OTTPA events. Altogether, it is hard to pass judgment on this particular event when no concrete numbers exist in which to review.

The second problem is competition over advertising dollars amongst different circles within our club. As mentioned previously, the OTTPA pull costs our organization on average \$10,000 annually. To cover these costs, we offer local businesses the chance to sponsor the event, with different packages that vary in price. This sponsorship generates approximately \$6500 annually. While this is a significant amount, it has been recognized by some that the OTTPA pull is being deprived of additional sponsorship dollars that may otherwise have been awarded to it. This is caused by a lack of cooperation amongst the different groups within our club seeking sponsorship for their specific G.B.S.A.G.A. event. As an example, one group within our club may approach a local business regarding sponsorship for their event, yet refuse to make known the OTTPA pull as an option for that business.

With options limited, the business would typically sponsor whichever group reaches them first, making it awkward for other groups, such as those involved with the OTTPA pull to approach that same business a second time looking for funds. In theory, each business should be approached by our organization just once and be given all of the sponsorship options (including costs) in one neat package. Based on the nature of the business, our needs, and what space is still available, the business could then be directed towards a specific G.B.S.A.G.A. show event. Until we begin to work

together and a uniform method of attracting sponsorship is developed, the rat race for sponsorship dollars will continue, which is of no benefit to show events seeking outside funding or our club as a whole.

Finally, there is the issue of the "entertainment value" the OTTPA pull offers. The pull may not be entertaining to some, however there are many who find it to be the highlight of their weekend. There is no debate that the OTTPA pull draws in a spectrum of the general public. Many are not collectors, but have a keen interest in pulling or simply have an appreciation of things mechanical. In any case, the pull attracts spectators who may not have attended our show otherwise. Do we view the pull as a supplement for our more traditional antique displays, that is, something entertaining used to attract a wider audience and enhance our show? Or, is it viewed strictly as a moneymaker? While we would all love for every event at our show to be profitable, this is far from the case. Does entertainment value count for anything? Based on your viewpoint, the profitability of the pull may not be a concern.

Associated with this is the influx of spectators and their relation to the performance of our vendors. There is no doubt that vendors benefit financially from the added number of spectators. G.B.S.A.G.A. has even tried to capitalize on this situation by selling corn, water, memorabilia, etc. by the track. Once again, how is the pull viewed? Does it serve our vendors, the club or both?

To complicate things further, our show competes with several other festivals on the Civic Ling Weekend. If the pull were to be discontinued, the OTTPA may easily find another host making it difficult for our organization to re-schedule it in the future. Our decision could be lasting.

In closing, what has been described provides just a glimpse into a much more detailed issue. The present board, chairpersons and regular members will have to work diligently in order to resolve the dilemma's outlined. Hard facts will be required before any fair and reasonable decision is made regarding the future of the pull. Inevitably, the question will arise, is the importance of show events based solely on their profitability or what and who they bring to our show over the course of the weekend? There is a balance that needs to be found between these factors, a compromise that will be difficult to determine.

ATTENTION Membership Fee's Past Due!

All members, please do not forget to pay your annual membership fee! Your membership must be paid in full and on an annual basis order to continue receiving your newsletter and your ribbons for the upcoming show. There are numerous individuals with membership that has lapsed.

For those whose membership has lapsed, you must renew on or before the May regular meeting (May 1st) or you will lose your G.B.S.A.G.A. privileges.

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.

Important Upcoming Dates

All regular meetings for the 2017 year are scheduled for 8:00pm on the following dates: April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th, July 10th, September 11th, October 2nd, November 6th & December 4th. All of the Regular Meetings will be held at the Bond Head Community Hall.

Directors Meetings for 2017 are scheduled for the following dates and will be located at our club grounds: April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 17th, Show Weekend, September 18th, October 16th, November 13th & December 11th.

Canada's 150th – Ideas Wanted

This July 1st (Canada Day) will mark 150 years for our great country. In conjunction with the many other Canada Day celebrations taking place, G.B.S.A.G.A. is eager to take part in this landmark occasion. The board of directors is interested to hear from the membership regarding any possible activities our organization can

take part in leading up to, during and after Canada Day.

