



January 2010

Comments from Chairman Schmitkons

Dear club members,

2009 was a monumental year for the engine club. The barn project was completed except for the painting and a few finishing touches. Volunteers from the club along with the Amish carpenter crew hired by the club put up the walls and enclosed the building. Many hours were put in by Bob Gordon, Bob Baumann, Bob Schworer, John Baker, Ed Maynard and myself to get the barn undercover in time to show it off at the fair and the fall show. It's warmth was especially appreciated at the fall picnic when a chilly wind reminded us of the year the picnic was warmed with a kerosene heater when only the cupola & roof protected us from the elements.

The spring warm up was blessed with good weather and a good turn out. The field was plowed without anyone getting stuck after many days of rain threatened to cancel the event. Each year more people manage to join us to celebrate the beginning of engine events for the year. I think we had so many this year that the latecomers found the lunch pick'ns rather slim. Many people enjoyed having a chance to gather around the blacksmith forge to learn a little more about the craft after they finished lunch. Much thanks is again due the Gordon clan for opening their barn and field for the annual event.

The turnout of engines, tractors and equipment for the fair was commendable. People especially enjoyed watching us put our equipment through their paces. Thanks to those of you who took the time to explain to the city folk how hit and miss engines work and how farm equipment has changed over the decades. It was great to have a large engine on display. We thank Chuck Miller for bringing his oil field engine out for a day.

The show was a great success again this year. I know many of us wondered how things would go with the area being hit so hard by the economic down turn, but good weather and a quality show at a reasonable price close to home brought record crowds. So we can count our blessings. The area around and inside the Heritage Barn was filled with nice displays, the new flea market area was at least three quarters full and the auction drew a good crowd. The parade, tractor pull, tractor games, saw milling and threshing all drew crowds of interested spectators and everyone had fun showing off their stuff.

All in all, I'd say 2009's show year went fine and now it's time to begin planning for 2010. As many of you know, our contract with the fair board was up and fall brought negotiations on a new contract. The cost increase to the club will be approximately 30%. At this time we are hoping the club can absorb the increase without raising fees, because we believe it is very important to keep participation affordable. We will do our best to minimize expenses and monitor costs closely. Please help us out by promoting the show, keeping the need of security at a minimum and inviting your family, friends and neighbors to attend.

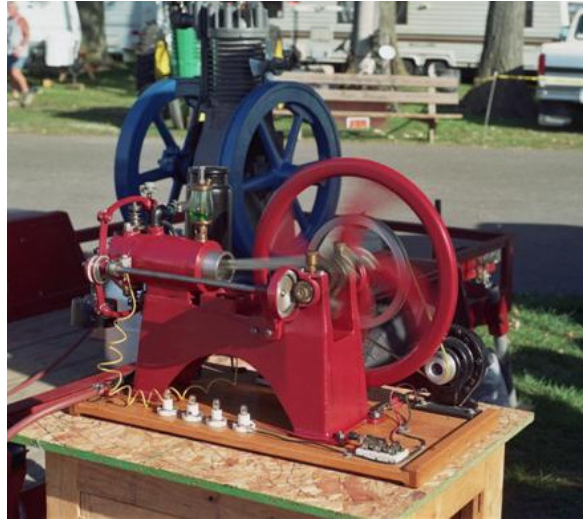
Get those engines tuned up and ready for another year of fun!!!

Jim Schmitkons



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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 14	Meeting (7:30 PM)
February 11	Meeting (7:30 PM)
March 11	Meeting (7:30 PM)
April 8	Meeting (7:30 PM)
To be announced (End of April)	Spring Warm Up (at Gordon Farms)
May 13	Meeting (7:30 PM)
June 10	Meeting (7:30 PM)
July 8	Meeting (7:30 PM)
August 12	Meeting (7:30 PM)
August 23-29	Lorain County Fair (Set-up Aug. 21-22)
September 9	Meeting (7:30 PM)
Sept. 17-18-19	40th Annual Engine Show
October 14	Meeting (7:30 PM)
October 17	Fall Potluck (Heritage Barn 1:00 PM)
November 11	Meeting (7:30 PM)
December	No Meeting in December



CAMPING & DISPLAY POLICIES

Campers, displays and equipment are not permitted on the fairgrounds before 5:00 pm Wednesday Sept. 15, 2010.

