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NEW YORK STEAM ENGINE ASSOCIATION



From the President...

Happy Spring everyone!! (Thinking it's finally here!)

As soon as the weather breaks, we have many projects to tackle, including a new building for both our big diesel engines and new bleachers to go up. We are making plans to turn the Shingle Mill into a rest area to give our show visitors somewhere to sit, relax and enjoy the show. We are also working with the Blacksmiths to possibly be able to make part of the sawmill building a blacksmith shop. The Steam Building crew has made a lot of progress with the new Watertown Engine placement and will soon be in its new and final home. As you can see, there is quite a bit happening around the grounds! So, if you have an interest in volunteering and helping with the work that is ahead of us, your help would be greatly appreciated. Come May, we will be starting our Wednesday night work meetings, and we should have a plan as to where your help is needed. A group of members have already started cutting and splitting wood for the Lucy Engine as the weather has permitted these last few weeks.

This year's features for the show are looking to be a large showing with Prairie Gold – Minneapolis Moline and NYSEA special feature of 25 Years of Muscle Tractors. It's going to be great and will be here sooner than we think!!

Don't Forget our Memorial Day Weekend Flea Market, Steam-up and Tractor Pull, May 23rd and 24th.

Watch for further details on all NYSEA events and happenings on Facebook.

A big **THANKS** to everyone who has helped in any way with all our past and present projects. Without you, we couldn't have the greatest show around!

Until next time,

George

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

Featuring:

Minneapolis Moline, hosting the Prairie Gold Rush &

25 Years of Muscle Tractors, hosted by NYSEA

Wisconsin Built Engines

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
Traction Engine Steam-Up
- May 24, 2026:** NYSEA Bracket Pull
- June 28, 2026:** NYSEA General Meeting
- July 23-25, 2026:** 62nd Annual Pioneer Gas Engine
Association Show, Marion NY
- July 2026:** No Meeting
- August 5-8, 2026:** NYSEA 66th 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 26, 2026:** NYSEA Fall Pull
- October 25, 2026:** NYSEA Threshermen's Dinner
- November 29, 2026:** NYSEA Christmas Party

All events and dates are subject to change. Please watch Facebook for updates.

HELLO FROM THE FLEA MARKET:

We've made it through another challenging winter, and I know many of you are looking forward to a great flea market season ahead.

Please remember our Memorial Day Weekend Flea Market on Saturday, May 23rd. For more information, contact Gary Love at (585) 732-0487. The Pageant of Steam Flea Market is filling up quickly, with only a few spaces still available. If you know anyone interested in participating this year, please have them reach out soon. Once we are full, additional vendors will be placed on a waiting list.

Vendors may begin setting up for the show on Sunday, August 2nd.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or need to cancel, please call me at (585) 295-3317 and leave a message—I will return your call as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing all of you this year!

Sincerely,

Dave Zimmerman



A New Rest Area!

The Shingle Mill on the grounds is no longer in operation, and all associated equipment has been removed. With this space now available, the club is exploring the possibility of transforming the former mill area into a dedicated rest area for visitors.

The current concept includes adding picnic tables and benches to provide a comfortable place for guests to sit, relax, enjoy a meal, or take a break from the sun. As the grounds currently lack a central gathering space of this kind, we believe this would be a valuable addition to both the facility and the overall show experience.

The board is currently reviewing the requirements for developing this area and we are hopeful that this new amenity can be offered to our visitors in the future.

Memorial Day Weekend Spring Event

Don't miss the Annual Spring Flea Market & Tractor Pull, coming up May 23rd and 24th! Vendors are welcome—setup in the central grounds area is just \$15. For flea market information, contact Gary Love at 585-732-0487.

Enjoy a full weekend of activity, including a traction engine steam-up running all day both days, with several large steam engines on display and in operation. Antique tractor pulls begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday and continue throughout the day. On Sunday, the annual Bracket Pull kicks off at 10:00 AM for a full day of competition.



Changes to NYSEA Golf Cart Rentals

The New York Steam Engine Association has proudly provided golf cart rentals to our show guests for many years. As our event continues to grow, the demands on our volunteers have increased, and we are no longer able to manage the rental operation internally.

