



# Steam Whistle

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## NEW YORK STEAM ENGINE ASSOCIATION



*From the President...*

Welcome to the New Year! I hope everyone is doing fine. So far, this winter has been a little harsh on us but as they say, it is winter!!

It was great to see all those that came out for our annual Christmas party, we packed the house! As we have in the past, we held a fun auction and raffle and WOW, it turned out amazing! All proceeds went towards Happiness House and Mighty Monte's Heart Journey. A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity, especially during this special time of year. God Bless!

As we prepare for another season at NYSEA, we have many projects we're working on. A Building Project committee is working on plans for a new building to house the Rustin Horsby Diesel Engine. Plans are coming together with hopes of having it completed by show time. We have been very fortunate to receive several donations to help this project move forward. Thank you to all involved, this is a great display of history and a huge asset to our show.

A big thank you to the dedicated Steam Crew for the ongoing work and upgrades in the Steam Building.—the work on the Fishkill, another huge draw for our show, and this winter the steam line upgrades. Also, the new addition of the Watertown Engine which will be housed in the Steam Building by the Fishkill. A great job by many dedicated crew members.

Another project on the list is the assembly of the bleachers purchased last winter. These bleachers will be set up on the east end of the existing grandstands on the south side of the track. This will provide us with much needed seating for events during the show. One of those events on Saturday night will be the ESP Tractor Pulls bringing four exciting classes this year. Thank you Pulling Committee for always making all our pulls a success.

The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Pageant of Steam will feature Minneapolis Moline with Prairie Gold Rush, 25 Years of Muscle Tractors hosted by New York Steam Engine Assoc., and the feature engine will be Wisconsin Built. The Muscle Tractor feature is shaping up to be a very large show. There is a lot of excitement about this feature, so let's get all get those tractors out and bring them to Canandaigua to make this one huge show!! The feature committee will be selling raffle tickets for a Henry Big Boy Rifle chambered in 44 mag. made especially for the NYSEA Muscle Tractor feature, there will also be a limited number of these rifles available for purchase. More details are available in this issue of Steam Whistle.

As you know, in October we held our Annual Membership Meeting and Threshmen's Dinner where the 2026 election of officers and directors was held. I would like to thank the outgoing directors for their continued support and dedication. Congratulations and welcome to our new directors to this great organization.

I looked forward to all of our members working together to make 2026 another great season!!

Until later,  
*George*

## **2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- January 25, 2026:** NYSEA General Meeting
- February 22, 2026:** NYSEA General Meeting
- March 29, 2026:** NYSEA General Meeting
- April 26, 2026:** NYSEA General Meeting
- May 6, 2026:** Summer Wednesday Night  
Work Meetings & Dinners Begin
- May 23, 2026:** NYSEA Annual Spring Flea Market &  
Antique Tractor Pull
- May 24, 2026:** NYSEA Bracket Pull
- June 28, 2026:** NYSEA General Meeting
- July 23-25, 2026:** 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pioneer Gas Engine  
Association Show, Marion NY
- July 2026:** No Meeting
- August 5-8, 2026:** NYSEA 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Pageant of  
Steam
- August 12, 2025:** NYSEA After Show Review Meeting
- September 10-13, 2026:** WNY Gas & Steam Engine  
Association Annual Gas & Stem Engine Rally, Al-  
exander NY
- September 2026:** NYSEA Fall Pull - TBD
- October 25, 2026:** NYSEA Threshermen's Dinner
- November 29, 2026:** NYSEA Christmas Party

***All events and dates are subject to change. Please watch***

## ***Auction News***

Dann Auctioneers would like to thank all of the consignors and buyers from last year's Pageant of Steam consignment auction. This auction always has a great turnout, and we appreciate all of your support in making the day a success! We are excited to be putting on another great auction this year, to be held on the first day of the show-Wednesday, 8/5, at 10am. We accept a wide variety of consignment items, including antique and modern farm and construction equipment, steam/gas engines, signs, toys, literature and other related items. Put your thinking caps on and let us know early what you'll be bringing! If you have a collection that you are looking to sell, or know of a friend or neighbor that does, let us know! The more quality items we can advertise early to attract more potential bidders, the more revenue to be generated for the benefit of the NY Steam Engine Association! We also accept outright donations to auction off - 100% of the sale price on those donated items goes straight to NYSEA! To list and advertise your consignments, please call Jeff Dann at 585-233-9570 or email [dannauctioneers@gmail.com](mailto:dannauctioneers@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!