(Flea Market Thursday after 1:00pm)

This rule also applies to marking off camping and display spaces.

All camping fees are to be paid at Bldg #23 by 3:00 pm on Saturday of the show.

Upon entering the fairgrounds, all campers must have the owner's name, address and phone # visible from the outside of the camper. This rule applies to all campers, regardless of whether you are dropping off your camper or you are camping before the show begins. Any camper without this information is subject to immediate removal.

The camping fee for the 2010 show will be \$10.00 a night, same as last year.

This fee begins as soon as the camper is on the fairgrounds.

This fee will include electricity where available, no discounted spaces without electricity.

Camping fee can be paid at the registration table in Building 23, during show hours.

The Lagrange Engine Club has defined a camper as "any motor home, trailer, truck camper, or tent with a capacity for three or more people." This means the only people who do not pay to stay overnight are people sleeping in their car/truck or someone in a very small tent.

Camping questions call: Chris Farnsworth at 440-225-3336

2009 BILL BENTON MEMORIAL TRACTOR PULL

Once again we had a great team who put on a successful pull. Thanks to all who helped. The pull went off with lots of "hitches," but that's a good thing. Hope to see everyone back again next year for more fun.



INDIAN MOTOCYCLE CLUB

Harold Hartman

The Indian Motorcycle club again had around 35 motorcycles on display at the Engine Show. This year we decided to take our ride in the morning instead of afternoon. It did seem like we had more time to shop the flea market and view the rest of the show. This has become our biggest meet of the year and we surely enjoy being on the same grounds with the Engine Club and Show as there is something for everyone.

THANKS PEG

After more years than I can remember Peg Wilson has decided to retire from managing the registration during the show. We wish to thank her for her faithful service and dedication to the club. Peg and her crew have been a key element making our show successful. Obviously, next year we will need additional help at registration. If you would be willing to help, please contact Jim Schmitkons.

PLEASE SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO OUR SPONSORS

- ◆ **Andy Suvar** – Our Auctioneer
- ◆ **Krystowski Tractor Sales** – Loan of Equipment
- ◆ **Linden Propane** – Propane For the Large Engines
- ◆ **Lorain County Fair Board** – Use of Their Equipment
- ◆ **Lorain County JVS**- Help Setup & Teardown
- ◆ **Wellington Chapter of the VFW** – Flag Raising
- ◆ **Wellington Implement** - Loan of Equipment
- ◆ **White House Artesian Springs** – Water Coolers



2009 FLEACAP

Carol Schmitkons

In 2009, the flea market committee decided to once again add a new section to the existing flea market because a lack of sites had caused a few people to be turned away in 2008. The area targeted for the new sites was behind the south horse barn and connected with the current 400 block (main flea market area). Since the area did not have the visibility of the rest of the flea market and there was a lot of unemployment in the area this year, we decided to try attracting people to the new area by selling the sites at a reduced price with the most discount going to club members and people who had purchased flea market sites in 2008. We nicknamed the area, "the economy lot."

We are happy to announce that 2009 was a good year for the flea market. We sold 341 sites to 179 vendors. We filled building 23; the small engine area and had very few sites left in all the other main areas of the flea market. Even the economy lot was about two-thirds full. If the current trend keeps up, we may either have a waiting list for sites next year or be forced to turn people away if we do not come up with some more new areas to designate as flea market. The number of people coming out to mark sites ahead of the show may also force us to curtail the growth of the flea market. We will try to let the 2009 flea marketers know what our plans are when we send out the 2010 contracts, however, additional information coming out after the contracts go out in April will be posted on the club web site.

Always remember that if you like your current site, we must have your reservation by July 31st to guarantee the same site as you had in 2009. Those who wish to change sites are encouraged to send in their money as early as possible as sites are re-assigned on a first-come-first-served basis to make things fair for everyone.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

The LaGrange Engine club wishes to extend its sympathy to the families of the following club members who passed on last year. We will surely miss them all.

Dick Heidl - Emogene Schlechter - Steven Tolliver - Bob Meko - Ivan J. Smith



IF YOU LOVE THE SHOW, WHY NOT TRY SOME OF THE OTHER GREAT EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

LORAIN COUNTY FAIR

Fair week (August 23rd thru the 30th) was a great success. The Barn had the siding in place and we had a large display of dairy equipment thanks to Bob Gordon and Bub Weigel. There was a good display of working engines and farm related equipment. Chuck Miller brought his oil field engine and answered many questions from the spectators. Lloyd Gordon had his Rumley Oil Pull tractor there and enjoyed running it to the amazement of the spectators. Our display of tractors was great with many of the men doing pull backs for the tractor pull.

