

# VINTAGE TIMES

## NEWSLETTER



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### *The President's Message*

Well another successful year is coming to an end. The tours were very well attended and the comradery is awesome!



A special thank you and welcome to Wayne & Kathy Fraser as they take over from where Mary and Garry left off.

A number of upcoming tours this year include:

- The Ottawa Valley Farm Show & VITEO's Toy Sale in March;
- On April 5<sup>th</sup>, a tour in the Glengarry area;
- Our own VITEO Heritage Power, Cumberland, swap and share show;
- On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic will be at Wayne & Kathy Frasers', with a tour to the Marijuana Plant....for dessert...guaranteed to fix anything that ails you; and
- In August tour by bus to Murray and Glen Wallace; and George Tanahill

Thanks to the Executive for an amazing job and also to Gib Patterson for always having a meeting room available to us.

As this is my final year as President, I am very grateful for all the help from the Executive and our Secretary, Sharen Armstrong. I am happy I was able to meet so many people and to rub elbows with them.

Doreen and I wish you and yours a safe and very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

See you at the Annual VITEO meeting!

Thank you  
Hank Bakker

I would be totally remiss if I did not give a special thank you to Garry and Mary Montgomery for all the years they have been involved in the Club's membership and insurance. They now have officially been able to throw in the towel, although Mary will still be fully involved, as editor, of the yearly VITEO newsletter.





## **HISTORICAL MOMENTS IN MY LIFE**

**By: Dave Needham**

Encourage and requested by my wife Mary, it is a pleasure to write as to how I started my collection of historical items and machinery of yesteryear!!

I was born & raised on the family Century Farm on County Rd 2, West Carleton, now the North side of Galetta Road & Highway 29, Arnprior. New machinery & household items were scarce on our farm in those days. Meaning that the essential repair of items, to keep them in service, ranged from replacing the firebox in the kitchen stove to rebuilding the crank shaft on the W30 McCormick tractor.

Being the youngest in the family of ten, I was fascinated and paid a lot of attention by the way my parents and older siblings repaired or created items that would keep the farm & housework manageable.

I started my creating and repairing career when I wanted a bicycle. I went to Pete's Scrap Yard, (now Ed's), and sorted through 28" metal wheels to replace the wooden rimmed wheels on our old hand-down bicycle and continued on by repairing a 3 hp., I.H. engine to bring a slab sawing machine into running condition.

At sixteen years old, my sister Mavis and I purchased a 1930 Model "A" Ford Coup for \$10.00 and dragged it home with her new 1959 Ford. Together we did a standoff restoration in the wood shed and drove it for four years.

My first full tractor restoration was a 101 Massey, with a flat head Chrysler six cylinder engine. So out went the chickens & the chicken house became my repair shop!! Then came the 70's, with friends and neighbours, an interest was formed in preserving memories of the past. Restoration began...often using their projects for farms use or for display at the local Middleville Agricultural Fairs, etc.

In 1974 we built the "Needham Auto Repair Shop" on the farm. My wife Mary, sons Matt & Greg & daughter Kim, myself, with one employee, performed general repairs along with collision & restoration for over three decades.

Living the closest, my oldest son, Mat and I still continue to tinker around by getting early pieces of equipment to look and return to working order as it was designed to do. Our present challenge is a John Deer 420 crawler, with the hope to finish it this winter. Awaiting will be Mat's 9N and McCormick B250 Tractors and so on ...

In closing I would like to acknowledge Barry & Lana Dean for their dedicated promotion of the VITEO club and events. Thank you to Mary for asking me to share my experiences and to all members & non-members by opening their doors and sharing their collections & interests in keeping the past years memorable and alive.  
VITEO Member, Dave Needham. /mm





## **PLOWING TOGETHER**

**By: Mary Montgomery**

A plowing article in the October's Ontario Farmer, by Ray Ford, spurred me on to write this article with pictures as many of our Vintage Iron & Traditions Eastern Ontario members strive to preserve, restore & promote early agricultural artifacts, but, also strive to preserve the old tradition of breaking ground together at various Ontario plowing matches.

The historical breaking of ground equipment ranges from early 1900 era drag plows pulled by either the collectors' antique tractor or by Clydesdales, Bonnie and Clyde horse power pulling a sit on Sulky Plow owned by our VITEO member Glen Conway.

