

Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Fall, 2015

Baraboo, Wisconsin

52nd Annual Show Report

Once again, we were lucky and had very nice weather for the show. Attendance totaled around 12,712 for all three days, and as it has been in recent years, Friday and Saturday were the big days and Sunday had the lowest attendance. There were about 1200 exhibitors this year, from 17 states and four countries (Australia, Canada, England and Ireland). Our two featured groups, the Ferguson Enthusiasts of North America and the National Graham Bradley Show & Sears Related Equipment both had fine exhibits. The parade went well this year, complete with a new speaker stand and better sound system. There were 339 paid camping sites, and the shower trailer was a success with 436 showers taken. The newly expanded flea market had only 45 unsold sites, and generally people were happy with the larger spaces, wider aisles, and one way traffic. The Book Store had their second largest sales ever this year, helped to some degree by a boom in sweatshirt sales when the weather turned a little cool. The Kids Steam Engine Project produced 23 running engines, as well as positive spectator comments. The Friday night fund raising dinner for the restoration of the Club's 1895 Rumely traction engine was also a success, and plans are to do it again next year. The Shingle Mill did well, and got the help needed this year. The Band Saw Mill had some blade problems, but the Hug Saw Mill ran well, presided over by our own sawyers, Hayden MacLeish, Marvin Knoth, and two visiting sawyers from the Rollag, MN club. The threshing area had a lot of help this year as well.

As wonderful and successful as the show was, there is always room for improvement for next year. Some issues were mentioned in the September meeting. People movers were not moving during the parade, and there were attendees who wanted to go to the parking lot so they could leave. Overall, more drivers are needed for inside the grounds, but especially for the 2-

5 p.m. slot. Another topic raised was the dog policy for attendees. Vendor's and exhibitor's dogs seem to be o.k., as they are probably used to the show environment, but visitor dogs are more of a problem. (Well, actually, it's not the dogs who are at fault, it's their owners...). The main complaints were long leashes nearly tripping people, and also dog aggression. Dogs should not be permitted near food vendors or in display buildings. The firearms signs need to be at all gates. Flea market vendors want a food stand in the flea market area as the roving food sellers run out of food too quickly to serve the entire market. The porta pots at the north gate and the north end of the market need to be tended more often by the company supplying them. There was discussion as to whether all chairs had been set out, or if it was just that there was more area to be covered. More benches are needed. The plan is to buy a set of bleachers for the Sand Box area for 2016, but that is only a small part of the solution. More help is also needed to move machinery out of the storage building so it is on display. Another possibility is to have a sign on the building mentioning the display inside. However, machines would still have to be rearranged in there, so people can see them, or walk around them. So, next year if you want to help set up for the show, these are a few of the areas that could sure use some volunteers. Check out the 2016 summer newsletter or the Club web site for more info, but please mark your calendars for a day or two to help out before the show, August 19-21, 2016!

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Membership News

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported that 17 people joined the Club during the show. They are: James Becker, Waunakee; Lynn Depping, Madrid, IA; Mick Georgeson, Baraboo; Al Hann, Oregon; Donald Harmon, Pardeeville; Anthony Hawke, Scandinavia; Scott Jerome, Sparta; Rubert Kerl, Mazomanie; Bruce Kitsemel, Richland Center; Brent Marsh, Belleville; Corey McManus, Arkdale; Robert Meixner, Sun Prairie; Preston Murphy, Waunakee; Gavin Opperman, Baraboo; Daniel Wunnicke-Ready, Cuba City; Brian Smith, Baraboo and Dean Stuckmann, Newton.

Additional new members in September are: Tim Raleigh, Stratford and Brad Smith, Franklin.

Welcome aboard everyone and we hope you enjoy being a part of our club. Membership now totals 818.

Dedication of the Monument

On October 10, there was a small, very informal dedication ceremony for the monument commemorating the founding of the Club and the acquisition of the original parcel of land. About 20 people were present, including the two living founding members, John Grotophorst and Art Wegner. Stories were told and photos were taken. The monument was installed before the show, so many of you have seen it if you registered at the Office. The monument and the materials for installing it were purchased with donated funds.