If you have never displayed at the Fair, consider coming next year. We have a great time talking to the people about our Club and enjoy showing off your equipment.

We also have a lot of great food.



SPRING WARM-UP

The annual Spring Warm-up took place April 26th with the Gordon Family graciously hosting again. We had a great turnout with more than 200 people. The fields were filled with vintage tractors and teams of horses plowing and enjoying the great weather. There was a good display of engines and some models. The club provided the hot dogs and beverages and there was a great assortment of side dishes. Many thanks to the Gordon's for their hospitality. Stop by next year for some good family fun.

FALL PICNIC

The Fall Picnic was held on October 11th at the Heritage Barn. The weather was cool but the food was hot and very good. We had about 50 people in attendance.

FEATURED RESTORATION

We would like to include a featured restoration in next year's newsletter. We asked last year but didn't get any takers. If you would like your project to be highlighted, please send information about the project along with pictures to uncleibs@gmail.com or send to the club's PO Box and maybe you will be the star of next year's newsletter!



FEATURES

The feature for the 2009 show was MM, Oliver, Cock-Shutt, and all other White related Equipment. We had a GREAT turn out of MM tractors!! If you did not make this year, what a display of every size and make of MM you missed. Thank you to everyone that brought a tractor to display and to those who helped with the set up and tear down. The feature for the 2010 show will be Ford tractors and related equipment. The engine will be Hercules. See you in 2010!

Mickey MacDonald Awards

Best Show Display 2009

1st Ed Schuster 2nd The Mole display including the Bakers, Keeling, Pacsuto, Williams, and Stockart display

FFA & 4H Fair Restoration 2009

Large Restoration: 1st Lindsey Hand (Firelands FFA) 2nd Joel Miller (Firelands FFA).

Medium Restoration: 1st Tyler Orsik (Wellington FFA) 2nd Tyler Ruth (Firelands FFA)

Small Restoration: 1st Jared Kromer (Bronhelm Perfection 4H) 2nd John DeChant (Tri City Critters 4H)

Congratulations!!!

SHOW SAFETY RULES

- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON THE FAIR GROUNDS
- ANYONE DRIVING IN A UNSAFE MANNER OR AT HIGH SPEED WILL BE BARRED FROM THE GROUNDS.
- ANYONE OPERATING MACHINERY MUST HAVE A LICENSE & INSURANCE. YOUTHS ON MOVING EQUIPMENT MUST HAVE DIRECT ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES.
- No exhibit may be left running without supervision.
- Each exhibitor should bring appropriate fire protection equipment.
- No open campfires on the grounds. All fires must be contained.
- No driving on the racetrack.
- No bicycles or motorcycles, operated by anyone under 18.
- No roller blades, skateboards or ATV's permitted.
- All pets must be on a leash and controlled at all times.
- Horses use the racetrack early each morning. Please give them plenty of room and let them have the right of way.

Parents, please understand that you are responsible for all minors you bring to the show. No one without a valid drivers license and insurance is permitted to operate any vehicle anywhere on the fairgrounds. 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 mini bikes, garden tractors and any motorized vehicle. The police have been instructed to stop anyone under age. Parents who make no effort to heed police warnings may be asked not to return to the show next year.

LaGrange Engine Club Word Search

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 AUCTION
 SMALL ENGINE

SMALL ENGINE REPORT

John Baker

The engine area has become the largest part of the Show. We have working displays that include large oil field engines, many hit and miss engines, chain saws, models and many small tractors. We also had Oscar Hayes with his great display of spark plugs and related equipment. Our goal is to have as many working displays as possible. We have expanded to the area around the Heritage Barn with many displays in the Barn.

Safety remains our greatest concern and we monitor the area carefully.

STEAMY NEWS

Bob Schworer

We had 8 traction engines, 3 portable engines, and a Stanley steam car all running at our show.

Wheat threshing was done on Saturday and Sunday with Randy Jungbluth's thrasher. Power was provided by 4 different steam engines and 2 tractors. The Mole family baled up the straw pile into nice uniform bales after the threshing was done. Kennedy's sawmill was busy as usual turning logs into boards with different engines powering it. They even belted 2 portable engines to it at the same time.



