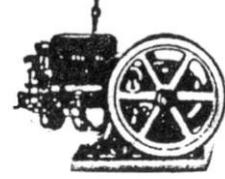


# Newsletter



of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Summer, 2017

Baraboo, Wisconsin

## 2017 Is Our 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Show:

**August 18, 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>.**

We have two big features this year, Oliver Tractors and Machinery, courtesy of the Wisconsin Badgerland Oliver Collectors, and the Wisconsin Tractor Company Centennial. Both features showcase companies that had their roots in southern Wisconsin. Oliver, of course, started out in Madison as Hart Parr, becoming Oliver Hart Parr, and later Oliver. The Wisconsin Tractor was built by the McFarlane family in Sauk City from 1917-1925, and the McFarlane Manufacturing Co. is still in business in Sauk today. The contact for the **Oliver group is Dave Dittman (715) 851-3432**. For the **Wisconsin Tractor feature, contact Ralph Pierce (608) 434-0798**. It's never too late to add another tractor to the features, and some extra help with setup and takedown for any feature is always welcome too.

There are a few changes this year, as usual. Vendors for the flea market will be able to begin setup at 8 a.m. on Thursday, August 17. It used to be at noon on Thursday, so this will be a positive change for some of the vendors. Everyone who brings a personal golf cart or ATV to the show should be aware that there will be some changes for 2018. There have been many complaints about overly large personal transport, especially in the Flea Market aisles, so there will be a size limitation in 2018, and all privately owned golf carts/ATVs will need to pass the size test to get in next year. Carts cannot be larger than 5 ft. wide x 10 ft. long. Oversize carts will be allowed in this year, but not

next year. In 2018, there will also be a \$5 charge for carts brought in. Handicapped people will be exempt from the charge. The two passenger rental carts do comply with the size limitation. A limited number of four passenger carts are available for rent this year, but this may be the last year, due to some people causing damage by overloading them at the Swap Meet.

### Show Week Schedule

**Wednesday, August 9** Last member meeting before the show. Job Board will be available.

**Saturday, August 12** – Mowing Day

**Sunday, August 13** – Roping Day

**Wednesday, August 16** – Camping begins, at noon.

**Thursday, August 17-** Flea Market setup begins at 8 a.m.

**August 18, 19, & 20** – 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Show

**Monday, August 21** – Post-show cleanup

### Help Wanted

This list shows where help is most needed. It will also be posted on the Club website [www.badgersteamandgas.com](http://www.badgersteamandgas.com) under Help Wanted. There may be new postings as show time draws closer.

**People Hauler Drivers:** Tractor drivers are needed for two-hour shifts Fri., Sat., and Sun. 8 a.m.-5p.m. daily during the show. **Call Mark Zweifel (608) 448-5119** There was a shortage of drivers last year, so not enough shuttles were available to keep on schedule or handle the crowd. This is a crucial service we offer our show attendees, many of

whom are older and not able to walk all over the grounds, so please step up and help out here.

**Exhibitor (South) Gate:** Workers are needed to check that only campers and exhibitors come in this way. Campers are required to have an exhibit. Window passes are given to exhibitors and campers so they can be identified more easily when they go out and return. Gate opens Wednesday at noon, when camping starts. Thurs.- Sun it opens at 6 a.m. **Call Robert Coates (608)770-1223** for more info and to sign up for a shift.

**Book Stand:** Help is needed to fold tee shirts, and provide general customer service. **Contact Barb Young (608)524-6352** for more information. The Book Stand is usually open Thurs-Sun.

**Shingle Mill:** Bob Hoege will not be working in the Shingle Mill this year, so please stop by and see if they need help there this year.

**Pie Booth:** Homemade pies and other baked goods are needed beginning Friday of the show. Also, staffing is needed in the booth for cutting and plating desserts, serving customers and cleanup.