Beginning with the August 2026 show, golf cart rentals will be handled directly by our rental provider, Empire Golf Cars of Auburn NY. As a result, the reservation process, rental times, availability, and pricing will be different from previous years.

We will share full details as soon as they are available and appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition. At this time, we expect the rental process to be defined and available after mid-June. As show time draws nearer, you can email Empire Golf Cars for more information rentals@empiregolfcars.com.

We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause and thank you for your continued support. NYSEA truly appreciates your patronage and looks forward to another great show.

Please watch for website updates and Facebook posts on this change in the rental process and share the information with anyone who may not follow us on social media.

Personal ATVs and Golf Carts for 2026:

Effective January 1, 2024: Privately owned ATV or Golf Cart MUST pay a \$10 fee at the gate for admittance, verified alongside of Proof of Insurance. Your cart or ATV will be tagged for easy identification while on the grounds. The only exception to the \$10 fee is Lifetime Members.

NOTE: No 4-wheelers allowed on the grounds.

Memorial Day Weekend - Spring Tractor Pulls

The NYSEA Pullers are getting geared up and excited for our Memorial Day Weekend Spring Pulls—it'll be here before we know it, and we can't wait to see everyone back at the track!

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

 **Sunday, May 24th** – Bracket Pulls with both small and large tire classes

Don't forget—driver's meeting kicks off at **10:00 AM both days**.

Grab your crew, bring the horsepower, and let's make it a great weekend!



NY STEAM ENGINE ASSOCIATION TRACTOR PULLS

RULES:

Stock: 3 MPH - unaltered tires only, 18" max hitch height
 3200, 3700, 4200, 4700 - 13.6x38 max
 5200, 5700, 6200, 7700 - 15.5x38/16.9x34 max
 8700, 9700 - 18.4x38 max

Modified: 4 MPH - any cut tires, 20" max hitch height
 3700, 4200, 4700, 5200, 5700, 5700 - 15.5x38/16.9x34 max
 6200, 6700, 7700, 8700, 9700 - 18.4x38 max

Modified: 6 MPH - any cut tires, 20" max hitch height
 3700, 4200, 4700, 5200, 5700, 6200, 6700, 7700, 8700, 9700 - 18.4x38 max

Jackpot Classes: 3850 (3mph), 5350 (4mph), 6350 (6mph)
 All 3 divisions - \$40 entry fee | Jackpot per Tractor
 1st place pay back only

****Minimum of a 3-inch hole with a minimum of 3/4" of an inch material on the back side of hitch hole****

SATURDAY CLASSES

3MPH - \$20 HOOK FEE
 3200, 3700, 4200, 4700, 5200, 5700, 6200, 6700, 8700

4MPH - \$25 HOOK FEE
 3700, 4200, 4700, 5200, 5700, 6200, 6700, 7700, 8700, 9700

6MPH - \$25 HOOK FEE
 3700, 4200, 4700, 5200, 5700, 6200, 6700, 7700, 8700, 9700

Jackpot - \$40 HOOK FEE - 3850, 5350, 6350

GENERAL RULES

- For insurance purposes, all pullers must be members of the NYSEA.
- Memberships can be purchased the day of the pull: \$15 single / \$25 family.
- Wheelie Bars are MANDATORY.
- 18" minimum rear axle centerline to hitch.
- Drivers less than 18 years of age must have written parental/guardian permission.
- Signups: Best to sign up early.
- When called, you must be lined up, on both sleds, for your class.
- If you miss your pull, you cannot pull later in the class.



