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Elsie Harbinson explains characteristics of her bottle collection to (l-r) Wells Coates, Jean-Paul Gendron, and Kathy Chapdelaine. February 10th, 2008 meeting. Waterville Town hall.

(Photo Gordon Barnett)

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EDITOR

Dallas Campbell has made arrangements to have access to the Cookshire Fairgrounds for a Crankup. This event will take place on **Sunday May 25th from 930h**. There will be a potluck lunch so please bring something to eat. There will be **no regular meeting on Sunday, May 11th**, which is Mother's Day.

At the April meeting, it was decided to re-establish the Website. Members find it to be a very useful communications tool, is consulted by members and visitors for information, and is linked to other sites. Furthermore, several municipalities subsidized the site and there is an obligation to them.

The Club has lost another member, André Chapdelaine, who has been an exhibitor since the beginning. He was a strong supporter of the Club and its' activities, a quiet individual, very friendly, and it was easy to talk to him. André is the eleventh member that the Club has lost. The Club will miss him. The members extend their sympathy to Kathy and Dave.

Expo is coming fast and will occur on August 16 and 17th. Preparations have been underway for some time. See you in August.

The Club may be more severe regarding members. This means that those who haven't paid their dues may no longer receive the newsletter.

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" ANTIQUE MACHINES" NEWSLETTER

The newsletter "Antique Machines d'Antan" is published as needed but generally once each season. It is a communications link with the members, the objective being to inform them of activities and transmit pertinent information.

Everyone interested in gas engines, toys, models, tractors, machinery, tools, and other antiques is invited to submit material of any type such as an article, letter, or advertisement to the Editor.

Distribution

This newsletter is distributed to members who have paid their annual dues and sometimes to other persons interested in antique machinery and other objects.

This newsletter is also published in French. (Ce bulletin est aussi publié en Français.)

THE CLUB

The "Eastern Townships Antique Machinery Club" is a non-profit corporation constituted in Quebec under Part 3 of "La loi sur les compagnies" in 1992.

The Club provides a forum for people interested in antique machinery, toys, tools, and other objects, to meet, communicate, exchange information, and hold meetings, assemblies, competitions, demonstrations, exhibitions. The Club meets once a month for formal meetings and holds an exhibition at least once a year.

Executive

The executive for 2008 is composed of the following members:

Position	Member
President.....	Gordon Barnett
Vice-President.....	Émile Couture
Secretary	Dominique Perron
Treasurer	Dave Lord
Director.....	Yvon Cloutier
Director.....	Jacques Veilleux
Director.....	Gary Dunsmore

Meetings

Members meet on the **second** Sunday of the month in January, February, March, April, May, September, October, and November at 930h in the basement of the Waterville Town hall. (Please check with a member because date and place may change.)

The Annual General Meeting is on the second Sunday in January at 930h in the basement of the Waterville Town hall. Elections are held at this meeting.

Each August, the Club organizes an exhibition of machinery, toys, models, and other antiques in Compton. Club members, their families, and friends meet for Christmas brunch on the first Sunday of December or the last Sunday of November.

Schedule of meetings¹

Date	Date
13 January, 2008	25 May 2008 ⁴
13 January, 2008 ²	14 September 2008
10 February 2008	12 October 2008
9 March 2008	9 November, 2008
13 April 2008	7 December, 2008 ³

¹ Subjet to change- check

² Annual Meeting

³ Christmas Brunch

⁴ Crank-up Cookshire Fairgrounds

Membership

Anyone who has paid the annual dues is a member in good standing. The annual fee covers the calendar year. In 2008, the membership fee is \$20.

The membership fee permits the Club to operate. It pays for: this newsletter, annual Government of Quebec Report, insurance, letters, special projects (ex. National engine), the website.

