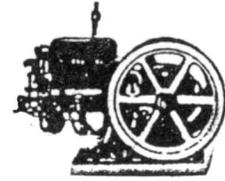


Newsletter



of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Spring, 2015

Baraboo, Wisconsin

2015 Annual Meeting Report

There were 96 members and 12 guests attending the annual meeting this year. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coates. The Secretary read the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting. Motion to approve as read, MC. Treasurer Bill Klemm read the annual Treasurer's report. Motion to approve as read, MC. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported three new members: Damon Young of Baraboo, Kevin O'Brien of Brooklyn, and Douglas France of Portage. She also reported the passing of member Vernon Luther. At the time of the meeting, the Club had 806 members.

Robert Hoege announced that he is looking for someone to work with him at the Shingle Mill, as he will retire after this year's show. Paul Young reported the Ice Cream Building is complete, but future plans include a steam engine for power and a possible walk-in cooler. Don Blausey has plans to install the Vilter compressor engine in the Steam Building early this spring.

Allen Steele reported 50 golf carts will be available for rent at this year's show. Cost will be unchanged from last year, @ \$70.00 per day. Allen Steele also noted the Club should have a display honoring the charter members of the Club. Joe Prindle and Bill Klemm will work to have a display of charter member names.

Robert Hasheider reported the Railroad Committee is ready to move track from the Findorff Builders site to the show grounds. A donation of additional track and switch gear is a possibility. A complete grade and track survey is available for railroad planning. The cost of the survey is \$3700. This survey can be enlarged to include the entire show site.

Motions were made to keep gate admission at \$8.00, to retain the Swap Meet space rent at \$25.00, and to continue the \$20.00 fee for camping; all motions were carried. A motion to have the Board of Directors consider price changes for flea market space at the annual show was passed. Motions to keep the branded shingle price at \$2.00 and the yearbook price at \$4.00 were made and carried.

Louise Coates reported the Club Spring Bus trip would be to Dubuque, Iowa on April 1. A fall trip is also available from Able Trek Tours of Reedsburg. This tour would go to the John Deere assembly plant and visit the Kass tractor collection.

Treasurer Klemm reported on the Club land purchase financial status. Paul Young reported that timber cutting is now complete, and more logs are ready for transport.

Paul Kohlwey moved to include Delco Light Plants and associated products as a feature of the 2016 show. MC.

2015 Club Officers



Standing, from left: Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider, Director Paul Hasheider, Director Paul Grotophorst, Vice President Don Blausey, Treasurer Bill Klemm. Seated, from left: Director Neal Stone, President Robert Coates, and Recording Secretary, Peter Holzman

Photo by Joe Prindle

A request was made to include a listing of times of show demonstrations and field events to be coordinated with shuttle transport where needed. A suggestion was made to include a help wanted section in the newsletter and Club web site listing areas where members can help work on the grounds and for show week.

The meeting adjourned for the election. Election results follow. The election was chaired by Tom Ripp. President: Nominees were Robert Matson and Bob Coates. Bob Coates was elected.

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Vice President: Nominees were Allen Steele, Al Riddle and Don Blausey. Don Blausey was elected.

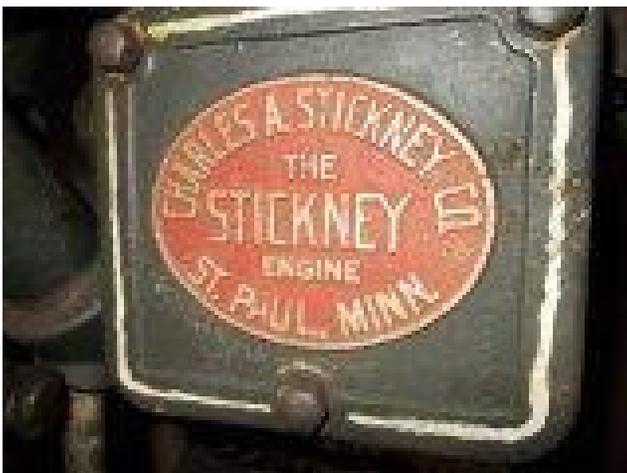
Recording Secretary: Nominees were Joe Prindle and Peter Holzman. Peter Holzman was elected.

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider, Treasurer Bill Klemm and Director Paul Grotophorst were all re-elected by unanimous ballot.

17th Annual Swap Meet May 2-3

Another chance to thin out the collections! Rent a vendor spot (\$25) or put some things in the auction. If you want to go the auction route, contact Mark Beard right away, (608)356-6115 so the item(s) can be advertised. Pictures will be posted on the web. Auction items can be steam/gas engines, tractors, related parts and literature. No household items, appliances, furniture, etc. please. No items accepted the day of sale without prior arrangement. Please note that per the auctioneer's request, the auction will start at 10 a.m. instead of 11 this year.

