



Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Fall, 2010

Baraboo, Wisconsin

2010 Annual Show Report

In spite of rain late in the afternoon on Friday, and some overcast/foggy conditions on Saturday and Sunday, the show can be accounted to be a success again this year. The crowd was down by perhaps 1500-2000 people over our biggest years, but still a healthy number. Whether this was due to the weather being a little uncertain, or the depressed economy, or both is as always difficult to say. The IH feature was spectacular, and the people who organized it did a great job. There was a sea of red spreading from the south door of the Feature Building. On the west and north sides of the building were more tractors, trucks, and equipment. The new glass cases inside the building were filled with hundreds of small items. Wendall Kelch's 30-60 Titan was incredible. Thanks to Neil Stone, Kevin Haarklau and Jim McGhee – you all did a wonderful job!

The Custom Tractor exhibit also drew a lot of attention. Many people were not familiar with this make, so it was intriguing to them. It looked like Stanley Keys was kept pretty busy talking to visitors to the exhibit. The Great Fuller & Johnson Rally was well-attended, and there were a lot of people in the Museum area throughout the show. There were quite a number of rare engines on display in that area, and a lot of F&J in other parts of the grounds as well. Thank you to Stan Johnson and Verne Kindschi for your work.

The new Women's Building was filled with displays and hands on activities which attracted a lot of attention. There was a lot of positive feedback, and the exhibits were enjoyed by men and women alike. And this was just the first year! Thanks to the Sprecher Sisters for their creativity and hard work.

Another attraction was the 1899 Minneapolis 22 hp tandem compound steam engine, owned by Jeff

Knutson. Thank you Jeff for stopping at our show. The Steam Engines For Kids activity was a success – every space was taken. A total of 1309 exhibitors registered, but not all exhibitors get around to registering. The campground was nearly full, with only 11 vacant sites. Once again, the pies sold out and Bonnie Clift wanted to be sure pie donors were thanked in the newsletter. There were significantly more pies and other baked goods donated this year, so thank you one and all for your efforts.

Of course there are always areas where improvements are needed, or more help wanted. Parking, personal transport, electricity, concrete, and shower heads are just a few of the issues to be considered for next year. It's not too soon to start making some preparations for the 2011 show which will feature John Deere, so keep thinking green while the snow flies this winter.



Ken, Dick and Rick Huber of Oxford, WI brought 70 tractors to the show this year, including this IH Wheatland 1026. Only 60 were built, and only 13 are left. It is a western style tractor, with wide fenders to cut down on the dust, and a wide front end.

Flea Market Manager(s) Needed for 2011

The Club is looking for someone to take over this important, glamorous and exciting job. Please contact Mark Beard (608)356-6115 if you are interested in helping with this.

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2010 Show Pictures



Don Winkler displayed this 1904 3 hp Fuller & Johnson oil cooled gas engine.



This 1946 Simpson Chrysler Powered tractor was part of the Custom Tractor exhibit, and was brought by John Myers of Humboldt, IA.



Mike Mudok of Franklin, WI brought this 1922 IH 8-16 kerosene tractor, built in Chicago.



Wendall Kelch's spectacular 30-60 Titan was a star!



It was a dark and stormy night...so the engine guys gathered in the Engine Shed and had some time to play, or to critique how others played.



Don Frank of Fox Lake exhibited this 1955 Lanz Alldog.

Show Pictures are continued on the last page of this newsletter.

Important Newsletter Information

Postage will be going up again in January, and in an attempt to control costs, we are in the process of going through the recipient list for the newsletter. We will be sending only *one* to each household. If this is a problem for you, please contact Crystal Hasheider at crisph@centurytel.net or phone (608) 522-4277. The newsletter is available in color online www.badgersteamandgas.com so if you prefer this, please let us know to drop you from the newsletter mailing list. You will still receive the annual meeting notice. Also let us know if you have a change of address, and if any member has passed away.

Activities at the Grounds:

The Club tractor now has the winter front installed. Although some repairs are needed on other parts of the machine – a fender bracket, there is air in the fuel line so it won't start, and also a four wheel drive problem.

The Club Goes Green

Well, with the restrooms roof anyway...! In late October, a few members got together and put a new metal roof on the restroom building. Led by Jim McGhee, workers included Pete Holzman, Dave Beard, Mark Hellenbrand, Lyle Opperman, and Bob Coates.



