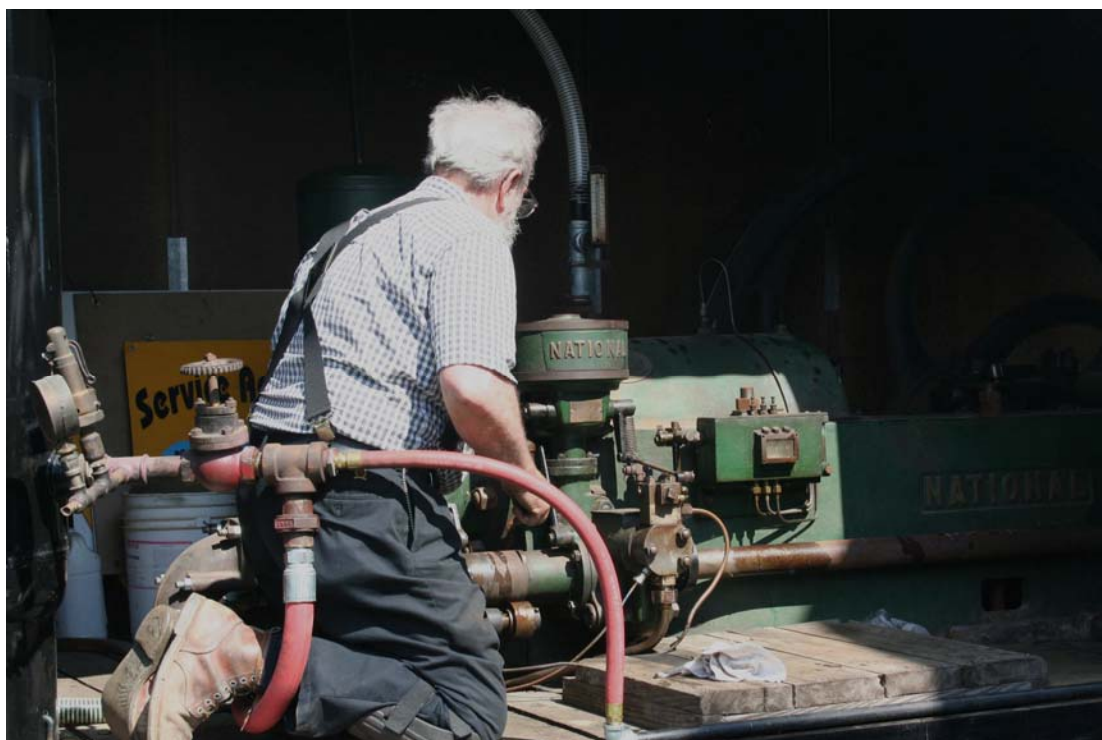




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MACHINES

Eastern Townships Antique Machinery Club
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It runs ! After about seven years of work, Hervey Lagrandeur started the 40HP National engine on June 12th, 2007. Nil Veilleux's, chemin Cochrane, Compton.
(Photo Gordon Barnett)

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EDITOR

Jean-Paul Gendron has always been a thinker who has reflected on the philosophy of the Club and its' activities. His reflections are always pertinent. His thoughts on the future of the Club and of Expo are quite pertinent at this time – is the interest to continue the Club and Expo still there?? Attendance at the meetings is very low.

There have been several meetings to plan Expo 2007. It seems that the Club will have access to a piece of Yvon Audet's field of 100' by 400' for \$500. The participation of the antique car collectors has not been confirmed either by letter or by their attendance at our meetings. There are rumors that they may attend.

You have undoubtedly noticed that the Web site has been abandoned and not been updated for a year. All progressive clubs have Web sites because it is a powerful instrument to inform people of Club activities. Many people often get information on other clubs from their Web site. The Club never officially decided to abandon the site (no resolution or vote). This shows a lack of respect for the members. When Jean-Paul looked after the site, the Club's interests were well served.

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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 2007 is composed of the following members:

Position	Member
President.....	Steve Lepitre
Vice-President.....	Gordon Barnett
Secretary	Dominique Perron
Treasurer	Dave Lord
Director.....	Dave Sarrasin
Director.....	Delmar Fisher
Director.....	Dallas Campbell

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 Townhall. (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 Townhall. 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
21 January, 2007	27 May 2007 ⁴
21 January, 2007 ²	9 September 2007
11 February 2007	14 October 2007
11 March 2007	11 November, 2007
April 2007 none	2 December, 2007 ³