Similar to VITEO antique collectors, ploughing is a family affair, gathering of friendships, the sharing knowledge, coaching new comers, the art of breaking ground together and the art of collecting. Congratulations to VITEO member Allen Hills, for the Best Crown at the 2019 Stormont County Plowing Match.



*Pictures of Kendra Stanley, the 2018-2019 Queen who won the VIP plowing, VITEO members Paul Bourbonnais (with hat) and Allen Hills. Pictures by Linda Payant Thanks again.*

**PHOTOS BY: Linda Payant**



## **TOYS AND MORE TOYS!! By: Mary Montgomery**



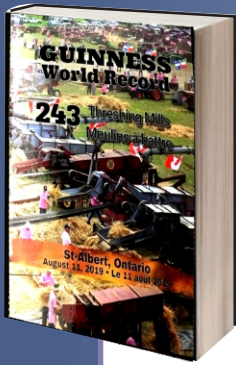
**VITEO featured 3rd Toy Tractor, Bingo Style sale, at the Ottawa Valley Farm's 3 day event, 17 - 19 March 2020 again.** The 2020 featured toy will be a Minneapolis Moline Model U. Again, one hundred will be available with the #1 toy in this collectable series, to be donated to the Ottawa Valley Farm Show's auction with proceeds going in support of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

*Henry in front of his tractor to be restored  
PHOTO BY: Tom van Dusen*

**VITEO's 2n Annual Toy Auction annual fund raiser** will be held at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, 18 March, 7pm, EY Centre, Hall A. Again, a hundred good quality consignment toys will be accepted for auction. Deadline to book your "toy" is 15 Feb 2020. Contact Barry Dean 613 623-7311, [mrfeeds@mrfeeds.ca](mailto:mrfeeds@mrfeeds.ca), or Hank Bakker, 613 297-9993, [hankbakker@hotmail.com](mailto:hankbakker@hotmail.com). The proceeds will be used to create food baskets to be given to various local organization for distribution to those in need. Special thanks again to Wyatt McWilliams for his organizational skills contacting local businesses for their food donations etc. Also, to keep traditions, a designated \$ amount will be given to Breast Cancer. We welcome collectors' toy items for sale, please call Henry Staal 613 295-1684 or Hank Bakker, 613 297-9993.







**FINAL THRESHING SUCCESS**  
**By Juliette Forgues**

VITEO's Director Francois Latour's successful threshing event on August 10 – 11, 2019, following two years of travelling throughout Ontario and Quebec organizing vintage threshing machines with power, was a total success of 243 threshing machines to reach his Guinness World Record's goal!!.

Collected and donated to breast cancer totalled \$100,000 with 3,415 people participating in the pink human ribbon. Francois extends his heartfelt thanks to the 2,000 volunteers and VITEO's donations, to make this event successful. Success was reached because of you!!

Almost 2 months since the second big threshing Guinness World Record event, at St-Albert, was completed, a final "thank you get together" was held on Sunday, November 17, 2029 at the St. Albert Community Centre. Francois and

his committee expressed it was with pleasure to be able to personally thank everyone again. Followed with the presentation the 2019 Guinness album, full of brilliant pictures of volunteers hard at work to reach the new 2019 world record, was presented. To purchase your beautiful memorial album, please contact Francois Latour, 613 720-1845. Arrangements to deliver the album(s) you ordered will be made. /mm



Glen Conway



**ARTICLES OF CLOTHING**  
**Contact: George Zandbelt**  
**613 774-0325**

**WITH CLUB LOGO**



Jacket, Black	\$80.00		
Cap, Grey with Logo	\$15.00	Golf Shirt, Burgundy, pocket/logo, short sleeves	\$30.00
Club Flag	\$100.00	Club Decals, stick on, circular	\$ 2.00
Club Cor Plast Signs 18"x18"	\$10.00		\$ 5.00
Dress Shirt, Burgundy/Logo	\$55.00	or rectangular 11"x4"	\$ 5.00
Tee Shirt, Burgundy/Logo	\$15.00		



## George Zandbelt Visit



## Glen Edwards Visit



## Henry Staal Visit





## ***GORD WEEDMARK COLLECTION OF VINTAGE ENGINES***

**By: Neil & Stan Weedmark, Sons of Gord Weedmark**

Living on the homestead and having learned, observed and inherited my Dad's love for anything antique and historical, Stan and I decided to write about our Dad Gord Weedmark.