See the new roof in glorious color in the web version of our newsletter at www.badgersteamandgas.com

Photo by Phil Maas

Light Poles, 18 of them in fact, were installed one Saturday a few weeks ago. These were salvaged poles, donated by Mike Spahn. Allen Steele donated use of a backhoe and an end loader for the project, and Mike Spahn donated use of a backhoe with a compactor attachment. Workers on the project included Allen

Steele, Art Woodward, Mark Hellenbrand, Jamie Cole, Pete Holzman, and Bob Coates. Poles were installed in the flea market, tractor display and steam engine areas. Power will be added in the spring. Donations of light fixtures (outdoor only, please!) for the poles are needed. They need to be at least 400w. Contact Lyle Opperman about this. (608) 356-5460



The Light Pole Crew got a lot accomplished in one day, so they have plenty to smile about. From the left, Jamie Cole, Mark Hellenbrand, Art Woodward and Allen Steele. Not pictured: Pete Holzman, and Bob Coates, who took the photo.

The very handsome new **Sawmill Building** has been erected by Koenecke. Work on the mill itself will continue during the winter and next spring. Be sure to see this in color on the web site – the building is red with gray trim, and really does look great. Don Blausey and Robert Hasheider did an excellent job designing this building, which will be a definite asset to our show for years to come.



Work in progress, with the two man crew from Koenecke installing trusses. The building went up very quickly, with not a wasted moment!

Photo by Bob Coates



The completed Sawmill building can be seen in full flaming color at www.badgersteamandgas.com

Jack Rhodes's Planes

Submitted by Lyle Opperman

All over the Eastern United States in the early days, homes were equipped with an underground cistern. This was a large underground storage tank for roof rain water which was constructed of bricks and plastered on the inside to keep the water clean.

When water was needed for washing and other uses around the home, it had to be pumped from the cistern. The early pumps were made of wood and the cistern casing was made of cypress or Douglas fir. To make these casings, you needed a Half Moon Cistern Plane.

The casings were of different lengths to fit the depth of the cistern. Inside the casing was a rope which hung down into the water, and when the crank was turned rapidly the water would travel with the rope up the casing to the wheel at the top of the cistern. The water was rubbed off and fell into the bucket.

The casing was made of straight grain wood. The plane was run back and forth to cut a half moon slot in the casing half. After the casing hole was made, the two halves were put together with wooden pegs or a brass fastener. After putting it into the water, the wood swelled to make a tight seal. Casing planes were made in various sizes depending on the size hole desired.

Jack Rhodes and son John of Columbus, Wisconsin are members of the Club and have a large collection of

outstanding wood planes. Jack is very knowledgeable about the use of different planes, and has many for making window frames and all sorts of moldings that were used for the trim and woodwork on older homes. This casing plane is quite scarce and was built around 1860 by the William H. Liverston Co. of New York, New York. The Rhodeses give demos during the show with great patience, to the pleasure of the spectators around the Wood Shop.

We are lucky that people like the Rhodeses are practicing the art of wood working with all these old tools. Thanks Jack and John Rhodes.



Above: Jack Rhodes is working on a cistern casing.

Below: Jack is shown with his casing plane. In front of him is a half casing and a completed casing. The halves are held together with wooden pins or brass hooks.

Photos by Lyle Opperman



Club Banquet

The annual exhibitor banquet was held at the Farm Kitchen of Baraboo on October 16. There were 105 members and their guests attending. The meal was served buffet style again this year. After dinner, there were drawings for the plentiful and varied door prizes, with some brief remarks from Club President Robert Coates, and also from Don Giebel. Jim McGhee received an "award" for his work on the IH feature.



A smiling Jim McGhee is shown with his valuable piece of International Harvester chin-ette. Congratulations, Jim!

Alternative Banquet

Submitted by Bob Zweifel

On Saturday night, October 16th, the first annual alternative banquet of the BS&G Engine Club was held at Bob and Sandy Zweifel's JD Acres Shop. Those attending were the workers at the Steam Show woodshop, and drivers of people haulers. A pork loin dinner was prepared on the wood stove and appeared to have been enjoyed by all. Those attending were Lyle and Wadena Opperman, Phil Maas (Shirley was ill), Bob and Marleen Harried, Gale and Nancy Getschman, Mark Zweifel and Terry Gauger, and John and Mary Steberl.

