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PURE MAPLE SYRUP

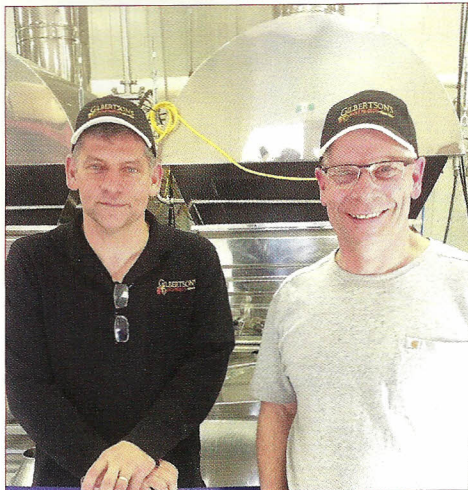
ONTARIO MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION  
Algoma Local

## “Ontario Maple Syrup Producers’ Association” Award of Merit Recipient-Calvin (Cal) Gilbertson

The Gilbertson story dates back about eighty four years when Bernt and Rose set out to establish a maple syrup operation which evolved into the establishment of a pancake house and a multi-faceted family enterprise. The torch kept pace as the generations aged and “Cal”, a grandson is now the President and fourth generation descendant’s are in the wings.

During Cal’s more than twenty five years as the “sugar maker” innovation and upgrades were in constant review as well as increasing the number of taps. The Algoma Summer tour 1994 lists the number of taps at 17,000 plus, whereas today’s number is at 45,000 and currently the largest operation in Ontario.

The original syrup operation and Pancake House were reaching their limits in providing the ability to serve the requirements of both operations and patrons. The solution



to this problem involved the demolition of the former and the design of a state of the art “evaporator room” with an architecturally pleasing “Pancake House” and display room attached. The new facility opened prior to the Algoma Summer Tour 2007 and has been a popular spring attraction ever since providing fine dining, touring the facility and browsing the gift shop.

Cal has been an ardent supporter of OMSPA over the years realizing the need for such an organization when dealing with changing regulations, quality issues and the dissemination of relevant information. He has backed

this up with long term “Board Of Director” involvement at the local as well as the Provincial level.

Under Cal’s leadership I ‘m sure the Gilbertson team will forge forward and remain “King of the Mountain” well into the future. “Thank You Cal.”

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