



On behalf of the Board, we hope this finds you well.

Our 47<sup>th</sup> annual show was a great success! A BIG thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help set up the show and also to those of you who brought and ran displays last year. We had a great turnout of over 40 Ford tractors, a handful of Oilfield engines and more than 15 steam engines. Great work folks! As many of you know, thanks to John Hricovec and his crew, we brought the tractor pull back at our 2017 show. For this year's show, we have moved the pull to Saturday afternoon.

The 2018 show will feature Massey-Harris/Ferguson tractors and equipment and Economy engines. We are also working to bring back the model engine area. Jonathan Mole will be setting us up with compressed air in the show office; this will make it possible for us to secure your displays overnight.

We are happy to announce that for our 2019 show we are going to have White, Oliver and Minneapolis-Moline tractors, and Associated engines as our features.

Recently, we have seen an increased interest in our blacksmith shop. A special thanks to Anne Hovanec and Matt Richards for making the monthly Hammer-ins such a huge success!

Our show is thriving and growing every year. As we continue with this growth, we need to acknowledge a few growing pains. Please be understanding and help us, as we continue to look out for the safety of our members and guests. Look for 2018 updates to our show on [LaGrangeEngineClub.com](http://LaGrangeEngineClub.com).

Thank you again to everyone who has made our organization so successful!

Nate Snook  
Chairman

### **Innovation and Mergers Make Massey a Leader**

Massey started out in a tool shed in Ontario, Canada in the mid 1800's making simple farm implements. Their first tractor was a steam tractor produced under an agreement with the L.D. Sawyer & Company of Canada. The first petroleum/gas tractor was the Bull Tractor made from 1915-1920 in the US but branded Massey-Harris. Next came the MH 1, 2, & 3 built from 1919-1923 in Canada, but based on designs from the Parrett Tractor Co. of Chicago. In 1927 MH bought the J.I. Case Plow Works, thus acquiring the Wallis family of tractors. From 1927-1930 the MH 20-30 and 12-30 were produced as a result of this purchase.

During WWII tractor production essentially ceased but came back with the launch of a MH built engine with Model No. 22, 30, 33,44 & 55 and the MH Pony tractor.

In the late 40's the Ford/Ferguson partnership deteriorated ending in lawsuits against Ford for patent infringements on Ferguson's 3-point hitch. By 1953 Massey-Harris bought Ferguson and the name became Massey-Harris-Ferguson. This merger brought the company to the forefront of tractor production. Per the agreement, 2 lines of tractors were produced, thus redundant models such as the Ferguson TO 50 and the MH 50. Also, the MH triple number series was introduced at this time. By 1958 they renamed their tractors as Massey Ferguson.

Continued mergers and consolidation in the farm equipment sector kept the Massey-Ferguson brand alive and it is currently under the ownership of the AGCO Corporation as of 1993.

### **30 Years of Economy Engines via Catalog**

In 1908 an Economy Engine appeared in the Sears & Roebuck Catalog that was built by Waterloo Gasoline Engine Co. in Waterloo, Iowa.

In 1909 the Model A Economy Engine was offered through the mail order Sears & Roebuck catalog. This engine was made in Sparta, Michigan by the Holm Machine and Manufacturing Company - owned by Sears & Roebuck.

They introduced 3 different models from 1909 to 1913.

By late 1913 Holm Machine and Manufacturing Co. couldn't keep up with demand and the machines, patents, and parts were sold to the Hercules Gas Engine Co. of Evansville, Indiana. From 1914 to 1933 they continued to make 9 different models with horse powers ranging from 1.5hp to 14hp.

From 1935 to 1938 the catalog featured 3 sizes of Economy engines made by the Stover Manufacturing and Engine Co. of Freeport, Illinois.

Facts gleaned from articles authored by Glen Karch, a leading authority on Economy Engines.

### **Spring Warm-Up**

This year's Spring Warm-Up was held on a cold April 29<sup>th</sup>, but that did not stop hardy members from coming out to plow and run their engines. Members of the Lorain County Scooter Club even drove their scooters from Elyria to Wellington on that frigid morning! We started the day with plenty of coffee and donuts that Mike Ketchum brings every year. At about noon Lenny Palumbo and crew had the grilled hot dogs ready and everyone got to enjoy the selection of delicious foods and desserts.

Thanks to the Gordon Family for hosting this event.



### **Columbia Station Show**

Everyone had a good time June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Columbia Station Park on St. Rt. 82. There was a nice gathering of stationary engines and tractors. There was a penny-farthing (also known as a high wheeler) cycling around. The Bug Man was there with his huge centiped and other big bugs. Burton's Historical Engine Society, Inc. was on-site selling raffle tickets and t-shirts. We were all able to celebrate Mel Hale's birthday with watermelon and cake thanks to Kay Wilson. Happy Birthday Mel!