At right, the two living founding members, Art Wegner and John Grotophorst. Both were probably teen agers back in the day... At left, Ione Smith, wife of the late Bill Smith who was one of the original land owners, and Paul Young, an original landowner. John Grotophorst is the son of Lynn Grotophorst, also an original land owner.



No ceremony is complete without officialdom. Back row, Peter Holzman, Paul Grotophorst, Neal Stone, Bill Klemm, Don Blausey. Front row, Paul Hasheider, Crystal Hasheider & Robert Coates.

John Deere GP Rally

This two day rally was held on our show grounds on September 11 & 12 this year. It was billed as "an event exclusively held exclusively for John Deere tractor models GP, GPO & GPWT" and that is what it was. It was open to the public and no admission was charged. In addition to exhibiting tractors, plowing, threshing and a swap meet were also included in the activities. Formerly held biennially in Indiana, the event needed a new home and Club Treasurer Bill Klemm invited them to Wisconsin to see if they would like our Club grounds. There were 45 tractors on display, as well as a thresher, plows, corn planter, and sickle mower. Exhibitors were very happy with the facilities and the welcome they received, so another rally will be held here on September 8 & 9, 2017. Contact Bill Klemm for information (608)434-2100.



Interesting, but a little scary, this 1933 GP tractor has an acetylene lighting system, which includes lights on the front, fender and tail. It is owned by Randy Eggimann of Cape Girardeau, MO.

Photo by Joe Prindle

Vilter Installation Progress



The Vilter steam engine has been moved inside the Steam Shed, but the flywheel was still outside when these photos were taken last week.

Early Eagle Steam Engine Donated

Joe Prindle and Louise Coates

On Saturday morning of our show, Joe Prindle was approached by a man wanting to donate a small stationary steam engine to the Club. Joe arranged a visit to check it out, and he and Paul Young found that the engine is a curved spoke engine, which resembles Paul's curved spoke in the Steam Shed. The "new" engine is about 60% of the size of Paul's engine, and would be rated at about 18 hp.

There is a nametag on the engine which reads "Eagle Works, Chicago". Joe did some research on the company and figures the engine was built between 1846 and 1872. Thomas Chalmers was one of the principals of the company, P.W. Gates & Co., which was dissolved in 1872, and reformed as Fraser & Chalmers. In 1901, that company and three others were merged into the Allis-Chalmers Co.

The engine was last used to power a sawmill near Cassville, and was retired when the boiler gave out. It has been modified over the years, which is not surprising, given its age. Most noticeable is that the crankshaft bearing has been replaced with a more modern pillow block bearing. Joe is certain the engine "can be fully restored and installed in our existing engine shed for an amount not to exceed \$5000.00, including piping and concrete work." It is his hope we can do it for less money. The donor of the engine is Jim Henry of Mauston, who even delivered the engine to us. He was born on one of the farms that is now part of Badger Ordnance and he knows the Baraboo area and a lot of its history. Many thanks to Mr. Henry for donating and delivering this interesting engine.



Donor Jim Henry of Mauston, and the curved spoke Eagle steam engine he delivered.

Photo by Joe Prindle

Machine Tools Donated



The Club also received a donation of this very nice 10 h.p. LeRoi compressor, a Lodge & Shipley engine lathe and a small Kearney & Trecker horizontal mill, which was made in Milwaukee.

2015 Show Pictures



From way up north, exhibitor Bob Gale shows off his unusual 1938 Simplex Servi-Cycle. It weighs only 148 lbs. and has a 125cc engine.



Our very own Reta Hoege was hard at work selling Club shingles and shingle products. The shingles are a very popular item every year.



Billed as the "Original Down Low Spreader" this 191? beautifully restored wooden John Deere manure spreader is owned by Dennis Erickson of Arkdale. We hope it returns for the 2016 Implement Feature!



This very interesting Ferguson attachment could convert a rubber tire to a spaded wheel, using hinged spades. It is mounted on a Ferguson TO20 tractor owned by William Rupnow.



This year, there was a brand new portable speaker stand in use during the parades. It was built by Al Riddle (in middle above). He is flanked by parade announcer Bill Klinkner at left and Steve Barr at right. Good job Al! Brian Kindschi also helped announce during the parades.



