



Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Winter, 2015

Baraboo, Wisconsin

February 22, 2015 = Annual Meeting

Once again, St. Paul's Lutheran Church is the site of the annual meeting. There is parking behind the church, and the meeting room is handicap accessible from the parking lot. The door will be open around 1 p.m., with the meeting starting at 2 p.m. There is an official meeting notice/financial report included with this newsletter, and driving directions, the agenda and the Club calendar are also on that sheet. Please bring it with you for reference during the meeting.

Normal business at the annual meeting includes consideration of all fees e.g. gate admission, flea market space rents, shingle price, etc. The flea market vendor fee increase voted on last year will be up for reconsideration this year. The Railroad Committee will present a progress report. Other business may be introduced from the floor. Club Bus Trip information will be announced.

When the business meeting is done, election of officers will be held. All incumbent Club Officers have indicated their willingness to continue in office. This year, Paul Grotophorst's directorship is up for vote. The Nominating Committee includes Tom Ripp, Robert Mattson, John Anderson and Jim McGhee. If you are interested in any of the Board positions, or wish to nominate somebody, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members before the meeting if possible. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the election.

Remember the potluck and social time after the election, so bring a dish to pass, and your appetite. Before and after the meeting, the Book Store has tables full of new items and some old favorites for sale. Bumper stickers, trifolds, swap meet info, and posters for 2015 will be available. You will also be able to sign up for the Club trip, and visit with folks you have not seen all winter. See you there!

If your household receives multiple copies of the newsletter/annual meeting notice mailing, it is because the Club's bylaws state that every member must be sent a notice. If you have requested only one newsletter for your household, you will receive only one newsletter in each of the other three mailings of the year.

Newsletter is published 4 times per year in February, April, July and sometime in the Fall. It is available free of charge only to members of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club. To subscribe, or to give us your suggestions or comments, contact BS&GE Club at P.O. Box 255, Baraboo, WI 53913

Editor: Louise Coates 608-764-5563

Badger Steam and Gas Completes Land Acquisition

Article by Joe Prindle published in the Baraboo News Republic
The Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club announced Dec. 17, 2014 the purchase of an additional 118 acres for its show grounds on Sand Road in Delton Township, bringing the total holdings to 264 acres. The additional property will allow for expanded parking, flea market and exhibitor areas during the club's annual show, held two weekends before Labor Day. Other events held on the site include a swap meet in May and kid's day, when area fourth graders are invited to learn about agricultural history.



Standing: Bill Klemm, Neal Stone, Paul Hasheider, Crystal Hasheider, Robert Coates, Peter Holzman, Alison Kepner, (Assistant Vice-President of Badgerland Financial). Seated: Eileen, Carol and Mark Gattshall. Photo by Joe Prindle

Wow! Newsletter in Color! Sign Up Now!

To save on mailing and printing costs, we are asking interested members to sign up to receive email notification when the newsletter is published on the Club web site. This would allow you to enjoy the **color edition** of the newsletter, and of course you could still print out anything you wish. 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 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.

Logging In Progress, or Jaws, the Great Tree Shark!



Some people have been out to the grounds and have said they didn't even realize the logging has been going on, but about half the timber on the new parcel has been cut. At the time of this writing, over 60 loads have been hauled out. The price for timber is very good right now, so the harvest from this parcel will help pay down some of the principal – always a good thing!



All photos above by Don Evenson

Help Wanted: Pest Control Technician, Sawmill Operator(s)

We are looking for bids from licensed pest control people, preferably from among the membership, but other suggestions are welcome also. Carpenter ants, bees/wasps and some rodent control are issues in different areas of the grounds, and we want our buildings to last a long time!

Sawyer Hayden Macleish has worked on the sawmills for quite a few years, but unfortunately some recent health issues will limit his work there now. Thank you Hayden for your hard work, and we send our regards. It really requires more than one sawyer to keep the Hug mill operating for the three days of the show, so it would be good to get at least two experienced sawyers for the job.

Our members continually demonstrate an amazing breadth of expertise, so it will be very surprising if there is not somebody available to help with these problems!

