

# Newsletter

*of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club*

*Spring, 2012*

*Baraboo, Wisconsin*

## **2012 Annual Meeting Report**

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Robert Coates. There were 70 members who signed in. Minutes from the 2011 meeting were read by Recording Secretary Peter Holzman, and the 2011 financial report was read by Treasurer Bill Klemm. Member Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported that the Club has 782 active members, and about 100 members who are unaccounted for, i.e. we have no current address for them. There are 244 deceased members.

Motions were made and carried to keep the following fees the same as in 2011: gate admission (\$7); Swap Meet selling space (\$25); camping (\$10); show flea market space (\$40 outside, \$60 inside), shingle (\$1); year book (\$4).

Barb Young gave the Book Store report. Don Blausey gave a status report on the Hug Saw Mill Building; there are plans to install an exhibit case for small items, and to purchase a spare blade. Mark Beard gave a progress report on the Swap Meet and Auction: items for auction include 2 steam traction engines, 40 gas engines, water rams and more to come. More help is needed to check in vendors, and for auction setup. A Flea Market manager is needed for the show. Mark will be doing it this year, but we definitely need someone for next year.

The Food Stand at the Swap Meet will be managed by Tammy Rudolph Pate again. There will be more help from the 4H at lunch on Saturday, but help will still be needed from Club members at other times. Jan Sprecher Bruske thanked Club members for their help with the Women's Events Building during the show. They will be selling ladies' items at the Swap Meet for the Women's Events Building. Ticket booth security was discussed, and tightened procedures will be implemented. Neal Stone talked about the Massey

feature. The March 28 spring bus trip itinerary was presented by Louise Coates. The trip will include a tour of the SnapOn Tools facility in Milwaukee, Miller Coors Brewery and a technical tour of Miller Park.

Three building projects were discussed: the gas station, the diesel building and the proposed addition to the Fuller & Johnson Museum. Drawings were available for the gas station. Various options were discussed for the gas station. It was suggested to make the building larger, longer to be more useful. The F & J expansion would be for an additional building behind the current building, 30'x70' with 14' sidewalls. In addition to the Show, they plan to open the Museum for the Swap Meet, Kids Day, and 2-3 other weekends per year. The Club will pay for the concrete slab, but the building will be paid for by donations, like the first building was. The diesel engine building, which has been delayed and leap-frogged by several other projects, was discussed. Emily Fuchs in Sauk City will donate a 50'x70' Butler building with 14' sidewalls if we can take it down between March 6 and March 20. Motions were made and carried to take down the Butler building; to pour concrete for the diesel engines before show time; to continue with the gas station project, with no timetable set; the F & J addition will be done by show time, with the Board deciding whether the building will be built by Club members or done by a contractor. A question was raised whether the Club will be bidding on the M. Rumely steam engine which will be on the May 5 auction. It was decided that the Board should determine the price the Club would pay.

The meeting was adjourned for the election of officers. During the preparations for the election, Lyle Opperman held a drawing for door prizes which he made and donated. Ron Marquardt and Bob Frank won handmade birdhouses, and Leon Hausner won a napkin holder. The election of officers proceeded

quickly, as all officers were unopposed. All were re-elected unanimously, except President Coates who received one dissenting vote from his wife.

A potluck meal and more socializing followed the election. Barb Young had a nice selection of books for sale from the Book Stand, and there were posters, brochures and bumper stickers available for the show and the swap meet. Unfortunately, the show directories did not arrive this year, so they were not available.

### **Your Donation Requested**

A rare steam traction engine with a long history at our show will be for sale at our spring auction on May 5. The engine is a 12 hp M. Rumely, dating ca.1884. Because of the type of boiler on this engine, at present it can be operated at about 35 lbs. of pressure in Wisconsin. With some work, it might be possible that it could be operated at a higher level.

