



Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Spring, 2011

Baraboo, Wisconsin

Annual Meeting Report

On February 27, the 2011 Annual Meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Robert Coates. There were 76 members attending, plus guests. The minutes of the 2010 annual meeting were read by Recording Secretary Peter Holzman, and the 2010 annual financial report was read by Treasurer Bill Klemm. Motions were made and carried to keep gate admission at \$7.00 for 2012, Swap Meet space will remain at \$25 for 2012, show Flea Market space will remain at \$40 (outside) and \$60 (inside) for 2012, and the shingle price will remain at \$1.00. There was discussion on whether to continue the year book, given lower sales again last year, although the previous year sold out. It was decided to continue for at least another year, with the price to remain at \$4.00. The Book Stand report was presented by Barb and Dennis Young.

Other announcements and discussions followed. Bonnie Clift reminded us that pies are needed for the Swap Meet and the show. Red cedar is needed for the shingle mill. The Saw Mill building will be worked on when weather improves. There will be an auction with the Swap Meet again. Contact Mark Beard for consignment information. The April 13 spring bus trip information was presented by Louise Coates, and Art Woodward talked about the April 10 bus trip to see Walter Keller's tractor collection. Verne Kindschi reminded the group to get kids (age 10-15) signed up for the Engines for Kids activity at the show. Space is limited, and fills up fast. A motion was made and carried to keep the camping fee at \$10 for 2011 and 2012. Parade route issues were brought up, and will be discussed further at regular meetings.

Mark Beard proposed a gas station building, to be located at the corner across from the Wood Shop and the Gas Engine Shed. This would be a Club built project, like the Fuller & Johnson Museum building.

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Swap Meet & Auction, May 7 & 8

Our 13th Annual Swap Meet & Auction! That's pretty exciting. Outside selling space is \$25 this year. Dealer setup begins on Friday, May 6 at 8 a.m. On Saturday, setup begins at 6 a.m. Admission is free for shoppers and lookers. The auction begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 7. No consignments are accepted the day of the sale, but call Mark Beard if questions before then (608) 356-6115.

Help Needed: Help is needed to register vendors on Friday and early (6 a.m.) on Saturday. Help is also needed to move auction items out of buildings to the sale area. This will begin at 7 a.m. on Saturday. Contact Mark Beard (608) 356-6115 if you want to help.

Food Stand Information

There is a new addition to the food stand menu this year – a chicken breast sandwich. This was in response to customer requests for non-pork items. The rest of the menu will remain the same: BBQ pork sandwiches, brats and hot dogs. A breakfast buffet will be served on Saturday and Sunday mornings, beginning at 7 a.m. The big news is that there will be some additional help in the food stand this year. Scott Mueller and his 4-H group will be working 10a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, which will be a tremendous help. Workers from our Club are still needed on Friday

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Your Delicious Pies, Homemade Treats Wanted!

The food stand at the Swap Meet will be accepting pies and other baked goods anytime on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 although earlier is better on Saturday to allow time for cutting before the lunch crowd arrives! These donated homemade baked goods are a popular feature of our food stand, and sales are brisk every year. Please help us continue the tradition this year. If you have questions, or want to help in the food stand, contact Tammy Rudolph Pate (608)393-4119.

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during the day and on Saturday morning. Come and put in a couple of hours to help out the Club. It is actually fun to work there and you see people you haven't seen for years in the food line! Call Tammy Rudolph Pate for information or to sign up for a shift (608)393-4119.

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The building would have an overhang (canopy) as part of the design. A 24"x45" building (materials only, no concrete) would be \$4500, or a 30'x30" building would be \$6000, also materials only, without concrete. The concrete was estimated at about 14 yards, @ \$90 per yard. The roof could be clay tile, or a patterned metal. A motion to approve this project was made and carried.

Another building will be needed to house a donation of printing equipment from John Giegerich of Giegerich's Sons, Inc. of Prairie du Sac. (*see p. 3*) Barb Young talked about a 50th Anniversary book for the 2013 show. After reminders that Cleanup Day will be April 23, and Kids Day on May 13, the meeting adjourned for the election of officers. During the interim, Lyle Opperman awarded three of his handmade birdhouses as door prizes.

