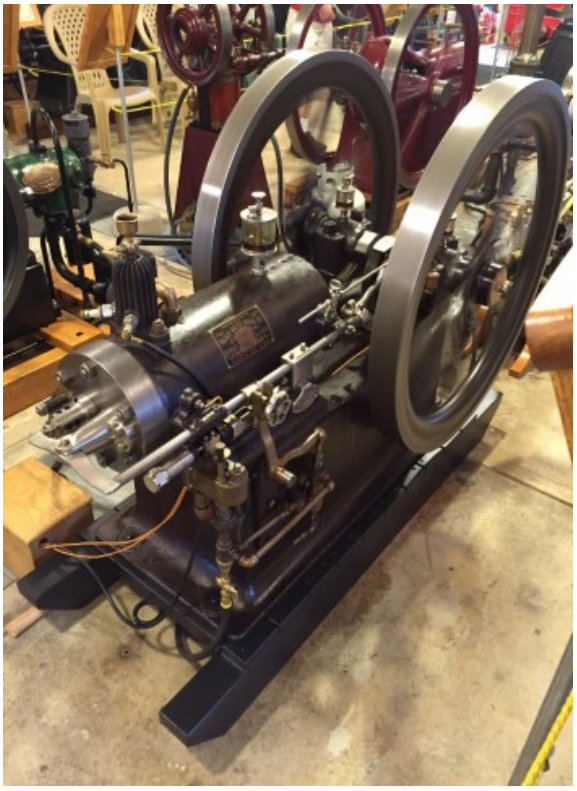
Lockridge Trip to Coolspring Museum

In June, Ike Lockridge and his wife Carol and their son Rick and his wife Molly made separate trips to Virginia and North Carolina for sightseeing and visits with friends and relatives. A highlight of the trip and a chosen destination for both families was to meet up at Coolspring, Pennsylvania, which is "a quiet little village located just off State Route 36, about halfway between Brookville and Punxsutawney." If that does not identify the location, it is about fifty miles northeast of Pittsburgh. The village also happens to be the home of the Coolspring Power Museum. According to the museum website, "Coolspring Power Museum presents an illuminating history of the evolution of internal combustion engine technology that put an end to the steam powered era. Over 250 stationary engines are housed in more than 20 display buildings." They house, "Stationary gas hit and miss engines, throttle governed engines, flame ignition engines, hot tube ignition engines, and hot air engines ranging in size from a fractional horsepower up to 600 horsepower. All are among the permanent exhibits at the Coolspring Power Museum." Those of us who know Rick and Ike can easily understand why Coolspring was their destination.

They spent three days, from June 18 through June 20 at the museum. Rick reported that the featured engines this year were flame ignition engines and centennial (pre-1900) engines. At this show, there were spectators from a dozen or more countries and forty states. Club members told the Lockridges that attendance numbers were up thirty percent or more over previous years. Below is a sampling of the photographs they took during the visit. Be certain to quiz Ike and Rick about all they saw. Also, many photographs and much information are available on the club website at http://www.coolspringpowermuseum.org/.

One of many exhibition buildings



3 HP Backus Water Motor Patented June 12, 1894

Safety Vapor Olds Engine

Fairbanks 4 HP hooked up to generator with glass jar batteries