



# Newsletter

*of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club*

*Fall, 2017*

*Baraboo, Wisconsin*

## 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Show Report

With amazingly perfect weather after a couple weeks of rainy days, this year's show was a success. There were 12,677 attendees, and 1170 registered exhibitors from 13 states, including Wisconsin. These numbers are in line with previous shows when the weather has been good. The exhibitor number, as usual, is a bit squishy, since not everyone registers their exhibit. (Ahem – that includes quite a few members, sad to say...) There were 209 registrations for the parade.

The Badgerland Oliver Collectors put on a great show all by themselves, with 183 tractors, about 30 lawn tractors and 20 pieces of machinery. A nice group to work with, they are certainly welcome back another time. The Wisconsin Tractor Centennial also went well, with 7 tractors and other items on display. One tractor, belonging to John Peternell, came all the way from Minnesota and another "newbie" at the show was a tractor used at the Cohoon Mine, still belonging to the Cohoon family. If you did not see the wonderful vintage Wisconsin Tractor photo on the back of the yearbook, buy a book and get a look.

The railroad telegraph and signal exhibit in the east end of the Feature Building was new this year, and attracted its share of attention with demonstrations of telegraphy. The bulk of the exhibit was from the collections of Ron and Dixie Marquardt, who were helped by Rod Ewert of DePere, Don Mahoney of Madison, Gib Wiedenhoef, Bryant Hazard, and Jim Latimer. This crew included former station agents, telegraph agents and train dispatchers, so definitely a crew of experts.

The Flea Market had 295 vendors this year. There were a few minor problems, mostly complaints about golf carts or larger personal transport and vendors wanting to come in before the gates opened or after they were closed. One

vendor was ejected. The excellent weather was also a boost for the market, of course. Overall, a success once again, thanks to both Robert Mattsons and their hard work.

There were 319 campers this year. The Schellenbergers reported that their "Camping Registration" banner finally gave up the ghost, so they would like a new, more permanent sign for next year. Also, the shower trailer needs to be there on Thursday, which will cost more, but Schellenbergers would oversee the arrangements for it. They also want to continue getting gravel on the roads in the fire lane. They want to raise the camping fee from the current \$20 to \$30 to help pay for these camping needs.

Always a popular spot, the Shingle Mill did very well this year. Although Robert and Reta Hoege were badly missed, there was a large group of helpers that worked hard to make the exhibit a success. Shingles were sold at the mill as well as from a couple of golf carts circulating around the show.



*Flaunting both its age and its beauty, Jim Turner's Hart Parr leads the Oliver parade as it turns the corner on the parade route.*

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Golf carts and other personal transport continue to be both a blessing and a curse. There were 436 personally owned carts registered at the Office this year, and this probably does not truly account for all personal carts on the grounds. There were also 70 rental carts available, and of course these may be rented to multiple users each day. There is no question that some people do require this type of transport so they can attend the show. Some of the rental carts this year had maintenance problems, and there will be a decision as to whether to change the vendor next year.

All about the pies: sadly, this year long time pie wrangler Bonnie Clift was unable to come to the show due to health issues. Fortunately, several women on the previous roster continued to help, but nobody wanted to be in charge. Judy Curtin agreed to help organize, and then there were pies: 86 of them. Demand was high as usual, so it was a sellout.

With the warm weather, the Club Pop Stand did very well this year. They were sold out on Saturday, and had to get more product. It is quite difficult to order the right amount, because sales are so dependent on the weather. The object is not to have much in the way of leftovers. The McGowan family did a great job again this year, and are always welcoming to visitors.

The M. Rumely benefit supper on Friday was a success again this year, and a good time was had by all.

The Women's Building always has something different, and this year the features were wedding dresses, sewing machines, and baking. Thanks to the demonstrators, the Sauk County Historical Society, and the Reedsburg Log Village for their help and input.

There was also a visitor parking crisis. The Lions Club had told us last year that they could no longer do the parking. So, another group was found, but just a few days before the show, we were informed that they were unable to muster any help. [CENSORED]! Judy Curtin managed to get members of the Baraboo Area Senior Citizens Organization to help us out of this pinch, and they did a good job with so little time to prepare. A big thank you to them for saving our bacon!

The Club Book Stand did well again this year, selling out of the feature tee shirts and hat tacks, and good general book sales also. There are very few shows that have a Book Store at all, much less one as well-stocked as ours. Thanks to Barb and Dennis Young for their hard work.