Spring Bus Trip 2015

Unfortunately, the bus trip arrangements were not yet finalized in time for the newsletter printing. We will be going somewhere, but where is still somewhat up in the air. The itinerary will be firmed up by the time of the annual meeting. If you have any questions before then, contact Louise Coates (608)764-5563.

Fall Bus Trip: John Deere & Sistine Chapel

O.K. That title probably got your attention! This bus tour is available from Able Trek Tours of Reedsburg. This is not a Club trip, but I thought it might be of interest to Club members. It is a day trip, on Tuesday, October 20. The cost is \$96 per person, including lunch. First on the agenda

is a tour of the John Deere Tractor Cab and Assembly Plant in Waterloo, IA. Tractors being assembled will include 6R, 7R, 8R/8RT and 9R/9RT. This is a trolley tour, so there will be very little walking. There will be time to check out the John Deere gift shop. Also planned is a visit to the brand new John Deere Tractor and Engine Museum.

Another stop will be Kenny Kass's private collection of rare tractors which includes prairie tractors, Rumely Oil Pulls and Waterloo Boy and John Deere tractors. Mr. Kass does not open his collection to the public, so this is a special opportunity. Where is the Sistine Chapel, you wonder? Lunch will be at the Galleria de Paco Restaurant where artist Paco Rosic has recreated the Sistine Ceiling using 5,200 cans of spray paint. Pickup points for the tour will be in LaValle, Reedsburg, Baraboo, Sauk City and Spring Green. The tour is limited to 45 people. I checked with Able Trek shortly before the newsletter went to the printer, and 13 people had reserved. They have a reasonable cancellation policy. For more information, see www.abletrektours.com or call (800)205-6713.

Membership Report

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported six members were added in the last few months. The total membership is now 803.

Members added in November:

Matthew Kleeber – Portage; Kellie Sorge Zink – North Freedom; Stan Cherry-Frederick; and Jonathan Pickhardt-LaValle

Members added in December:

Les Holton- Wisconsin Dells; Charles Holton-LaValle.

Deaths:

Lyle R. Coates, age 94, of Baraboo, passed away on Friday, December 26, 2014 at Pine View Care Center in Black River Falls. He was born in 1920, the son of Sylvester and Marguerite (Mellinger) Coates of Waseca, MN. The family moved to Madison shortly after Lyle's birth. He graduated from Madison Central High School. In 1941, he married June Kinsman, and they were married for 70 years. Soon after their marriage, he joined the U.S. Army and was a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne Division. After the war, he worked for Wisconsin Power and Light Company, where he remained until his retirement. His career required several moves over the years, but he lived in Baraboo for the past 38 years. He was a member of the Club since 1983. He is survived by his son, Robert (Louise) Coates of Deerfield; daughter Carolyn (Duane) Newell of Black River Falls; granddaughters Sarah (Jeremy) Faulkner

of Geneva, IL and Melanie Singleton of Orlando, FL; great-grandson Adam Faulkner; sister Marion (David) Hammer of Sparta, IL; brother-in-law Edward (Jean) Kinsman of Kalispell, MT; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife June, his brother William, and an infant daughter Alice.

Raymond Knicker, of Baraboo, died in October, 2014 after a lengthy illness. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Knicker on July 25, 2014. Little other information is available. Ray joined the Club in 1998. He was a neighbor to the then new show grounds, and was active in some of the early building projects when the Club moved there from the fairgrounds. A few years later, the Club purchased the second parcel of land from Ray, which borders the south side of the original parcel.

Donald L. Nobs, 74 of Baraboo passed away on Monday, December 1, 2014 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. He was born in 1940 in LaValle to Harold and Evelyn (Pearson) Nobs along with his twin sister Dorothy Gant. He attended Reedsburg High School. He was a Linotype Operator at the Reedsburg Times Press, and then sold advertising at the Baraboo New Republic. He spent most of his career as Advertising Manager of the Agri-View Southern Edition. Before retiring, he worked at Johnson Sales in Arlington and at Trecek in Portage. A Club member since 1989, he restored several John Deere tractors and one Massey, and also restored and drove a Model A Ford, 40 Ford Coupe and a 35 Ford Truck. Don is survived by his wife, Mary; son Danny (Jane) Nobs; twin sister Dorothy (Bill) Gant; sisters-in-law, Carole Dellevar, Ellen (Keith) Dindinger, Cecilia Nobs: step-grandchildren, Courtney and Brittany Hahn; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his "in-laws", Paul and Myrtle Krueger; brother Duane; brother-in-law, Delmar Delevar, and nephew, Rick Metcalf.