Another change this year is that the food will be handled by the Christian Community School and Elite Catering. Those of you who had the opportunity to eat breakfast at their tent during the show, probably remember the delicious omelets and cider donuts, to name a few things. The Club will not make as much money on the food, but there will not be the stress of trying to find workers for the food stand from among the Club membership, as this group will supply their own help. **Donated pies and baked goods will still be sold.**



This 3 hp Stickney engine is an older restoration on a cart with a seat, and it will be for sale on auction day.



Another item on the auction is this 3 hp IH Famous upright screen cooled igniter engine, on cart with pulley. This will look really nice in somebody's collection!

Logging and Cleanup News

Allen Steele has been busy using the backhoe piling up stumps on the new parcel. A dozer came in over the weekend, but has left already. All logs have been harvested and removed from the parcel and stacked for loading. For now, most of the cleanup work will be done by machinery, not hand labor. There is a tremendous amount of slash to be cleaned up. Allen will coordinate the land clearing, so if you want to help give him a call. (608) 963-0574

Shingle Mill Help Needed

Shingle Mill mainstay Robert Hoege announced at the annual meeting that he wishes to retire from the Shingle Mill after the 2015 show. He is looking for somebody to work with him this year, to learn the process. The branded shingles are very popular and a good income source for the Club. Many show regulars don't feel the show is complete without getting their souvenir shingle, and Robert and his family have done a super job for many years. Call Robert at (608)524-2494 if you would be interested in this area.

Spatula Located

Now how's that for a headline?? Seriously, Crystal Hasheider has a spatula for the man who was looking for one that was used to serve bars at the annual meeting potluck. So if you're missing a spatula, or if your wife is missing said spatula, give Crystal a call and re-establish domestic harmony. (608)522-4277

Electronic Version of Newsletter

Only 36 people out of 600 newsletter subscribers have opted to go paperless and receive email notification when the newsletter is published. Although I'm flattered you seem to believe the newsletter has sentimental or artistic value (it's too small to wrap the garbage in or line the bottom of the birdcage), please do consider going paperless. To do this, go to www.badgersteamandgas.com, then to the newsletter page, and at the bottom of the page, click on the link to choose whether to get an email notification that the newsletter is posted on the site, or to have the newsletter (in color!) emailed to you. Web Master David Beard will add you to the appropriate list, and you will be removed from the paper copy mailing list. In most cases, you will probably receive the email a few days before the printed copy is sent out.

Cleanup Day Is April 18

Spring cleaning time at the grounds! Please come and help get ready for the Swap Meet, Kid's Day, and all the other activities warmer weather will bring. As usual, a lot of the work will center on leaf management, but other odd jobs will be addressed as well – cleaning the restrooms, turning on the water, sweeping out buildings that will be in use during the Swap Meet, small repairs – the list goes on. Come prepared with any tools, cleaning supplies, gloves, etc. that you may need.

Another Kid's Day, May 15

Going strong for the 13th year! In February, 2003 Paul Young and Bill Klemm worked with a teacher and a young boy who was doing a report on the history of agriculture. Later, Bill gave a presentation to the boy's class, and in April of 2003, the first group of 4th and 5th graders came to our grounds for a tour and various demonstrations. And every spring since, always on a Friday in May, the local school kids have come for an experience which they and participating Club members seem to enjoy equally. Turning cranks to shell corn, hammering nails into a board, watching the blacksmiths, doing laundry the old fashioned way, sawing wood, and more. As always, there is a need for guides to make sure the groups get around to all the stations. Be at the grounds by 8:30 a.m., and the groups are usually

gone by 2:30 p.m. or so. Contact Paul Young for further information (608) 356-4209, but he probably won't mind if you just show up unannounced on the morning of May 15 and say you are willing to herd 4th graders.

Deaths:

Jerry Dean Deischer, 73, of Roxbury, passed away on Friday, February 20, 2015 at Venice Regional Bayfront Hospital, Venice, Florida. He was born in 1941 in Baraboo, the son of Wayne (Donald) and Marcella (Accola) Deischer. He married Elizabeth A. Reuter in 1963. He graduated from Prairie du Sac High School in 1959. He served in the Air National Guard Reserve U.S. Air Force, farmed for 10 years in Black Hawk, and worked for 35 years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison before retiring in 2004. Post retirement, he enjoyed working part time for FS Frontier Coop-Marxville and United Coop-Sauk Prairie. A member of Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club since 1995, he was also a member and Midwest Director of the Vintage Garden Tractor Club of America and a former member of the White Lightning Snowmobile Club-Roxbury. He and his wife Betty enjoyed traveling to the 48 states on their Goldwing motorcycle, spending the winter months in Venice, Florida. He is survived by his wife Betty; three children, Chris (Todd) Pauley, Jim (Sarah), Jeff (Kristina); four grandchildren, and one great grandchild; and other relatives and friends.