**Garbage Pickup:** Fri-Sun of the show, 5-7p.m. Help pickup full bags of garbage, and replace with clean bag. **Contact Jim McGhee (608)574-4607** to sign up.

**Move Equipment:** Help is needed to move the Club's implement collection and other items out of the buildings to make way for exhibits. **Contact Neal Stone (608)963-5776** for day and time, dependent on weather.

**Threshing:** Help will be needed for shocking our grain crop before the show, and pitching bundles at the show. Day and time dependent on weather.

**Contact Neal Sone (608)963-5776**

**Baling Straw:** **Contact Neal Stone (608)963-5776**

**Women's Building:** Volunteers would be appreciated for cleaning on Tues, Aug. 15, and set ups on Wed. & Thurs. Aug. 16 & 17. Starting time all days at 10 a.m. **Contact Jean Brew (608)254-7428 or Jan Bruski (262)695-1175**

### **Women's Building Themes This Year**

The themes for this year in the Women's Building are:

- In the School section, it's Little House on the Prairie.
  - Baking: pies, cookies and cakes
  - Sewing machines, pre-1900.
  - Millie Zantow, pioneer in recycling in Wisconsin.
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### **Cleanup Day**

Cleanup Day went well this year. The weather, which can be iffy in April, was kind. There was the usual leaf collecting, restroom cleaning and more. The Club's new Ferris mower was delivered by Robert Mattson and Robert Coates, so people could check it out and take it for a spin. The Feature Building and the front of the Office Building were each given a badly needed power washing by Rives Morelock. What a difference it made! The buildings look like new again. There were at least 18 people there at the time we arrived, and I think there were some others who had come and gone already, or were in other parts of the grounds. Art Woodward brought a guest, Randy Week, who was not a member, but apparently enjoyed the day enough to join the Club. Welcome to the Club, Randy and thank you for helping. Other people (besides those already mentioned) who helped were: Al Riddle, Allen Steele, Paul Kohlway, Jim Turner, Neal Stone, Robert, Sandy & Marc Zweifel, Jerry Phelps, Paul Grotophorst, George Clement, and Mark & Anne Beard.



*On Cleanup Day, the Club's new Ferris riding mower gets the once over for final approval of the purchase.*

### **Swap Meet & Auction**

The weather was absolutely perfect this year, so the Swap Meet was a huge success. There was a record number of vendors - 381, well above the previous record. The auction also went well, but prices generally seemed lower this year. Of course, since we do not charge admission, we have no way of counting the crowd that attends, but the perfect weather meant that a lot of people came. The Club Book Stand was open during the event, and Barb Young reported that went very well, again thanks to higher attendance. Food vendors also did well, so almost everyone was happy, if tired, by the end of the event. The new security company did a great job, and will be coming back for the August show. On the down side, we do need more help with this event in the future, especially if we continue to grow. There was more help needed for hauling heavier purchases, and for general preparation for the event. Special thanks again to Mark and Anne Beard and both Robert Mattsons for their work on this event, as well as those stalwart regulars who helped move auction items out, set up tables and chairs and put them away again, and move everything back into the buildings after the event.

### **2017 Kids Day**

Although there were a few sprinkles on May 19, the weather didn't put a damper on Kids' Day this year. There were at least 35 Club members, spouses, relatives and friends who worked to make the day another success. Demonstrations ran the gamut from whipping "egg whites" (dish detergent and water) in a bowl, to watching a blacksmith at work in the forge, to sanding a wooden "Thunderbird" plaque to take home with them. Lately, it seems that old push reel-type lawn mowers are very popular with the kids. A funny moment was when the first group of kids grabbed the mowers and ran, mowing madly all the way from the Pop Stand area to the fence of the parking lot, with the adult in charge yelling, "Come back! Come back!" There were about 230 4<sup>th</sup> graders there, and ice cream was served to all at the end of their visit. Thank you to all who helped make this event a success.



