

January 2005

Dear friends,

While taking a break from the '74 Jeep restoration project during December's "big snow", I took a few minutes to visit my old friend, Webster, to get a good definition of the word **change**. He defines it several ways – 1) To make different; alter. 2) To exchange: to **change** places. 3) To become different; vary. 4) To enter a new phase: the moon has **changed**. 5) To transfer from one (train, etc.) to another. You ask why define **change** in an engine club newsletter? Well, here's my thinking:

- a) The way the club does some things was altered this year.
- b) Some of the people who do them changed roles.
- c) With new leadership, some of the events at the show varied a little from the past.
- d) We are entering a new phase in the evolution of our club – the older members are beginning to pass the baton to the younger members.
- e) Yet the goal still remains the same – to pass our heritage on to future generations.

Webster helped me to see that **change** is not always negative nor is it a thing to be feared. It is the transition that makes the difference. Careful planning, willing members, and good mentoring make all the difference in the world.

So, did you notice any of the **changes** that are beginning to take place in the past few years? Let's see how many I can help you remember.

- Bill Benton and Denny Finkel bequeathed the Antique Tractor pull to Chip Benton and Don Crawford.
- The Old Equipment Auction was begun by Bill Axford and Barney Hartman and altered slightly by their associates, Joe & Laurie Spahr.
- The Flea Market was expanded this year as Carol Schmitkons left behind working at the gate to begin to try to comprehend the myriad of details that Carolyn Maynard has refined over the years since she took on this task.
- Ed Maynard has begun transferring some of the work related to setting up the Steam Engine display for the show to Bob Schworer.
- Doug Brubaker has added variety to the Tractor section of the show by introducing the idea of a featured tractor – last year was Massey Harris, this year was Case and in 2005, garden tractors will be showcased.
- Scott Anderson, past club president and one of the current club directors, is stepping down and Doug Brubaker has been elected to take his place.

One thing is certain: Change is inevitable. So, rather than fighting it, why not make a difference? Come to the meetings and help us make plans for preserving the best of the past !

Jim Schmitkons,
LaGrange Engine Club Chairman



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Concessions	Colin Coshway	(440) 356-8990
Toy Show	Roger Samples	(419) 281-2105



NOTICE TO ALL TRACTOR PULLERS

**There will no longer be open classes
in our tractor pull.**

The open class is being eliminated at the request of the sled operator. Open class tractors are becoming too powerful for safe operation of the sled we use.



2004 BILL BENTON MEMORIAL TRACTOR PULL RESULTS

3500# ANTIQUE CLASS sponsored by Spencer Tire

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Rod Eichel | Oliver Super 55 |
| 2. David Howman | 1955 John Deere 40 TN |
| 3. Duane Howman | 1954 John Deere 40 |

4500# ANTIQUE CLASS sponsored by Finkel Construction

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Jacob Dick | 1952 Cockshutt 40 |
| 2. John Zinis | Allis Chalmers D 17 |
| 3. Elwood Dick | 1952 Cockshutt 40 |

5500# ANTIQUE CLASS sponsored by Bauer Towing

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Bob Ickes | 1950 John Deere A |
| 2. Eric Manbeck | 1947 John Deere A |
| 3. Ted Regal | 1957 Cockshutt 40 |

6500# ANTIQUE CLASS sponsored by Brubaker Farms

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Ron Hamisfar | 1951 John Deere G |
| 2. Sandy Springer | 1955 John Deere 70 |
| 3. Stan Pitts | '50 Minneapolis Moline Z |

8500# ANTIQUE CLASS sponsored by Born Implement

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Fred Springer | 1958 John Deere 620 |
| 2. Doug Brubaker | 1949 Case LA |
| 3. Bill Miller | 1959 John Deere 730 |

10,500# ANTIQUE CLASS sponsored by Born Implement

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Roger Moore | 1958 John Deere 820 |
| 2. Tim Martin | 1959 John Deere 830 |
| 3. Tom Cooper | 1956 John Deere 820 |

4500# SEMI MODIFIED sponsored by Dunlap Engraving

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Eric Manbeck | 1940 Farmall H |
| 2. Jacob Dick | Cockshutt 30 |
| 3. Elwood Dick | Cockshutt 30 |