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COMING EVENTS

1. Cumberland Heritage Village Heritage Power and Country Festival. May 31-June 1, 2008 (confirmed). Cumberland, Ontario. www.ottawa.ca/museums
2. *Central Mass. Steam, Gas, and Machinery. Orange, MA. 4th weekend in June. June 28-29, 2008. (confirmed) www.oldengine.org, www.cmsgma.com
3. Vermont Gas and Steam Engine Ass. Brownington, VT. June 14-15. 2008 (confirmed) .
4. *New York Two-Cylinder Expo. Biannual, 2nd week-end of July, not Sunday. Canandaigua, NY. July 9-11, 2009. (confirmed) www.newyorksateexpo.com
5. Farmersville. Athens, ON. 3rd July weekend, according to website. July 18-20, 2008 (confirmed). www.athenslions.com, www.athensontario.com
6. Vermont Gas and Steam Engine Ass. Stockbridge, VT. Corner of 100 & 107. August 30-31, 2008 (confirmed).
7. Festival du Lait. Coaticook, QC. July 31, *August 1-3, 2008* (unconfirmed). www.lefestivaldulait.com
8. 51st Annual Stowe Antique and Classic Car Meet. Stowe VT. August 8-10, 2008 (unconfirmed). www.vtauto.org
9. Pageant of Steam, Canandaigua, NY. August 6-9, 2008 (confirmed). www.pageantofsteam.org
10. **Eastern Townships Antique Machinery Club. Exposition 2008. August 16-17, 2008. Compton.**
11. "Rough and Tumble". Kinzers, PA. August 13-16, 2008. (confirmed) www.roughandtumble.org
12. Massey Exposition of North America. Milton, ON. July 18-20, 2008 (confirmed). www.masseycollectors.org
13. Connecticut River Valley Flywheelers. Ely, VT. August 22-24, 2008 (confirmed)
14. Chateauguay Valley Antique Association Rockburn, QC. August 23-24 , 2008.
15. Week-End Rouge. Parc des Salines. Saint-Hyacinthe, QC. September 5-7,2008 (confirmed). www.appaq.ca
16. Fall Festival. East Burke, VT. September 27, 2008.

FEBRUARY 10TH, 2008 MEETING

There were 23 people in attendance who enjoyed breakfast prepared by Dave Lord and Kathy Chapdelaine aided by Rachel Veilleux and Yvon Cloutier. The meal consisted of fried eggs, toast, jam, bacon, juice, baked beans, and coffee.



Figure 1. Breakfast, February 10th. Town hall, Waterville. L-r : Elsie Harbinson, Vali Kudluk, Émile Vaillancourt, Normand Hébert, Kathy Chapdelaine.

After breakfast, there was a meeting, the subjects on the agenda being:

Expo site

The following comments were made:

- This debate needs to be decided once and for all.
- This was decided last year – the show is staying at Compton until such time that there is not enough space.
- We must await Compton's response regarding insurance (Can the Club be covered by the Municipal insurance?)
- The wish to have our own site has not been forgotten but it is utopian to think that we can have one under the current circumstances.
- The Club will remain at Compton as long as the Municipality accepts us and there is enough space.
- The site debate should not be recommenced in the same fashion.
- The exhibitors and public are used to Compton.
- We can stay at Compton until there is not enough space.
- The antique cars help us and not only by attracting visitors but also by controlling the barriers.

- The visitors come to see the two: the cars and the antique machinery.
- We need to let the dust settle on the subject of site.
- In 2009 the issue should be decided once and for all.
- It will never be totally decided.
- In studying the expo registers, there has been up to 96 exhibitors. Details are also recorded but not the weather.
- The weather was bad on Saturday last year.
- Is Expo for us, or the public? We need to decide on the orientation. Maybe a strategic committee could help orientate the Club if we know where we are going.
- We need to be vigilant in case the possibility of a permanent site appears.
- We should ask for more support from the Municipality.
- Mr. Brousseau was contacted and is willing to furnish canteen services again this year.
- The formation of the organizing committee should be done, maybe in March.



Figure 2. February 10th meeting. L-r: Martin Dion, Jean-Paul Gendron, Michel Dion, Delmar Fisher.