This year, most incumbents were unopposed and re-elected by unanimous ballot, including President Robert Coates, Vice President Mark Beard, Treasurer Bill Klemm, Recording Secretary Peter Holzman, and Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider. Incumbent Director Paul Hasheider was opposed by Mark Keding, but was re-elected to office. The directorships held by Paul Grotophorst and Neal Stone were not up for vote this year, and they are continuing in office.

After the election, as is our tradition, a social hour and generously supplied potluck was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Youngs for once again bringing an interesting stock of materials from the book stand for sale before and after the meeting.

Officers' picture is on p. 6

The Wisconsin Historical Steam Engine Association will meet at the Sand Road site during the Swap Meet on May 7. The general meeting will be at 1 p.m.

New Members

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reports that the Club has gained three new members since the annual meeting. They are Ron Brecka of Baraboo who joined in February, and Larry Webb of Wisconsin Rapids and Willard (Bill) Hendrickson of Oxford, who were added in April. Welcome aboard!

Tractor & Barn Themed Quilts Wanted

Jean Brew is looking for quilts with tractor or barn designs for exhibit in the Women's Building at the 2011 show. If you have such a quilt, please contact Jean (608) 254-7428 with the details. Last year the exhibits in the new building were a great success, so plan to be a part of this wonderful addition to our show again this year.

Wood Shop News

Submitted by Lyle Opperman



Photo by Lyle Opperman

This Lion Trimmer was donated to the Club by Mark Beard. The hand operated machine was built by the "POOTATUCK" Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut, and carries a patent date of July 17, 1900. The main use of the Lion Trimmer was for trimming paper thin shavings from small wood pieces. The trimmer was used mainly by picture framers and cabinet and furniture builders.

A nice skill miter saw was also donated to the Club by Lee Howard of Baraboo.

Vintage Truck Show June 10-11

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the American Truck Historical Society will have another show at our grounds Friday and Saturday, June 10-11. Last year there were 112 trucks exhibited, and they hope for more this year. The feature will be vintage fire engines. Admission is free, and there is no exhibitor fee. Food will be served in the Feature Building during the event.

Cleanup Day

A fairly heavy snowfall and wet weather in general resulted in Cleanup Day being changed from April 23 to April 30. With wet and even snowy weather still in the forecast, it is possible that leaf clearing may not be done before the Swap Meet this year. The leaf vacuum doesn't work well with wet leaves, but some members have been out hand raking around buildings when the weather permits.

Kids Day Is May 13

There may not be quite as many kids this year, but help is still needed to guide the groups from one demonstration to another. If you want to help with this, be at the grounds by 8:45 a.m. on Friday, May 13. If you have questions, call Paul Young (608) 356-4209.

Print Shop Has a Home

Thanks to quick thinking by Allen Steele, the Club has already found a home for the printing equipment donated by John Giegerich of Giegerich's Sons, Inc. The building was going to be demolished at a job site in Lake Delton that Allen was clearing, but he saw that it would be something that the Club could fairly easily salvage. On Friday, April 15 a small crew of Club members spent most of the day getting the building prepared for the move. Early on Saturday a.m., with a police escort, the building was trailered over to the show grounds, and arrived safe and sound. It will be sited behind the Blacksmith Shop, and earlier this week, site prep began when trees were removed from the area. Workers at the Lake Delton site were Mark Beard, Robert Coates, Paul Hasheider, Mark

Hellenbrand, Peter Holzman, Doug Johnson, Art Woodward, and part-time site foreman, Allen Steele.



Top: Preparing the building for the move

Above: Safe and sound at the corner of Wood Shop and F&J.