5500# SEMI MODIFIED sponsored by the Benton Family

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Rick Manbeck | 1951 Farmall M |
| 2. Eric Manbeck | 1947 John Deere A |
| 3. Tom Maiké | 1947 John Deere A |

6500# SEMI MODIFIED sponsored by Born Implement

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Rick Manbeck | 1951 Farmall 450 |
| 2. Rick Manbeck | 1957 Farmall M |
| 3. Gabe Gede | 1948 John Deere A |

8500# SEMI MODIFIED sponsored by Born Implement

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Chip Benton | 1958 Farmall 560 |
| 2. Rick Manbeck | 1957 Farmall 450 |
| 3. Rick Ternes | John Deere 720 |

2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 13	Meeting
February 10	Meeting
March 10	Meeting
April 14	Meeting
To be announced	Spring Warm Up at Gordon Farms
May 12	Meeting
June 9	Meeting
July 14	Meeting
August 11	Meeting
August 22-28	Lorain County Fair (Set-up Aug. 20-21)
September 8	Meeting
Sept. 16-17-18	35th Annual Engine Show
October 13	Meeting
October 16	Fall Potluck At Wellington Grange Hall
November 10	Meeting



LORAIN COUNTY FAIR

We had a very nice array of equipment on hand for the fair this year. Thirty-nine different people brought something to show. The only thing missing was a steam engine. We hope by next year we will be able to have steam included in our display again. It just wasn't the same without Bub's diner. Steamed corn and potatoes always seem to taste better when Bub makes them.

I especially want to thank club members who brought small engines and farm equipment and took time to run them. People are drawn to things that are running and make noise. I also want to thank Larry Steiner for bringing his interesting collection of old chain saws. They definitely aroused a lot of interest. Again thanks goes to Ken Farnsworth for taking charge of the members who did pull back for the OSTPA Tractor Pull on Friday night and to Bob Gordon for bringing the fresh milk for the homemade ice cream we made with our Fairbanks Morse engine.



2004 SPRING WARM UP

The Spring Warm Up was held on April 25th at Gordon farms located on the corner of Jones and West roads. The weather did not cooperate with us this year. The rain did not dampen our spirits. We had a good turn out and lots of good food to eat. Even though the guys couldn't plow, there was lots of talk around the table about projects done this winter, shows coming up and auctions to attend. Everyone had a lot of fun checking out Lloyd's progress on his dream shop. Many wished they had as much space and as many toys as he does.

If you'd like to check out the antique equipment you have been working on over the winter, we'd strongly encourage you to attend the spring warm up. The date for the 2005 warm up has not been set yet. It is usually the last Sunday in April. In mid-April, please contact club secretary, Barb Baker, at (440) 734-3124 for details.



Membership Records 1990 – 2004

Year	Renew	New	Total Members	Exhibitor only*	Total Registered	Through the Gate (estimated)
2004	428	113	541	139	680	3805
2003	435	137	572	165	737	4583
2002	426	125	551	151	702	4111
2001	370	135	505	56	561	3228
2000	338	94	432	151	573	3787
1999	515	136	651	83	734	4352
1998	467	163	630	160	790	4663
1997	397	64	461	134	595	3932
1996	369	59	428	94	522	3646
1995	276	86	362	46	408	3269 **
1994	285	71	356	4	360	2166
1993						2827
1992	168	102	270			1536 ***
1991	139	68	207			
1990	120	48	168			

* Exhibitors = flea marketers, concessionaires, & sponsors

** First 3 day show

*** First show at fairgrounds

Here is the information that we've collected from this year's show registration forms. Here's what we learned about the tractors & garden tractors, steam & gas engines, cars, trucks, motorcycles & scooters that were brought to the show by those who registered & gave us descriptions of their equipment. Please remember to register next year & to describe your equipment (make, model & year, if you know them). This helps us locate you in the database when someone calls us looking for information about a person who had a particular item at the last show. Listed below are the number of people exhibiting items made by particular companies not the number of items made by that company that were displayed.