## ***NYSEA Pullers***

We would like to thank all of the pullers who joined us for our Spring and Fall pulls last year. We were excited to see both local competitors and pullers traveling from Canada, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia in attendance.

During the Spring pulls, Saturday's regular class events saw an impressive 317 hooks. On Sunday, the Bracket Pulls featured 21 tractors in the small tire class and 26 tractors in the large tire class. It was a great turnout for Memorial Day weekend. The Fall pull also proved to be a strong event, with a total of 278 hooks over the weekend.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Memorial Day Weekend Pulls are scheduled for:

**Saturday, May 23rd** – Regular class pulls

**Sunday, May 24th** – Bracket Pulls featuring

both small and large tire classes

At this time, a date for the Fall pull has not yet been set.

Thank you again to everyone for your participation and support. We look forward to seeing you all in May!

***Pulling Committee***



## *~NYSEA Christmas Party~*

Members came together to celebrate the season at the NYSEA Christmas Party! It was a great day full of friends, fun, and lots of good food. 🎄

Our raffle and fun auction were a big success, and we're so thankful for everyone who took part. All proceeds will benefit **Happiness House** and **Mighty Monte's Heart Journey**.

Thanks to everyone who donated, helped out, and came to celebrate with us—it was an awesome day together!



## *In Memory of*

*In loving memory of our Steam Pageant  
family members lost in 2025 RIP*

- ◆ Les Wilson – Lifetime Member, Past Director, Kitchen Crew Leader
  - ◆ Carol Kniffen – Former Camping Gate Chair
    - ◆ Vern Hecker – Track (Rotary) Kitchen
      - ◆ Ruby Frey – Gas Engine Row
  - ◆ Dick Verbridge – Member, Past Director
    - ◆ Anne Erdle – Wife of Jim Erdle



66th Annual Pageant of Steam - August 5-8, 2026

Featuring:

Minneapolis Moline, hosting the Prairie Gold Rush & 25 Years of Muscle Tractors  
Wisconsin Built Engines

***Muscle Tractor – Commemorative Rifle***

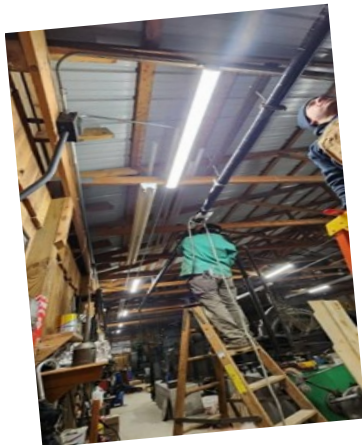
For this year’s Pageant of Steam, we will be raffling off a fully engraved Henry Big Boy 44 Magnum Rifle, serial number 2. The gun will feature eight iconic muscle tractors of the 1970s. There will be 1000 tickets printed at \$20 apiece. They will be available after February 1st. You can also purchase one of the 66 rifles that have been commissioned for the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Pageant of Steam.

For information on purchasing a rifle, contact Mark Johncox at 315–521–7614. We will also be holding a live on-site auction for rifle serial number 1 on Saturday night of the show directly following the drawing of the raffle gun. These rifles are highly engraved collector grade rifles. We are hoping this will be a great fundraiser for the Association.



***Steam Building Upgrades***

On a very cold Sunday afternoon in December, a group of very dedicated volunteers went to work in the Steam Building. They removed an old steam exhaust line from the building. They also installed a new steam line that extends into the FishKill building. What dedication!!! A huge “Thank You” to all involved!!



## Happy New Year from the Camping Committee!

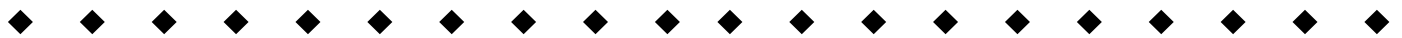
Hello and Happy New Year! As we welcome 2026, we're thrilled to start preparing for another incredible Pageant of Steam show. The camping committee is excited to work together to ensure this year's event is as seamless and enjoyable as possible for everyone.