*The Blacksmith Shop, which was closed last year for Kids' Day, was open again this year, thanks to Louis VanAlstine, son of the late Vic VanAlstine.*

### Land Clearing in April

April was stump clearing month. Allen Steele was at work on it for many days, but on April 8, a group of volunteers appeared. In addition to Allen, Robert Mattson, Paul Young, Jim Mente, Kevin Johnston, Geoffrey Schrab, Al Riddle, Jerry Phelps, Art Woodward, Clarence Lampkins, and Jim Turner were there. Robert Stewart also cleared some acreage. The group worked on stump clearing and picking up sticks to prepare for seeding the new area for additional parking and swap meet space.



*Don't trim toe nails with a chain saw, especially if you're going to smile about it!* Photo by Judy Mente.

On April 28, another gathering came to grub out trees on the west end of the field, in the extreme northwest corner of the new property. Over 5 acres were added to the farm field up there. Jim Mente rented a mini excavator to dig out trees and brush. Help on this day included Kevin Johnston (sawyer), Jerry Phelps, John Mente, Judy Mente, Jim Mente, Mick Georgeson, Ron Krueger (not pictured) and Jim Turner (sawee). These people signed up to help at the annual meeting. Great job everyone, and thank you all!

*Photos in this issue by Louise Coates, unless otherwise indicated.*

### Vilter Engine Ready for Show?

Remember the early 1900s Vilter steam engine the Club purchased in late fall, 2013? Be sure to stop by the Steam Engine Shed during the show to see the progress that has been made on its installation. Work has intensified this summer, and it is hoped to have it running in time for the show. It is an ammonia compressing engine, with a 10ft. flywheel, and an estimated maximum 80 hp. Workers on the project are Paul Young, Joe Prindle, Don Blausey, and even somebody who commutes from Illinois, Richard Thomas. Now that's dedication! They are hoping to have the flywheel turning by show time.

### Exhibitor Banquet Information

We're trying something new this year to remind people about the banquet. When you register your exhibit in the Office, there will be a post card for you to fill out with your mailing address, and which you leave with the Office. The reminder will be sent to you in September. The location of the banquet is as yet undecided. Any questions? Call Crystal Hasheider (608) 522-427.

### Important News About the Machine Shed

Bob Ristow and others are working to get the Machine Shed organized and usable as a machine shop. The Club has quite a collection of machine tools, mostly donated, and the guys are trying to install line shafting. Unfortunately, the shed has become a storage area for a lot of odds and ends, many of which belong to individuals, rather than the Club. If you have items stored in the shed, please remove them NOW! Call Bob Ristow (608)477-5393 if you need to arrange getting into the building.

### **M. Rumely Fund Raiser, Fri. August 18**

Once again, there will be a meal and entertainment to raise money for the restoration of the Club's M. Rumley steam traction engine. On Friday evening, 5:30-9 p.m. in Allen Steele's building, there will be food and the 2/5 Party Polka Band will provide the entertainment. For \$6.00, the meal will include a pulled pork sandwich, baked beans and sweet corn.

### **FREE -Youth Steam Engine Project - FREE**

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> year this activity has been offered. Shawn Young is the contact person (608) 448-7046.

The date for the project this year is Saturday, August 19. It is offered twice that day, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and takes 1.5 – 2 hours to finish. It is **free**, and is offered to young people, ages 11-15. It is a small group activity, with a maximum of 10 participants in each session, so everyone gets individual attention from the adult supervisors. Each participant makes a small model steam engine, which will run on compressed air. They use basic machining techniques, drilling holes in metal, using cutting fluid, reaming, using a punch and hammer, tapping holes, removing burrs, center punching, countersinking, and tapping threads in a hole. So far, all engines built have worked. Each participant gets to keep his/her engine.

Participants do not need to be relatives of Club members. If you know somebody in the correct age group – male, female, relative, neighbor kid, etc. – who might be interested in doing this, please recruit them for this activity. The Club buys all the materials, and skilled Club members supervise the work.