Cars - 5 Fords; 8 other makes including Chevy, Dodge, Plymouth, Chicago motor buggy, Desoto, Studebaker and Duryea

Garden Tractors - 2 David Bradley; 18 Cub Cadets; 3 John Deere; 3 Speedex's; 15 Wheel Horses; 4 Simplicity; 34 others

Gas Engines - 16 Briggs & Stratton; 11 Economy; 12 Fairbanks Morse; 22 Maytag; 64 others

Scooters - 10 Cushman; 2 Whizzers

Steam engines - Frick; Nichols & Sheppard; Keck Gonerman; 1 Russell; Advance; 2 Port Huron's; Case; Baker

Tractors - 21 Allis Chalmers; 6 Massey Harris; 30 Case; 3 Cockshutt; 49 Farmall; 9 Ford; 69 John Deere; 19 International; 8 Oliver; 31 others

Trucks - 3 Chevy; 11 Ford; 1 Mack; 1 Auto Car; 2 Peterbuilt; 2 GMC; 1 Dodge



Registration Information 1998 - 2004

Category	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Food Concessions	12	13	14		
Sponsors		24	20		10
Flea Market		157	155	114	142
Indian Motorcycle Club			8	12	7
ATHS			22	25	27
Scooter Club			15	26	23
Antique Auto Club			6	17	13
Trucks		36	29	38	33
Tractors		205	206	190	233
Steam Engines		12	14	16	31
Gas Engines		134	140	93	188
Motorcycles		6	18	11	22
Implements		68	57	121	97
Models		9	21	6	37
Cars		17	26	17	34
Scooters		43	24	12	38
Garden Tractors		85	73	41	66

*Numbers represented in the rest of the report indicated number of registered exhibitors showing in this category, not the number of units displayed

HANDICAP PARKING

As in 2005, handicap parking will be in the lot beyond the steam engines area. This paved lot is used during the fair for handicap parking. It is a large paved lot with easy access to the grounds.

CAMPING

The large camping area near the entrance of the fairgrounds is open. It gives those wishing to enjoy a quieter camping location, a place that is further from the busy railroad. The fair board asks that you not bring in campers before Wednesday so they can mow the grounds before our show.



FEATURES

Our features this year were Case tractors and Stover engines.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make this year's feature display of Case equipment a big success. Thank you to everyone who brought his or her equipment to be displayed, without you there would be no feature tractor display. We had well over 40 Case tractors and implements on display for the three-day show. Thanks everyone!

For 2005, the feature tractor will be The Vintage Garden Tractor Club of America. It will be exciting to see all the different garden tractors that will be on display. Now is the time to check the back corners of your barns, find that old garden tractor, dust it off, get it running and come join us for the 2005 show September 16,17,18. Hope to see you there.

Doug Brubaker

Stover engines are not as common as Case tractors, but we had several on display. Thanks to all the exhibitors who brought them. Next year, Fairbanks Morse engines will be featured. If you have some, please bring them & help us make a nice display.

John Baker

MICKEY MAC DONALD AWARD

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.

After Mickey's death, Bill Axford and Barney Hartman decided to sponsor an award in memory of Mickey. It is given for the best overall display at the engine show.

2004 Mickey McDonald Award Winners:

First Place – Ed Schuster

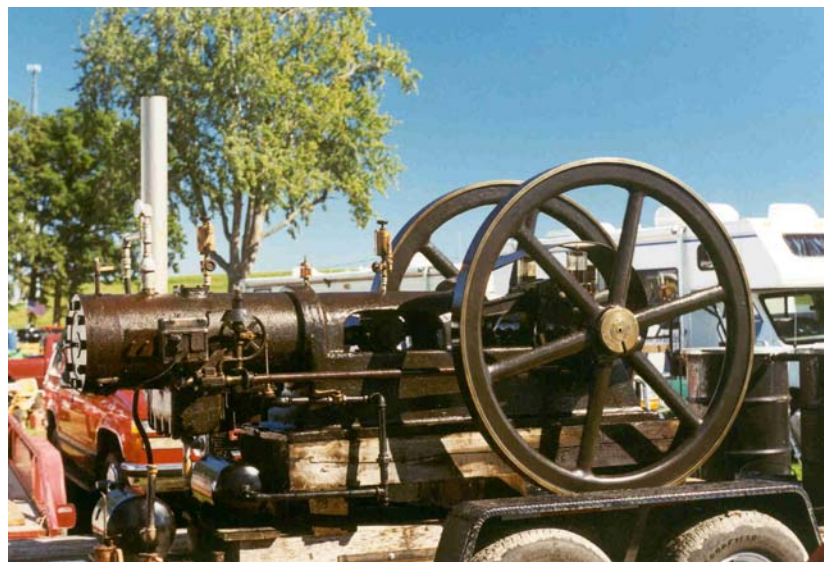
Second Place – Bill Featheringill

HARRISON AWARD

Lad, Brian and Rodney Harrison, owners of the Wellington Ford and Chevrolet dealership, gave an award for the best tractor restoration project in honor of their father, Alan, who used to sell used and restored tractors and farm equipment.

