



Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Fall, 2013

Baraboo, Wisconsin

50th Anniversary Show Report, 2013

The show was a great success this year. The weather was great, there were no serious problems, and really, very few problems at all. The attendance this year was a record, at 13,500+. Heaviest attendance was Saturday, with Friday second, and a relative trickle (2,100) on Sunday, following the pattern of the last few years. There were 1,202 exhibitors registered, including people from 24 states, and 4 countries (Australia, Canada, England and Scotland). We gained 21 new members at the show. The "Made in Wisconsin" feature was very well received and resulted in a lot of new, different and unusual exhibits. There were many positive comments, and some surprise at what all has been made in this state over the years. The golf carts were well-received, and there actually were not as many complaints about them as might have been expected. The ATM was also a success, and will be back next year. The Book Store did well, selling out of tee shirts and the 50 year history book. The campground was at capacity. The Flea Market was sold out, with 285 vendors. The one way traffic in the market went fairly well, with some problems that can hopefully be ironed out next year. The Youth Steam Engine Project had 26 participants, and again, all the engines worked. Thank you to everyone who worked before, during and after the show to make it a success. As usual, we could have used more help in some areas, but we managed to get it done, and a good job too!

That being said, there is always room for improvement. There were requests were for more porta pots by the Flea Market, and also by the women's restroom. The need for more showers was mentioned and the possibility of renting a trailer with showers to meet demand. The shower in the women's restroom floods the floor. Should motorcycle parking be in a separate area? More gas engine display area is needed, and so is more exhibitor parking. The exhibitor and/or

camping gate is a problem, with entire extended families wanting to come in free with one exhibit. The PA system needs a serious overhaul, and we really *must* do something about it. Dust was a problem this year; exhibitors, vendors and attendees were complaining. Watering solutions are in progress. If you have anything to add to this list, bring it to a membership meeting, or contact somebody on the Board.



Bob Droste of Portage is shown with his 1965 Rambler American convertible, made in Kenosha. Original cost? \$2371.00.



About 200 seed sacks, mostly for corn and all from Wisconsin companies were displayed in the Feature Building. Also on display was this Enjay wind generator made in Madison, owned by Peter Young of Muscoda.

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Lee Wanie of Rolling Prairie brought this gleaming display of Wisconsin-made boat motors and boat. From l to r, 1938 2.5hp Water Witch made in Hartford; 1928 7hp Elto Speedster made in Milwaukee; 1916 2hp Wisconsin made in Milwaukee; 1951 10hp Mercury made in Cedarburg; 1948 7.2hp Martin made in Eau Claire; 1913 2hp Evinrude made in Milwaukee. In the background is a beautiful all wood Thompson boat made in Peshtigo in 1954, with a 1931 25hp Evinrude Speedtwin mounted on the transom.

Photos by Louise Coates

New Members

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported that 21 new members were added during the show in August, and three new members joined in September. You will find some familiar names of the lists – friends and family of members, and a few who have exhibited at the show for years and have finally “come in from the cold”. Welcome one and all!

August members:

Matthew Baumgart – Reedsburg; Steven Blinderman – Wonewoc; Robert Caliban – Wisconsin Dells; Paige Harrison – Baraboo; Joe Helt – Cross Plains; Robert Hill, Jr. – Baraboo; Scott Klang – Reedsburg; Ronald Krueger – Portage; Fred Kulig – Whitehall; Tim Mann – Morris, IL; Clara McGowan – McFarland; Bill Mitchell – McFarland; John Niemann III – Loganville; Emmett Ringelstetter – Baraboo; Erin Rither – Sussex; Michael Schell – Baraboo; Tami Schell – Baraboo; Greg Smith – Oxford; Shirley Steinhorst – Baraboo; Jorin Vosseteig – Waunakee; Scott Zweifel – Burnsville, MN

September members:

Michael Johnson – Monrovia, CA; Barb Meister – Reedsburg; Marvin Noth – Wisconsin Rapids

50 Year History Book Available Again

After a complete sellout of the first printing, Barb Young ordered another batch of *The Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club: 50 Year History*. If you missed out the first time, here’s your chance, and you will have a good book to read during those long winter evenings too. The book is 8½ x 11, 156 pages, and includes many photos, in color and black and white, as well as personal accounts from members, information gleaned from newspapers, Club meeting minutes, year books and more. Price is \$20. If you want it shipped to you, add \$5.75 for postage. Call Barb (608) 524-6352 if you want to purchase a copy.

