



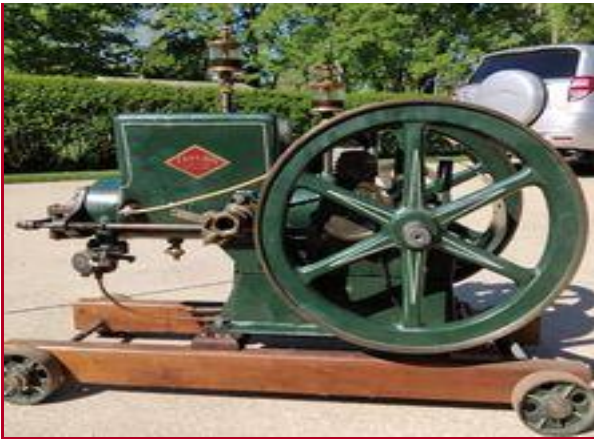
Show Dates September,  
16,17,18-2022

Welcome to the Lagrange Engine club Show.  
Thank you for becoming a member. We Hope you  
enjoy the newsletter. Please remember to show  
your Membership club pass each day upon entry.  
Our volunteers work very hard in providing you a  
super show. We rent the entire fairgrounds - you  
will have a lot to see

As always this is a family event.

Please Enjoy the show.

Have Fun!!!!



## OUR CLUB- Promotes Education

The LaGrange Engine Club is a long-standing Lorain County organization. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation formed in 1970. Our club is very dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and display of antique farm and industrial machinery and engines.

In 2006 we came to an agreement with the Lorain County Agricultural Society in order to save a display barn from the early 1900's that was at the original Lorain County Fairgrounds in Elyria, Ohio. The building has a unique design, topped by a long cupola with large windows. The structure, now known as the Heritage Barn, is used regularly by our club during the Lorain County Fair and our annual show held in September. Picnic in October.

In 2012 our organization was responsible for moving an old farm shop to the Fairgrounds and turning it into our current blacksmith shop. We laid a stone foundation, built a forge, and acquired many tools from members to make it a real working shop.

## Executive Board

- **Chairman - Joe Spahr**  
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- **Vice Chairman - Bill Burkart** (440) 865 7790
- **Secretary - Barb Baker**  
(440) 785-9703
- **Treasurer - Laurie Spahr**  
(440) 327-6916
- **Director - Andy Weigel** (440) 309-5372
- **Director - Bob Schworer**  
(440) 309-5688
- **Director - Bob Gordon**  
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## Letter from Chairman



Hello Club members!

At the march 2022 meeting: Chuck & Veronica Miller-our clubs chairman and our secretary resigned to dedicate more time to their families & careers. They will be missed as board members. They will remain active members of the club. We would like to thank them for the time they were able to donate to the Lagrange Engine Club.

The new interim board members are the following:

- Myself- Joe Spahr- Chairman
- Secretary- Barb Baker
- Vice Chairman- Bill Burkart

The following board members are remaining their positions:

- Treasurer- Laurie Spahr
- Director- Andy Weigel
- Director- Bob Gordon
- Director- Bob Schworer

We are always looking for members to help with the events we sponsor.

Please let someone know if you would like to help. Volunteers keep the club successful

Thank You

*Joe Spahr*



## **Meeting Dates**

Meetings held at: 7:00 pm @ Metro Parks Carlisle Visitor Center

2022 Dates- Oct 16 Sunday- (Fall Picnic - 1:00 pm)

**\*\*Please note-** Oct 16 will be at the Heritage barn at the Lorain County fairgrounds,

2022- Nov 10

2023 Meeting Dates- March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug 10, Sept 7.

Spring warm up April 30, 2023- Gordon Farms-Pot Luck

Columbia Station Show- St Route 82- Tommy Sampson- More information on this event coming for June 2023

Show dates for 2023- September 15.16.17



## Welcome to our Newsletter:

Let's begin the newsletter with a Congratulations to our lifetime members:

John Baker

Barb Baker

Harold Bruce

Ed Maynard

Carolyn Maynard

John Heath

Bill Kennedy Jr

Jim Schmitkons

Carol Schmitkons

John Temple

Bill Burkart

Georgine Burkart

Tom Burrington

Jack Husted

Bob Baumann

Ron Mole

Bob Schworer

Bob Gordon

Lloyd Gordon

Jerry Matusik

Don Wharton



*Congratulations!*

Thank you for all you do for the club to be a continued success.