2004 Harrison Award Winner:

Steve Weigel



AUCTION

The fourth consignment auction went well. Joe & Laurie Spahr were in charge. Joe and his wife Laurie had worked on our auction before and were well versed in auction sales. Their direction made sales run smoothly.

If you are interested in consigning something next year, just bring it to the show. Drop your items off in the auction area then come to the registration building to register them. If you would like it advertised, please contact us at least 4 weeks before the sale.

- Consignments Taken During Show Until 1 P.M. Saturday
- Farm and Gas Engine Related Items Preferred
- No Household, Glassware, Clothing or Flea Market Items
- We Reserve the Right to Reject or Limit Consignments
- Check with us in late spring if you wish to learn more about the commission rates and other details.

Auction Information - Laurie Spar - (440) 327 6916



FLEA MARKET

The flea market area continues to expand each year. Over the years, the flea market has grown to become an important part of the show. Carolyn Maynard has built it up from a few tables in LaGrange to what we have today. This year, Carol Schmitkons agreed to handle the bookkeeping for the flea market and Carolyn spent a great deal of time trying to tell her everything she does. Patti Brubaker and Barb Baker also assisted with various parts of the event. Other than a few glitches with the site measuring and rain on Friday, things went fairly well.

Next year, contracts will be mailed out in mid April to those who had sites in 2004, they will be given first chance at keeping the sites they had last year or at moving to new sites that people have not reserved again by August first. New dealers are asked to send in their requests as early as possible as their requests will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Requests may be sent to: Carol Schmitkons, 43530 Middle Ridge Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053. Questions may be emailed to ki8im@comcast.net or phoned to (440) 233-6828. The best time to reach Carol is after 9 PM.

A Change In the Rules

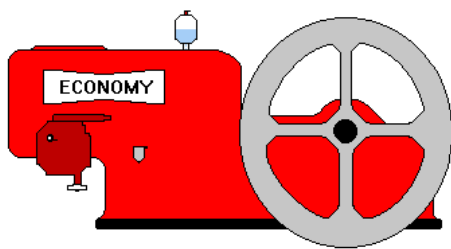
Last year, the membership voted to change the long-standing policy that membership cards did not allow free admission to the show. Beginning with the 2004 show, anyone who purchased a 2004 membership during the show was admitted to the remainder of the show without charge. The new membership card is now a gate pass. This new policy helped reduce confusion at the gate.

As always, anyone bringing a display is our guest and is never charged admission.

Membership **is required** for participation in both tractor pulls. Your signed membership card must be presented when you register for the pull.



THE 2005 LAGRANGE ENGINE SHOW
WILL FEATURE GARDEN TRACTORS
AND FAIRBANKS MORSE GAS
ENGINES



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Krystowski Tractor Sales

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Wellington Implement

Loan Of Tractors And Other Equipment For The Show

Tom's Country Place

Donated Food For Annual Fall Picnic

Bill Benton Memorial

Sponsored Award For Tractor Pull

Freedom Reality and Auction

Auctioneers for the Consignment Auction

Eric Dull

Designed the Plaque for 2004

Bill Carter

Plaques

Wellington VFW

Flag Raising At Opening Ceremony

Bill Burkhart and B & N Coal

Donated And Delivered Coal For Steam Engines

Dunlap Engraving

Tractor Pull Trophies

Rev. Don Lautzenheiser

Sunday Church Service

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Benton Family

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LEC Web Site

The LaGrange Engine club has a web site!
<http://www.geocities.com/lagrangeengineclub>.
Our site has up to date information on the show,
the spring warm-up and other club events. The
newsletter pictures are in color along with other
items of interest.



BLUE BOTTLES

You may have noticed blue bottles full of water marking out spots around the show. We used them to reserve space for some of the groups, such as the antique truck club. They are easier to work with than the yellow tape we have used in the past. Please don't move them!



