



# Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

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Baraboo, Wisconsin

## 2013 Annual Meeting Report

The annual meeting was held on February 24 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Baraboo. Secretary Peter Holzman read the minutes from the 2012 annual meeting and Treasurer Bill Klemm read the annual Treasurer's report. A motion was made to have the Board appoint a committee to audit the Club Treasurer's books annually. MC. Regular annual meeting business was conducted as follows: gate admission price was raised to \$8.00 for the 2014 show; price for Swap Meet selling space remains at \$25.00; the camping fee of \$10.00 remains the same; Flea Market space rates for the show were not changed (\$40 for outside, \$60 for inside). A motion was made and seconded to increase the price of the Club shingle to \$2.00, but the motion failed, and the shingle price remains at \$1.00. Year book price will stay at \$4.00. A motion was made and seconded to implement a three day pass to the show but the motion failed; then a motion was made to leave it up to the Board to come up with a three day pass plan and report at the 2014 annual meeting. MC.

There were additional comments/reports. Barb Young presented the Book Stand financial report. Don Blausey said they are looking for more logs for the sawmill, preferably pine, and definitely free of metal objects. Bonnie Clift reported the pie booth at the show did very well at the 2012 show. They sold out every day, and sold over 100 pies alone. A counter and sinks were donated for the kitchen in the Craft Building, and they will use \$500 from the pie sales for installation and some other changes. Jan Sprecher-Bruski said the Women's Events Building would participate in the Made in Wisconsin feature, and thanked everyone for helping with setup. (see p. 4) Ticket booth problems were discussed. After the 2013 show, two people were charged with theft and are now scheduled for jury trials. There was discussion about building projects that were stalled last summer due to the unusually hot weather. These include the gas

station, the Fairbanks building and the Fuller & Johnson Museum addition. These will be worked on during 2013. Information about the Swap Meet and Auction (May 4 & 5) came from Mark Beard. (see p. 2). The Club will continue selling food at the Swap Meet, with Tammy Rudolph Pate in charge of it again. It was decided the roof on the Office/Bookstore building will be done this year, perhaps between the Swap Meet and Kid's Day. The Made in Wisconsin Feature Committee includes Don Blausey, Louise Coates, Peter Holzman and Art Woodward. Others are welcome to join. Robert Hasheider and Tanner Brethorst presented a proposal to reserve a route for a possible future railroad. No buildings would be erected on the proposed route. A motion was made to set up a railroad committee and lay out a route for the railroad. MC. Mark Beard announced he will manage the flea market for the 2013 show, but he wants somebody to work with him this year to take over the management for 2014. This can be an individual or a managing group. It was noted that the Club's Huber tractor badly needs repair and restoration.\* The Youth Steam Engine Project will continue this year, with a redesigned engine. Spring trip information was relayed by Louise Coates. It was noted that a woman will be needed to clean the Women's restroom at the show. It is too busy for a man to do it. The Club will pay for this help. The meeting then adjourned for the election of officers. The only contested office was Vice President. Mark Beard chose not to return this year, and three candidates were nominated for the office: Joe Prindle, Tom Ripp, and Bob Zweifel. Our new Veep is Bob Zweifel. All other officers were re-elected by unanimous ballot. While waiting for ballots to be counted, Lyle Opperman conducted a drawing for wooden items fashioned from Club shingles. Bird houses were won by Damon Young and John Grotphorst, and Dorothy Carr won a napkin holder. Also during this period, a collection of old postcards donated by Verne Kindschi was auctioned off by

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Colonel Mark Beard, with proceeds going to the Club. Joe Prindle was the winning bidder. After the election, attendees enjoyed a bountiful potluck meal, and socialized a little longer before heading home.

