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From Our Chairman

Dear Club Members:

Thanks to all who worked tirelessly to make the 2015 show so successful. A big thank you goes out to Jim and Carol Schmitkons for the great flea market. This job requires many hours of preparation for them both. Thanks again.

Our auctioneer Andy Suvar did a great job with the auction and we appreciate all his work in setting up and running this every year. The steam demonstrations, gas engine displays and tractor show were impressive and drew large crowds all weekend. A big thank you to the directors for their hard work. I would be remiss if I failed to mention the great job done by our camping director and his crew. The ladies that manned the office and handled all clothing sales and registration deserve a round of applause, too.

The show continues to grow and with this growth comes the need for more help. If you can give us some help setting up or cleaning up after the show we would be very grateful.

The blacksmith shop has been a busy place with the electrical wiring and work on the line shaft continuing weather permitting. We hope to have several events there this spring.

Negotiations with the Fair Board are completed and we now have a two year contract for 2016 and 2017. We will make a few changes for this year's show and will keep everyone informed. Additional information will be posted on www.lagrangeengineclub.com.

A reminder to mark your calendars for our Spring Warm-Up April 24, 2016 at Gordon's Farm. Hope to see you there.

Chairman
John Baker

2016 DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATORS

Auction	Andy Suvar	(419) 929-8487 or (800) 765-8301
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Gas Engines	John Baker	(440) 734-3124
Indian Motorcycles	Harold Hartman	(440) 647-3723
Publicity	Ed Maynard	(419) 929-0828
Steam Engines	Bob Schworer	(440) 309-5688
Tractors	Jonathan Mole	(440) 897-6010
Web Site	Jim Schmitkons	(440) 233-6828
Advertisements	Ed Maynard	(419) 929-0828
American Truck		
Historical Society	Don Burge	(440) 934-6100
Lorain County		
Wood Carvers	Bob Lipscomb	(440) 320-5257
Blacksmithing	Anne Hovanec	(440) 826-3734
Lorain County Vintage		
Motor Scooter Club	Tony Andrusyszyn	(440) 328-5080
Antique Automobile	Alex Heyd	(440) 365-8873
Columbia Station	Tom Sampson	(440) 465-3495

2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD

<i>John Baker</i>	Chairman	(440) 734-3124
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<i>Andy Weigel</i>	Director	(440) 309-5372
<i>Bob Gordon</i>	Director	(440) 647-5660

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 11	Meeting (7:30 PM)
March 10	Meeting (7:30 PM)
April 14	Meeting (7:30 PM)
April 24	Spring Warm-Up (at Gordon Farms)
May 12	Meeting (7:30 PM)
June 4 - 5	Columbia Station Engine Show
June 9	Meeting (7:30 PM)
July 14	Meeting (7:30 PM)
August 7	Frostville Engine Show
August 11	Meeting (7:30 PM)
August 22-29	Lorain County Fair (Set-up Aug. 22-23)
September 8	Meeting (7:30 PM)
Sept. 16-17-18	LaGrange Engine Show
October 9	Fall Potluck (Heritage Barn 1:00 PM)
	Meeting after picnic
November 10	Meeting (7:30 PM)
December & January	No Meetings - Happy Holidays!!!

* Monthly meetings held at Lorain County Metro Parks' Carlisle Reservation Visitor Center, Diagonal Road in LaGrange unless other location is listed



Flea Market News

2015 was another record year for the flea market. We sold 599 spaces to 304 vendors. We might as well say that we sold out because the spaces left were in areas that do not get much traffic and are kept for people who just show up during the show and want a space for a day. The size of our flea market is now at its maximum. Since we will not be getting any larger, new vendors not able to be accommodated will be placed on a waiting list should any last minute cancellations be received. They will be extended contracts along with returning vendors the following year. **Things to consider if you are planning to exhibit in the flea market in 2016:**

Those wishing to move from now on need to get their reservations in early as moves as always are made in the order received. Moves of more than 2 spaces or increasing the number of spaces you have by more than one may no longer be possible.

New vendors should not wait until the last minute to send in reservations as the number of new spaces available will not be increasing. It is important that new vendors list on their reservation what type of merchandise they will be selling as this will help us determine how to best place them in areas with similar merchandise should space be available. Engine and antiques equipment will be given preference over garage-sale type items.

Because we can't predict what the weather will be like when we lay out spaces prior to the show, we ask that you check the club website for any last minute changes. If there has been rain in the days prior to the show & you do not have internet access, you may contact Jim or Carol Schmitkons, the Flea Market directors, at 440-233-6828 to help you determine when to arrive.

Flea Market information, Registration Forms and a Site map are on www.lagrangeengineclub.com

Remember: Don't Wait Until The Last Minute To Reserve Your Flea Market Spaces.

ADMISSION

Visitors: \$3.00 (children under 12 with adult - free)
As always there is no charge for exhibitors

Camping & Display Setup

Camping is \$40 for the weekend.

Campers, displays and equipment are not permitted on the fairgrounds before **5:00 pm Wednesday**. This rule also applies to marking off camping and display spaces. All camping fees are to be paid at Show Office during normal office hours. Campers must be removed by noon on Monday after the show.

For more information see: www.lagrangeengineclub.com

Car Passes

If you have a legitimate reason to park inside the grounds, make sure you get a car pass from your department administrator. **Gate attendants are instructed not to let you drive in without a pass or a display.** Your car pass must have your name and phone number and be placed in your front windshield.