There has been discussion before, during and since the annual meeting on whether the Club should bid on this engine. At the annual meeting, it was agreed to allow the Board to decide on our maximum bid for this engine, which will remain confidential until after the auction. Recording Secretary Peter Holman has suggested a plan to increase the Club's buying power at the sale. Interested Club members could pledge sums of money to be added to the Board's maximum bid, and which would be donated in the event the Club buys the engine. If the Club is unsuccessful in purchasing the engine, the money will not be needed, but if the engine is purchased, the Board will ask for your donation, and issue a receipt and the paper work for a 501(c)(3) tax deduction.

There is no set amount. We hope Club members will view this as a way to help the Club purchase and preserve a piece of local history. If you wish to make a pledge, please send your letter of intent to Recording Secretary Peter Holzman, Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club, P.O. Box 255, Baraboo, WI 53913. For further information, call Pete at (608)635-7772 or contact any of the Board Members listed on the last page of this newsletter.

### **Calling For All Pies, Pies Needed!**

Pies and **other baked goodies** will be needed for the Club food stand at the Swap Meet. Pies will be sold by the slice, or as a whole pie. Cookies, bars, cakes, etc. are also welcome. Bring your baked goods on Friday or Saturday. The best time is in the a.m. so they can be cut for lunch, which is the busiest time. All proceeds go to the Club, and we get many visitors to the Swap Meet who look forward to our home baked goodies each year. If you have questions, or want to help in the Food Stand, call Tammy Rudolph Pate (608)356-5491.

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet & Auction May 5-6, 2012**

If all this nice weather holds, we should have a terrific turnout for our swap meet and auction this year. We have some great stuff on the sale too. See the listing with photos on the Club web site

[www.badgersteamandgas.com](http://www.badgersteamandgas.com) If you have things to consign on the auction, get in touch with Mark Beard ASAP. Your items will sell better if pictures are available before the sale. No consignments are accepted the day of the sale – you must make prior arrangements. He's looking for tractors, implements, gas engines, related parts and literature. No household items, appliances, etc. Auction starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday. **Help is needed to move auction items outside on Saturday, starting at 7 a.m.**

If you're planning to sell at the Swap Meet, outside space is \$25. Vendor setup begins at 8 a.m. Friday, 6 a.m. on Saturday. **Help is needed to register vendors on both days.**

The attendance at this event grows every year, so I think we can expect a really big crowd if the weather is good. This means we will need more help than ever, so please pitch in and give the Club an hour or two helping with setup, cleanup, food, or moving stuff for the auction. Call Mark Beard (608)356-6115 for the Swap Meet or Auction. Call Tammy Rudolph Pate about the Food Stand (608)356-5491. Thank you very much, and see you there!

### Swap Meet Food Stand

This year there will be more help from the 4H (thank you, Scott Mueller!) for lunch on Saturday, so help from Club people (MEN & women welcome) is needed at the slower times, on Friday, mainly for lunch, Saturday a.m. and later in the day, and Sunday through lunch. The 4H group will include parents and kids, so this will be a huge help. A two hour shift would be a big help, so please help out the Club this year. The Food Stand is a big source of income for the Swap Meet, even with paying the 4H for their aid. Contact Tammy Rudolph Pate to see what times are available (608)356-5491.

### Wisconsin Historical Steam Engine Association

will meet during the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club spring swap meet at Sand Road on May 5. The general meeting will be at 1 p.m.

### Women's Events Building Information

At the annual meeting in February, Jan Sprecher Bruske announced that the themes for this year's displays during the show will be "days of the week" and washing machines. They are also looking for a barn loom and wooden school desks for the display. Contact Jean Brew if you have items that you might wish to display. (608)254-7428

*Editor's Note: I'm sure many of you, like myself, remember the days of the week printed or embroidered on all sorts of household items, linens, hankies, and yes, even undergarments!*

### Cleanup Day Is April 21

Bring your rakes, gloves, cleaning supplies, your lunch and get ready to roll up your sleeves! There will be leaves to be raked, bathrooms to clean, and other chores to be done to get ready for the Swap Meet. There may also be some building materials to be moved, and some help needed for getting the Feature Building ready for setting up the food stand. April 28 is the rain date.