*\*On Sunday after the meeting adjourned, a group of members associated with the Konkel Band Mill said they would take on the Huber's restoration. The Club will pay for materials, etc. needed for the project.*



*Above left: David Fuller raises the bar for the dress code at annual meetings. At left: Colonel Mark Beard's "action auction" in action.*

### **Made in Wisconsin Feature**

This year will be our 50<sup>th</sup> year, and the show feature will be "Made in Wisconsin", so start getting ready now for a really spectacular event. There will be tractors, trucks, steam engines, lots and lots of gas engines and many more items that can be exhibited for this theme. The Feature Building now has a very large area of lockable glass exhibit cases, so if you have smaller items to show, this is the time to do it. Currently there are only four members of the Made in Wisconsin Feature Committee: Don Blausey, Louise Coates, Peter Holzman and Art Woodward. If you would like to be part of the planning group, or have suggestions, please contact Pete (608)635-7772 or Louise (608)764-5563.

### **Annual Swap Meet**

May 4-5, 2013 will be our 15<sup>th</sup> annual swap meet, and May 4 is our 14<sup>th</sup> annual auction. Selling space remains at \$25 for one truck and one trailer load. There is much outdoor space, but limited indoor space. Be sure to reserve indoor space as soon as possible. There is no admission charge. Vendor setup begins Friday, May 3, and the gate will open at 8 a.m. On Saturday, the gate will open at 6 a.m. Help will be needed to check in vendors on those days, especially on Saturday. Also on Saturday, help will be needed to move engines and other auction items out of the buildings to the sale area.

Items accepted for the consignment auction include: tractors, steam engines, gas engines, related implements, and related parts, manuals, memorabilia, etc. No household items (appliances, furniture, etc.) or other goods unrelated to the hobby will be accepted for the auction. Please call Mark Beard about items for the auction. No items are accepted the day of the sale. It is better to call earlier so your item can be posted on the Club website and be included in advertising for the sale. Check [www.badgersteamandgas.com](http://www.badgersteamandgas.com) for the list and photos of auction items. Call Mark Beard (608)356-6115 for information or to consign something to the auction.

### **Help in Food Stand Needed Friday, and Food Stand Cleanup on Friday & Saturday**

Help will be needed on Friday in the food stand. It's not as busy as Saturday, but help will be needed, especially during the lunch period. Saturday, the 4H will be there for the lunch rush, but help will be needed for late afternoon/early evening cleanup on both days. Last year, Tammy and a couple of other loyal helpers were left with a big cleanup job after looong hours during the day, so a little help here would be greatly appreciated. Guys welcome! Contact Tammy Rudolph Pate and tell her when you can help out. (608)356-5491

### Pies Needed At Swap Meet Food Stand

Always popular at the food stand are the goodies, especially pie by the slice. Please bring your pies or other goodies for Friday and Saturday. Delivery is at the Feature Building. All proceeds from the food stand go to the Club. Every pie or baked contribution counts, so if more people donate just one baked item, it is a help. Thank you, and if there are questions, contact Tammy Rudolph Pate at (608)356-5491.

### A Death

**Robert Nobbs**, age 77, of Loganville, died Tuesday, February 19, 2013. A member of the Club since 1974, Bob was a skilled mechanic who enjoyed restoring antique farm machinery. One of his best known projects is the half scale model of the Fairbanks Morse 15-25 Oil Tractor which he built over a period of 15 years, but many other restoration projects were exhibited at our show over the years. The combined display that he, family members and friends brought to the show every year was always a crowd pleaser. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Bob married the former Kathleen Thieding in 1960. He was a dairy farmer most of his working life, but he also worked at Hammond Manufacturing in Baraboo until his retirement. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen; four children: Duane Nobbs of Loganville; Virginia (James Jr.) Kruschke of Reedsburg; Dennis (Heather) Nobbs of Hampshire, IL and Linda (Brett) Cunningham, of Reedsburg; six grandchildren; one great grandchild; a brother, Norman (Marie) Nobbs of Hancock; other relatives and friends.

