

U.P. Steam and Gas Engine Association

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023

President: Jim Yoder (2022/2023) **Vice President:** Tony Beauchamp (2023/2024)

Secretary: Jon Paul LaFave (2022/2023) **Treasurer:** Joseph Cilc (2023/2024)

Directors: Skip DuFour (2022/2023); Bob Willis (2023/2024); Bob Hawkins (2023/2024); Larry Anderson (2023/2024); Susie Beauchamp (2022/2023); **Alternate Director:** Anne Chapman (2022/2023); **Board Appointments:** Show Manager, Nicole Landers; Flea Market Chair, Lorraine Zawacki; Parade Chair, Larry Anderson; SOS Liaison, Wendy Gibson

To access our web page and Facebook page, use this address:

www.upsteamandgasengine.org

2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Village Museum Open		Dates & Times TBD
Village Shops Open		Dates & Times TBD
Village Days/Music Festival	6/10	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Hiawathaland Cub Scout Fun Day	8/5	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
U.P. State Fair (Preview Day)	8/14	5 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Village Open
U.P. State Fair	8/15 thru 8/20	11 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Village Open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Cook Shack Open
U.P. Steam & Gas Engine Show	9/1	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Gate Times Cook Shack Hours TBD
Exhibitor Breakfast	9/2	7 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Ruth Butler Building
U.P. Steam & Gas Engine Show	9/2	9 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Gate Times
Exhibitor Breakfast	9/3	7 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Ruth Butler Building
U.P. Steam & Gas Engine Show	9/3	9 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Gate Times
Exhibitor Breakfast	9/4	7 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Ruth Butler Building
U.P. Steam & Gas Engine Show	9/4	9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Gate Times
Fall Family Fun Day	10/7	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Christmas in the Village	12/1 & 12/2	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

~ START OF ANOTHER SEASON AT THE ANTIQUE VILLAGE ~

Well, here we are at the beginning of the 2023 season at our Antique Village. There will be a lot going on this year and we will try to keep you up to date on events, repairs, work bees, etc. Surely, some of you have heard about the Great Lake Cruise Ships that will be docking here in Escanaba. It is unclear at this time what impact they will have on our Village and once more information is available to us, we will pass that information on to our members.

There will also be a lot of work planned at the Village. The Ice Cream Shop will be a big project with raising the building and securing the foundation. It will begin as soon as the weather permits. It will be a "all hands on deck" project in order to get the building ready before the Fair.

There will be several other projects happening throughout the Village this year. Many of them will be smaller repairs, clean up, painting, etc., in order to get our Village looking its best for our 2023 season. The Museum is also planning for more updates and work on displays.

Please consider helping out with the work that needs to be done this year!! If you are able to volunteer (please see Volunteer Hours Opportunity below) and help out with any of the projects, please contact Jim Yoder or any Board Member. There will be some upcoming Work Bees scheduled soon. They will be posted through email and the Newsletters and on our website.

~ 48th ANNUAL SHOW UPDATE ~

Plans are in the works for this year's show. We have approximately 85 plus already pre-registered for 2023. Our 48th Annual Show will be featuring Oliver Farm Machinery. There will be bands playing on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Please watch for updates in upcoming Newsletters and on our website. Nicole Landers is our Show Manager. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Nicole at 906-280-8453.

~ FLEA MARKET ~

The 2023 Flea Market will be managed by Lorraine Zawacki. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Lorraine at 906-466-2259. Watch for further information!!

~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~

The Club will have a booth at the Kiwanis Home and Garden Show April 14-16! Volunteers for Friday has been covered! We need help with the booth: Saturday (4/15) from 9a-7p (9a-1p is covered) and Sunday (4/16) from 9a-2p. If you can help fill any of these times please call Nicole at (906) 280-8453.

~ VOLUNTEER HOURS OPPORTUNITY ~

Since our Labor Day Show is continuously growing and costs have increased there is a need for changes in our Club. At our January Board of Director's Meeting, it was voted & approved to implement a "working" membership: A summary of the membership criteria is as follows:

- 5 hours volunteer time for an individual member and 10 hours volunteer time for a family per calendar year (Jan 1 - Dec 31). One (1) person from a family can contribute all 10 hours.
- Lifetime members & shop owners are exempt from volunteer hour requirements.
- If volunteer hours are met during the year of 2023, the camping fee of \$60.00 will be waived at our 2024 Labor Day Show.
- If volunteer hours are NOT met during the 2023 year, the camping fee of \$60.00 will be charged to the member who is using a camping space at our 2024 Labor Day weekend show.

This amended membership criteria is effective and will back date to January 1, 2023. The members who attended the January 7th work bee will be credited for the hours worked. Board and Member meetings will not count towards volunteer hours.

