

Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Spring, 2010

Baraboo, Wisconsin

Annual Meeting Report

The 2010 Annual Meeting was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Baraboo on February 28. There were 94 members attending, and some guests. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Coates at 2 p.m. Recording Secretary Peter Holzman read the minutes of the 2009 annual meeting. Treasurer Bill Klemm read the 2009 annual financial report including the Fuller & Johnson account balance. The following motions were made and carried, some with more discussion than others: gate admission for the 2011 show will be raised to \$7.00; the yearbook price will remain at \$4.00 for 2010; camping will remain at \$10.00 for the five days of the show (from Wednesday thru Sunday) for 2010; the shingle price will remain at \$1.00 for 2010; swap meet selling space will remain at \$20.00 for 2010; outside flea market space at the annual show will increase from \$30.00 to \$40.00 per 10 ft. of frontage for the 2010 show; inside flea market space at the annual show will increase from \$50.00 to \$60.00 for a 5'x10' space for 2010.

Barb Young read the Book Store report. Mark Beard reported on the progress of the spring Swap Meet and auction. As of meeting time, there were about 30 gas engines, 3 model gas engines, and about 40-45 live steam engine models, tractors, parts. Some more items will be taken for consignment, but no tires, lawn mowers, etc. See p. 3 for more information on the Swap Meet. Red cedar is wanted for shingles, at least 8 inches in diameter, 16 1/4 inches long.

Bonnie Clift announced that we need to have more pies supplied by members for the booth at the show. One or two per member would be a very big help. As it is now, our pie supply is too dependent on a few people making a lot of pies. Margo Holzman was given a round of applause for making so many pies each year.

April 17 will be Cleanup Day and also the food meeting for the Swap Meet food stand.

Neal Stone and Stan Johnson gave brief reports on the IH and Fuller & Johnson features, respectively. Cleanup Day will be April 17, and there will also be a food stand workers meeting that day. Louise Coates reported that the April 7 bus trip is full, with a waiting list started. Kids Day is May 14. Paul Young said more volunteer guides are needed, and there will be more children coming this year. Hands on exhibits are best.

It was affirmed that no doctor excuse will be needed to register golf carts, gators, etc. at the show. Art Woodward announced a potluck lunch and tour on June 5. See separate notice for details.

Club Officers For 2010



Back row, l to r: Directors Paul Hasheider, Paul Grotophorst, & Neal Stone, Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider.
Front row: Treasurer Bill Klemm, President Robert Coates, Vice President Mark Beard & Recording Secretary Peter Holzman.

Photo by L. Coates

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Pies Needed For Swap Meet Food Stand

Once again the call goes out for pies, pies and more pies. The Swap Meet food stand did a very brisk business last year with pies selling out by mid-Saturday afternoon. Bars, cake and cookies do very well also. Baked goods can be brought to the Feature Building anytime on Friday, April 30 and the earlier the better on Saturday, May 1. These homemade treats are a big attraction for our food stand, and sales were bigger than ever last year. Please help make this year another success. If you have questions, or want to help in the food stand, contact Tammy Rudolph Pate (608)356-5491.

Kitchen Meeting April 17, 2p.m.

A meeting for the Swap Meet food stand workers will be held at 2 p.m. in the Feature Building on Cleanup Day. Tammy has ordered most of the food and supplies and checked over the equipment. The plan is to serve lunch on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, possibly breakfast in addition to lunch on Sunday. All food stand helpers are welcome at this meeting. Your input will be helpful. If you have questions or comments, contact Tammy Rudolph Pate at (608)356-5491.

Cleanup Day Is April 17

Bring your rakes and brooms – it's time for spring cleaning again. The usual work will be done at the grounds to prepare for the Swap Meet and Auction. Leaves will be a big chore. The big leaf vacuum will be there this year, but rakes and leaf blowers are always a help. There will also be a Kitchen Meeting at 2 p.m. Bring your own lunch.

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Don Blausey and Robert Hasheider gave an excellent presentation on the projected new sawmill building. Included were scale drawings and elevations of the proposed building, which would be 40'x100', steel-sided with 14' sidewalls, a packed gravel floor, and a monitor style roof. The building will not only house the mill, but would also provide a covered spectator area. The plan is to set up the sawmill in time for the

show, and build the building in September after the show. A motion was made and carried to build the structure as designed.