Preston Foster, 72, of Warren, Ohio passed away March 8, 2015 of pancreatic cancer. He was born in 1942 in Salem, NJ, the son of Earl and Theresa (Hewitt) Foster. He grew up in Woodstown, NJ and graduated from Woodstown High School in 1961. He received his Bachelor of Science in Education (Industrial Arts & Industrial Art Technology) in 1965, and his Master of Science in Education in 1966 from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. He met his wife, Sharon (Steffek) there, and they married in 1964. From 1966 to 1991, he taught Small Engine Repair and Small Engine Power Technology at Warren Western Reserve High School, where he also taught Driver's Education. He established The Warren Works in 1977 as owner and operator, creating a business from what began as a hobby of collecting and restoring historic internal combustion engines. He was a lifetime member of the Historical Engine Society, Kirtland, OH where he served as President and board member, and a member of the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club since 1977. Preston also served as the first President of the Coolspring Power Museum, Coolspring, PA, a world-class museum housing the largest display of historic and operational internal combustion engines in the North America. He also served as a Director and Curator of Collections in the 35 years of his association

with the museum. He was also a member of the Rough and Tumble Engineers Association of Kinzers, PA; Society of Industrial Archeology and the Society of Industrial Archeology, NE Ohio Chapter. He was also involved with recreational and green space issues, and was a supporter of the Animal Welfare League. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sharon, daughter Kim (Rick) Heskett, son Kurt (Laura); granddaughters Tiffany Davis, Lydia and Kaitlyn Foster; his loyal dog of 13 years, Kanu; other relatives and friends.

Vernon Luther, 95, passed away on January 18, 2015. He was born in 1919 in Spring Green, the son of John B. and Ella (Ochsner) Luther. After graduation from Spring Green High School, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Vocational Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Upon graduation, he went to work in the "War Plant" in Joliet, Illinois. He met his wife, Etoile (Anderson) Luther in college, and they married in 1944. He taught at Neponset (IL) High School, as a vocational agriculture teacher, and was an FFA sponsor. He was a man of many vocations: he taught for 28 years, sold insurance for over 67 years, and farmed his 2 farms in Spring Green for over 50 years. He joined the Club in 2003. He is survived by his three daughters, Cheri (Gary) Knerr, Faye (John) Fischer, and Lynn Miller. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife and one great-granddaughter.

Ronald Joseph Roth, age 72, died February 15, 2015 at Maplewood of Sauk Prairie. He was born in 1943, the son of Alois and Helen (Ballweg) Roth. He was united in marriage to Ella Ballweg in 1965. A member of our Club since 1988, Ron enjoyed his John Deere tractors, polka music and listening to music by Don Peachy. He is survived by his wife, Ella; two children, Karie Ramsey, and Ryan (Jen) Roth; 5 grandchildren, Dakota, Mason, Riley, Cameron and Caden; six siblings, Janice (Marcel) Meinholz, Barb Hellenbrand, Dan (Sharon) Roth, Joanie (Mike) Ripp, Jim (Sharon) Roth, Laure (Terry) Thorton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Mary Kay, a brother Richard, and a sister, Mary.

Member Meeting Report:

March 18, 2015

About 32 people were present. President Coates called the meeting to order. The Treasurer report mentioned that \$148 was received from the Club memorabilia auctioned at the Annual Meeting. There was also a donation in memory of Leon Hausner. Partial payments have been received from the logging of the new parcel of land. Membership news included new members Damon Young and Tom Bennett,

who joined at the meeting. Preston Foster and Ronald Roth have died. A telephone answering machine will be installed on the office phone at the grounds, so people can call to see where workers will be needed. Allen Steele will coordinate land clearing only. A supervisor/coordinator for other work done at the grounds is needed. There are a lot of sticks to pick up. There was a sign up sheet at the meeting for help on the land; there were three signers. The bus trip only has 33 people signed up so far. David Fuller gave a railroad report. They are will resume moving rail from the Findorff site, working on fund raising and a survey of the route. There was some discussion on whether to change the railroad route to be on the new land. The auction lineup for the Swap Meet is good. The auction will start earlier, at 10 a.m. this year. Contact Mark Beard about the auction. Pie sales were discussed. Neal Stone announced that Massey Harris has pictures from the 2014 show in the national magazine.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

Membership Meeting Dates: Meetings begin at 8 p.m.

April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 12,

September 16, November 18, 2015 and January 20, 2016

Membership Meetings are held at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in Room 18 (south end of hall) 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 membership meeting evenings in the same room, if members care to attend.

Cleanup Day – April 18, 2015

17th Annual Swap Meet – May 2-3, 2015

Kids Day – Friday, May 15, 2015

52nd Annual Show – August 21, 22 & 23, 2015

Exhibitor Banquet - October 10, 2015

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