### Interesting Gas Pump Donated

This rare antique gas pump has been restored and donated to the Club by Verne Kindschi. It will be on

display in the gas station building when that is completed.



It is a 5 gallon visible pump, manufactured by Gilbert & Barker Manufacturing Co., perhaps in the 1920s. It is unusual in a couple of ways. First, most of the visible-type pumps had a 10 gallon capacity. Also, this one has a door on the side of the pump, which when opened, reveals a lever which can be set to the number of gallons wanted, 1 gal., 3 gals., etc. With most pumps, the attendant would watch the level in the glass container until the desired quantity was reached.

Charles Gilbert and John Barker began a business partnership in 1865, building the "Springfield Gas Machine", which converted crude petroleum distillates into gas vapor for lighting buildings. In 1870, the partnership was incorporated as Gilbert & Barker Manufacturing Co. of Springfield, Massachusetts. In 1884, Gilbert & Barker (G&B) was acquired by Standard Oil Company (now Exxon). By 1910, G&B had designed and manufactured its first petroleum pump, which used a push-pull motion to draw gasoline from an underground tank for fueling automobiles. In 1911, they introduced the first measuring gas pump, and by 1912, were manufacturing measuring and visible gas pumps. The company remains in business today, having gone through several changes in its long history. In the 1930s the company began using the "Gilbarco" brand. In 1965, its name was officially changed to Gilbarco. In 1987, it was acquired by

General Electric Company (UK). In the 1990s, the company expanded internationally through partnerships and acquisition, into China, Latin America, and Europe. In 2002, Gilbarco was acquired by Danaher Corporation, the parent company of Veeder-Root, where it remains today. For more information, see their web site below.

<http://www.gilbarco.com/us/about/corporation/company-history>

Verne restored this as a Sinclair brand pump. To get the correct shade of Sinclair green, he was forced to buy an entire gallon of the paint. He says he only used about a pint of it, so if any Sinclair green will be needed for the gas station project, he knows where some can be found.

### **Kids Day Is May 18**

Paul Young is expecting about 249 kids from Baraboo area schools this year. They will arrive around 9 a.m. in the morning. They are accompanied by teachers, and sometimes by aides or the occasional parent, but we definitely need more Club members to help guide the groups around to all the demos, and to keep the groups on schedule. Each stop is supposed to last only 10 minutes or less, as the time the groups can stay at our grounds is limited. Demonstrators should keep this time constraint in mind and be brief with remarks. Hands on activities are the most popular with the kids.

### **Building Tear Down Completed**

As mentioned in the Annual Meeting Report on p.1, Emily Fuchs in Sauk City kindly donated a Butler building which was to be demolished to make way for new construction on the site. The stipulation was that we had from March 6-March 20 to get the building down and removed from the site. Well, thanks to nearly perfect weather, a tremendous turnout of labor, and very generous equipment loans, the job was completed by March 12 - only 7 days! All that remained was the slab, which was not our responsibility.



*A load of metal siding is on its way to be sold for scrap.*

*Photo by Art Woodward*

Work began simultaneously on the sidewalls, inside and out, removing the tin and insulation. The first couple days were a little rainy, but after that the weather was pretty warm and sunny. How to remove the roof tin was a problem. Different fastening methods were used, plus there was a sprayed on urethane insulating foam applied to the interior surface of the roof. Allen Steele devised a way to push the roof up from underneath, using a bucket with a large diameter pipe (column) with a plate on top of it. Be sure to patent that, Allen! Once the "Steele Method" was in use, the roof came off in a jiffy.