Tee Shirts and 50th Anniversary Pins Too

The Book Store also sold out of tee shirts during the show, so Barb re-ordered them as well. They are now available in adult sizes from Small to 4X. If you requested a shirt to be ordered/reserved for you, please get in touch with Barb. Shirts are \$10, plus \$5.75 shipping. Special 50th Anniversary pins were ordered for the show, but did not arrive on time. They are now available for \$4.00 each plus \$2 postage. The pins are a very nice bright gold with black accents. The photo unfortunately does not do them justice!



Do You Know Where the Apple Peeler Went??

Those of you who attend membership meetings may remember the big cast iron apple peeler that was used as a door stop at the Women’s Building on meeting nights. It seems to have disappeared during the show, we believe on Saturday night, when the peeler was apparently not moved inside when the building was closed. It was painted green, and would be an armful for somebody to carry. If somebody put it away in another building, please let us know where. If somebody saw it being moved or removed, please let us know also. Call (608)764-5563 or contact one of the Club officers listed on the back page of this

newsletter. It was on loan to the Club from Richard Thomas, and we all would like it to be returned. Thank you.

Photos Needed for 2014 Show Book

The new editor of the annual show book is David Fuller, and he would like photos from the 2013 show for use in the 2014 book. Please email him at steamfuller@yahoo.com with "Baraboo Show Pictures" or something similar as the subject, or send/give him your discs or prints as soon as you can. David can be reached at (608)592-3713. His mailing address is 525 Madison Ave., Lodi, WI 53555.

Please note that Louise Coates will continue to edit the newsletter, so any photos or other information intended for the newsletter should be given/sent to her at L.coates@charter.net or contact her at (608)764-5563.

Exhibitor Banquet Report

About 64 people attended the 2013 Exhibitor Banquet on October 12. The event was held at the Farm Kitchen in Baraboo. It was a pleasant, relaxing evening for those who attended, and it is always nice to be able to converse and enjoy each other's company at leisure. The menu was Salisbury steak and ham with all the sides, served family style, with a dessert bar at the end. A drawing for the donated door prizes followed the meal.



At the end of the evening, President Bob Coates was presented with a very special wooden plaque crafted by Vice President Bob Zweifel commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Club. Thank you V.P. Zweifel!

Photo by Crystal Hasheider

This is the second year that attendance at the banquet has been low; usually we have had around 100 people, plus or minus, attending in the previous several years. Perhaps this is something that should be discussed at

the annual meeting. The price this year was \$20 per adult – is this what is keeping people away? The method of notification/registration for the banquet has changed for the past two years. A notice is no longer mailed to exhibitors as in the past; instead there is a form to pick up at the Office during the show, which is then mailed in with a payment before the banquet. This was done as a cost and time saving measure. Has this been a problem for you? Is the banquet too subdued? Does it conflict with other events in the area? Should we stop having it? Let us know what you think, what ideas you have to offer. Thanks! Contact Louise Coates (608)764-5563.