Bill Klemm gave a presentation for a Women's Building, to be sited next to the Craft Building, on the east side. This building would be 36' x70/80/90' with a porch and a concrete floor. It would be similar in appearance to the Fuller & Johnson Museum building and would house exhibits and demonstrations of interest to women. This building will not be used for equipment storage. Construction would begin in the spring. Some details and estimates were not yet available, so a motion was made and carried to have the Board make the final decision on this building.

Some other announcements were made before adjournment. The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the Antique Truck Historical Society will be using our show grounds for an event June 11-12. Don Giebel will be having a tractor auction October 2.

While preparations were being made for the election of officers, Lyle Opperman held a drawing for some small wooden door prizes, including a bird house. Lucky winners were Donna Green, Charlie Green, (hmmm – two winners from the same household?), George Clement, and Larry (aka Gomer) Buehring.

The election of officers resulted in some incumbents being re-elected by unanimous ballot: President Robert Coates, Treasurer Bill Klemm, Recording Secretary Peter Holzman, and Director Neal Stone. The office of Vice President had two contenders, with Mark Beard narrowly defeating incumbent Larry Richards. Crystal Hasheider was elected Membership Secretary, replacing Tom Ripp. Crystal is the wife of Director Paul Hasheider, and this is believed to be the first time in Club history that two spouses are serving on the Executive Board together.

It was quite a long meeting this year with several topics discussed at length, and everyone was very glad to finally relax, socialize, and tuck into the lavish potluck afterward!

12th Annual Spring Swap Meet

It's hard to believe this is our 12th annual Swap Meet, and how much it (and we) have grown! Once again, we need your help with the auction, the food stand and/or the swap meet, whether it is baking a pie or two, helping check in sellers at the gate, moving engines out of the building for the auction, or helping in the busy, busy food stand. Just a couple of hours work from a few more people would accomplish so much.

Swap Meet info: Friday, April 30 is setup day, with the gate opening at 8 a.m. Sellers will still pay only \$20 for one truckload and one trailer load. Some indoor space may be available. On Saturday, more sellers will be arriving and the gate opens at 6 a.m. Help will be needed there to help check in sellers. Call Kevin Haarklau for more information (608) 635-3908.

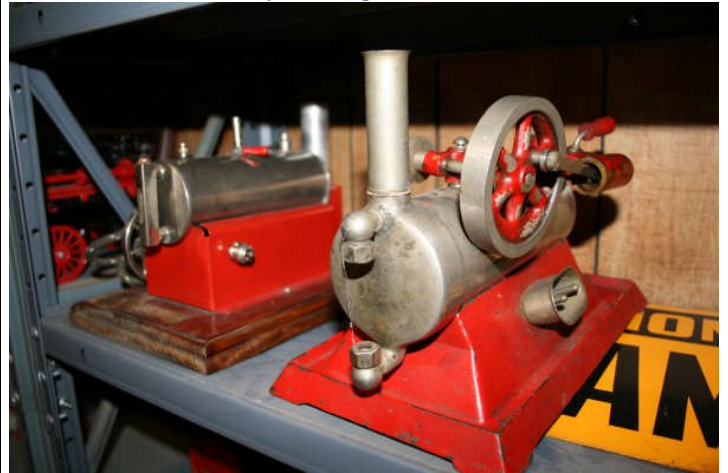


A sampling of the steam engine models from the Glenn Oestreich Collection

Auction info: The Glenn Oestreich Collection of engines, tractors and models will be auctioned off on Saturday, May 1. The sale will also include many consigned items. Preview begins at 8 a.m. Engines will be running between 10 a.m. and the beginning of the sale at 11. No items for consignment will be accepted on the day of the sale. Only steam or gas engines, tractors, implements and related parts, and related memorabilia or literature are accepted for the auction. No household items or other unrelated goods will be accepted for consignment. Help will be needed on Saturday morning to move engines and other items out of the Feature Building to the sale area. Call Mark Beard at (608)356-6115 if you want to help or if you have something to consign. You can get a preview of the sale items at www.badgersteamandgas.com