A Letter from Barb Baker:

The Spring warm -up for 2021 was the beginning of our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a club. We were the guests on the Gordon family farm. We had about 200 people in attendance. In 2021 we had everyone bring their own lunch to comply with the covid guidelines. The weather was cool and cloudy. Everyone that attended were just happy to get together.

Fair week began with a good cleaning of our Heritage barn. A huge THANK YOU for the help given by Tim Zaharias, Bob Bauman, Bob Searight, John & Bev Temple, Harold Hartman, Ann Mowery, Bill & Georgene Burkart, Barb & Bob Gordon, John & myself (Barb Baker). We cannot forget to mention how Bob Gordon repaired the Windmill- Its look fantastic!! Way to go!!! I hope I mentioned everyone- If I did forget anyone I apologize.

At the fair: The club had a great display of tractors. - Thank you, Tim Zaharias, once again. We also had engines, bikes and rope making demonstrations. Bob Schworer and Tim Z were able to get the twine needed for the demonstration from Polen Implement & Wellington Implement. Again, many thanks for all you brought displays and help set them up for the fair.

The Wood Carvers were busy during our show and during the fair. Beautiful items and demonstrations. A very talented group. We are very pleased to have them with us.

I would like to Thank Bob Searight : He keeps our refrigerator well stocked during fair week. He also brought food to share at Tommy Sampsons show. The club appreciates all he does. He also checks on our barn year-round to make sure our barn is clean and safe. Thank you, Bob, for all you do!

Lets talk about our September show: Sept 17-18-19-2021.

The show began with great weather. I Believe the steam engine part had the largest displays of engines in 2021. It certainly was impressive! The engine area was also busy with many working engines Hats off to Grafton Motor Works for putting out a great display of field engines.

Scooter Club: We had the largest display of motor scooter thanks to Lorain County Vintage Motor Scooter Club.

The American Truck Club filled the area with beautifully restored trucks- It is a huge attraction. Let's not forget the Wood Toy man back by the truck area. Thank you, Don & Angie Burge,

Our Flea market draws in a large crowd with close to 500 vendors. Thank you to Janie Palumbo and her crew. A lot to see and must haves in this flea market. It takes 2 days to get through it. And its Golf cart friendly- You can rent golf carts through C&C golf cart rentals at 440-775-1300

At this time we wish to extend our sympathy to the friends and families of club members who passed away .

Jim Pycroft. Valerie Penfound, Lyle Hoffman, Marilyn Burlingame, Leo Kudlo, Linda Truxall, Bob Hill, Jerry Standen, Bob Tanner, Jim Smith, Walter "the bus guy" Michael Komlosi and William (Butch) Keeling., Carl Webster, and Red Cuptis- Joseph Szakal-They all will be missed.



## Treasurer Report\*\*\*\*\*

In the middle of Covid the club still had a profitable year. It did not make up for the loss in 2020 when we had to cancel the entire show.

We had 6288 through the gates in 2021 compared to 8590 in 2019. People were still apprehensive to go out in public. Many people were making up for personal cancelations as well- weddings, Graduation parties, family reunions.

Expenses increased on all supplies needed due to covid. Example: Hauling many of the steam engines to make sure they put on another great display for the show.

Postage, security, hiring a cleanup crew for after the show, portable restrooms. Etc. etc. everything had an increase of cost.

It was our 50<sup>th</sup> year- we had many new items for merchandise.

Each meeting I provide a treasury report.

All bills need to get paid are reviewed at all meetings held each month.

\*\*\*\*New News from the treasurer! – “All kids/Young Adults under 18 are free- Sign up for a JR membership”

See form in newsletter

Thank you

Laurie Spahr



### Junior Membership form

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored By\_\_\_\_\_

Birthday\_\_\_\_\_

Interests\_\_\_\_\_

Sample of card below- You will receive a hard copy of card when you sign up.





## TRACTORS- Just a few examples



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Tractors: In 2021 during our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary show- The tractor theme was Red vs Green. We had a great display of amazing and interesting tractors. We started something new this year- We took our very first ride thru the town of Wellington. Everyone had a great time. We plan to make this a new addition to the show each year. I am working on and hoping to get Wellington to approve a tractor parade through the town. I would like to personally thank everyone that brought tractor display to our show, It sure was a huge success. Our display is located on the infield of the fairgrounds. You may see a few in the fleamarket area.... Thank you- Tim Zacharias