Insurance

The insurance issue was re-discussed. The comments:

- In the final analysis, each exhibitor needs to contact his own insurance agent to verify coverage.
- The Bank of the West, which advertises insurance in Antique Power, was contacted but does not insure in Canada.
- A request has been made to Compton to determine if the Club can be insured through their insurance.
- The insurance company that covers Waterville considers the Club and other organizations to be renters who should have their own insurance.

- To guide members, a letter with questions such as: Am I insured for loss and civil responsibility? and a table (article, serial number, value, function) were written and distributed to those in attendance. For the Club and the public exposition, it is the public liability that is important.
- If your house burns, you are not obliged to rebuild but you have to be insured for full value. If you aren't insured for full value, bills have to be submitted for everything during reconstruction.
- The Club can't insure all exhibitors.
- Certain companies will try to sell you other insurance.
- The best approach is to prevent accidents. The safety committee has not yet met but a document has been written.
- Ontario and Vermont should be included in any questions to your insurers if you exhibit in these areas.
- In Canada, we are protected if we have insurance. In the US, an exhibitor pays \$8 to \$20 upon entering the grounds for liability insurance.
- If you have an accident on the road and someone is hurt, it is the SAAQ that pays, that is if the tractor is registered, which includes insurance.
- We need to verify if we are insured by SAAQ when in a public place. (One agent has said no, that it is our own private insurance that covers us.)
- By law a transit permit is needed, even if we have a tractor transported.
- Members need to make a written request for information from their agent by letter.



Figure 3. Preparing breakfast. Sunday, February 10th 2008. Town hall, Waterville. L-r : Dave Lord, Rachel Veilleux, Yvon Cloutier.

Web Site

- At the moment, only a white page appears. There was a discussion on the issue:
- The site is still there but not visible.
- A personal type page of 5 to 10 MB can be established. This costs nothing but is very limited. Only two or three pages could be posted (who we are etc.). The newsletter couldn't be posted which requires considerable space. We had 50 MB.
- Volunteers are needed to assemble the information but a knowledgeable person is required to put the material on the Web.
- There is a cost of \$8 to \$10 per month (for the domain and server). Transformation did everything. The site was referenced, which means that a search engine like Google would pick it up. Also, it must not be forgotten that six municipalities subsidized the site for about \$350. It would cost about \$100 to \$150 to update the site. The site is saturated with SPAM and a cleanup is needed.
- A brief history of John Deere and Massey-Harris has appeared on the site. All photos were ours. Some members sold articles on the site.
- The site should be reconstituted as it was.



Figure 4. February 10th 2008 meeting. L-r: Michel Dion, Delmar Fisher, Wells Coates, Hervey Lagrandeur, Mike Harbinson, Émile Couture, Elsie Harbinson.

- Although many have high speed, the information has to be compressed for dial-up.
- There are some 40 to 50 hours of volunteer time per year plus three to four hours for the Webmaster. There are other webmasters as well.
- Members are free to do the minimum.
- All the newsletters were on the site in both languages.
- The restructuring of the basic site would cost \$180 to \$200 and \$120 to 150\$ for each update.
- The cost is reasonable given the work involved.

- If the members want a simpler site, this can be done.
- The popularity of a site depends in part on its' links. More links means more traffic, which means that in a web search, a site ends up closer to the top.
- The site will still be at Compton in 2009. Until such time as there is sufficient space at Compton, we will stay there.

There was no decision and the issue will be revisited.



Figure 5. February 10th meeting Town hall, Waterville. L-r: Vali Kudluk, Jean-Yves Hébert, Émile Vaillancourt, Normand Hébert, Kathy Chapdelaine, Dave Lord, Rachel Veilleux.

The APPAQ visit

- The Association Provinciale will be visiting our region for their Annual General Meeting and visit. We may be able to join them. We should have the opportunity to welcome them to our region.

Calendar

It would appear that no progress has been made on this project.