Engines For Kids 2011

This activity was so popular at last year's show that it has been decided to continue the project. Participants make a small working model steam engine, using various manual techniques such as drilling, tapping and final assembly. Best of all, they get to keep their engine. So far, all the engines made have worked. Preparations and improvements have been in progress since last year to make the setup more kid and adult friendly. Additional drill presses have been purchased, and a donation of \$60 will cover the cost of a drill press. Checks made payable to the Club can be given to Treasurer Bill Klemm. Children aged 10-15 are able to participate in this, and they do not have to be related to Club members. If you have a family member, or know a child of a friend or neighbor in this age group, get them signed up soon to guarantee a

spot. There is no charge for this, the Club foots the bill. Contact Kindschis to sign up (608) 643-3915.

Spring Bus Trip 2011

This year the bus left the Baraboo Farm & Fleet lot at the relatively late hour of 7:30 a.m. Even with additional pickup points this year, we made it to Milwaukee and our first stop in plenty of time. Our tour of Falk Gear was an impressive experience. Most exciting were the giant gears, for which Falk is world renowned. We saw a gear over 40 feet in diameter being machined, and others that were only slightly smaller as well. Although the company doesn't really cater to tours, especially for a group as large as ours, they were very hospitable and willing to explain the processes to us. And, as usual with our group, there were a lot of questions! It was amazing to see what looked like a giant piece of jewelry being made. Most of these gears are used in mining in South America, but one of the gears we saw was destined for a gold mine in Canada. We also went through the foundry, but that was not in operation at the time as pouring is done during off peak hours. The gears are cast in segments which are assembled and then machined as a whole. Smaller gears are made there as well.

We passed out the lunch in Falk's parking lot and people could eat lunch on the bus en route to Old World Third Street, or they could wait and eat in Marquette Park. Most people ate on the bus, and headed to Usinger's and the Spice House once we got to Third Street. We had five coolers under the bus full of stuff from Usinger's, and some people had little six pack coolers on the bus with them for their sausage, etc.

The next stop was Discovery World on the lake front, where we attended a performance of Tesla Lives! This was certainly exciting in parts, with Tesla coils shooting arcs over the stage. And there was some audience participation required also.

On the way to the Old Soldiers Home we got delayed in a traffic slowdown for a few minutes, but nothing too serious. We had an informative guide with us on a walking tour of the grounds, which include about 25

historic buildings. Only one person in our group had been there before, so it was new to nearly all of us. The oldest building on the grounds was built shortly after the Civil War (1867) and this was part of the beginning of the Department of Veteran Affairs. During the Civil War, wounded soldiers were left to find their way home as best they could. Often this meant literally walking home across three states. Many of them ended up on the streets of Milwaukee. Local women provided aid as best they could, and eventually, the women of Milwaukee raised \$100,000 which was used by the federal government to buy the land which now includes the old Soldiers Home buildings, the current day veteran's hospital facilities, the veterans' cemetery, as well as acres of park-like



*Club members at the Chapel at the Old Soldiers Home
Photo by Wendy Richards*

surroundings. Surprisingly, first County Stadium, and now Miller Park are located on acreage that was part of this original purchase. Some of the buildings on the grounds are vacant, but others are occupied by V.A. staff, who pay rent, or by veterans of our current wars. Some are slated for restoration and others are just waiting. It is a mammoth project.

At the end of this tour, we boarded the bus to the Machine Shed restaurant at Pewaukee for dinner. After dinner, it was back on the bus to head home. At some stops, there had to be a little sorting of the Usinger's purchases in the coolers, but think it all worked out.

This is the first year the trip did not at least break even. Actually, the Club has always made at least a small profit on the trip. There was no cost to the Club this year, as two members very generously donated money to make up the difference. We were short of our minimum number to pay for the bus. There are several possible reasons for this: the economy has certainly affected some of our members, perhaps the trip wasn't interesting to enough people, and of course, sometimes there is just something else going on in our lives that cannot be changed or canceled. Also, the information about the trip wasn't available as early this year as in the past. At any rate, we will give it a try again in 2012 and see how it goes. -- *Louise Coates*

Old A & W Root Beer Stand Makes Full Circle

Submitted by Peter Holzman, Recording Secretary

At the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club, the Club accepted the offer of a retired A & W Root Beer Stand. This small steel building was located near Poynette and was given to the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club by the Columbia County Sportsman's Club. Our Club members dismantled the building and hauled it to the Sand Road show site to be prepared for the 2010 show. It now serves as the Club's soda and ice sales stand.