The gas engine display seemed smaller this year, which is a concern. There were several large empty spots in the north engine display area, remarked on by several people, including some of the exhibitors present in the area.

Parking, as always, presented some problems. These were discussed at the September 20 Board meeting. The handicapped parking signs didn't get put out in time, so some non-handicapped people were parked in handicapped spots on Friday. There are plans to reconfigure the handicapped parking to get people closer to the gate, and to clearly demarcate, using the proper signage, where handicapped parking begins and ends. Vehicles in the handicapped designated area can then be ticketed. Another parking issue was at the loading dock. Somebody parked in front of the dock, and then other vehicles parked next to that one, totally filled the loading dock area. A plan was proposed and approved to turn the dock 90 degrees, and widen the road a bit.

There is just not enough room to list all the show areas, so please, don't feel slighted. The show is getting so complex, it's amazing it all usually works so well. Be sure to be ready to do it all over again for the 55<sup>th</sup> annual show, August 17, 18 & 19, 2018.

### **Membership News**

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported that we added 31 new members during the August show, surely a record number.

AUGUST: Ron Ballweg, Baraboo; Austin Boelk, Milton; Chad Boelk, Monticello; Matthew Burdick, Reedsburg; John Campion, Reedsburg; Sandra Cohoon, Baraboo; Elaine Depping, Madrid, IA; Susan France, Portage; Craig Glover, Poynette; John Glowacki, DeForest; Lenny Heisz, Wisconsin Dells; Robert Hemmersback, Tomah; Barney Kedrowski, Wisconsin Rapids; Robert Konicki, Burlington; Gail Kruse, New London; Austin Meinhardt,

Adams; Jim Melka, Rockford, IL; Brian Melsness, Osseo; Peggy Miller, North Freedom; Amy Nehls, Pardeeville; Clayton Nehls, Pardeeville; Jack Nehls, Pardeeville, Jocelyn Nehls, Pardeeville; Kaiden Neumaier, Cross Plains; Elizabeth Olin, Orfordville; Easton Ringelstetter, Baraboo; Ollie Ringelstetter, Baraboo; Gary Schacht, Stanley; Destiney Schave, Merrimac; Robert Strubel, Reedsburg; Dylan Walker, Prairie du Sac; Brandon Wilmot, Loganville

SEPTEMBER: John Haugen, Prairie du Sac; Richard Hoege, Portage

There were also two deaths since the summer newsletter: Larry Webb and David William Baumgarten. (see p. 7)

The total membership is now 854.

#### **Reminder: Member Meeting Location Change**

Remember that member meetings will be held in the **Baraboo Civic Center, Rm. 18 starting Nov. 15. and continuing there thru April 18, 2018.** The Civic Center is located at **124 Second St.** For new members, note that there is no October meeting. The next member meeting *at the grounds* will be in May 2018.

#### **Lost & Found**

There are several items still in the Lost & Found from the show, including the usual suspects, i.e. keys, glasses, hats, a few articles of clothing, etc. Call Crystal Hasheider if you are missing something. (608) 522-4277.

#### **Exhibitor Banquet Reminder**

The banquet will be on **Saturday, October 14 at the Baraboo Pizza Ranch, starting at 6:30 p.m.** There will be door prizes, if you wish to bring something, but it is not a requirement. The room has a capacity of 66 people, so be sure to **call Crystal Hasheider** to inform her of your interest if you want to attend. Notices will probably have been mailed out by the time you receive this newsletter, so do be sure to call if you didn't fill out a card at the show or the September 20 member meeting. **(608)522-4277.**

#### **Thank You, Thank You Very Much!**

Listed below are people who helped in different areas, before, during and after the show. This is by no means a complete list, but you're not listed, know that you were appreciated, and the world always needs a few more unsung heroes! In no particular order:

**Golf cart rentals:** Thanks to Allen Steele for making the arrangements, fielding all the calls for reservations, and taking the heat. And a BIG thank you to Barb Meister and her family for handling the actual rentals at the show and taking care of some of the maintenance problems this year. And oh yes, some customers, as we all know, can be unreasonable and she took care of that also.

Thanks to **McFarlane's of Sauk City** for donating tents for the Wisconsin Tractor Feature, and hauling tractors from their collections for both the Oliver and Wisconsin features. They have long been supporters of our show.