**Flea Mart- Jane Palumbo** - Let's talk about the Flea Market. The flea market continues to grow every year. This year we have added spaces. We have 500 plus vendors. We offer a large variety of offerings: Anything Vintage, Parts, Tools, Handmade items. Household items, Honey, Jams and Jellies, Flowers, Hats, Crafts, Metal Art, Metal signs, Books. Handmade Quilts. Just about everything and anything you can think of. We also have 2 buildings on the ground - Building's 17 & 23 which also have vendors in there selling their goods. Example- Avon, Scentsy, Honey, more metal Art... just a few to list. The flea market is one of the largest and is Golf Cart friendly. You may bring your golf cart in the flea market. We offer many places for golf cart parking. We only ask you don't drive and try to shop off your golf carts. We have a local Golf cart rental in the area C & C golf cart rentals- You may rent them in advance. Kathy is the contact there her phone number is: 440-775-1300. Many thanks to my Crew- Lenny Palumbo, Mark & Polly Novak. And everyone that helps mark the spaces for the show. Jim Schmitkons for helping me with the map. Trust me the flea market will not disappoint! To rent a spot you will need to contact me. "Always happy to have new vendors". – Jane Palumbo



**Camping: Gary Flegel** is in charge of all camping on the grounds. No matter where you camp you must pay for camping. When you do pay for camping you will be issued a camping permit sign with a list of rules. The camping permit must be displayed on your camper, tent, or RV- with your name and phone number on it - Your rules will need to be with you. Any questions refer to the rules. Absolutely NO DUMPING of any sewer or gray water on the fairgrounds. You will be fined!! Dogs are welcome with a license and a leash and up to date on all shots. You may bring your camper in Wednesday after 5 pm and stay until Sunday close of show. No campers are to be left behind after the show. No early entrance. Showers are on the fairgrounds if needed. Thank you- *Gary Flegel*

READ ALL THE RULES WE HAVE PROVIDED.



### **Concession: Bill Burkart**

The Concession area brings in a nice selection of food vendors. I spend a great deal of time interviewing and selecting food vendors/trucks to make sure we have a nice variety for our customers. We have a roped off area for our customers to walk and select their food. No golf carts or any kind of vehicles are allowed in the roped off area where the food is.

Allergies- We are not responsible- Please discuss with your food vendor if there is an allergy of any kind.

No camping allowed behind the food vendors.

We also offer a pavilion for you to sit and enjoy your meal.

\*\*I would also like to personally Thank each vendor that participates in our show. The food was delicious!!

We are always looking for new Food vendors.

*Bill Burkart*





### **Steam:**

Our Steam show was a great success as we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary show in 2021 as a club with the largest display of working steam engines. A huge proud moment!

The saw mill, threshing, fans and power eaters provided work for the steam engines and the crowds had something to watch the entire weekend.

Above is the group photo that was taken of all the engines. What a beautiful photo it is! The Russell engines took a group phot of their engines.

The spark shows on Friday & Saturday night lit up the sky much to the pleasure of the crowd.

This year we are featuring Michigan built steam engines- Advance, Nichols & Shepard and Port Huron, etc.

Most people do not know that Nichols & Shepard would take their employees on a train for a day of hunting and fishing. Another interesting fact about the Upton Manufacturing Company was that they moved to the city of Port Huron and adopted the name of Port Huron Engine and Thresher Company.

We are looking to have a great steam show again this year and we hope to see you there

Thank you

*Bob Schworer*

## Blacksmith News

The black smith shop is in full “swing” again.

We had a full summer of 2021 with a fun time at the Lorain County Fair and a great September show!

All winter long we held our Sunday hammer- ins with about a dozen “hardy” participants braving the cold. It didn’t take long for all of us to warm up watching the demonstrations provided. The smiths have enjoyed watching and adding new techniques to their skill level to make numerous items.

Gnome faces have adorned hooks and bottle openers (demonstrations by Chuck Sprosky). A refresher course on our infamous spice spoons was given by Cody Hammer and a friendly competition was added for fun! Matt Richards had fiddles heads blooming everywhere with one of his many demonstrations for the smiths. We have some exciting demons coming up for the rest of the summer. Brad King may be showing us “poor mans” mokume gane in the near future.

We will be switching in June for our summer night hours: Tentatively beginning in June 6:15 to 9:15

The request for traveling blacksmith demonstrations continue to grow. Jeff Brueller and Cody have really stepped up and fulfilled a lot of those requests. They are committed to the Lagrange Engine Club along with Matt. They are all ready to take up new requests beginning in June 2022.

We purchased metal to replace and make more stakes for the tenting for the September show as well as making tools to take when the smiths travel. We are working to expand this summer with children/young adult classes. Possibly an indoor/outdoor hammer in to expand our capacity for a day with some different activities and smiths.