Jack G. Rhodes Sr., age 77, of Beaver Dam, passed away at his home on Thursday, November 27, 2014. He was born in 1937 in Beaver Dam to Jack W. and Margret (Soldner) Rhodes. He graduated from Beaver Dam High School in 1956 and was united in marriage to Judith Verriden in 1960. He worked as a pattern maker at Monarch Range in Beaver Dam. Jack loved his hobby farm and garden. He enjoyed his antique tractors and was a member of the Dodge County Antique Power Club. He joined the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club in 1974. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Judi; his children, Jack A. (Rita) Rhodes Jr. of Beaver Dam; Jill (John Nebl) Rhodes of Ottawa, Canada; Janinne (James) Skorzewski of Texas; and Judith R. (Thomas) Engels of Cottage Grove; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Al and Viola Verriden; and his brother, Thomas Jack Rhodes.

Vernon J. Ripp, age 87, of Waunakee, passed away on December 1, 2014. He was born in 1927, to James and Eleanor (Meier) Ripp. He was married to Doris Spahn in 1949. Vernon farmed most of his life in the Waunakee area. He loved the land and found peace in taking care of it. He was proud to be a farmer. He was member of the Club since 1991. He enjoyed going to shows and collecting tractors. He is survived by his wife Doris; his children, Ron (Nancy) of Poynette; Tom of Waunakee; JeanAnn (Don) Stronach of Rio; Dan (Lori) of Waunakee; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Charlene Arnold; many nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother Dick Ripp; and a brother-in-law, Jim Arnold.

Member Meeting Reports:

November 20, 2014

About 30 people were present. President Coates called the meeting to order. There was a thank you and donation check from the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club for use of the Feature Building. They will come again in 2015, the week after our show. Member news included three new members, and the death of Ray Knicker in October. Bill Klemm reported the purchase agreement has been signed for the purchase of the 118 acres of adjacent land. Our current site will be appraised on Monday, and closing will be in the first or second week of December. The loan will be for 15 years at 4.5%. Neal Stone reported timber sale prospects. The Market is good now. There are at least 4 bidders, and there will be a meeting with the highest bidders on Monday. David Fuller said the Railroad Committee is moving rail donated by Findorff, and recently purchased a rail tongs for moving the rails. Flea marketers are asking that the price not be raised in 2015. This must be decided at the annual meeting. The Ayers windmill damage will be repaired by Peter Young, estimated cost \$600. Paul Grotophorst reported that base materials, plates, etc. are needed for the Fairbanks engine, cost estimated at \$300. MC. There was a complaint that the Feature Building is mess, and space is being wasted. It needs to be cleaned and reorganized when the weather is warmer.

January 21, 2015

About 36 members and guests were present. After the meeting was called to order, the Secretary Holzman read minutes of the November meeting, and also two Board meetings, regarding the land purchase and timber sale. The Club will place a sign on the new parcel recognizing the previous owners. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported 3 new members, and 4 deaths. A Nominating Committee was selected, including John Anderson, Robert

Mattson, Tom Ripp and Jim McGhee. Bill Klemm reported on the progress of the logging operation: 56 truck loads have gone out, poles and oak logs are still there, and it is about half done. The shower trailer will be invited back for the show. Louise Coates reported that the spring bus trip is still a work in progress. She also informed members of a fall trip offered by Able Trek, and a plan to reduce mailings of the newsletter. Mark Beard said the auctioneer would like to start the Swap Meet auction at 10 a.m. instead of 11 a.m., due to the amount of items to be auctioned. John Anderson wants to get a group together to complete the fencing between the parking lot and the grounds, due to the addition to the grounds.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

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

March 18, 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.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 22, 2015

Spring Bus Trip – To Be Announced

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

Contact Information for the Executive Board

President: Robert Coates 608-764-5563

Vice President: Don Blausey 608-356-3865

Recording Secretary: Pete Holzman 608-635-7772

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