Our Dad started collecting hit and miss engines back in the early 60s. He would go touring the country side with his good friend Emery Smith looking for farm equipment and steam engines. This activity resulted in the discovery of all types of engines and equipment at old farms, saw mills, abandon buildings, garages, auction sale, etc. There was a time Gord was able to tell you where every steam or traction engine was located in a 100 mile radius. He never did acquire a full scale traction engine so he decided to build his own scale engines ¼ scale Case and a ¼ scale Sawyer Massey. This is a story for another time.

Dad was able to recall who had engines and go on road trips with his Wife Jean and sons, Stan and Neil, looking for them. A lot of the time the trail would lead to scrap yards hopefully in time to recover what he was after. While building his scale models, a few engines would be recovered from scrap yards while looking for steel to build his models. Lots of time Gord would find engines being used as barn door counter weights, in fence lines or in manure piles.

When local agriculture fairs started displaying vintage farm equipment collecting became a regular weekend adventure. Gord started attending steam and gas shows (Milton, Campbellford, Merrickville, Pontiac Steam and Gas, Petawawa and Dr Burwell's steam shows, etc.), taking along few of his engines. These events provided additional contacts he could use in search of additional engines to add to his collection.

Dad was involved in starting up the "Pontiac Steam and Gas Show" the "Ottawa Valley Live Steamers" and a few other shows. As the home engine collecting grew over the years, Gord did not collect any particular brand, just had to be an "old" engine! To date this collection contains over 25 types of engines!!

## ***THE JOY OF ATTENDING ANTIQUE SHOWS***

**By: Carl Booth, Welland, Ont. (Located near the Welland Canal, Lake Erie)**

The first antique show I went to was the "Steam Era" in Milton Ontario. Following the joy of attending and seeing gas engines of all kinds puttering away, I became a member of our local "Niagara Antique Power Association" in Sherkston, Ontario in 1983. Delving into the activities and encouraging the growth of NAPA, property was purchased, camping space with hydro was installed as well as several buildings to house kitchen facilities, craft vendors, historical artifacts were built, in addition to full working black smith shop was built.

As time went on, enjoying going to and participating in surrounding antique shows, my interest expanded and I thought it would be fun to have some of those toys to play with. I bought two tractors, a 10-20 International and the other a W-4 International. Spreading my wings further, I got interested in gas engines because I thought they wouldn't take up so much room and could be easier to transport. Wrong I was! The real fun is finding the stuff, meeting and making good friends.

The first engine, which I bought in 1986 and which I still have, was a 3 hp Alamo. As time went on my collection expanded to a total of 20 engines and a water pump. I am now down to 15 engines the water pump and one tractor. My favourite engine is a 1915 T. Eaton stationery "Hit & Miss" 3hp engine. Presently, having retired as a participating maintenance club member, following 20 years of cutting grass, my time will be spent on the restoration of a Gallaway 1 3/4hp with butter churn gears./mm



**Tony Baas  
donation of  
254 Russell Bricks...  
for the  
"Welcome to Russell"  
sign base**



### **HISTORIC RUSSELL BRICKS, VISITORS' WELCOME MAT**

**By: Tom Van Dusen**

*Being avid reader of the "Ontario Farmer" magazine, the above titled article, written by Tom Van Dusen, caught my eye. Many of our VITEO members are from the town of Russell and its surrounding areas. With Tom's permission the following article is as follows. Russell – The legendary, collectable Russell brick is about to regain its rightful prominence in the village.*

In co-operation with Russell Historical Society, the search is on by the Kin Club of Russell to locate the 1864 manufactures Russell bricks for incorporation into a new "Welcome" signs at the two village entrances at a cost of \$80,000 for the pair. "We want to preserve the history of the village in the signs," Ash Babber stated." The money is to be raised via donations, with a minimum of \$250.00 to cover inscription on a commemorative plaque.

"Russell Bricks are synonymous with the village" observed by historical society president Harry Baker. Each brick is stamped with the word "Russell" and found throughout the town in barns, residential patios, in sidewalk and served as antique household bookends. Project co-chairs, Dave Picard & Ash Babber hope that many owners can be separated from stray bricks with the hope that the clay bricks can then be incorporated in the foundations of the new signs. We wanted to preserve the history of the village in the signs.

Because of the presence of the right clay, three manufacturers operated locally with more durable bricks fashioned from red shale dug in the decommissioned North Russell Quarry.