**How to Make Camping Reservations:** We are now open to accepting new reservations. Please contact Macall Gardner at 585-409-3020. Macall can assist with taking your reservation and payment over the phone.

If you prefer to pay by check, you can call to make your reservation and then mail your payment. However, please note that your payment must be received **before July 1, 2026** to secure your spot. Detailed instructions for check payments will be provided during your phone reservation.

**Prepare the following information before making your reservation:**

Full Name  
Address  
Phone Number  
Size of Camper  
Membership Number



**The Prairie Gold Rush**  
August 5th - 8th, 2026 Summer Show  
Hosted by:  
The 66th Annual Pageant of Steam

This show will be held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Moline Gold Club. All Minneapolis Moline Collectors are invited to bring their tractors, implements and memorabilia to the show.

Motels in Canandaigua, NY (10 min. from show grounds)

Miami Motel  
4126 Routes 5 and 20  
Canandaigua, NY 14424  
585-394-6700

Econo Lodge  
4232 State Route 5 and 20  
Canandaigua NY 14424  
585-394-4140

Holiday Inn Express Canandaigua  
330 Eastern Blvd.,  
Canandaigua, NY 14424  
585-396-3669

Banquet Information:  
Banquet details are still in the works, so stay tuned for information in the upcoming magazines for location, day and costs.

Get those MM tractors out and bring them to the PGR Summer Show in New York! This is a big show and one to mark off your bucket list if you have never attended. Come and enjoy a large outdoor display of operating farm machinery dating back to early 1900's. Tractor pulls and other daily activities are planned. Large craft and flea market along with many parts vendors will be set up.  
MM Vendors will be in the large feature building. Please call Cheryl DeLap (812)371-7827 or Bruce Nunnemaker (814) 329-2681 for table information and show questions.

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MARK JOHNCOX (315) 521-7614, JEFF DANN (585) 721-9570  
OR JIM MACFADDEN (518) 231-8080



## 2026 Membership Reminder

Just a quick reminder to make sure you've purchased your 2026 membership.

Not sure if you already have one, or need to update your name or address? No problem! Send us an email at [pageantofsteam@gmail.com](mailto:pageantofsteam@gmail.com).

You can also call (leave a message) or text **Mike at 315-945-2650** and we'll be happy to help. 😊

Mike Wellman, Secretary



**NYSEA Association 2026 Officers**

George Coryn, President: 585-704-0863  
Pete Empson, Vice-President: 315-521-0762  
Mike Wellman, Secretary: 315-945-2650  
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**NYSEA Association 2026 Directors:**

**Term Expiring October 2026:**

Jason Gardner: 585-233-8339  
Mark Johncox: 315-521-7614  
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Lori Weykman: 315-374-1980  
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Randy Weigert: 585-260-5178  
Sean Niles: 585-507-3517

***Hello from the Flea Market***

I hope all of you vendors had a joyful holiday season. **PLEASE NOTE THE PHONE NUMBER CHANGE (585) 295-3317** I will no longer be receiving calls at the old number. I will be sending out a letter to all vendors in mid-February. There will be some very important information enclosed. It will also contain the cutoff date for reserving your sites for this year. That Date is March 18th. I will start filling vacant sites on March 21st. If you know anyone that wants to take part in the flea market this year, please have them call me and I will add them to my waiting list. I look forward to seeing all of you this year. Any questions, comments, concerns, or cancelations please feel free to call (585) 295-3317. Please leave a message. I will get back to you!

Sincerely,

Dave Zimmerman



***FFA Annual Farm Toy Show***

Please consider supporting the local Penn Yan FFA Chapter who helps with parking each year, at their annual Farm Toy Show on March 7th from 8:30am - 2:00pm at the Penn Yan Elementary School. Whether you're a collector, an exhibitor, or just looking for a fun event to attend, your support truly makes a difference. The Penn Yan FFA hopes to see you there to help make this year's toy show another great success!

If you have any questions or are looking to become an exhibitor, please contact Rachel Dann at (585) 721-2526 or [racheldann.ffa.26@gmail.com](mailto:racheldann.ffa.26@gmail.com)!



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NEW YORK STEAM ENGINE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
Membership Year 2026

\$15 Individual Membership 2026

\$25 Family Membership 2026  
(2 Adults and Family under 16)

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