North East Ohio Chapter of the American Truck Historical Society

Dan Aldrich

Like the rest of the show this year it was a record breaker! We had 22 trucks this year ranging from a 1918 White right up to a 2009 International! Like other parts of the show, we thought we might be down on trucks due to the Historical Construction Equipment Association having their national convention in Bowling Green, but not the case. A special treat of the professional pulling truck "Lady Butterfly" was on display on Saturday. We had a lot of people come through, look and talk old trucks and people were of all ages. A group of members parked their trailers in a box like formation, which gave them a little private area for members to congregate for "after hours" socializing. We are hoping to expand that some and also expand our show area. The NEO-ATHS chapter is going to be working hard to help make the L.E.C. 40th show one of the best ever! The other ATHS chapters such as Black Swamp and Buckeye Vintage Haulers have supported the show and will hopefully continue to support it in the future. A show listing will be going into the A.T.H.S. national magazine "Wheels of Time" which is sent to all 21,000 members of A.T.H.S. plus it is available at Tractor Supply Stores throughout the United States and that should start with the January /February 2010 issue.

LEC WEB SITE

Check out the engine club on the world wide web at <http://www.lagrangeengineclub.com>. The site has up-to-date information on the show, the spring warm-up and other club events. This year's newsletter and pictures from former shows are **in color** there along with other items of interest.

WEB LINKS

For those of you who surf the web these are some neat links to browse.

Beautiful Wildlife Pictures: <http://picasaweb.google.com/Koscinski22>

Cornell Mechanism Models: <http://kmoddl.library.cornell.edu/model.php?m=reuleaux>

Disaster Cakes: <http://cakewrecks.blogspot.com/>

Animusic: <http://www.animusic.com/previews/animusic1.php>



2011 NEWSLETTER

Have an idea for 2011? Drop us an email at unclenibs@gmail.com. We're always looking for new and exciting content to keep the readers on the edge of their seat.

THE 2009 SECOND ANNUAL LEC FARM TRACTOR GAMES

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the farm tractor games. This year we had 12 tractors entered. The games (simple tasks with a twist added) were for fun, to see how the entrants can handle their tractors in a safe and entertaining environment. The ages vary from the young who had their dads and grandfathers helping them, to grandfathers who had their grandkids cheering them on. Everyone had a fun. If you would like to join us next year, we will be in front of the bleachers in the infield Sunday. The more the merrier. Check out the list of games below. This year the majority of participants drove John Deere tractors, come on Farmall OWNERS are you going to let that Green paint show you up? We would like to see some orange or grey paint next year. I would like to extend a special thanks to Mel Hale for helping to run the games, couldn't have done it without him.

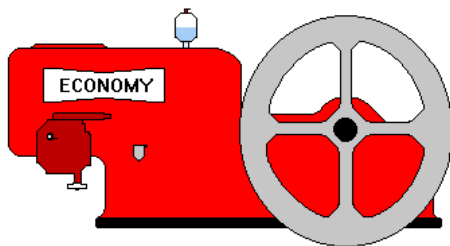
For more information please contact: Mike Hengartner (440) 610-1237

LIST OF EVENTS

The number of tractors entered will determine how many groups will be competing at the same time.

- SLOW RACE** Two tractors at a time must see who can be the last to reach the finish line, without stopping or stepping on the clutch. First across the line loses.
- FAST RACE** Two tractors at a time line up with engines shut down and drivers facing the front of their machine. At the start drivers get on tractors, start them & go as fast as they can to the finish line.
- BACK TO THE POST** The driver pulls forward between two border lines and up to a tippable post with a ball on top. The driver must turn around the tractor & back the drawbar against the post without knocking the ball off as quickly as they can. This is a timed event.
- WAGON BACKING** The driver backs a hay wagon into a tapered space without going out of the boundaries. Measure how far the operator is able to get in.
- BARREL ROLL** The driver must roll a barrel between two boundaries to the finish line using only the front tractor tires. No backing up is allowed. This is a timed event.
- BLIND FARMER** The driver must drive blindfolded through an obstacle course in the lowest gear possible. A navigator standing on the draw bar should direct the driver through the course without hitting any markers.
- EGG BALANCE** A spoon is clamped to the driver's drawbar. With a ball placed in the spoon the driver must drive





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