**Pie Booth Helpers:** bakers, servers or both were Nancy Getschmann, Deb Turner, Connie Friske, Sandy Zweifel, Candy Schell, Mary Anne Lee, Sue France, Kathy Weiss, Pat Olson, Penny Grey, Kellie Sorge Zink, and Margo Holzman. It may seem like a lot of help, but remember, that's spread out over three days, and baking pies at home as well. A couple of people have signed on for 2018, so if you want to help next year, give Judy Curtin a call at (608)293-4045. It's never too early to volunteer.

**Shingle Mill Helpers:** Mill Workers: Rives Morelock, Jerry Moll, Denis Pulvermacher, Adam Pulvermacher, Hollis Olson, Richard Hoege, Hannah Hoege, Isaiah Hoege, Jed Hoege, Fred Gawronski. Sales Workers: Melodie Pulvermacher, Kyle Pulvermacher, Gayle Hoege, Jed Hoege, and Ron Dahmen.

**Garbage Collectors:** A thankless task if there ever was one, so we want to be sure to thank Jim McGhee, Doug Johnson, and grandson Connor Brand, Donna Opperman, Art Woodward, Roger Haarklau, Justin Beard, Robert Topp, Sally Johnson, Darin Johnson, Dean Johnson, Cameron Johnson, Kim Johnson

**People Hauler Drivers:** Art Woodward, Tony Hawke, Randy Week, Scott Zweifel, Mark Zweifel, Kory Krugie, Keith Wohlfert, Marvin Rubi, Theresa Pendleton, Larry Randall, John Anderson, Chris Olsen, Scott Klary, Dan Phillips, Bob Zweifel, Les Olsen, Eddie Engenath





*Doug and Kim Johnson, with grandson Connor Brand, working on garbage detail.*

*Photo by Anne Beard*

### **Carter Stapleton's Eagle Scout Project**

A member of Baraboo Troop 77, Carter Stapleton directed a crew of Scouts in building 5 picnic tables for his Eagle Scout project. The build took place in March, and the tables were constructed of treated lumber for a longer life. They were stored, and later used at our 2017 show. Once again, an Eagle Scout project has filled a need for our show. Thank you, Carter, and the members of Troop 77.



*Above: Boys at work. At lower right: the finished product.*

*Photos by Amanda Stapleton*

### **John Deere GP Rally 2017**



*Above, both photos: How does this thing start, anyway??*





## Show Photos



*This 1914 horse drawn pumper, made by the Howe Fire Apparatus Co. is owned by Peter and Margo Holzman of Poynette. It has an engine made by Edwin Rutenber, with an aluminum block and crankcase, and cylinders of cast steel.*



*Matt Williams of Baraboo is the owner of this Ford Air Force tug, Type 200, made in 1964.*



*Jerry Wilson is the driver of this Wisconsin Tractor.*



*Nothing like a nice roll in the warm sand on a summer's day. This spot for kids is located in the construction machinery display and Sand Box area.*



*The Barker Saw Co. of Springfield, MO is the maker of this Model 100 rim circle saw. Owner unknown.*



*Oliver pedal tractor collection, displayed by Tom Magnuson.*





Who knew that Oliver made boat motors? This one is a 15 hp, made in 1956, and owned by David Dittman of Green Valley.



More commonly seen in Canada, this shot gun start 1949 Field Marshall 40hp diesel tractor is owned by Tom Bible of Black River Falls.



Difficult to photograph, but very interesting to look at, this working scale model steam powered derrick was only at the show for one day.



This more conventional style Avery tractor is a 25-50. Owner is unknown.

### Future Features

2018 – John Deere, & Leader Tractors

2019 – Minneapolis-Moline

2020 – International Harvester

2021 – Rumely National

2022 – Allis Chalmers ?



## The Gas Station

Some projects begin and actually finish, but others, like Mark Beard's gas station project, are born, grow into adolescence, and then keep maturing for a long time after that. The station was built by Club members during the summer of 2014, and was open for visitors during the 2014 show. At that time, it seemed well filled with many, many gas station items. Finishing touches to the building itself have continued for the last few years, and each year, somehow, more items are displayed.



*Remember those guys that always hung around the gas station? Remember how much fun it was to ride your bike over the hose and ring the bell? This is the place for you!*



*During the show, the gas station lawn and driveway are filled with a variety of old gas pumps, signs, vehicles, and other items.*

With benches along the front of the building, it is a welcoming place, and in the evening with the outside lights on, it is particularly inviting. The driveway was made with salvaged brick, and adds a very pleasing note.