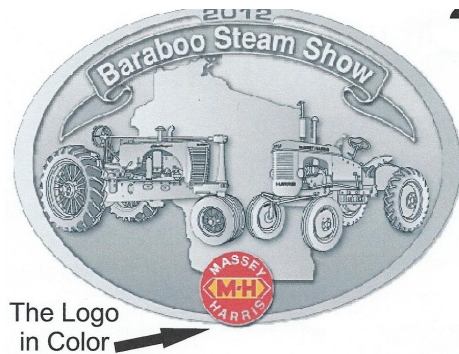
The building is a good steel structure, although the exterior sheet metal was in bad condition. The interior metal and fiberglass bat insulation were salvaged and will be reused; the plan is to insulate the ceiling of the Model Building to make it more comfortable in the summer and quieter when it rains. The exterior metal was sold for scrap. The sprayed on urethane insulating foam on some of the structural metal will have to be removed before reuse. The best way to do that is yet to be determined. A fair amount of lumber was also salvaged. There were also some light fixtures, doors, and other items that can be reused.

So, huge thanks to the many people who helped in large ways and small to accomplish this task. Mark Beard, always on the lookout for this sort of thing, located the building and persuaded Fuchs to give us a chance at it; Paul Grotophorst got his first big unpaid job since he retired – as foreman of the project; Allen Steele gave his own expertise, and the use of equipment, without which the project would have been much more difficult; Jim Delany loaned a scissor lift, Tom McFarlane provided the jackhammer, and others



who provided manual labor, trailers, operator skills and more are: Art Woodward, Peter Holzman, Clarence Lampkins, George Clement, Bill Klemm, Joe Prindle, Paul Young, Lyle Opperman, Phil Maas, Jerry Wilson, Travis Steele, Justin Severson, Mark Hellenbrand, Doug Johnson, Vince Kessenich, Robert Coates, David Fuller, Jerry Phelps, Paul Hasheider, Ann Beard, Jim Turner, Cal Wilhelm, Ron Schell, Bill Hendrickson, Al Checky, Clint Checky, and probably a few others.

### Massey Belt Buckle Design



B&M Buckle has a limited edition belt buckle commemorating our 2012 Massey feature. There are only 250 of these, numbered, with a pewter finish. The Massey logo on the buckle is in color, which does not show up in the printed newsletter, but it can be viewed on the Club web site version. They are available for \$20 each. They will be available in August, 2012. You can have them shipped to you (add \$8.00), or pick them up during the show at B&M's booth in the Craft Building. If you order between now and August 19, 2012, the Club will receive \$5.00 for each buckle sold. Order from B&M Buckle, 11531 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Milan, IL 61264 or call toll free 1-877-220-4425. Their web site is [www.bmbuckle.com](http://www.bmbuckle.com)

### Truck Show June 15-17

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the American Truck Historical Society will be using our grounds for their show this year. They have expanded the show from two days to three. Several of these exhibitors belong to our Club and/or exhibit at our show every year as well. Admission is still free, and food will be served on the grounds. If you have questions, contact John or Tammy Pate (608)356-5491.

### Plainfield Show Dates June 8-10, 2012

Many of our Club members enjoy going to the Plainfield show, so here is a reminder to mark your calendars. The Tri-County Threshermen's Association will host its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Show at Veteran's Memorial Park in Plainfield on June 8, 9 & 10. They will be featuring Oliver, Cockshutt, Co-op tractors and Witte engines this year. For show/lodging info call Norm Kohls (715)323-7330. For flea market info, call Mike Williams (715)256-1275. Visit their web site [www.tctthreshermen.com](http://www.tctthreshermen.com) for information and the schedule of activities.

### Deaths

**Willard "Willy" G. Bakkestuen**, 73, of LaCrosse, died October 6, 2011. He was born in Coon Valley in 1938 to John and Marie (Moen) Bakkestuen. He married Carol Hammes in 1959. He began his career at Hammes Truck Sales, which later became DeBauche Truck & Diesel. He retired in 2003. A member of our Club since 1975, he was also a former President and Treasurer of the Coulee Antique Engine Club. He collected and restored antique tractors and trucks, and also played banjo in several polka bands in the LaCrosse area. He is survived by his wife Carol, and nine children, 18 grandchildren and two brothers.