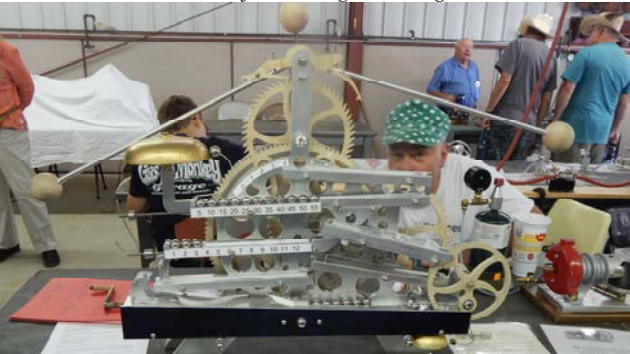
This 15-25 Rock Island tractor rather mysteriously appeared this year. It was made by the Rock Island Plow Company, ca. 1927. Owner is unknown.



The Graham-Bradley display this year was the biggest ever, and included this 1938 Standard tractor, which was sold by Sears Roebuck. This is one of only 24 that exist, and it was exhibited by James & Carmin Ankli of Wolcott, IN.



Ooh Grandma, what big teeth you have! This ca. 1950 Buick is pretty amazing, complete with side opening hood, bomb sight hood ornament, and VentiPorts. A beautiful car to go cruising in! Owner unknown.



Brad Smith of Franklin built this rolling ball clock.



The Nobbs-Kruse display seems to have something new and different every year. This time it's this Owens Pea & Bean Huller, Improved No. 4, with double cylinder.



This beautifully restored 1922 8-16 Avery tractor was right at home in the Avery Dealership building. It was exhibited by Tom Winkler.



This unusual 4 h.p. Moore Gasoline Engine was made by the Moore Plow & Implement Co. of Greenville, MI.

Show Pictures Continued



Back in a quiet corner of the engine exhibit, was this rare 8 h.p. Flour City engine, manufactured by Kinnard-Haines Co. of Minneapolis.



The LaCrosse Implement Co. made this 2.5 h.p. Hustler engine, ca. 1917. It is owned by John and Carol Clemens of Minnesota.



Man and machine in the Sand Box. Every kid's dream...



The perfect spot and the perfect seating to watch the Sand Box action.

More Land Cleared



Since the show, Allen Steele has been at work clearing more stumps off the new parcel of land. He has cleared about 3 acres, spending 26 hours on his D8 Cat. He doubled the size of the exhibitor parking area (top photo, showing part of the area west of the reefer trailer). This is along the east/west road, across from the north gas engine display area. He extended the

Flea Market area about 100 feet, and then cleared a 50 ft. wide north/south strip along the property line (lower photo), behind Paul Young's property and north. Last, but not least, he created a fire lane along the entire north edge of the property. The photos don't really give a good picture of the work done. If you go out to look, you can tell the freshly dug out stumps are a golden color, the older ones have weathered to gray. Now we have to hope we get a good snowfall this winter so the stumps can be burned. Many thanks to Allen for all his work and the use of the D8!

Source of Plastic Pallets, Anyone?

The Club is looking for some donated plastic pallets to replace some of the rotting wooden ones used on the wire cage/baskets used for firewood. Does anyone have a source? Call Paul Young (608) 356-4209 to confirm size, etc. before delivering!

Bus Trips, Past & Future

The Able Trek bus trip to Waterloo, IA was fairly well-attended by Club members. There were about 15 members on the trip, out of 47 attendees, (two guys missed the bus) and there may have been a few more that were unfamiliar to me. There were still seats available so more could have gone had they wished. It was a good trip, but I was not alone in wishing there had been more time spent at the Kass collection. We had about 45 minutes there, and it just was not enough, although I think passengers that were a bit recalcitrant about re-boarding the bus may have extended that time a bit! We then had lunch and viewed the Sistine Ceiling, which was actually pretty remarkable, and headed to the John Deere plant for the tour, and gift shop. Then to the John Deere museum and yes, there was another gift shop. It was a looong ride home, with a short stop at Culvers in Platteville, where many of us had trouble creaking off the bus. I later read that there is a 26 day bus trip to Nova Scotia and the Maritime Provinces, and I think I would be ready to commit suicide by the second day... Would I go on a bus to Waterloo again? In a minute!