Thanks to Tom Sampson for heading up this show.

### **Lorain County Fair, August 20-26<sup>th</sup>**

The Lorain County Fair is a chance to display your tractor or engine at the Heritage Barn for visitors of the Fair to see. Volunteers are needed to open and close the barn each day and oversee the area during the day. Spend a couple of hours in the barn visiting with friends, answer a few questions from spectators, and be amused by all fun the kids have in the stone pile. Set up is Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Barb Baker for more information and to sign up for a time slot.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

The September monthly meeting will be held the week before the Show, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm. Meetings are held at the Carlisle Visitor Center 12882 Diagonal Rd. in LaGrange.

The October monthly meeting is Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm at the Heritage Barn on the Lorain County Fairgrounds. We will be starting out with a potluck and the Club is providing fried chicken, beverages, and table service.

The November monthly meeting will be on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Carlisle Visitor Center at 7:30pm. This is the last meeting of the year.



### **Blacksmith Shop**

Members have enjoyed monthly Hammer-Ins, thanks to all the hard work of our resident experts Anne Hovanec and Matt Richards. Anne organizes the activities and gives an overview of the day's lesson, while Matt guides members through the projects. Several techniques have been practiced, such as hooks, twisting and bowl shaping. Hammer-Ins are held year round and incorporate a potluck lunch or snacks. See our website and Facebook page for upcoming events.



## Tractor Pull Report

*From Tractor pull Chairman John Hricovec:*

Well, the tractor pull is back as part of the LaGrange Engine Club Show. My first year running it was a great learning experience, for which I have many people to thank. First the volunteers. Thanks to my wife Kari, my daughter Kara, and my son Jack who spent many hours helping me. Don Crawford for all the help with the facility and guidance, Jim McLaffin for taking care of the track all day, Matt Hignett for being the ace in the hole, Gary and Denny Reith for working the scale, Chad Arcaba for running the pullback tractor, and Dennis Law for helping out with the sled. The Silver tongue awards to Ruth Andersen for singing the National Anthem, and Marvelous Mark Reisinger for being our announcer for the day.

Special Thanks to Born Implement, Krystowski Tractor, Polen Implement, Vasu Communication, and Rollin Hog and Grain Farm for sponsorship.

Finally, thanks to the Pullers for coming out and competing. We had 88 entries at this year's pull. Congratulations to the class winners. Of the 9 classes we ran, 6 of them were won by pullers under age 11.

What a fun way to get youngsters interested in pulling.

The planning is underway for the 2018 pull. We will be adding a couple more classes, as well as a Best in Show award for each class. The pull will take place on Saturday this year and will begin at 3pm. Hope to see you there.

### **2017 Class winners:**

Class A	1 <sup>st</sup> Parker Frey	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gabe Gede	3 <sup>rd</sup> Frank Walke
Class B	1 <sup>st</sup> Jake Mennell	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dale Schneiter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Brent Stanfield
Class C	1 <sup>st</sup> Ralph Shorts	2 <sup>nd</sup> Duane Howman	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jack Hricovec
Class D	1 <sup>st</sup> Scott Nortan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Joseph Schramm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bryan Khingenberg
Class E	1 <sup>st</sup> Jerrod Lance	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ken Meyers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Andrew Hipp
Class F	1 <sup>st</sup> Bruce Harris	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gabe Gede	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dawn Lance
Class G	1 <sup>st</sup> Richard Lance	2 <sup>nd</sup> Russ Harris	3 <sup>rd</sup> Matt Saylor
Class H	1 <sup>st</sup> Connor Norton	2 <sup>nd</sup> Scott Norton	3 <sup>rd</sup> Harold Connerth
Class I	1 <sup>st</sup> Clayton Speigelberg	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chad Arcaba	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jack Hricovec



### **2018 LaGrange Engine Club Tractor Pull**

Saturday September 15, 2018

Registration 1:30pm, pull starts at 3:00pm

Entry fee will be \$10.00 for all classes

Engine Club Membership required, available at entry table

Visit us at [www.LaGrangeEngineClub.com](http://www.LaGrangeEngineClub.com) for more details



### 2017 FFA & 4-H Restoration Awards

Tyler Edwards of the Belden Boys & Girls 4-H won 1<sup>st</sup> place for his (medium) restoration, a John Deere MC. This is the second year Tyler has entered a restoration in the fair and won 1<sup>st</sup> place.



Charles Leonard of Grafton won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the (medium) restoration of a 1971 IH-Farmall 140.