Steam Engines For Kids

This activity went very well at the show, and during the September meeting it was decided to continue this during future shows. Some modifications to the set up will be made to be more kid friendly, and to make the operation more efficient. An air compressor has been purchased, as have 12 drill presses. The drill presses were \$60 each. Donations to help cover this cost

would be welcome. Contact Paul Grotophorst about the donations (608)355-1000. There are a limited number of openings for this activity, so Club members with young people aged 12-16 have an opportunity to sign up early. Call Pearl Kindschi at (608)643-3915 to register. Participants need not be related to a Club member, so your neighbors or children of friends can be included.

Membership News

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reports several new additions to our Club over the past few months.

In July, Ron Dahmen (Sun Prairie) and Greg Linder (Baraboo) joined us.

During the show, the Club gained 15 new members: Peter Forbes (United Kingdom), Jeff Haertlein (North Freedom), Ava John (Baraboo), Bo Mattson (Montello), Robert D. Mattson (Baraboo), Robert J. Mattson (Baraboo), Gerald Moll (Reedsburg), Jeff Murphy (Waunakee), Tom O'Donnell (Prairie du Sac), Bernice Olson (Milton), Matthew Phelps (Baraboo), Thomas Plouffe (Lake Delton), David Ringelstetter (Baraboo) David Walters (Campbellsport), and Keith Wohlfert (Oxford).

Brenda Hacker (Poynette) joined in September, and William Slaney in October.



Beth Klemm and Crystal Hasheider at work in the office during the show.

At the September meeting, Crystal summarized membership activity at show time. Besides the new

members added above, there were 47 address changes. At that time, the Club had 708 active members, 102 inactive members, and 218 members who were deceased. Members become inactive when they do not keep their address information current, so if you move, be sure to contact the Membership Secretary with your new address.

Another New Member...in a few more years.

Club member Drew Wood and his wife Dayna are the proud parents of a son, Archer Jameson Wood, born November 8, 2010. Long time Club members Robert Nobbs and Duane Nobbs are great grandfather and grandfather, respectively.

Deaths

Herbert Dargel, age 86, of Lime Ridge died August 12, 2010 as the result of an accident with his Model A automobile in July, 2010. Ruth, his wife of 64 years, passed away a week earlier due to injuries received in the same accident. Herbert was born in Sauk County, attended St. Peter's Lutheran School in Reedsburg, and then worked on the family farm and on the construction of the Badger Army Ammunition Plant. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps until he was honorably discharged in 1946. He and Ruth lived in Flint, Michigan, and later moved to Lime Ridge where he opened a Massey Harris dealership. He later merged with Baraboo Implement where he and his partner John Hehenberger received an award for selling the most balers worldwide in one year. He was partner there until his retirement in 1987. He was an enthusiastic restorer of antique cars, and had expert mechanical skills. He joined the Club in 1997. He is survived by his sons, Gerald (Ellen), Dan (Janet) and a granddaughter Carmen (special friend Jared Manske), a brother Frank (Pauline) Dargel; sisters Mabel Wagner, Eva Mittlesteadt and other relatives and friends.

Merlin Gasser, age 91, of DeForest passed away on September 22, 2010. He was born in the Town of Sumpter, and graduated from Prairie du Sac High School. He went to the University of Wisconsin Short Course. He and Ellen Waugh of Poynette were married

in 1946, at Inch Methodist Church. They raised four daughters, and had a dairy farm and raised chickens. After retiring from farming, Merlin worked for University of Wisconsin Farms. He was an early member of the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club, and a member of the National Model T and Model A Clubs of America. He loved old cars, and taking his grandchildren for rides in his cars. He is survived by Ellen, his wife of 64 years; four daughters: Mariellen Gasser of Windsor, Janet (Richard) Krueger of Hazel Green, Lorraine (Robert) Newlun of Windsor, and Audrey (Mitch) Weger of Madison. He is further survived by four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three step grandsons, and two great-step grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Sharon K. Rose, age 55, of Reedsburg died Monday, November 22, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was the widow of Club member Emil Rose, who preceded her in death in 1996. Sharon became a member of the Club in 1997. She is survived by her sister, Shirley (Don) Foss of Overland, Kansas; her brother Sidney H. Ashworth of Portage; her step-grandson Rick Rose of Spring, Texas, three great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Membership Meeting Reports:

August 11, 2010

There were about 53 members and guests present. New members Ron Dahmen and Greg Lindner were introduced. The flea market is expected to be sold out by Thursday. Over 200 IH exhibitors are coming. Bill Smith's Daisy reaper, a neon clock & sign vendor, memorabilia, a Champion hay press, IH wrenches from Jim Keats, are just some of the exhibits expected. The lockable display cases have been assembled and installed in the southwest corner of the Feature Building. The Women's Building is "basically done". Four painted quilt squares will be mounted on the front of the building. Six 8ft. tables and 50 chairs are needed. The sawmill is in progress, but won't be running at the show. Marvin Rustad will be coming to saw with his mill. The Pop Stand needs the roof put on, painting, and new window sills. Allen Steele reported on the roads; there is lots of gravel down on existing roads, and the entrance road was re-worked.