For the future, I am working on another Club bus trip for spring, 2016. No definite destination at this point, but keep an eye out for info in the Winter newsletter,

and try to keep the middle of the first week of April free.



This very impressive 30-60 Pioneer tractor was built in Winona, MN, and is part of the Kass collection.

Banquet News

The exhibitor banquet was on October 10, at the Farm Kitchen, Baraboo. There were only 56 people attending this year, down from 60 the two previous years. The restaurant is under new ownership, but the food is still very similar to the previous situation. The main part of the meal was served family style, with a dessert bar at the end. It was an enjoyable evening, and always pleasant to be able to relax and enjoy each other's company. If you missed the banquet, remember that reminder notices are no longer sent out, but the information is in the Summer newsletter, and is also announced at the September meeting. Crystal Hasheider is the person to contact (608)522-4277.

A Death:

Melvin H. Albers, age 88, of Reedsburg passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2015. He was born in 1927 in Excelsior Township, Sauk County, the son of Herman and Mabel (Klukas) Albers. He graduated from Reedsburg High School in 1945, and then farmed with his parents in the Town of Excelsior. In 1947, he married Jean M. Giles. Melvin was a park ranger at Devils Lake State Park, then a jailer/dispatcher for the Sauk County Sheriff's Department. He was the first Sauk County Planning and Zoning Administrator and then became a Planning Analyst for the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources and a

liaison for the WI Coastal Management Program. Later he worked as a Security Officer for Sam's Club in Madison, and Human Resources Director for the Baraboo Wal-Mart. He and his wife Jean became owners of the Winfield Homestead Farm which dates to 1848. They completed an original watershed management project, which was initiated by Jean's parents in 1938. The Homestead was restored to native prairie, riparian wetlands and wildlife habitat. Mel was a life member of the BS&GE Club since 1994 and his interest was the restoration and showing of antique and classic tractors. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Jean; son, James (Karen) Albers of Verona; grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Membership Meeting Reports:

August 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Coates. About 60 members and guests were present. Membership Secretary C. Hasheider reported Robert Valek of Rock Springs as a new Club member. President Coates reported a donation of money by the family of LaVerne Gorman. The Gas Station is nearly complete, and a donation of an antique gas pump and assorted gas station items from Frank Statz was noted. New Flea Market spaces have been marked out and are ready for rent. Louise Coates reported the areas in need of help are listed on the Club's Job Board. All members are asked to sign up and help. Plans to enlarge the shuttle wagon turnaround area by the entry gate were discussed. The handicapped parking area will also be enlarged. Steve Roudebush explained the plan for a Friday evening pulled pork meal. The profit will be used to repair the Club's 1895 Rumely steam traction engine. The Railroad Committee reported 2400 feet of track is ready for transport to the show grounds.

September 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Coates. About 50 members were present. The minutes of the August 12 meeting were approved with an amendment stating the approval of a request by Ralph Pierce to include the 100th Anniversary of the Wisconsin Tractor as an additional feature to the 2017 show. MC. Crystal Hasheider reported 17 new

members this month. (*see list on p.2*) Grace Schellenberger gave the camping report. Pre-registration is helping. The Club will be asking the Town of Delton for 200 additional camp sites. Robert Mattson reported the Flea Market's new spaces are a success. Barb Young reported Book Store sales. This year's additional help there was appreciated. There was a motion by Mark Zweifel to purchase additional tires for the shuttle wagons. MC. Verne Kindschi reported the Kids Model Steam Engine Project was well attended. Special thanks to Paul Grotophorst for supplying the pieces and parts. Neal Stone reported the field demonstrations were a success. There was discussion of not allowing visitors to bring dogs on to the grounds. Dogs should not be allowed near food sales and buildings. An additional food vendor located in the flea Market was suggested.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

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

2016 Annual Meeting - February 28, 2016

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