¹ Subject 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 2007, 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 Museum, Village Fair and Spring Crankup. May 25-27, 2007. Cumberland, Ontario. www.ottawa.ca/museums
2. *Central Mass. Steam, Gas, and Machinery. Orange, MA. 4th weekend in June. June 23-24, 2007. (confirmed) www.oldengine.org, www.cmsgma.com
3. Vermont Gas and Steam Engine Ass. Brownington, VT. June 16-17. 2007 .
4. *New York Two-Cylinder Expo. Biannual, 2nd weekend of July, not Sunday. Canandaigua, NY. July 12-14, 2007. (confirmed) www.newyorksateexpo.com
5. Farmersville. Athens, ON. 3rd July weekend, according to website. July 20-22, 2007. (confirmed). www.athenslions.com, www.athensontario.com
6. Vermont Gas and Steam Engine Ass. Stockbridge, VT. Corner of 100 & 107. July 21-22, 2007.
7. Festival du Lait. Coaticook, QC. August 2-5 , 2007 (confirmed). www.lefestivaldulait.com
8. 51st Annual Stowe Antique and Classic Car Meet. Stowe VT. August 10-12, 2007 (confirmed). www.vtauto.org
9. Pageant of Steam, Canandaigua, NY. August 8-11, 2007 (confirmed). www.pageantofsteam.org
10. **Eastern Townships Antique Machinery Club. Exposition 2007. August 18-19, 2007. Compton.**
11. "Rough and Tumble". Kinzers, PA. August 15-18, 2007. (confirmed) www.roughandtumble.org
12. Massey Exposition of North America. Milton, ON. July 17-20, 2008. www.masseycollectors.org
13. Connecticut River Valley Flywheelers. Ely, VT. August 25-26 , 2007
14. Chateauguay Valley Antique Association Rockburn, QC. August 25-26 , 2007.
15. Week-End Rouge. Parc des Salines. Saint-Hyacinthe, QC. September 8-9, 2007 (confirmed). www.appaq.ca



FEBRUARY 2007 MEETING (cont'ed)

EXPO 2007

- The committee has not yet met.
- A theme has to be chosen.
- The theme should be decided by the members.
- Committee members are: Dave Lord, Gordon Barnett, Dominique Perron, Steve Lepitre, Delmar Fisher, and Yvon Cloutier.
- We need to contact Yvon Audet to ascertain if his field (facing the park) will be available and at what price. The owner of the field above the park also has to be contacted to verify the availability of that land for parking.

BREAKFAST (March meeting)



Figure 1. Breakfast at the March meeting, Waterville Town Hall.. l-r: Dominique Perron and Wells Coates

- Breakfast will be served to members at 900h.
- Spouses are also invited.
- The needs are : butter, bacon, bread, syrup, milk, pancakes, orange and apple juice, forks, knives, plates, napkins, toaster, cooking utensils.
- There will be a pot for donations.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

- There were 75 people present.
- The room cost \$125 and \$0.75 per person for the dishes.
- About \$120 was spent on gifts.
- The room was spacious.
- The Club needs this type of activity.
- By reserving the services of a caterer in advance for a fixed number of persons, the Club is exposed to a sizable risk in case of a snowstorm and poor attendance.



Figure 2. March 11th meeting. Waterville Town Hall. After breakfast. L-r: Dave Lord, Kathy Chapdelaine, Danny Bousquet, Bill Thorneloe, Jim Wilkin, Dave Sarrasin, (Dallas Campbell), Gail Bousquet, Sandy Campbell, Carolyn Campbell.

EXPO 2007

- How can potential exhibitors be encouraged to participate?
- Maybe a fund should be established to encourage a potential exhibitor.
- Expo would be bigger if the Club had transport.
- Maybe the Club should invite people with something unique and offer to pay the transport.
- Paying transport could cause friction and is a sensitive subject.
- There was some interesting equipment at Danville which would be nice to have at Expo (ice cream machine, corn grinder).
- We need demonstrations.

DOUG DRISCOLL

- It was reported that Doug Driscoll, long time exhibitor at Compton, died on January 8, 2007.
- It was proposed that a sympathy card be sent to the family.

SITE WEB

Some comments were made concerning the Web site :

- The site has not been revised since September. It is still announcing Expo 2006!
- The annual cost is \$50 for the domaine and \$150 for the server.
- Do we need the site? Several responded affirmatively.
- The total cost last year was about \$500, updates costing about \$100 each time.
- The site is not big enough for the photos.
- A member is needed to help the webmaster.
- The updates are expensive.

- It would be useful to have a list of members and their addresses on the site. This would have to be on a page accessible only by password.
- The site should be interactive.
- I don't see the benefit to the Club. 90% of the hits are by accident.
- We want to keep the site at no cost. We need to find a club member to do this.
- Who from the outside consults the site?

SNOWMOBILES

Wells Coates presented information on snowmobiles and sparkplugs taken from « Véhicules Utilitaires Anciens ».