### **Membership Report**

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported the following new members:

April – Robert Parsley, Blue Mounds

June – Randy Week, Lodi

July – Mona Larsen, Baraboo and Patti Pullara, Madison

There were four deaths: William Brew, Wisconsin Dells; Richard Goddard, North Freedom; Gordon Hellwig, Merrimac; Donald Jaedike, North Freedom

### **Deaths:**

**William “Bill” Brew, age 81**, passed away on May 13, 2017. He was born in 1935 in Mauston, the son of Daniel Conrad Brew and Martha Mae Byam Brew. He graduated from Wisconsin Dells High School in 1953 and attended the UW-Madison Farm Short Course the following year. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, served in Germany for 1 ½ years, was honorably discharged and returned to the family farm where he was the fourth generation in 150 years to work the land west of Wisconsin Dells. He married Jean L. Sprecher in 1965, and they celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2015. Bill farmed for more than 50 years, and supported promotion of lamb and wool. He received a diploma from M.A.T.C.'s Sheep Production Class. He joined the Club in 1994, and had an interest in Minneapolis Moline tractors. He also enjoyed boating on the Wisconsin River. He visited all 50 United States, and toured 9 European countries. He and Jean visited Australia, New Zealand, Scotland and the Isle of Man. Bill is survived by his wife, Jean; sons, Richard (Tina) Brew of Wonewoc, and Brad Brew of Baraboo; sisters, Eleanor Elphick of Pardeeville, and Janet Maurer of Hastings, NE; a cousin, Sylvia (Bill) Baurer of Madison; and grandchildren, Tatum, Tyler and Jaydon. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers-in-law, Jim Elphick and Ralph Maurer, and a niece, Janice McQueen.

**Richard “Dick” Goddard**, President of Lake States Historical Association, passed away on June

3, 2017. He was born and raised in Nekoosa. He attended the University of Wisconsin and served in the Wisconsin National Guard, where he became interested in photography. His subjects were railroads and Corvettes. His love for Corvettes got him involved with racing and Road America. His interest in photography led to employment at camera shops in Madison and Reedsburg. He was deeply involved in the Mid Continent Railway Historical Society and Museum where he was manager for 10 years. He also managed the Al Ringling Theatre in Baraboo for several years, and then got back into retail sales at Isenberg Hardware in Baraboo. He was instrumental in the formation of Lake States Railway Historical Association and served as first President of the organization until his passing. He was a member of our Club since 1995.

**Gordon “Gordy” Gene Hellwig, age 73,** of Merrimac, passed away on April 27, 2017. Gordy was born to Willie Frank and Letha Mae (Eberle) Hellwig in 1944, in Monroe. He moved to Merrimac in 1978 to work at Badger Engine Rebuilders in Madison with his mentor, Darr Olson. When Olson retired, Gordy decided to start his own business and Gordy’s Excavating was born. He and the business served Sauk County and the Merrimac area for the past 30 years. He has been a member of the Club since 1985. Gordy is survived by Nancy, his wife of 38 years; children, Robert (Sheila) of Oregon, Jamie (Pam) of Platteville, Gordy (Tracy) of Platteville, Deb (Neil) Obert of Orangeville, IL, Teresa (George) Shashaty of Boston, MA, Jeff (Tana) of Freeport, IL, Alan (Cheri) of Pembroke, GA, Angie (Bruce) Bailey of Baraboo; his brother Norm (Mary Jane) Hellwig of Texas; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; other relatives and his longtime companion, Willy.

**Donald E. Jaedike, age 82,** passed away on June 29, 2017 at his home. He was born in 1934, the son of the late Richard and Margaret (Mielke) Jaedike. He married Helen Uphoff in June, 1959. Don was a lifelong farmer in Leland. He enjoyed farming, draft horses, farm auctions, John Deere tractors, taking the dogs on a Gator ride, and loved the Green Bay Packers. He joined the Club in 2006. He is survived by his wife, Helen; two children, Bryan (Sue), Dawn (Duane) Alt; 3 grandchildren, Kurt (friend, Shey) Schell, Alicia (Robert) Jaedike, Tyler Jaedike; a sister-in-law, Irma Reimer. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by infant twin sons and a brother, Robert.