Lauson-Lawton side shaft, 2 1/2 h.p. on cart



More steam models from Glenn Oestreich

Vintage Truck Expo June 11-12 at Our Grounds

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the Antique Truck Historical Society (ATHS) will be hosting a show for vintage, collector and show trucks. The event is on Friday and Saturday, and admission is free to the public. About 100 trucks are expected. If you would like to exhibit your old truck at the Expo, it is not necessary to be a member of the ATHS. Pre-registration is welcome. There will be food on the grounds, similar to the Swap Meet. There will be an exhibitor cook out on Friday night, but tickets are required for this so they know how much food to purchase. For information, contact Ed (608)524-6642 or Zach (608)553-3020 or Tammy maplehilldesign@yahoo.com

Kids Day in May

As always, more adult guides are needed to escort the groups around the demonstration stations for Kids Day, May 14. Even more children are expected this year. If you are interested in helping with this popular, educational event, contact Paul Young (608)356-4209.

A Steam Engine Story

The Club sawyer, Marvin Rustad has an interesting story to tell about a local steam engine accident in the 1950s involving a 65 hp Case. It happened in the Town of Pleasant Springs, between Stoughton and Deerfield. While traveling down a long hill on a local road, the fire box door came open, and back pressure in the fire box caused flames to shoot out. The engine was coasting downhill so there was little draft. The engineer's clothes (probably his pants) caught fire, so he had to jump for it. The engine and the tobacco steaming rig it was towing overturned in the ditch. Surprisingly, nobody was seriously injured and the damage to the engine and rig was slight, mostly to the canopy.

At the time, the engine was owned by Frances Reiner of Cambridge, who had several steaming rigs. In addition to steaming tobacco beds, sometimes people would get their garden plots steamed for weed control. The engine is currently owned by Pat Mullarkey and can be seen at the Rock River show.

A Good Reason to Attend Steam School



A sad sight, but not as bad as it looks. The 65 hp Case is still operating at the Rock River show. Photo courtesy of Marvin Rustad

Steam School 2010

The Wisconsin Historical Steam Engine Association will conduct its 7th Annual Steam School on September 24, 25, & 26 at the Rock River Threshere show grounds located between Janesville and Edgerton. Pre-registration is required, and the class will be open to the first 50 people who apply. The cost of the class is \$50, which includes a textbook, the Steam Traction Engineers Checklist, the Case Steam Engine Manual, donuts, coffee and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. An optional catered meal on Saturday night will cost an additional \$10.00.

There will be classroom discussion and hands-on instruction with full size and model engines steamed up. The class is not intended to qualify you as an operator, but to give you basic knowledge of steam engine operation and maintenance. A.S.O.P.E. (American Society of Power Engineers) test will be offered (but is not mandatory) after the school on Sunday at a cost of \$55.

Free primitive camping will be available on the grounds, and showers will be operational. The camping contact is Charlie Hendrickson, 1-888-876-8528 (toll free) or 608-868-2814 (local).

For more school information and a registration form, go to the website at www.whsea.org or contact Jeff Bloemers 920-564-6292 or jwbsteam@gmail.com.

**22nd Annual Tri-County
Threshermen Show
June 11 -12 -13, 2010
Veterans Memorial Park in Plainfield, WI
Featuring: International Harvester
Antique Tractors & Equipment; Flea Market;
Threshing; Saw Mill; Parades; Pie Stand
Information: Call 715-423-7321
Flea Market: Call 715-256-1275
Visit www.tctthreshermen.com**

Club Bus Tour April 7

The bus is full, and everything seems to be going smoothly. We still have a few follow-up calls to make to some of our hosts, but all seems to be well. The bus will be leaving Baraboo at 5:45 a.m. Confirmation notices will be sent right after this newsletter goes out. If you have any questions about the trip, or if you don't receive your confirmation letter a few days after you get this newsletter, call Louise at (608)764-5563.