Being that Canada Day falls before our annual show, G.B.S.A.G.A. has the ability to attend other local Canada Day events. By attending other gatherings, we can add value to these events, gain ideas for our own show and use these events as an advertising opportunity as well. If there is a Canada Day event near you that you feel we should attend, please make the board aware.

In terms of our own show, distinct musical groups, displays, activities or personalities that pertain to anything "Canada" are welcome. Possibilities include flying the 150th Anniversary Flag, inviting a Town Crier, Historical Re-enactors, etc. Canada Day and our own show will be here before you know it, so be on the lookout for any opportunities.

-Your Board

Longtime Volunteer at Regular Meetings Stepping Down

President Gary Frampton, Executive, and fellow members of the Georgian Bay Steam Show, after 26 years of taking care of the lunch at our monthly meetings, it is with regret and sadness that I (Ellen Hickson) am having to resign. After a health scare at Christmas time I am feeling that I must make some changes. I have always enjoyed baking and when Bob asked if I would take on this job for the club I felt that this was my way of contributing. I began doing this in 1991 when the meetings were held at Holly Hall, and then Cookstown at the United Church. We are now meeting at the Bond Head Community Hall.

Thanks to member Bill Vernon for acquiring this hall for us. I am sure that he will see to all of your needs here. There is a nice, large, comfortable room for our meetings. The kitchen is open and makes it great for serving coffee and lunch. The hall is easily accessible on Hwy. 27 and has a good parking lot.

I will take care of the April meeting for Easter, and sadly this will be my last one.

With thanks, for your support and consideration over the years.

Ellen Hickson
March 2017

Everything International Featured At This Year's Show

This year G.B.S.A.G.A. will be hosting the International Collector's Club for our *Everything International* Feature. Feature Chairman Tim Anderson requested at the February Regular Meeting that everyone make the effort to prepare and bring out their International equipment for this year's show.

As the title states, *Everything International* is welcome, including farm tractors, gas engines, automobiles, motor trucks, farm implements, farm primitives or memorabilia. If it is International, bring it out!

The last time International was our feature, there was an excellent turnout of displays. Let's do our absolute best again this year to make it a successful feature display.

Plenty of Work for Your Garden Tractor

There are always lots of shiny tractors lined up for spectators to admire, but nothing excites people more than seeing these old work horses do what they were built for...work!

At this upcoming show, Garden Tractor Chairman Keith Dunn intends to have as many garden tractor's put to work as possible. The back field, currently under utilized will provide a space for the many garden tractors to carry out various working field demonstrations.

If you have a garden tractor and wish to put it to work, then here is your chance. Of course, this offer is extended to all exhibits. Crank up your machine and give it a workout. It is plenty of fun and makes for a great show.

Prizes Needed for Loonie Draw

With the start of our show quickly approaching, Chairperson's have been busy preparing their respective events. Loonie Draw Chair Shari Dunn works year-round gathering prizes for the Loonie Draw.

To have the draw operate over four days, a great number of prizes are required, including some more desirable grand prizes to attract the public.

Shari is asking for members to keep an eye out for items that can be donated to the Loonie Draw. All donations are welcome, however items of a somewhat greater value are especially valued as they add to the overall quality of the draw and the interest it generates.

May Meeting Potluck

Due to the fact that Ellen Hickson has decided to step down as our Regular Meeting Cook, the board would like to try a "Potluck" format starting at the May Regular Meeting.

Members are invited to bring small dishes or finger foods, preferably those that do not require large amounts of china or cutlery. This is an open invitation, so please feel free to get creative or coordinate with others to make something interesting.

Thank-you.

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

Please find on page 7 & 8 the financial report for the 2015-2016 year with this newsletter. Included in this report is a comparison of our Profits & Loses by event as well as a breakdown of our assets.

If you have any questions regarding the financials you may contact our Treasurer Pat Abernethy.

Meeting Minutes

December Regular Meeting

- Our club participated in the Cookstown "Light Up Night". We had 3 entries out of 20 total. Luckily the weather cooperated. Hot soups, T-Biscuits, and desserts were served before and after. Thanks to one and all who joined.
- A discussion was held on holding our meetings at the Bond Head Community Hall. The majority felt it would be quite satisfactory. (Good parking, Great Kitchen, and a good size meeting area) Many thanks to Bill Vernon for supplying the P.A. system. It works great.