National Engine

A small engine is needed to operate the compressor to build the pressure needed to start the National. Nil Veilleux had loaned a Wisconsin for this purpose. The Club decided to purchase this engine from Nil.

Date of the meeting

Because Sunday morning meetings cause conflicts for some members, there is a survey underway to determine the members' opinion on the date, the choice being Sunday morning or a

week day night such as Wednesday. The few responses to date favor Sunday morning.

Newsletter

Here is some information on the newsletter. It is published three or four times a year with 55 English and 85 French copies printed each time. Each newsletter has 8 or 10 pages and at 6¢ per page, it costs 48¢ or 60¢ per newsletter. At 10 pages (5 sheets) a newsletter is close to the 30g weight limit (29+ g). If the 30 g limit is exceeded, the stamp cost increases from 52 to 94¢. With tax, the stamp costs 59¢ and the envelope about 2¢ for a total of \$1.09 (8 pages) or \$1.21 (10 pages).

Generally there are 40 to 60 paid-up members but the newsletter is distributed to about 130 people because they have been members and or exhibitors. Members are off and on, this year off, next year on, the next year off, and so on. So, to keep everyone informed, the newsletter is distributed to more than the current members. Thus, the total cost is about \$140 to \$160 each issue for three or four times a year. Is the cost worth it??? However, it remains highly desirable to keep adherents informed of Club activities to maintain a sense of belonging.

For each issue, the draft, revision, and page setup requires about eight hours and there are two versions for each issue. It takes about three hours to print the envelopes, fold and put the letters in the envelopes, seal the envelopes, put the stamps on, and sort them by postal code. And it requires three trips to Lennoxville: take the CD or USB to the printer, pick up the newsletters, and then mail them.



Figure 6. February 10th meeting. Town hall, Waterville. Elsie Harbinson explains her bottle collection to l-r Hervey Lagrandeur, Michel Dion, Jean-Yves Hébert.

Presentation

The group had the pleasure of seeing a part of the huge collection of old bottles belonging to Elsie Harbinson. She has an interesting collection and a great variety of bottles.

The bottles date from the 18th, 19th, and beginning of the 20th centuries. There were gin bottles, many small medicine bottles of various shapes, blue and brown bottles, and bottles of many forms and sizes. There were Mason type jars with screw-type tin covers, and round-bottomed bottles, which won't stand alone. The collection captivated the interest of all those present.



Figure 7. Elsie Harbinson demonstrates the characteristics of a bottle. February 10th meeting Town hall, Waterville. Emile Couture (l) and Wells Coates in the background.

MARCH 9TH, 2008 MEETING

Expo 2008 Committee

Because of the low attendance due to the storm, the formation of the committee was delayed.

Insurance

It was asked if the Club could be included in the Municipality of Compton's policy. The Director-general of the Municipality, Serge Caron,

consulted their representative, Conway-Jacques and the answer was no because the Club is not a municipal organization but a private one.

If, for example, a pole falls on someone during a storm because it was rotten, then it is the Municipal insurance that covers the situation. But if the pole fell because an exhibitor backed into it, then it would be the exhibitors insurance and maybe that of the Club, if it were to be shown to have been negligent as to security, that would cover the situation.

So, the Club has to be insured to protect it and at least the executive.



Figure 8. Elsie Harbinson looks up information on some bottles. L-r: Jean-Paul Gendron, Kathy Chapdelaine.

Club property

It was asked what would happen to the Club assets in case of dissolution. In fact, the charter says that the assets would be offered to non-profit organizations.

WEB Site

- Several comments:
- The site should be reestablished to promote Expo. Quite a few visitors and exhibitors rely on it for their information.
 - The newsletter should be reinstalled on the site.
 - The Municipality of Compton has a website where the Club could post its' information. Answer: The site is not ours, the volume of information that could be posted would be limited, and the Club would have no control over posting.
 - Some businesses would be willing to subsidize the site with advertising.