At peak production, 125 workers were employed producing up to 65,000 bricks a day creating a housing shortage resulted with some sleeping in tents and under the stars until stable shelter could be found.

Presently, several red brick buildings decorate the village because of local bricks which were shipped throughout the region and used to construct landmarks such as the 1874 Russell Registry Office and the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Bricks made here were sent as far as Montreal and New York City onboard the New York Central Railway, ceased operations 60 years ago.

As the late Wendell Stanley underlined in his history book "From Swamp and Shanty", "there is little evidence today of an industry that literally put Russell on the map".





# ARTICLES WANTED OR FOR SALE

## FOR SALE/WANTED/ BUY/TRADE

**FOR SALE:** Cockshutt two-furrow drag plough good condition; Cockshutt grain grinder with belt pulley; Buzz saw three point hitch, belt drive; Two 16.9 – 30 tractor tires on rims with hardware suitable for tread about 25% use as duals. Allan Grunder; 613-829-4038; [allan.grunder@sympatico.ca](mailto:allan.grunder@sympatico.ca)

**FOR SALE:** 2 Cockshutt 30 tractors (Restoration Project), Hank Bakker, 613 297-9993, [hankbakker@hotmail.com](mailto:hankbakker@hotmail.com)

**WANTED:** Old telephone & telephone signs, Barry Dean, 613 623-7311, [mrfeeds@mrfeeds.ca](mailto:mrfeeds@mrfeeds.ca)



**Vintage Iron & Traditions of Eastern Ontario**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> TOY AUCTION**  
at The Ottawa Valley Farm Show  
**Wednesday March 18, 2020**  
7pm E.Y. Centre, Hall A  
(deadline to book your "toy" is Feb 15th, 2020)  
Looking for **GOOD QUALITY CONSIGNMENT ITEMS**  
(including donated) **Only 100 Toys Accepted**  
Contact: Barry Dean  
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**NO RESERVE BIDS - TERMS OF SALE**  
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Thank you for your support in making this event a success

Keep on hand the enclosed 2020 VITEO Events Guide.

See you all in 2020.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ANNUAL MEETING:** 9 Feb 2020, Sunday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm, Marlborough Community Centre, 3048 Pierce Road, North Gower, ON. We again welcome your donations of refreshment to be shared by all, coffee and drinks provided. Don't forget to ask for your surprise Door Prize ticket!!

**OTTAWA VALLEY FARM SHOW:** 17 - 19 March 2020, the "theme" for this year's VITEO display, at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, will be THE GREAT OUTDOORS. We are looking for members to display snowmobiles, bicycles, lawn tractors, hunting and fishing, chainsaws, etc. Anything to do with the outdoors of yesterday. Please contact Henry Staal (613 295-1684) or Francois Latour (613 720-1845). Help promote your club by participating and displaying. See you all there!!

## VITEO VISITS & ANNUAL PICNIC:

Sunday, 5 April 2020 (in three fold)

#1. **10:00am, Wayne MacSweyn**, 19812 Kenyon Road, Concession #6, Alexandria, to view Wayne's collection of 43 restored 1950 – 1972 John Deere tractors, etc

#2. **11:00am, Dr. Ghislain Marleau**, 20427 Front Street, East, Alexandria, to view Marleau's over 4,000 toys of every colour

Lunch at Maggie Chicken & Ribs, 68 Anik Street, Alexandria, just behind Canadian Tire

#3. **2:00pm, Scott Fourney**, Fourneyview Farms, 20735 Concession #14, Lancaster, to view Scott's collection of Massey Harris tractors & implements, etc

Sunday, 24 May 2020, 9:00 am – 4:00pm, VITEO Heritage Power, Cumberland Museum, 2940 Old Montreal Rd, Cumberland, ON. Swap meet, bring your wares!! Breakfast & Lunch again provided by the famous Bearbrook Anglican Church Women.

Sunday, 5 July 2020 (in two fold)

#1. **Smith Falls Marijuana Plant**, Tweed, 1 Hershey Drive, Smith Falls. Tour 11:00am. Arrival 15 – 30 min EARLY to be organized.

#2. **VITEO 10<sup>th</sup> Annual BQ Picnic, Wayne & Kathy Fraser**, 1707 Perth Road, Drummond North, Emsley. Hamburger, hot dogs, drinks provided.

We welcome your Pot Luck donations to be shared by all!