PRESENTATION

Hervey Lagrandeur gave a presentation on the software «Cadkey 97 R2 ». He designed a hub using the software and demonstrated its' characteristics: beginning with axes and cross hairs, eraser, making circles with different diameters, trimming lines, making different types of lines, shading, putting a legend on the drawing. See an example in Figure 3.

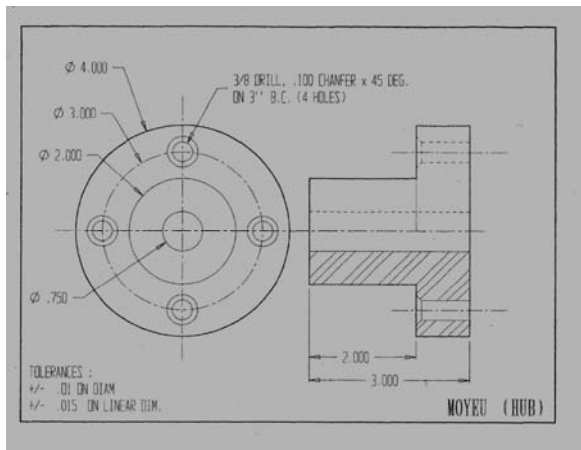


Figure 3. Drawing of a hub done by Hervey Lagrandeur with the Cadkey 97 R2 software at the February meeting.

MARCH MEETING

CALENDAR

Bill Thorneloe and Phil Reed are responsible for this project but have not progressed far. Wells Coates showed Michel Dion's calendar and commented on the high quality. The Club's calendar should be of the same quality.

INSURANCE

Steve contacted Luc Lavoie to get some information but has yet to receive it. The clubs of the Golden Triangle are insured by Dominion Comack . Marsh McLaren is a specialty insurance company which may have something of interest. The pursuit of information continues.

EXPO 2007

The committee (Gordon Barnett, Dominique Perron, Dave Lord, Kathy Chapdelaine, Dave Sarrasin, and Steve Lepitre) met on Thursday night March 8 at the Restaurant Maison du Verger in Compton to begin the plans for Expo 2007. The members discussed the forty-four items on the list necessary to present the show such as insurance, the meal, the dashplates, the buttons, publicity, the theme, admission, cornboil, and other subjects. The theme has not been chosen but "tools" has been suggested.

SITE WEB

- There was a brief discussion on the Web site:
- The site must be maintained and updated.
 - The site is necessary to tell the world of Club's existence.
 - The Web site is complicated to update.
 - We need a one-page free site that is revised once or twice a year.

There were no meetings in April or May.

**What is the future for the Machinery Club?
Jean-Paul Gendron**

In August, the Machinery Club presents its' 15th annual exposition. The attraction and enthusiasm of the beginning have gradually been replaced by a relative stability with respect to exhibitor and visitor attendance at the Compton show. In contrast to the machines, tools, and inventions exhibited, which have kept or regained their youthful looks, Expo's participants are getting older. The original objective, which was to exhibit these antiques for public viewing, to inform and entertain, and even provide pleasure, has evolved into a social phenomenon by marrying the passion for the mechanical past and the neighborliness of a campsite.



Figure 4. Expo 2005, Compton. Jean-Paul Gendron examines some of Jacques Vaillancourt's John Deere collection.

Collectors of equipment and antiques from the first half of the twentieth century meet to keep the flame going for the preservation of our mechanical heritage. The interaction of collectors is important for the survival of the small segment of the population, which wishes to keep the past alive. Their attachment to objects which were significant in the history of rural development, keep the collective memory alive, which sometimes is difficult to do in this rapidly evolving society. This enthusiasm for old technology should remind the young and not so young that the inventive genius of past generations often preserved in museums is not only the inspiration of Expo, but is a major witness to social and economic progress... and the forerunner of contemporary engineering.

Clearly, the annual exposition has evolved and matured into a medium for exchange, resources, and recognition for people with an interest in old equipment and other objects from the past, especially from rural life. It is also a window for a public interested in knowing, appreciating, and comparing the changes and innovations in old equipment, which represent a point in their evolution and development.

The Eastern Townships Antique Machinery Club should continue its' mission, gradually make changes to internal operations, and the way it displays equipment, knowledge, and its' ethnological richness. Such an evolution must respect the experience and contributions of the members. The meeting on the second Sunday of the month and the traditional Expo undoubtedly should be revised. However, their operation must take the public educational

objective into account. The members of the Club, must not only preserve our mechanical heritage, but must also be capable of vision.

J.M. CHAGNON inc

J.M. Chagnon inc, the Case-IH dealer, is well known in the Coaticook region. This dealer sells an important percentage of the farm machinery in the southern part of the Townships.