Starting in 2024, non-members will be charged \$60 for camping at our Labor Day Show Thursday- Monday.

Volunteer hours can be completed during work bees, U.P. State Fair, Labor Day Show, Christmas in the Village and any club activity where help is needed. Postings will be made on our Members Only Facebook and through email anytime we are needing help.

Please reach out to Nicole if work is done and she is not present so she can make sure everyone's hours get recorded. We understand that this will take a bit of an adjustment and people will have questions. Please feel free to reach out to Nicole at: Nicole Landers (906) 280-8453 or Diamond45transport@gmail.com.

~ SOS UPDATE~

The Sisters of Steam will have their first meeting of this year on Thursday, March 16, starting at 11:30 a.m. It will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room.

Plans are being pulled together to hold Sewing Classes in 2023 at the Village. Watch for more details to come on these classes.

Work will be continuing on the 2023 Quilt project. Watch for future quilt work bees to be scheduled.

~ CHAPEL NEWS ~

There will be a wedding at the Chapel on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Please keep this date in mind when planning any kind of work within the Village.

Contact Ann Salyer at annsana@aol.com for any questions pertaining to the Chapel.

~ MUSEUM UPDATE ~

The Museum Committee will continue updating displays and fine tuning the museum in 2023. The Committee has plans for several projects this year so please keep watch for them and perhaps you may be interested in volunteering time to help complete a project or two. Contact Bob or any Committee Member if you have questions or would like to volunteer time. Those volunteering to be on the Committee are: Bob Willis, Joe Cilc, Pete Conine, Larry Anderson and Dave Houseman. Bob Willis will be the Chairperson of the Museum Committee. The Museum Committee will meet on a regular basis to improve operations and displays in the Museum. We appreciate the work that these volunteers will be doing.



~ SOUP & PIE CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER ~

Do you have a famous soup or pie recipe and want to put it to the test? Do you love to eat soup and pie? If yes, then this is for you!

What: Soup & pie challenge. Come on down and vote for the best soup & pie!

All proceeds will go to the kid's activities at the U.P. Steam & Gas Association Labor Day Weekend Show!

When: Saturday, April 22nd - from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Where: Delta County Chamber of Commerce Event Room, Escanaba

How To Enter: What we ask is a roaster of your choice of soup (approximately 3 gallons) or 4 pies. Bring a table cloth and if you'd like to advertise your business, anything goes!

How To Eat: Donation will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-10 and kids under 5 are free! You'll get to try all of the soups and pies, vote for your favorite and leave with a full belly!

Drinks will be provided.

Please call or text Nicole at (906) 280-8453 with your name or business and what type of soup you'll be serving!

Awards will be overall favorite, kid's choice and judge's choice!



~ HAPPENING IN THE VILLAGE IN 2023 - THINGS TO WATCH FOR! ~

- ❖ Work Bees - Watch for spring dates! Hope to see a lot of new faces at the Village!
- ❖ June 10, 2023 - Village Days/Music Festival - many demos and music - details to come!!
- ❖ Demonstrations on alternating Thursdays through summer - dates to be determined!
- ❖ Sewing Classes coming to the Village - dates to be determined - watch for more info!
- ❖ August 5, 2023 - Boy Scout Days with activities throughout the Village - more info soon!

~ MEMBERSHIP DUES ~

All membership renewals can now be paid for 2023. Remember, our membership year is January 1st to December 31st. Please use the Membership Application included in this Newsletter to send in your membership if you have not already done so. Of course, new members may join at any time of the year. Lifetime Membership Cards are available to members who qualify. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact Wendy Gibson at (906)251-0119 or wlgibson2010@gmail.com. Thank you for your support to our Association!!

~ YOUTUBE, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS ~

In 2022 U.P. Steam and Gas once again increased our reach on social media.

Our Facebook page reached 89,906 people in 2022. We received 8,315 likes and reactions to our posts, 633 comments, and 1,787 shares. We welcomed 390 new followers, giving us a year end total of 2,268.

You can find our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/UPSteamAndGas>

78 people have joined our private Members only Facebook group. If you are on Facebook and a club member, you really should join. Nicole Landers does an outstanding job administrating the group. She also does a lot of work on the public Facebook page as well.

You can find the Members Only Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/994917891289915/?ref=share>

Our Instagram posts reached 18,036 people in 2022. The top Five cities where our followers reside are Escanaba, Michigan; Cumming, Georgia; Ball Ground, Georgia; Senoia, Georgia; and Sydney, NSW, Australia. We attracted 98 new followers, giving us a year end total of 261.