STEAM REPORT, by Ed Maynard

Our steam exhibit for the 2003 show consisted of 10 engines, 5 of which had not been here before. It was nice to have something new to view and all operators/owners were very active with few engines simply sitting and belching smoke. In fact, there was so much activity I became concerned we would run out of fuel and on Sunday morning Bub Weigel, Hal Bruce and myself brought in another load of slab wood. We didn't run out, but it was close. Many thanks to all of the engineers for a nice show.

A word about the Historical Boiler Operators license: No longer can an individual pass the written exam and, after payment of the fee, be "grandfathered" and receive the license without having the formal schooling. An exception to this is anyone who has had adequate operating experience prior to October 2002 may still be "grandfathered".

The details of the formal schooling have yet to be determined. Giving credit for attendance at a boiler school out-of-state, such as the ones at Pawnee, Oklahoma or Kinzers, Penn. is being considered as a method of satisfying the schooling requirements.

SHOW RULES

We have become one of the largest and best-attended shows in the state. We must adhere to certain guidelines or our longtime friends, exhibitors and members will not continue to be a part of our show. We should not and will not allow the acts of a few to create disturbances at this family-oriented event. After all, safety is our main concern.

As of 2005, we will be strictly enforcing the long-standing rule that **NO ONE WITHOUT A DRIVER'S LICENSE MAY OPERATE ANY VEHICLE ON THE FAIR GROUNDS WITHOUT THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT.** Parents, if you would like your children to operate any vehicle, you must be with them and in control at all times.

Disturbances of any kind, especially racing dirt bikes and drag racing garden tractors will result in Security being called regardless of the time it occurs.

NOTICE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.....SAFETY IS OUR MAIN CONCERN

1. No skateboards, roller blades, scooters, etc allowed at any time. A sign to this effect is posted by the Fair Board and is visible as you enter the main gate. This means 24 hours a day including during the LaGrange Engine Club Show. Security will be called if any violations are made. The items will be confiscated resulting in parents accompanying child to Police Station to claim item. Minors are not permitted to ride bicycles so do not bring them.
2. Security officers will be called if there is any type of disturbance be it dirt bikes, vehicles, bicycles, rowdiness, loud parties, drag racing, any one on the racetrack or items listed in No.1 above.
3. Campfires must be contained.
4. Alcohol and drugs are not permitted
5. Pets must be leashed and controlled at all times and exercised away from the public areas.
6. The sale of firearms is prohibited.
7. No one is allowed to drive around on the racetrack except during the parade.
8. Horses use the racetrack early each morning. Let them have the right of way as you enter and leave the infield. Please give them plenty of room; they do not have the same control you do.
9. Trailers that are not part of your display should be parked in the parking lot or in designated areas away from the exhibit areas.
10. If using golf carts, etc. for transportation, use a slow speed and be alert for someone who might be unaware of your whereabouts. Please keep your speed down, be careful and courteous so we can continue to allow this privilege.
11. **NO ONE WITHOUT A DRIVERS LICENSE MAY OPERATE ANY VEHICLE ON THE FAIR GROUNDS WITHOUT DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT** Youth driving any type of vehicle must be accompanied by an adult either on the vehicle or walking beside it and in control of the situation. You are responsible for your children.
12. No exhibit is to be left running without supervision. If found, it will be shut off for safety reasons.
13. Each exhibitor should bring appropriate fire protection equipment.
14. Limit the number of riders on all tractors, steam engines and equipment.
15. Items bought at the Auction are to be paid for and removed the same day unless a special request is made. Any item not removed by the end of the show will be disposed of.
16. All exhibits and flea market set-ups are to be removed by Monday morning unless a special request is made.
17. You must have a current LaGrange Engine Club membership to participate in any tractor pull. Your membership card must be shown before you enter the scale to weigh in.

The LaGrange Engine club wishes to extend its sympathy to the families of the following club members who have passed on since the last newsletter:

Edward Fildes
Clement Yourkiewicz
Lynn Ott
Coke Anderson
Ralph Herman
Melvin Hermon
Carl Diedrick
Bruce Davidson Jr.
Marilyn Seabold

Most of these members were very active in our club for many years and their contributions to our show will be greatly missed.