This Case-IH dealership celebrated its' 50th anniversary in 2006. Jean-Marie Chagnon began by selling International Harvester equipment half a century ago (April 1956) in the center of Coaticook near the present Couillard Automobile. Jean-Marie died in December 1977. His son, Raymond took over the business about a quarter century ago (November 1, 1978) and operated it until 2003. During this period, the business increased in size and popularity in the region.



Figure 5. Coaticook, November 2, 2006. Cutting the ribbon to open the new J.M. Chagnon Case-IH building. Raymond Chagnon, front row, sixth from left.

Raymond is a longtime member of the Antique Machine Club and is well known as a passionate International Harvester collector. He has a large collection of Farmall, McCormick, and International tractors. He also has several Scout, Loadstar, and other IH trucks. Most of his equipment is restored to perfection. Raymond is well-known for his extensive knowledge and for his attention to detail in restoration.

For several reasons, one being the higher requirements by Case-IH, Raymond sold his business to three persons (Claude Hamel, and the brothers Michel and Jean-Guy Rheault). The

Rheault brothers own four other Case-IH dealerships (Nicolet, Berthierville, St. Maurice, and Lac St. Jean).



Figure 6. J.M. Chagnon inc. Coaticook, November 2, 2006. Two vintage tractors: Farmall 300 and Farmall Cub.



Figure 7. J.M. Chagnon inc. Coaticook, November 2, 2006. Presentation of new Puma series.

The business that Raymond and his father built continues. On Thursday, November 2, 2006, the new, modern, and more spacious garage opened on the west side of the town. The building covers 23000 square feet on a five-acre site. It includes a large showroom for equipment, a large parts department, and 12 worksites in the garage. There are three salesmen. Raymond still works part time as a sales representative.

The opening of the new building was a big event attended by hundreds of people, clients and interested people. Visitors were free to visit the building. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the building, speeches by the owners, Case-IH representatives, and others, and the unveiling of the new Puma tractor series.

In this issue are several pictures taken at this event.



Figure 8. J.M. Chagnon inc. Coaticook, November 2, 2006. ETAM member Raymond Chagnon talks to a client at the grand opening.

NATIONAL ENGINE

On June 12th, Hervey Lagrandeur and Wells Coates went to Nil Veilleux's and worked on the engine a bit. After some adjustments, Hervey started the Wisconsin engine, which runs the compressor, and built up a pressure of 280 lbs. per square inch pressure in the new air tank.

Once this pressure was attained, Hervey shut down the Wisconsin, and opened the valve to start the National. After two or three turns of the flywheel, the engine started with some big poof poofs and a cloud of smoke. Hervey let it run for one or two minutes, stopped it, and then restarted it a few minutes later. The engine started and ran well but really shook the roof, which has to be reinforced. The panels vibrated in and out about eight inches. With the brakes on, the trailer didn't move.

The witnesses were : Nil Veilleux, Rachel Veilleux, Nicolas, Veilleux, Xavier Veilleux, Wells Coates, and Gordon Barnett.



Figure 9. Nil Veilleux's, chemin Cochrane, Compton. June 12th, 2007. The observers keep back from the engine, just in case! L-r: Nicolas, Xavier, Rachel, and Nil Veilleux, Wells Coates.

The Club congratulates these three members for the work that they have accomplished on the engine. Their persistence over seven years has resulted in the completion of a fine project.



Figure 10. Nil Veilleux's, chemin Cochrane. June 12th, 2007. Hervey Lagrandeur prepares to start the engine.

JULY 3RD MEETING

The July third meeting convened in great haste apparently resulted in a decision to change sites for Expo 2008. Two sites will be examined: Cookshire Fairgrounds and the Coaticook Gorge Park. Factors such as cost, facilities, insurance, conditions for use, accessibility, availability, possibility of other activities such as plowing, and others will be studied before a decision is made.

EDITOR (cont'ed)

I met Pete Delisle at Friendship Day in Lennoxville and he told me that Expo would be

at the Cookshire Fairgrounds next year. However, there was never any discussion at the meetings and even the Vice-President was not aware of this!! Bizarre to say the least! Proper procedure requires that the members be informed of any such plans long in advance of any such decision to give them time for reflection and they must be informed of the date for any vote on the issue. Decision belongs to all the members, not to a handful of persons almost in secret. The same comment applies to the Web site.

Don't forget Luc Grenier and his family who suffered a major loss when their home burned. Luc lost a lot of antiques, not the least of which was an extensive farm machinery literature collection worth maybe about a quarter million dollars.

Finally, the National engine was started on June 12th. Congratulations to Hervey Lagrandeur, Nil Veilleux, and Wells Coates for their work on the engine.

For sale: Tractors Massey-Harris 20 and 102. Keyworth George. 450-292-5638. Mansonville.