You can find our Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/upsteam.gas/>

We received 24,597 total video views on YouTube in 2022. Viewers came from the United States, Brazil, Canada, India, Poland, Russia, France, Mexico, Vietnam, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, Italy, the Netherlands, Turkey, Malaysia, Argentina, Indonesia, Sweden, Thailand, Spain, Denmark, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Japan and Ukraine. Our YouTube channel gained 40 new subscribers, giving us a year end total of 315.

You can find our channel at www.youtube.com/c/UPSteamGasEngineAssn

Thank you to everyone who interacts with our social media content. Every like, comment, share, and follow helps extend our reach, both locally and worldwide.

In 2023 we plan to continue utilizing Facebook as our main announcement and advertising outlet. For those of you not on Facebook, we're working for a way to add announcements to our website.

Our Instagram will remain primarily a photo sharing outlet. We typically post two photos and one short video each week. While some content cross-posts with Facebook, the majority of it is exclusive to Instagram.

This year we moved from a bi-weekly to a weekly schedule on YouTube. Every Tuesday at 7 AM, we release a new video, slideshow, or short. What's a short? YouTube Shorts are vertical videos that are 60 seconds or less in length. Although they've been around for less than six months, shorts are proving to be very popular. Our first short debuted on January 3 and received 3,500 views the first week.

If you have photos or videos taken at any of our events, we'd love to share them on social media. You can contact us through any of our social media profiles or email us at UPSteamAndGasEngine@gmail.com.

Again, thanks for your support.

Terry Starlin & Sharon Willis
Website and Social Media Team



~ REMINDERS TO MEMBERSHIP ~

All requests for demonstrations, speaking and vending in the Village proper must go through the VVC for review. The Board makes all final decisions. The VVC job description is available upon request. **VVC (Village Vendors Committee) consist of all Antique Village Shop Managers.**

~ MEETING SCHEDULE ~

Thursday, March 16, 2023

SOS (Sisters of Steam) Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce at 11:30 a.m. SOS Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

VVC Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 p.m. VVC Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Board of Directors Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce Building at 6:30 p.m. Board Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Membership Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce Building at 6:30 p.m. Membership Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Thursday, April 20, 2023

SOS (Sisters of Steam) Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce at 11:30 a.m. SOS Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

VVC Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 p.m. VVC Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce Building at 6:30 p.m. Board Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month.

48th Annual Show
Featuring **Oliver Farm Machinery**
Welcoming the Badgerland Oliver Collectors

OLIVER
"FINEST IN FARM MACHINERY"

Arts & Crafts
antiques, knitting, pottery, sewing, spinning, weaving, and more!

Antique Autos Show
1900 - 1935 cars

BARN DANCE
Saturday & Sunday

Pancake Breakfast
Saturday - Monday

Tractor Games
Slow Races & Pulls

Threshing & Saw Mill

Daily Parade of Power

Fun Things for Kids

Labor Day Weekend 2023
September 1 - 4

U.P. State Fairgrounds
2401 12th Avenue North
Escanaba, Michigan

LOTS OF GREAT FOOD!

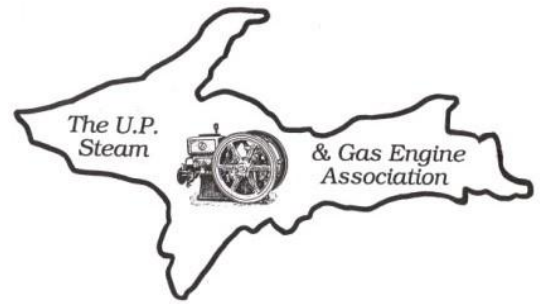
Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market

Knife & Gun Show
September 1 - 3
Buy * Sell * Trade
sponsored by Marble Plus Knife Club

Admission \$6 per day or \$10 for weekend - Exhibitors and children under 14 FREE

Membership Application

By submitting this form, I agree to support the Association by paying my dues and by assisting to the best of my ability.



New Membership Renewing Membership

Single Membership (\$15 annual dues) Family Membership (\$20 annual dues)

Lifetime Membership (No annual dues, donation appreciated)
Must be at least 70 years of age and been a member for 10 consecutive years to be eligible

Method of Payment: Cash Check made payable to the U.P. Steam and Gas Engine Association

Date of Application _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

Please indicate the areas in which you would consider volunteering a few hours of your time:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Week | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas in the Village |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cook Shack | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Set Up | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising & Promotion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Clean Up | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography & Video |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook Shack | <input type="checkbox"/> Village Landscaping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saw Mill | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Off Saw | <input type="checkbox"/> Village Maintenance |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Website & Social Media |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Flea Market | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Bees |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Gate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> General Store | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream Shop | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Memberships | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Office | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pie Sales | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Saw Mill | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Shingle Mill & Rock Crusher | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Threshing & Bailing | |

Please mail application and payment to:
Memberships
The U.P. Steam & Gas Engine Association
P. O. Box 954
Escanaba, MI 49829