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- Our door brought in \$100. This amount will be donated to the Cookstown Community Catering "Hope Project" to help with needy families in Cookstown.
- Fred Priest and Lisa Frampton are celebrating December birthdays.
- Marlene McQuarrie and Murray Ross will be celebrating in January.
- Louis Theriault brought in large "Puff Ball" for Show and Tell. It was quite a size.
- Our 50/50 Draw generated \$66.00. The lucky winner was Bruce King.
- Many thanks to Evelyn Elmer, Dave Julian, John Wiederhold, Roy Hastings, and our President Wayne Lowdon for such an enjoyable evening to complete the 2016 year.
- Many thanks to all of those who supplied the delicious goodies.
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

December Directors Meeting

- Many thanks to Pat Abernethy for supplying candy at the Cookstown Light Up Night.
- Guest Fred Priest was present to discuss the advertising book. It was suggested a schedule of events be published in our book. Fred will carry on with the book with the help of Ellen Hickson and others who collect ads.
- It was suggested that Jeff Blaney help with any proof reading.
- Fred Priest will also collect ads for the 4'x4' and 4'x8' signs located on out grounds.
- A motion by Secretary Shirley Corbyn, seconded by Gary Frampton, was brought forward to have Fred Priest carry on with the book, collect for signs and to have Jeff Blaney participate in proof reading. The motion was carried.
- Heather Frampton has stepped down as a Director. James Few was elected and is willing to take on the position.
- A motion by Murray Ross, seconded by Steve McCabe was brought forward to have James Few appointed as a Director. The motion was carried.
- A discussion was held regarding the OTTPA tractor pull at our show. This event has been very costly to our club. The question was asked, "Can we afford to

continue?"

- A discussion was held on First Aid qualifications. Loretta McQuarrie stated that she has this certificate. If anyone else has this certificate would you please let the executive know.
- The show dates for 2017 will be August 4, 5, 6 & 7.

January Director's Meeting

- A discussion was held regarding our show banquet.
- A motion by Secretary Shirley Corbyn, seconded by Keith Williams was brought forward to hold the banquet on September 30/2017 at the Presbyterian Church in Bradford. The cost will be \$20.00 per person.
- It was suggested that Cockshutt be our feature for 2019.
- A motion by Keith Williams, seconded by Dwight McQuarrie was brought forward to feature Cockshutt in 2019. The motion was carried.
- Tim Anderson with regrets wishes to resign as Chairperson of the OTTPA Pull. Tim states that he will be chairperson of our 2017 International feature.
- A vote was taken to determine who was in favour of continuing the OTTPA Pull in 2017. Nine Directors were present. Five were in favour, four were against.
- Pat Abernethy will contact insurance company's and see whether they will cover us for our activities, as well as other activities in the future.

Thank-You

Ellen -

On behalf of the Georgian Bay members, we'd like to say "Many Thanks" for preparing all of the most delicious snacks at our regular meetings over the past 26 years. It certainly wouldn't have been an easy decision to make, stepping down. In the long run however, it likely is best.

We are looking forward to enjoying your final treat at the next regular meeting.

Take Care & Good Health.

- Shirley Corbyn (Secretary)

G.B.S.A.G.A. Profit & Loss (2015-2016)

Income:

Advertising Income	17,354.19
Anniversary Book	173.56
Banquet	2,727.00
Breakfast	2,134.96
Camping	5,132.76
Car Show	1,359.36
<i>Concessions</i>	
Food	2,668.15
Store	464.60
Concessions (Other)	1,876.12
<i>Total Concessions</i>	<i>5,008.87</i>
COPTA Sponsorship	884.96
Corn	993.52
Dinner	1,594.09
Donations	5,595.89
Door	1,072.00
Door Draw	481.10
<i>Investments</i>	
Interest-Savings, Short Term CD	944.07
Other Investment Revenue	0.00
<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>944.07</i>
Looney Draw	1,492.04
Membership Income	6,895.00
Old Tyme Store	676.64
Show Income	434.79
Souvenir Income	1,741.37
Tractor (Hook-Up Fee)	460.18
Transportation	1,168.15

Total Income: **86,564.06**

Gross Profit: **86,564.06**

Expenses:

Advertising	8,954.19
Bank Charges	448.70
Banquet	2,615.50
Breakfast	963.62
Car Show	597.48
Dinner	518.20
Donations	126.50
<i>Facilities & Equipment</i>	
Property Insurance	3,056.40
<i>Total Facilities & Equipment</i>	<i>3,056.40</i>
Fuel	374.74
Garden Tractors	2,554.45
Ground Expenses	5,800.58

<i>Hydro</i>	
Camping	906.25
Hydro (Other)	1,214.86
<i>Total Hydro</i>	<i>2,121.11</i>

Loonie Draw	193.25
Meeting Rent	530.00
Meeting Supplies	250.00
Membership Expenses	268.24
Memoriam	100.00
Newsletter	2,688.25
OTTPA	10,044.71
Property Taxes	5,991.52
<i>Repairs</i>	
Equipment	1,011.84
Kitchen	143.20
Workdays	106.97
Repairs (Other)	1,757.49
<i>Total Repairs</i>	<i>3,019.50</i>

<i>Show Expenses</i>	
Entertainment	5,987.35
Show Expenses (Other)	16,080.73
<i>Total Show Expenses</i>	<i>22,068.08</i>

Souvenir Expenses	2,518.12
Transportation	8,717.50

Total Expenses: **84,520.64**

Net Income: **2,043.42**

*Please note that the above figures are after HST.

Balance Sheet (As of November 30/2016)

Assets

Current Assets

<i>Chequing/Savings</i>	
Memoriam Account	1,533.29
Royal Bank	2,402.20
Savings	7,904.32
<i>Total Chequing/Savings</i>	<i>11,839.81</i>

Total Current Assets **11,839.81**

Fixed Assets

Building & Equipment	44,850.00
Land	107,000.00

Total Fixed Assets **151,850.00**

Other Assets

<i>Investments (GIC)</i>	
GIC	74,817.44
GIC-Memorial	2,107.65
<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>76,925.09</i>

Total Other Assets **76, 925.09**

Total Assets **240,614.90**

Liabilities & Equity**Liabilities****Current Liabilities**

<i>Accounts Payable</i>	
Accounts Payable	35,468.93
<i>Total Accounts Payable</i>	<i>35,468.93</i>

Total Current Liabilities **35,468.93**

Total Liabilities **35,468.93**

Equity

Retained Earnings	203,102.55
Net Income	2,043.42
<i>Total Equity</i>	<i>205,145.97</i>

Total Liabilities & Equity **240,614.90**

Obituaries

We are sorry to report that one of our original fifteen founding members, Owen Ellsworth Swann passed away on February 14th/2016. Owen passed away at the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital. Owen is predeceased by his wife Cybil and leaves behind sons Steve (Elaine) and Mark (Patrizia Aitken).

We are sorry to report the passing of member Sherwood Hume of Milton, Ontario. Sherwood passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday March 21st at the age of 86. With a long history of community involvement and support for local shows, as well as others in neighbouring U.S. states, Sherwood will be greatly 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:**Wanted:**

3/4" Vertical Pickering Governor
Contact: Bruce Goss (705) 835-5800

Looking for model Steam Engines and or related items for my collection.
Contact: Colin Chaplin (613) 968-5200

The Windrow

Did you know?

In March of 1920, the International Harvester Co. authorized their branch houses to name the following prices on twine for lots less than 10,000 lbs: Sisal or Standard (15¢/lb.), Standard Manila (16 ½ ¢/lb), Manila (18¢/lb.), Superior Manila (19¢/lb), and Pure Manila (20¢/lb.).

In 1929, the Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co. shipped a large number of tractors entirely by water route to California. The shipment was carried down the Mississippi River to the Gulf by barges, and then by boat through the Panama Canal into the Pacific.

"How old is your baby brother?", asked little Tommy of his playmate.

"About a year old" replied Harry.

"Huh?" exclaimed Tommy, "I've got a dog a year old, and he can walk a lot faster than your baby brother can".

"He ought to," was the immediate reply, "he's got twice as many legs".

"I am troubled with cold feet doctor", said the sallow-complexioned man. "What do you suggest?"

"A ton of coal" answered the M.D. "That will be two dollars please".