- The profiles of two or three members could be posted each year.
- Several municipalities subsidized the site and the APPAQ has a link to the Club site.
- Webmasters use the Dreamweaver software.
- This issue will be revisited.

APPAQ Visit

- The President talked to the APPAQ President, Lucien Riendeau, and Club members are invited to participate in the visit to our region. Members have to register for the sugar cabin style meal to be served at the Community Centre on the road to the Golf Course (Merrill street). There is supposed to be information on the APPAQ website and in their journal. The group will visit Raymond Chagnon and Michel Dion to see their collections. The Laiterie de Coaticook may also be visited. They will hold their Annual General Meeting during the visit. The schedule is not yet available.

Calendar

There was a calendar project underway but there has been no news recently. Such a project requires a lot of work and if dates of events are to be posted, considerable research is needed and there must be no errors. Paper quality affects the price. For a lot of 500, the cost is about \$15 each. The more that are printed, the lower the price. The photos valorize both the equipment and the site where the photo was taken.

So, it appears that the project has not progressed.

Date of the meeting

The President checked the availability of the meeting room and it is free: Monday nights from March on, Tuesday nights, the second and third Wednesday nights, the first, second, and fourth Friday nights, and all Sunday mornings. To date, it would appear that the majority are in favor of Sunday morning.

Newsletter

The information was presented in February.

Presentation

The President presented slides of some former shows: the Steam Show in Stanstead in 1985 organized by Roger Roy. There were several Stanley Steamer cars, model train engines, and stationary steam engines. The scale engines pulled cars on a set of tracks and the engineer gave rides to children. The first Club shows of 1993 and 1994 were shown. These were held at the Campground in Compton amongst the trees. Slides from the 1994 show at the Stonehouse in Brownington, VT, at the Carrefour Shopping Center in February 1995, of the Club Shows in 1995 and 96 at the Récré-o-parc Compton site, of the Dingman National engine at Millington (Austin) in 1995, and the unloading at Équipement Veilleux in Lennoxville of Jacques Vaillancourt's load of John Deere tractors imported from the West in 1997.

APRIL 13, 2008 MEETING

Organizing Committee Expo 2008

The members of the Committee were named at the meeting. They are: Gary Dunsmore, Yvon Cloutier, Gordon Barnett, Dominique Perron, Dave Lord, Kathy Chapdelaine, and Luc Grenier. Sylvain Veilleux from the Compton Antique Auto Club will also be invited to the meetings. The first meeting should take place within a month. Its' mandate is to organize Expo 2008 within the limits of the 44 items detailed in the document Tâches Exposition 2008. These include such issues as insurance, security, publicity, signs, buttons, dashplates, and many other subjects.

It was suggested that the big sign that is placed before the restaurant should be remade.

Also, Jean-Paul Gendron offered to take the inventory of exposed items, which has not been done for two years. The members were pleased that this initiative will continue.

It was noted that there is a lack of space for the antique cars when the trailers are parked on the Dubuc field. If the weather is good, more car owners come.

Insurance

The question was asked whether the Club could be insured through the Municipality of Compton's policy, as it was at the beginning. A letter was

sent to the Director General of the Municipality, Serge Caron, for an answer to this question and the President met Mr. Caron in February. He checked with the broker for the Municipality, Conway-Jacques, who consulted the insurer, AXA, and the answer was no because the Club is not a municipal organization. The Club would have had to be created by Municipal resolution. The Club is considered to be a private organization. There were several comments:

- Members in the Golden triangle can no longer be insured through their club.
- There are house policies that insure you if the article being exhibited does not move.
- The directors must not be exposed to a lawsuit in the case of an accident.
- A form was given to you to guide you in seeking clarification of your situation with your insurance agent regarding coverage as an exhibitor.
- Insurance companies will sue anyone who might be the least bit involved if there is an accident. The companies are looking for money and don't care where it comes from.
- In the case of a recent fire, the insurance company is suing the four fire departments involved and three firemen.
- To be legal and insured by the SAAQ, a tractor has to be licensed. An unlicensed tractor needs a transit permit to be transported.
- A tractor with factory-installed flashers is legal but not a tractor with them installed after. A tractor exceeding eight feet long or high needs flashers.