Nathan and Matthew Kovach of Firelands FFA shared 1<sup>st</sup> place for the (large) restoration of a 1937 John Deere Model B.

Anthony Liberty of Huntington High Lighters won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for his (large) restoration of a Farmall C.

What a great job these young people did on their projects. We really enjoy seeing them at our show!

### Our Sympathy Extended

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

Jean Bruce, Darl L. Hendricks, Delbert L. Martin, Harold H. Hartman, Paul Fridenstine, Jim Meister, Howard Hartang, David Drochak, Robert K. Gray, Jr., William Axford, Eddie Herman.



### From the Steam Field

By Bob Schworer

We had a good turnout in both Steam Engines and spectator interest. There were over 15 steam engines and a couple of Oil Pulls. These engines worked all weekend belted up to various equipment. On Friday we threshed one wagon of wheat and on Saturday we threshed two wagons on our Baker Thresher. The Mole family baled the straw and stacked the wagons. Bill Kennedy's saw mill was hardly idle as the engines made short work of a truck load of logs. Engines were also belted up to the power eater and the Prony brake. After dark there was a spark show that lit up the sky.

I would like to thank Andy Weigel and Dave Geisner for all their help in making this area run smoothly.



### 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. He was a charming person and one of the people who helped local engine shows become what they are today.

After Mickey's passing, Bill Axford and Barney Hartman decided to sponsor an award in memory of Mickey. This year's awards went to Barb Baker and Carol Schmitkons.

Barb was the Club's Secretary and coordinator of most of our activities for more than 20 years. In the early years she was best known as the "cookie lady" because she always had a bag of homemade cookies to share. She continues to amaze us all with her energy and spunk.

Carol oversaw the gates in the early years at the show and then took over the flea market in 2005. She managed to grow the size of the flea market by four times what it was in the early 2000's. Many hours were spent working on contracts, assigning spaces, and laying out the grounds. After all that, she still had a smile on her face at the end of the show on Sunday.

### 2018 Flea Market

This year is shaping up to be another bumper year for a variety of flea market items ranging from anything collectible to tools for the workshop. Bring your bag, bring your wagon, and enjoy a day in the flea market area. There really is something for everyone!



### Camping and Display Setup

Campers, displays, and equipment are not permitted on the fairgrounds before **5pm Wednesday**. This rule also applies to marking off camping and display spaces. Camping fees of \$40 for the weekend can be paid at the Show office during normal office hours. Campers must be removed from the fairgrounds by noon on Monday after the Show.

### Model Engines to Make a Comeback

Several years have passed since we had a display of model engines at our show. Jonathan Mole has been working hard the last few years to stir that interest up again. This year we will have a display in building 19. Contact Jonathan if you are interested in setting up your models. Be sure to stop by during the show to see what we have been missing.

### Car Passes

If you have a legitimate reason to park inside the grounds, make sure you get a car pass and gate pass from your department administrator. Gate attendants are instructed not to let you drive in without passes or a display. The car pass is used for entry of the vehicle only, not the person(s) inside the vehicle. A Gate pass is for entry of a person. Exhibitors remain free at the 2018 Show. **Vehicles parked on the grounds must be on your site or with your display.**

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### Consignment Auction

Andy Suvar Auctions will be holding a consignment auction on Saturday, Sept. 15 starting at 10am. You can bring your items to be sold Thursday and Friday from 12-7pm. We will sell most items but prefer 'engine-related' items. Andy Suvar can be reached at (419) 929-8487 or [andysuvarauctions@gmail.com](mailto:andysuvarauctions@gmail.com).

### 2018 Show Information

- This year's show is Friday, September 14 through Sunday, September 16. The gates open at 8am each morning throughout the weekend.
- Admission to the show is \$5. Children under 12 are free with an adult. A 3-day pass is \$8 and a membership to the Club is \$10. Both are available to purchase in the office during the show.
- Please be advised, the traffic pattern has changed this year. You will not be able to drive a vehicle into the main gate of the fairgrounds during show hours. Vehicle traffic will be rerouted to the Speed Gate near the Heritage Barn. In addition, vehicles of any kind are not permitted to drive through the food concession area of the show. Barriers will be placed on the driveway to block vehicle access to that area for the safety of our guests.
- In order to operate a vehicle during the show, you must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance for that vehicle. ATVs will not be allowed on the grounds and if you bring one you will be asked to leave it in the parking lot. In addition, a handicap placard must be visible on your mode of transportation if you plan to drive through the Flea Market area. If you do not have this handicap placard, please park it and walk.
- A full listing of the show rules and Club policies will be available and updated often on our website at [www.LaGrangeEngineClub.com](http://www.LaGrangeEngineClub.com).

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