#### **Member Meeting Reports:**

**April 19, 2017** About 50 people were present. President Coates called the meeting to order. Mark Beard gave an auction report and Robert Mattson reported on the Swap Meet, saying they can always use volunteers. Allen Steele reported he has been clearing land lately, and Jim Turner, Art Woodward and folks from the Helper List have made an impact. Also, the antique forklift that was donated is almost ready for use and 30 golf carts will be delivered to the Swap Meet for rental. Pres. Coates reported on the following: a security company has been identified to hire for the Swap Meet, a schedule for insect spraying on the grounds and the buildings has been laid out, and we are still looking for cedar logs for the shingle mill. Louise Coates reported on the Club trip to Milwaukee. The bus was full, and a profit was made for the Club. Pres. Coates noted the Board has decided to purchase a new mower after a test drive. The next monthly meeting will be at the Show Grounds. Paul Young reminded everyone that Kids’ Day is May 19. Be there at 8:30 a.m. to help. He also reported that there is a chance for Fairbanks Morse

blueprints from the Sheffield Collection. Anne Beard asked if we could get the Feature Building pressure washed, as well as above the Office Building porch. The need for a pressure washer was discussed. Bob Zweifel checked for storm damage at the north fence. Neighbors are cutting the fence to make an entrance on their properties. April 29 will be wood cutting and splitting day near the Sawmill Building. Steve Roudebush asked to use people haulers and bleachers for the Dane County Dairy Breakfast. MC. Robert Mattson noted that we should advertise and implement a Food Pantry Donation Barrel in the future for the Swap Meet. Pete Holzman reported plaques are the same price as last year. He will order a few less this year. Ron Marquardt wants to have a Railroad & Telegraph Display at the show. This will include live telegraphers sending messages for display. We have an Ad-Lit magazine ad set up. Pres. Coates read a letter from Ralph Pierce regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wisconsin Tractor Feature. A Facebook page for the event is created and McFarlane's has committed 2 tents to the event. The Oliver Feature was discussed. Saturday is Cleanup Day.

**May 17, 2017** About 35 people were present. The meeting was called to order President Coates. Robert Mattson gave a Swap Meet recap. There were 381 registered vendors this year. We will re-hire the security company from the Swap Meet for the annual show. Peter Holzman reported on the Oliver Feature. Barb Young gave a Book Store report. Al Riddle thanked all those who helped and worked during the Swap Meet. Paul Young noted Kids' Day was on Friday of this week, and some extra reel mowers were needed for demonstrations. Art Woodward would like to see the low range on the John Deere fixed. Al Riddle asked that the clutch be fixed while we have it in the shop. Bill Klemm said he would call the shop and get it on

the schedule. Mark Beard reported that the auction went well, but prices seemed down this year. The Club made \$1807 on the auction itself. It was noted that safety was a concern when loading large items at the Swap Meet. Al Riddle asked if we could rent more tractors for the Swap Meet next year. Barb Young received suggestions from customers that the food stand menu should change for day vs. evening. Robert Mattson read the questionnaire results from the annual meeting. Joe Prindle asked about who contacts are for the 2018 features. Bill Hendrickson asked to be sure the Fox Valley was targeted when doing Facebook ads. **June 21, 2017** About 55 people were present. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Coates. Security staffing for the show has been decided. A size box will be made for personal transportation; this year's show will be the "warning" test. Al Riddle purchased a used bleacher and flat rack on behalf of the Club. The Baraboo/Reedsburg/Dells LaCrosse Team is our new parking group for the show. Neal Stone says the crops look good. Allen Steele said the concrete for the Fairbanks engine exhaust and sawmill pulley pier could be poured in one trip; a motion was made to have that concrete poured. MC. Joe Prindle stated that the installation of the Vilter compressor is estimated at \$1200 at this point. A motion was made to spend \$1200 to finish the mounting of the Vilter. MC. Robert Mattson questioned if we could charge less for the proposed machinery shed to get the project off the ground and get spaces sold. Thanks for equipment use came from Steve Roudebush for Blue Star Dairy (use of bleachers) and from Art Woodward for use of wagons at the Columbia County Dairy Breakfast. Steve Roudebush announced the Rumely Fundraiser would be Friday night of the show at Allen Steele's Building. Pete Holzman said the show plaques are here, and that we can