Deaths:

Mary L. Krueger, 76, passed away on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at her home. Mary was born in Baraboo in 1937, the daughter of Noble and Harriet (Hood) Sprecher. She graduated from Baraboo High School and worked as a dental assistant for many years. In 1957, she married Richard "Dick" Krueger, who preceded her in death in March, 2008. They were both members of the Club, as are several of their children and grandchildren. She is survived by her children: Matthew (Diane) Krueger of Baraboo, Kelley (Mike) Cory of Verona, Todd (Dana) Krueger of Wisconsin Dells, Jerry (Yogie) Krueger of Madison; seven grandchildren, Renee (Jason) Stelzer of Baraboo, Jacob (Sarah) Krueger of Reedsburg, Quinn Cory of Verona, Wyatt Cory of Verona, Joshua Krueger of Wisconsin Dells, Sabrina Krueger of Madison, and Alexa Krueger of Madison; four great grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters, and many other relative and friends.

Vincent W. Vorndran, 70, of Charles Town, WV died on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at his residence. Born in 1942 in Baraboo, he was the son of the late Walter William Vorndran and Carol Doneen (Cook) Vorndran. He was employed as a pre-press supervisor in the printing industry. A member of the Club since 1998, he came back to Wisconsin to attend the show most years. He was also a member of the Mid-Continent Railroad Historical Society and Circus World Museum, Inc. He is survived by his special friend, Nancy Giles of Charles Town; his son, Richard (Kathleen) Vorndran of Brooklyn, NY; daughter Paula

(Thomas) Reestman of Aliso Viejo, CA and granddaughter, Allison Reestman; two brothers, Darrell (Shirley) Vorndran of Baraboo, Duane (Jan) Vorndran of Oregon, WI, and one sister, Rosemary Vorndran of Baraboo.

Frederick P. Wolper, 77, of Chicago, IL died on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born in 1936. A member of the Club since the early 1980s, he was a very well-liked vendor of machinist tools, etc. for many years at our show until he was no longer able to travel. He always wore a chambray shirt and red suspenders. His earlier years were spent working in graphics, later he worked setting up industrial auctions which involved a lot of travel. On weekends, he vended at shows such as ours. He is survived by his wife Barbara, two sons, and two grandchildren.

Membership Meeting Reports

August 7, 2013

About 53 members, guests were present. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coates. The Saw Mill Building has the bleachers assembled and additional picnic tables are available for other areas. Mark Zweifel will be scheduling shuttles, and additional drivers are needed. Wagon routes will be printed on show handout papers. Additional lighting for the tractor display area is complete and will be in operation at this year's show. The U D 1091 IH emergency power unit donated by American Breeders Service has been delivered and is operational. President Coates will check with John Pate for Club use of a refrigerated semi trailer at this year's show. A request by Robert Hasheider to have a Saturday night spark show was approved.

September 18, 2013

About 57 members, guests were present. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coates. The Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club made a donation to the Club for their booth in the Feature Building. It was requested that the Treasurer make copies of the show income, expenses, etc. for the September meetings in the future. Crystal Hasheider reported 21 new members were signed up during the show, plus three more in September. Two members died: Fred Wolper and Vincent Vorndran. Reports were made on

Book Store sales, golf cart rentals, and the ATM. There is a need for more porta pots in some areas, one way flea market traffic seems to work, solution for road water is in progress. Bill Klemm will talk to the Town of Delton regarding increasing the number of campsites. Flea market sold out. More gas engine display and exhibitor parking areas needed. Flea market cleanup problem was discussed. Allen Steele will be in charge of the Diesel Building project. PA system is inadequate. Banquet info announced. Apple peeler has disappeared from Women's Building.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

Membership Meeting Dates: Third Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m., except August.
November 20, 2013 and January 15, 2014.

Membership Meetings are held at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in **Room 14** (or somewhere on first floor!) from November through April. From May through September, meetings are held in the Women's Events Building at the show grounds on Sand Road. Executive Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on regular meeting evenings in the same room, if members care to attend.

Annual Meeting – February 23, 2014

Cleanup Day – April 19, 2014

16th Annual Swap Meet – May 3-4, 2014

Kids Day – Friday, May 16, 2014

51st Annual Show – August 15, 16 & 17, 2014

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