**Vernon "Gundy" Gunderson**, 87, of Ironwood, MI, formerly of Wittenberg and White Lake, WI, passed away on October 28, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. He was born in 1924 in Wittenberg, to the late Charles and Martha (Hanson) Gunderson, and resided in Wisconsin most of his life. He was a fireman at the Yawkee Bissel Lumber Co. of White Lake. He moved to Ironwood 14 years ago. He joined the Club ca. 1978, and was a familiar, friendly face at our shows for many years. He enjoyed working with engines and also played bucket fiddle in the "Dorothy and the Boys" band. He is survived by his brother, Charles (Annette) Gunderson of Ironwood; a niece, Candace Snyder of Bessemer; a great-niece, Alison (Mike) Dobin of Prairie du Sac, a great-nephew Greg Snyder of Glen Ellen, IL; a great-great-niece, Abby Dobin of Prairie du Sac; many friends, and his dog Beans.

**Annie Mae "Ann" Lisner**, 73, of Baraboo, passed away on April 18, 2012. She was born in Bayou Current, LA in 1938, the daughter of Paul and Sarah

(Perone) Morrow. She married James Lisner in 1955. A Club member since 2005, she was a homemaker most of her life and a loving, devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Jim; a son, John (Nancy) Lisner of Batavia, IL; a daughter Linda Karis of Baraboo; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a sister Fran Capps of Lake Delton, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and a brother.

**Daniel J. Moss**, 85, of Watertown, died on February 21, 2012 after a brief illness. He was a well-known area collector of antique tractors and gas engines, who regularly attended our show and the swap meet. He was a member of the Dodge County Antique Power Club and the Grellton Fly-Wheelers. He is survived by his wife Ann; children James of McFarland, Mary (Daniel) Seurer of Lake Mills, Thomas and Paul of Watertown, and two grandchildren.



**Correction:** In the Winter, 2012 newsletter, this machine was incorrectly identified as a Barnes Foot Powered Mortising Machine, but it is actually a router rather than a mortiser.

### Membership Meeting Report:

#### March 21, 2012

About 30 members and guests were present. The deaths of Vernon Gunderson, Ann Lisner and Dan Moss were reported. Mark Beard reminded members that help will be needed at the Swap Meet to check in vendors at the gate on Friday and Saturday mornings, and to move auction items out of the buildings on sale day. The bus is full for the Spring Bus Trip on March

28. Peter Holzman outlined a plan to ask for donations toward the purchase of the M. Rumely steam traction engine which will be for sale at the spring auction. The availability of a special Massey belt buckle was announced. The disassembly of the building in Sauk City was accomplished in a speedy manner. Work started on March 6 and was completed by March 12. The diesel building, gas station and Fuller & Johnson building projects are all in planning stages yet. It is hoped to have the Print Shop set up and operating for the 2012 show. Paul Young stated that help is needed for Kids Day on May 18; guides (aka "herders") are especially welcome. The April 18 meeting will still be in the Civic Center, – **first** floor. April 21 is cleanup day, with April 28 the rain date. April 14 is another Don Giebel auction. A to Z Antiques, which recently donated a large blacksmith bellows to the Club, will have an auction on May 10.

### Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

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

**April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 8, September 19, November 21, 2012 and January 16, 2013.**

**Membership Meetings** are held at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in **Room 14 (Note: changed from second floor rooms we used previously)** from November through April. From May through September, meetings are held in the Womens Events 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.

**Spring Cleanup Day - April 21, 2012**

**Annual Swap Meet - May 5-6, 2012**

**School Kids Day - May 18, 2012**

**Truck Show - June 15-17, 2012**

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Show - August 17, 18, & 19, 2012**

**Exhibitor Banquet - October 13, 2012** Farm Kitchen, Baraboo

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