Verne Kindschi said about 60 people have registered for the F&J Rally. The Steam Engines for Kids project has 7 kids signed up so far. It is free, for kids 12-16. There will be a presentation on the Minneapolis steam engine in the Steam Engine Shed on Friday at 6:30. The F&J picnic will be at 5:30 p.m. Anne Beard has contacted the nursing homes. People movers will be coordinated by Russ Hunt, but he wants help. Workers are needed to clean organize the Machine Shop, fencing and gate project, mowing, weed whacking, parking lot, and for painting projects. Tractor exhibit area will be striped Monday. At 10 a.m. on Saturday of the show, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Women's Building.

September 15, 2010

About 43 members and guests were present. The show was the topic of this meeting. Attendance was down this year, by 1500-2000 people from last year. Shingle mill went well. One or two logs of cedar are left. Pies sold well and there were lots of donations this year. Sawmill building will be put up this fall so they can work on the mill over the winter. It will be 40x100. Parking is still an issue. Grace and Carl Schellenberger say campground needs gravel on some roads. "What is the nature of your exhibit?" will be on next year's camping forms. Dead tree limbs need to be removed. Bonnie Clift says more electricity is needed for the pie sale area, more lights, and a couple of ceiling fans in the building. Jim McGhee will measure the Restroom roof and get the estimate for metal roofing, and Club members will do the installation. The Blacksmiths need some concrete at the back of their shop. Steam Engines for Kids went well. A motion was made to continue this activity. MC. Jean Brew reported that the Women's Building debut went well. Concrete is also needed by the Pop Stand for the ice machines, and also for the dumpsters by the Feature Building. Pete Holzman will send thank you notes to helpers from outside the Club.

November 17, 2010

Approximately 24 members and guests were present. Bread trays are still on the ground by the Steam Engine shed. Mark Beard will call the vendor. An antique truck is still on the grounds since the show. Bob Coates will check with John Pate. There is still no

volunteer for managing the flea market. The light poles and the need for outdoor light fixtures were discussed. The Sawmill building will be done early next week. The kids' engine project materials have been brought down from Minnesota. Verne Kindschi bought an air compressor for the project. Paul Grotophorst bought 12 drill presses for \$60 each. Donations to pay for the presses are welcome so the Club doesn't have to pay. Pearlie Kindschi will do signups for the show for this activity. Sawing slabs will be done on Nov. 20, starting at 9 a.m. Logs to be sawed during the show need to be labeled. Due to personal transport problems at the show, we are going to try one way streets in the Flea Market. This is done at other shows. This would apply to pedestrians as well as vehicles.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

Membership Meeting Dates: Third Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m., except August.

January 19, 2011

Membership Meetings are held at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in Room 24 or 26 from November through April. From May through September, meetings are held at the show grounds on Sand Road. **Executive Board meetings** are held at 7 p.m. on regular meeting evenings in the same room, if members care to attend.

Annual Meeting – February 27, 2011

Auction – May 7

13th Annual Swap Meet – May 7-8

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Learning the trade, Kataryna Potter works with Michael Garrett of Helenville in the Blacksmith Shop.



Jim Keats prepares to start his Simplex oil field engine.



Interesting comments can be heard while standing by this exhibit! The Farmer's Friend Tractor Power Fork & Shovel was made by G&D Manufacturing Co. of Streator, IL. It is installed on a 1938 F-20 Farmall, and was exhibited by Gene Williams of Darien.



Probably the happiest man on the grounds at that time – Jim McGhee goes for a ride on the 30-60 Titan.



I never thought I would fall in love with a concrete truck, but this one stole my heart... it's a 1947 IH truck, with a Blaw-Knox 1.5 cubic yard mixer powered by a 1940 12 hp Hercules engine. The owner is Obert Herheim of Madison. And it's such a beautiful shade of red too...



This nicely restored IH 10-20 Titan is driven by Joe Prindle of Baraboo.