*The inside of the station has many displays. The collection of oil cans on the upper shelves belongs to Ken Roelke, Sauk City.*

*Photos by Anne Beard*

## Deaths

**David William Baumgarten, age 73**, of North Freedom, died on August 3, 2017. A member since 2014, he helped with cleanup in spring and after the show. He also helped in the Shingle Mill. He is survived by Carol, his wife of 49 years, and two children: Jeff (Rebecca) and daughter, Sara (David) Kreuter; five grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

**Larry Webb, age 80**, of Wisconsin Rapids, died on August 16, 2017, following a 4-year battle with cancer. A member since 2011, Larry liked working on old cars and hit and miss gas engines. He was also a spark plug collector. He was always a help at Club events and projects. He is survived by Shelly, his wife of 33 years; daughter Sandy (Jeff) Shearier, Wisconsin Rapids; sons Larry Lee Webb, New Orleans; and Jim (Lindy) Shortell; six grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

## Membership Meeting Reports

### August 9, 2017

About 50 people were present. President Coates called the meeting to order. Paul Young noted that former Boiler Inspector, Virgil Knoebl, passed away. Steve Roudebush said hopefully Wally Clavadatscher will be well for the show. Bill Hendrickson reported that the Cat Motor and Fairbanks muffler concrete is poured and done. John Friske

gave a Fairbanks update. Pres. Coates announced the following help is needed for the show: golf cart registrars, South gate, North gate. Louise Coates gave a reminder that a help wanted list is on the website. The Vilter stationary engine may not be ready for this year's show. Steve Roudebush says the tandem engine setup is ready at the Hug Sawmill. Mark Zweifel gave a people mover update. Peter Holzman asked for clarification if a person with items in the Feature Building can sell feature-related items outside the Feature Building. It was agreed this was okay. Al Riddle says parade announcing and help looks good. Roping off is Sunday at the Grounds. The Shingle Mill is moving along nicely. Pres. Coates asked if a Show Book & shingle deal for \$5 would help sales. Bob Zweifel asked about our PA system. It needs to be rebuilt. Neal Stone reported that oat shocking went great. 18 people showed up to help. John Friske made a motion for a \$5 shingle and show book deal. Second by Robert Mattson. MC. Joe Prindle made a motion to have old surplus show plaques sold at Bill Hendrickson's Flea Market spot. Second by Tanner Brethorst. MC. Jim Turner noted the following: he would like to see more show photos on the website. There are a couple of John Deere combines available. Can we find someone to repair and restore one? Robert Mattson asked if we should rent 4-wheelers for the security staff. Joe Prindle said McFarlane's will donate use of their vehicles if we can add them to our insurance policy. Joe Prindle made a motion to add any equipment rented by the Club to our liability insurance policy for the show. Second by Don Evenson. MC. Pres. Coates said Joe Prindle will be adding new t.p. holders in the restrooms. Joe Prindle made a motion to buy lights for the Stationary Steam and Gas Engine sheds, up to 20 fixtures new, or convert old fixtures. Second by Steve Thompson. MC. Motion to adjourn by Pete Holzman, second by John Friske. MC.

**September 20, 2017**

About 60 people were present. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Coates. Rives Morelock gave a report on the shingle mill. John Anderson noted there are cedar trees from a cemetery that the Club could have. Treasurer Bill Klemm reported there 12,677 people through the gate. Crystal Hasheider reported 436 golf carts signed in, and 209 parade cards submitted. Barb Meister handled the rental golf carts, and her family kept them going. The Exhibitor

Gate shack was a big improvement. Questions arose about groups of people in a vehicle coming in to join family, all expecting to get in free. A motion was made to include a question about the number of people in the party on Camping reservations. MC. The donations from the people haulers were turned in. The fence by the South gate needs to be repaired as people are getting in that way. A plea was made for oversized vehicles being permitted. Rules need to be made clear for vendors wanting to come in at wrong times. Mark Beard stated that a lap top is needed for the Flea Market records. A computer was also suggested for the Club treasurer, and printers would also be needed. Checking for more information should be done for the next meeting. Wristbands and 3-day passes were also discussed; more information needed for next meeting.

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

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

**Exhibitor Banquet – October 14, 2017 at Pizza Ranch**

**Annual Meeting – February 25, 2018**

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet – May 4, 5, & 6, 2018**

**Auction – May 5, 2018 at 10 a.m.**

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual Show - August 17, 18, & 19, 2018**

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