MAY 23

SPRING PULL

DRIVERS MEETING 10AM

3349 GEHAN ROAD,
CANANDAIGUA

PAYOUTS

75% payout back to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd pullers for all classes

50% of pot to 1st for jackpot classes

BRACKET PULL

MAY 24TH, 2026

Send Checks To:
 NYSEA
 Attn: Pulling Committee
 3349 Gehan Road
 P. O. Box 1149
 Canandaigua, NY 14424

\$75 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE

or

\$100 REGISTRATION FEE DAY OF PULL



32 TRACTOR BRACKET

Small Tire Bracket	Large Tire Bracket
Tires: Any Cut Hitch Height: 20" max, 18" min. back from center of rear axle.	Tires: Any Cut Hitch Height: 20" max, 18" min. back from center of rear axle.
4350 LBS	5750 LBS
4MPH	5mph
Tire Size: 15.5 x 38 or 16.9 x 34 and under	Tire Size: 18.4 x 38 MAX

****Minimum of a 3" hole with a minimum of 3/4" of material on the back side of hitch hole. Also, rules for small tire and big tire cut are the same as our normal class rules rules.****

PAYOUTS PER BRACKET!

🏆 **\$1300** 🏆 **\$500** 🏆 **\$250**

3349 Gehan Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424

(PAYOUTS BASED ON 32 TRACTOR BRACKET. IF LESS THAN 32 REGISTRANTS, BRACKET SIZE AND PAYOUT WILL BE ADJUSTED)

~Sad News~

Our condolences go out to the family of Asa Burton. Asa was a lifetime member and a fixture in our steam building.



De La Vergne Diesel Engine

Back in February, a crew from the NYSEA began disassembling a 1925 De La Vergne diesel engine. Built in New York, this engine once powered a massive pump on an Erie Canal dredge barge. It was generously donated to the New York Steam Engine Association by Sessler Wrecking of Waterloo, NY.

On April 1st, a small group of NYSEA volunteers successfully relocated the De La Vergne barge engine in a joint effort with the Erie Canal Authority. This remarkable piece will become another part of our collection, helping us preserve and share New York's rich industrial history. We extend our sincere thanks to Sessler Wrecking for this outstanding donation.

The engine will be housed in the new building alongside the Ruston Hornsby.

We are incredibly fortunate to have dedicated members and supporters who contributed their time and equipment to this large project. A special thank you goes out to Lee DePew and Son Trucking, P.A. Curran Construction, Jeremy DePew of Bacrodec Commercial Contracting, and Dann Family Farms for their valuable support.



25 Years of Muscle Tractors – Commemorative Rifle

As announced in the last issue of *Steam Whistle* and on Facebook, NYSEA is celebrating “25 Years of Muscle Tractors” at this year’s Pageant of Steam with the raffle of serial number 2 of a fully engraved Henry Big Boy .44 Magnum rifle—an exceptional piece showcasing eight iconic muscle tractors from the 1970s.

Only 1,000 tickets were printed, priced at \$20 each. Sales began in early February and have been extremely strong—nearly all tickets are already gone! If you’d like to purchase one, contact a NYSEA officer or director soon, as they are selling quickly. If you miss your chance, serial number 1 will be auctioned at the show. Both the raffle drawing and the auction will take place on Saturday during the show.

Also, don’t forget—you can still purchase one of the 66 commemorative rifles produced for the 66th Annual Pageant of Steam. For more information, contact Mark Johncox at 315-521-7614.

From the Camping Committee!

Hello everyone! We are now taking camping reservations for the 2026 Pageant of Steam. We look forward to working with you to ensure this year's event is as seamless and enjoyable as possible for all.

How to Make Camping Reservations: Please contact Macall Gardner at 585-409-3020. Please leave a message and Macall will return your call within the week.

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 Nunnamaker (814) 329-2681 for table information and show questions.

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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.

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

Mike Wellman, Secretary



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Diesel Engine Building News...

Through the generosity of several major donors, we have been given \$280,000 to build our new Diesel Engine Building to house the Ruston Hornsby as well as the newly acquired DeLavergne. The building will be 60x100 fully insulated with 6 overhead doors. Construction should be done by August 1st. Site prep will begin very soon when dry enough. This will be a spectacular addition to our grounds helping to make our show a bucket list destination.



Something New is Coming!!

This year at the Pageant of Steam, we're excited to introduce something new! In addition to our longtime kitchen food vendors—who have been serving our guests for many years—we'll be welcoming a selection of food trucks to the grounds. This addition will offer a greater variety of food options and make it easier for visitors to grab a bite from multiple locations throughout the show.



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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)

Name

Second Name (Family Membership only)

Address

Office Use Only

City, State, Zip Code

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