So, verify your situation with a letter to your insurer.

WEB Site

The site is currently in a lamentable state and needs to be updated. The bill for the domain name and server costs has recently been paid. There never was a formal decision by resolution to abandon the site.

A more condensed site with a homepage, links, Club information, the newsletters, and maybe a paragraph on insurance will be established. This will require one to two hours of work by the Webmaster. A limited Web site can be established relatively quickly and should be in place for Expo 2008. It was proposed and accepted that the Machine Club Website be re-established.

Newsletter

The newsletter costs \$150 to \$160 for each edition. Thus four issues costs up to \$640 and consumes a significant portion of the fees because paid-up members vary from twenty to sixty. This number varies continuously.

There was a discussion as to who should receive the newsletter. In principle, only those who have paid their annual fees would receive it. A member who does not pay the annual dues, is no longer a member and would no longer receive the newsletter.

There were other comments: the newsletter is a unifying force. The paper form is important and more reliable as a means of communication. Not everyone has access to the Web and certainly not high speed internet.

National engine

It was suggested that an article should be written on the National engine and submitted to Antique Power. A follow-up will be made.

It was also suggested that a whistle should be installed on the air tank to draw people's attention when there is to be a demonstration. Another comment was that the steam tractor on the Club logo doesn't represent the Club and that the engine is more appropriate.

Antique Utility Vehicles

The « Magazine des Véhicules Utilitaires Anciens » is an interesting magazine which would be intriguing to anyone interested in old machines. The magazine is published by « les Éditions Herté enr » and is devoted to the promotion and restoration of all old utility vehicles: cars, trucks, tractors, and military equipment. The editor is Robert Trussart.

For example, in the September-October issue, there was a variety of articles. They were: Expo La Minerve, Expo de Gaspé, Canadair Fisher, Letters, Bantam, follow-up : an article on a small 1500 lb. jeep; Expo St-Valère; Cornboil at M, Majeau's; Expo RPM at St-Bruno; Granby International; Minneapolis-Moline UDLX 1938-41 : tractor which resembled a car; Tractor pull at St-Alexis; Cecile's Snack Bar; B.C. Farm Museum; Bantam trials; Week-End rouge aux Salines : The Association provinciale Expo; Women's page, and a For Sale section.

The subscription costs \$33 (\$42 outside Canada) (September-October 2007 price) for six issues per year published in French. You can subscribe at the following address:

Véhicules Utilitaires Anciens
Les Éditions Herté
4 rue Marcel
St-Thomas de Joliette QC J0K 3L0

Presentation

Gary Dunsmore gave an interesting talk to the members on Linda's flatiron collection. He presented about a dozen models from about two hundred years ago until about 1930. The simplest model was a wooden-handled flatiron put on a wood stove to heat it up. The next innovative design was a set of flatirons with an interchangeable handle. Others were hollow into which coals could be placed. Another model was hollow with an iron tongue that could be heated and then inserted into a cavity. And then there were models with tanks into which naphtha or gasoline could be poured and burned through a wick or torch to heat the iron. This was a fascinating display of the evolution in flatirons.



Figure 9. Gary Dunsmore explains the characteristics of flatirons. Luc Grenier right. April 13th meeting. Town hall, Waterville.

**CRANKUP
May 25 2008**



Sunday, May 25 9h30

Cookshire Fairgrounds

(There will be a Potluck lunch. So, please bring something to eat to contribute to the common meal.)

**EXPO 2008
August 16-17, 2008**



Récré-o-parc, Compton

All visitors and exhibitors welcome

For sale: Wood thresher, Machinerie Pont Rouge. In very good shape. \$1000. Jim Bell. 819-839-2581.

For sale: Massey Harris 20 tractor. Keyworth George, Mansonville. 450-292-5638