After spending some time looking up the building's history, I found it has a surprising past. This little building started out in the fast lane of commerce. It was first owned by William Leidholt and located on city Hwy. 123 and the railroad viaduct in Baraboo. Mr. Leidholt was a school teacher and football coach. He and his wife opened the A & W Root Beer stand for the summer months in the 1950s. The car hops that served were usually Baraboo High School cheerleaders. When the business moved to a new building on the west side of Baraboo on Hwy. 12, the State Highway Patrol moved the old building to the MacKenzie Center at Poynette to be used as a storage shed for their shooting range.

About 1975 the MacKenzie shooting range was closed and moved to the Columbia County Sportsman's Club, located three miles west of Poynette on County Road CS. The building was moved to the new range by the Sportsmen. I'm told this was an easy Saturday project.

Lift the building onto a flat wagon rack, hook up a tractor, call the local police, and start the parade! Right down Main Street and about 3 miles later, park the wagon. Now, how do we unload the building? The hot weather made some beverages and ice a necessity. After much discussion, the crew was low on beverages and ice. More ice was the answer! The building was lifted on to blocks of ice, the wagon was pulled out, and the melting ice let the building slowly settle to the ground. The crew felt this was much safer and less work than the jack and block method. When interviewed, the moving committee remembered that a good time was had by all!

When the Badger Club members were taking the building apart they found two signs, one says Milk 5 cents, and the other says Hot Dogs 5 cents. Can anyone remember a hot dog and milk for a dime? It was also noted the building has a lot of bullet holes. Someone suggested it started life near the gun fight at the O.K. Corral, or maybe near a Civil War battle site. Now we know this building started life in downtown Baraboo, then had a lot of travel and experience away from home, finally returning to a new home close to its original location. And once again, it's a useful building with fresh A & W colors painted by proud owners!

History done the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club way is really a hands on experience!



Open for business once again at the 2010 show, bullet holes and all!

Membership Meeting Reports:

March 16, 2011

About 16 members were present. Donations were received from the Lodi FFA Alumni and the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the American Truck Historical Society. About 5 more people haulers should be built by show time. P. Grotophorst and R. Coates will check out some at the Nora auction. Donations are still being accepted for drill presses for the Engines for Kids project. No wood cutting after April 1. Mark Beard is still looking for auction items. Dane County Breakfast on the Farm (June 11) is looking for antique machinery displays. A motion was made to dedicate the 2012 show book to Bill Klemm. MC.

April 20, 2011

About 30 members were present. One wagon gear was purchased at the Nora auction. Cleanup Day was delayed to April 30, due to wet conditions for leaf removal. Help needed at the Swap Meet for registration (6 people), moving engines on Saturday at 7 a.m. (4-6 people) and in the food stand. The garage salvaged from Lake Delton will be used for the print shop. Louise Coates reported on the Club trip. Art Woodward reported on the Keller trip and the John Deere feature. About 100 people went to Keller's, and there were over 630 tractors in the collection. A Waterloo Boy will be coming to the show, and some JD snowmobiles. Verne Kindschi reminded members about signing up for Engines for Kids. Jean Brew brought up needs for the Women's Building, including a sign, (once the name of the building is decided upon), and for their activities to be included on the flyer/handout given to people at the gate. They want to raffle a quilt at the show. 1500 plaques will be ordered again this year.



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Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

Membership Meeting Dates: Third Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m., except August. **May 18, June 15, July 20, August 10, September 21, November 16, 2011 and January 18, 2012.**

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 in the Model Building 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.

Auction – May 7

13th Annual Swap Meet – May 7-8

School Kids Day – Friday, May 13

48th Annual Show – August 19, 20 & 21, 2011

Exhibitor Banquet – October 8, 2011 (tentative date)

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At left, top row: Paul Hasheider, Paul Grotophorst, Neil Stone & Crystal Hasheider, Front row: Bill Klemm, Robert Coates, Mark Beard & Peter Holzman.