continue with Pam Jahnke advertising at the same rate. A letter was received from Sauk County Emergency Management thanking us for the use of the grounds. Al Riddle stated we need “stick picking” crews to pick up sticks prior to mowing. Robert Mattson asked if there would be any consideration of the questionnaire from the annual meeting. Bob Ristow reported that The Machine Shop is in disarray. We need a cleanup before any surveys can be made.

### **July 19, 2017**

Tornado warnings caused the Board and Member meetings to be combined into one very brief meeting. The seat for the Ferris mower was replaced with a new one. Slabs were poured for engine, wash pad. Bill Hendrickson has been working to repair damaged door and windows in the Model Building. More concrete needed for Fairbanks muffler, exhaust pipe and Cat motor. Farquhar steam engine in Loganville discussed. MC to buy if can work a deal. Some signs can be made by the Print Shop. A method to measure golf carts needs to be devised. Golf cart rules will be used for this year’s rental carts. Motion to buy a cart for large tank outside of Gas Station passed.

### **Club Calendar and Dates to Remember**

**Membership Meeting Dates:** Meetings begin at 8 p.m. **August 9, September 20, November 15, 2017, and January 17, 2018.** 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.

**M. Rumely Fund Raiser Supper – Friday, August 18, 2017**

**54th Annual Show – August 18, 19 & 20, 2017**

**John Deere GP Rally – September 8-9, 2017**

**Exhibitor Banquet – October 14, 2017**

**(tentative)**

**Annual Meeting – February 25, 2018**

### **Contact Information for the Executive Board**

President: Robert Coates (608)764-5563

Vice President: Allen Steele (608)963-0574

Recording Secretary: Tanner Brethorst (608)253-0340

Membership Secretary: C. Hasheider (608)522-4277

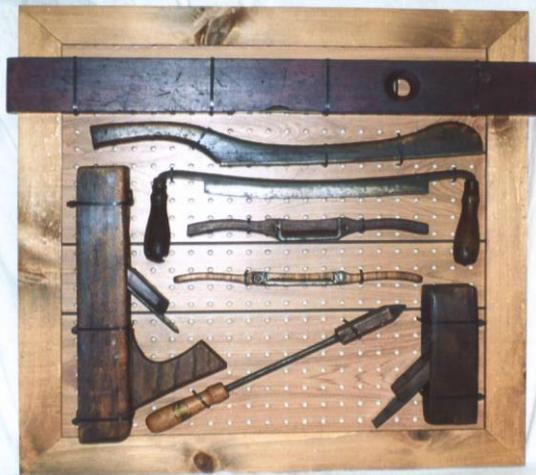
Treasurer: Bill Klemm (608)522-4905

Director: Paul Grotophorst (608)355-1000

Director: Paul Hasheider (608)522-4277

Director: Neal Stone (608)254-7195

### **Donations to the Wood Working Shop**



*Collection of tools donated to the Wood Working Shop, by Jim Faris of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.*



*Donated by an unknown person, this cast iron miter box was manufactured by Langdon Miter Box Co. of Miller Falls, Mass., pat'd 1896. Langdon was the first to build an all metal miter box.*  
*Courtesy of Lyle Opperman*