The Consignment Auction

How it works: You haul it in and we sell it on Saturday. We will sell most things but prefer "engine- related stuff". If you contact Andy and sign up a few weeks before the show, he may be able to advertise your item, or you can just bring it in on Thursday or Friday and sign up then. Please understand that we cannot take consignments Saturday morning.

The sales commission offsets the selling cost and helps support the show. If you are interested in buying or selling a particular item, or have questions, contact Andy Suvar at **(419) 929-8487**

Our Sympathy Extended

The LaGrange Engine Club wishes to extend its sympathy to families and friends of club members who passed last year.

Stan Piwinski	Ray Bucholz	Richard Fox
Dale Grospitch	Robert Frommeyer, Sr.	Les Gerkin
Seth T.Nagel	Norbert Conrad Kelling,	David Schramm
Delores Lautzenheiser	John Honoshofsky 2016	Jack Curtis

Show Safety Rules

EXHIBITORS AND VISITORS

- All exhibits must be operated in a safe manner, with barriers erected to exclude the public from operating machinery.
- No exhibit may be left running without supervision.
- Each exhibitor should bring appropriate fire protection equipment.
- Radio-controlled models are not to be operated on the grounds.
- Pets must be on a leash and controlled at all times.

DRIVING ON THE FAIR GROUNDS

- **No one without a valid driver's license and insurance is permitted to operate any motorized vehicle anywhere on the fairgrounds.** If you have a golf cart or any type of personal transportation vehicle proof of insurance will be required. Parents, please understand that you are responsible for all minors you bring to the show. This means minors may not operate any type of vehicle without direct adult supervision. You must be riding with them or in control at all times. This includes garden tractors and any motorized vehicle.
- Bicycles, mini-bikes, scooters, roller blades, skateboards, ATV's and all vehicles with handle bars cannot be used for transportation around the grounds. Antique vehicles (25 years and older) and reproductions are exempted. Unique vehicles may be exempted by special permission.
- Anyone driving in a unsafe manner or at high speed will be barred from the grounds.

DRIVING IN THE FLEA MARKET

- Personal Transportation Vehicles widest point cannot exceed 66 inches.
- Mower decks and other extensions must be removed from garden tractors if they are used for personal transportation.

AFTER HOURS AND CAMPING

- Quiet time will be from 24:00 Hrs (12am) to 04:00 Hrs (4am). No loud music, disturbances or use of motorized vehicles.
- No alcoholic beverages or firearms are allowed on the grounds.
- No open campfires, all fires must be contained.
- All campers must have a fire extinguisher.

The staff of the LaGrange Engine Club reserves the right to remove any person or persons from the show grounds (Lorain County Fairgrounds) at any time at the discretion of the staff.

Please see our web site for a complete list of show rules and club policies. www.lagrangeengineclub.com

The Blacksmith Shop

The Blacksmith Shop now has a big sign on the roof. The forge is functional and progress has been made on the machine shop. We are still working on the line shaft and power hammer. In December the club had its first "Pound Down". The turnout was great and a number of people got to try their hand at blacksmithing.



Spring Warm-Up

The annual Spring Warm-up will be April 24th, 2016. The Gordon family has again graciously agreed to be our hosts. Over the years, this event has become more popular and every year our turnout seems to increase. The fields are filled with vintage tractors and teams of horses plowing along with a good display of engines and models. At noon, we gather at the farm shop for a potluck feast. The club provides the hot dogs and beverages and everyone brings what they can. Many thanks to the Gordon's for their hospitality.

LaGrange Engine Club FFA & 4-H Fair Restoration 2015

The LaGrange Engine Club Award is a cash prize given to FFA or 4-H participants, who restore antique equipment and display them at the Lorain County Fair. The winners are chosen by their club advisors during the Fair. The 2015 winners are:

Kyle Hill - Ford Tractor
Andrew Hipp
Kyle Kudela

Andy Schworer
John Dowdell - 47
Case

Mickey MacDonald Awards

Mickey was best known as our announcer, but he was also one of the founding members of the Lagrange Engine Club as well as most of the other engine clubs in the area, including Medina, Marion, Stumptown, and Ashland. He was a charming person and one of the people who helped engine shows in our area become what they are today.

In his memory an award is given to outstanding displays at the engine show.

First Place -
Tom Sampson

Second Place -
Russ Bucholz



**THE 2016 LAGRANGE
ENGINE SHOW
SEPTEMBER 16-17-18
Featuring:
International Harvester**

Check out the LaGrange Engine Club Engine Club on the web at <http://www.lagrangeengineclub.com>. The site has up-to-date information on the show, the spring warm-up and other club events.

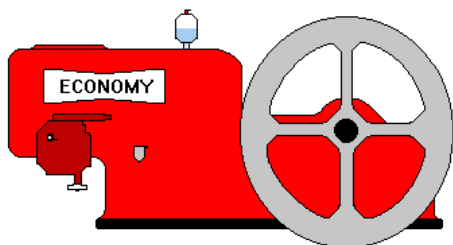


**2016 Columbia Station Engine Show
June 4 and 5, 2016**

25540 Royalton Road, Columbia Station, Ohio
Contact: Tom Sampson (440) 465-3495

**Frostville Engine Show Is Earlier This Year
Aug 7, 2016**

At Frostville Museum located in the Rocky River Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks.
24101 Cedar Point Rd North Olmsted, Oh 44070
Contact: John Baker (440) 734-3124



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