Kirner Mortising Machine Identified

Submitted by Lyle and Wadena Opperman

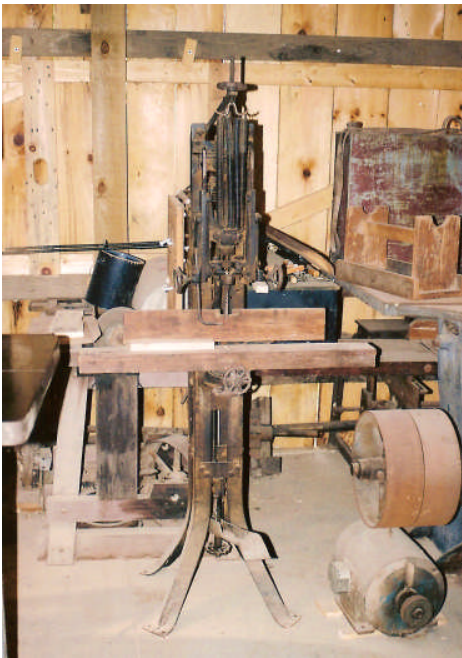


Photo Courtesy of Lyle Opperman

This mortising machine was donated to the Club by Jim Kirner in the fall of 2009. We looked at the antique wood working web site to see if we could identify the machine, but had no luck. So, we wrote to Jeff Joslin in Canada, who is the Historian for the Antique Wood Working Society.

<http://www.owwm.com>

After some searching, Jeff came up with this:

I received your letter with photo today. That mortiser design is distinctive: it's a Parks "New Rapid" model. The only close match that we have in our Photo Index is this one.

Parks first operated as "L.F. Parks", which ran 1887 to about 1900. Then the name became "Parks Ball Bearing Machine Co." and then in 1927 it became "Parks Woodworking Machinery Co."

Evidence on the New Rapid mortiser is a bit sparse, but it was probably introduced sometime after 1900 and was sold until at least 1937. I would bet the bulk of their sales were before 1930; after that time the New Rapid was a bit too rustic.

The machine is in good shape but needs a thorough cleaning, so hope to have it running by show time.

Membership Meeting Report

March 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Coates. About 29 members and guests were present. The Club trip is full, with a waiting list. The bus will leave Baraboo at 5:45 a.m. People haulers will be equipped with a bell system so a rider in the hauler can signal the tractor driver when it is safe to move. The Club has a chance to get a free metal roof for the pop stand, dating to the 1930s or 1940s. Cards to send as sympathy cards, designed by Tom Ripp, were at the meeting. They look great. There are still two show directories left. Show buttons were discussed, whether to have two buttons – one for IHC, one for F & J. The Board approved the site prep and the estimate for concrete for the Women's Building. It will be 36'x90'. Verne Kindschi talked about the possibility of a demo at the show with kids making a small steam engine. He will check into it further. A motion was made and carried to increase the plaque order to 1500. More ribbons need to be ordered. Members were reminded that Cleanup Day is April 17. Kitchen meeting will also be that day. Auction will start at 11 a.m. on May 1. Gate help will be needed at the Swap meet at 6 a.m. on Saturday, May 1. About 100 trucks are expected at the antique truck meet at the grounds on June 11-12.

Reminder: the next membership meeting is April 21, at the Baraboo Civic Center.

Spring at the Grounds – March 20.



Don't let the snow fool you – it really is spring. Allen Steele and Mark Hellenbrand are about to burn some brush.



Last Summer at the Grounds



Photos by R. Coates

Newsletter Now Available Online

The Club web site is being regularly maintained once again, and the newsletters are available with **color pictures**. Now you can check out just how red someone's nose really is, or if they are wearing their favorite green tee shirt once again, or more seriously, if they have *finally* finished restoring that tractor they've had for 20 years. www.badgersteamandgas.com If you decide to unsubscribe from the paper version, contact Crystal Hasheider (608)522-4277.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

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

April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 11, September 15, November 17, 2010 and January 19, 2011.

Membership Meetings are held at the 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.

Club Bus Trip – April 7, 2010

Spring Cleanup Day – April 17, 2010

Annual Swap Meet – May 1-2, 2010

School Kids Day - May 14, 2010

ATHS Truck Expo – June 11-12, Club Grounds

47th Annual Show – August 20, 21, & 22, 2010

Exhibitor Banquet – October 9, 2010 Farm Kitchen

Annual Meeting – February 27, 2011

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