We continue to make some tools that the shop needs. Chisels, punches and drifts to name a few. We are always looking for donations of tools, anvils, treadle hammer, small power hammers, fly press wheel or anything you think a blacksmith shop needs. Come join us to hammer or observe- Our dates are always posted on Facebook.

PS- we have great news!!! We are approved for a trailer to take us on the road. Stay tune for more information- This is exciting!



*Thank You*

*Anne Hovanec*



**Small Engines-** We have a large variety of small engines displayed- Few Samples- Its Free to display your engines!! Joe Spahr



**\*\*Antique Trucks\*\***- The Club would like to thank you for your continuous support.

Northeast Ohio Chapter has one large display of Antique Trucks on the fairgrounds. Each Year they add more. Ever year there is a station set up with registration forms. If you have a vintage truck and you are looking to join a club, this one would be great to join. They send out a quarterly newsletter with all events listed. To Join is the information below.

Membership Coordinator Newsletter Angie Burge, 37180 Chester Rd., Avon, OH 44011 (440) 315-4537 [aburge371@gmail.com](mailto:aburge371@gmail.com)





We are always looking for members to help with the events we sponsor. Please contact anyone listed on the first page of this newsletter if you would like to volunteer.

“Volunteers help keep this club successful”

**Reminders:**

Our Pot luck meeting in October for our members date is: October 16 at NOON at the heritage barn. Please contact us if you are joining.

\*\*\*\*\*Next year's show dates are September 15, 16, 17- 2023. \*\*\*\*\*



### Consignment Auction-Andy Suvar- Auctions

Andy Suvar Auctions will be holding a consignment auction as he does every year. September 17 at 10am. Each year you can bring your items to be sold on Thursday and Friday from 12-7pm – We sell most items- We do prefer engine related items.

Andy may be reached at: 419-929-8487 – Thank you

### **Our first Annual Grafton Fall Festival**

We had our first show at Grafton Willow Park. It was a success!

Thank you to everyone that came out to spend the day and display their equipment. We had a great time enjoying a wonderful mix of displays, gas engines, oilfield engines, tractors, cars, trucks, scooters and a mobile working blacksmith. We had a good variety of food vendors in the pavilion area.

We will be having it again this year Saturday Oct 1, 2022 . Our Club hopes you can join us for a fun filled day.

Hours 9-5

This Year:

Tractors, Gas Engines, Cars, Motor Scooters, Blacksmithing, and other great displays!

Farm Market, Crafters, Food Vendors

Short Tractor Ride Around the town (And Scooters, Cars, Etc.)

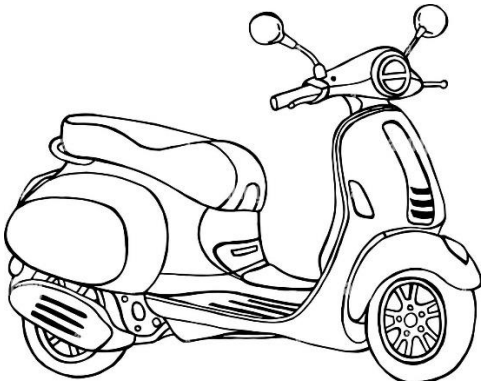
If you have any questions. I would be happy to answer them

Bob Schworer- 440-309-5688

Village of Grafton- 440-926-2401



# We welcome the Lorain County Vintage Scooter Club.



This year, 2022 marks the thirty year for the Lorain County Vintage Motor Scooter Club.

Welcome to the Lorain County (Ohio) Vintage Scooter Club! The club has been in operation since 1992, and accepts all vintage scooters / engine-powered bikes -- and enthusiasts. The club includes many members with extensive knowledge of scooters and restoration experience. The goals are to keep the hobby interest strong and expanding, while maintaining an enjoyable time within the club and internet setting. Please find us on Facebook.





The Lorain County Wood Carvers had presented this to our club.

They all did a GREAT job putting this quilt together. It is made up of individually carved blocks of wood put together in a frame. They have many talented woodworkers in their club. They are a feature at our show. Stop in their building and check out all the talent.

Thank you for the beautiful gift







## Membership form

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored By\_\_\_\_\_

Birthday\_\_\_\_\_

Interests\_\_\_\_\_



# RENTALS

We have a local Golf cart rental in the area C & C golf cart rentals.

You may rent them in advance or on site.

Kathy is the contact there her phone number is: 440-775-1300.

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Thank you for your  
membership! We as a  
club hope you keep  
enjoying the show

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