### Flea Market Manager Needed

After serving in this job for several years, Mark Beard has said he will manage the market this year, but he would like to have somebody work with him to be ready to take over for 2014. It can be one person, or a group/committee to divvy up the load. Mark has certainly done more than his share of work for the Club, and deserves a little more free time, so please somebody step up for this job. It is an important one, because the Club makes a good income from the sale of vendor spots, and although we have no way of counting, it also brings in additional gate receipts. The market is large enough and diverse enough that some people come mainly for it. Benefits include meeting a lot of interesting people, and getting an early look at the merchandise. If you are interested, give Mark a call at (608)356-6115 or contact an Executive Board member.

### Auction Photos



Above: Fry Visible gas pump, Model 73

Below: 1917 Galloway 9 hp gas engine on original cart, in excellent condition

Photographer unknown



## Women's Corner

*Submitted by Jan Sprecher-Bruski*

### **August 2013**

Inspired by the "Made in Wisconsin" feature for this year, the Women's Events Building will also feature things from Wisconsin. Displays will include:

- Wisconsin Woolen Mills
- Mirro Aluminum of Manitowoc
- Dairy
- Wisconsin Authors
- Knitting
- A look back at Badger Steam and Gas Women

### **May Swap Meet**

We will be having our Porch Sale again this year in front of our building. Please leave small household items you wish to donate on the front porch of the Women's Events Building sometime during the 2 weeks prior to May 4, 2013. The items will be moved inside every couple of days. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the Women's Events Building.

### **Donations for the Building**

If you have large items, i.e. a stove or washing machine, and wish to donate to the Women's Events Building, please contact a Board member, Jean Brew (608)254-7428 or Jan Sprecher-Bruski (262)695-1175 for approval.

### **Recycle Your Tractor Hat**

Getting a new hat with your favorite tractor logo on it? Drop the old one off at the Women's Events Building for our recycling project. Ladies, this is a good time to clean out that pile in the closet.

this year has been going, it could be a Snow Date instead!

Usually most of this work is done by noon, so this year it is proposed (weather permitting) to work in the afternoon at cleaning the large beams from the Butler building donated by Emily Fuchs last spring. This would involve pressure washing and scraping off the sprayed on insulation. These beams will be used for the Diesel Building.

### **Kid's Day Is May 17**

Over the last few years, this annual event has become increasingly popular with participating local 4<sup>th</sup> graders and Club members alike. The number of demos has grown over the years, and we now have quite an impressive array of stations which are enjoyed by the children. Favorites are the hands on activities, such as shelling/grinding corn, sawing, woodworking, blacksmithing, washing clothes and running them through the wringer, mowing with a push mower, activities in the Women's Events Building, and more. Also, there is *ALWAYS* a shortage of guides (herders!), so please, please, if you can help with this let Paul Young know. No prior training is necessary! There are teachers, aides, and some parents that come with the kids, but it is never quite enough, so please help with this if you can. Contact Paul Young at (608)356-4209 if you have questions or want to help, and be there (or be square!) by 8:45 a.m.

### **Cleanup Day:**

#### **Help Wanted for April 20**

This is the day we do a little spring cleaning at the grounds, in preparation for the Swap Meet. Help is needed for cleaning restrooms and the office, raking/vacuumping leaves, setting up for the food stand, getting the water back on, moving things around, etc. So, bring your rakes, cleaning supplies or tools to help out this year. Rain date would be April 27. The way

### **Help Needed for Women's Restroom**

During the show, the traffic in the Women's restroom is so heavy that is difficult for the male attendant to get in to replenish tissue, soap and towels, sweep the floor, empty the trash, or take care of any minor plumbing issues that may arise. A female attendant is needed, and the Club will pay that person for this work. If you, or somebody you know, would be interested in this job, please contact an Executive Board Member.

### Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

#### **Membership Meeting Report March 20, 2013**

About 34 members were present. Crystal Hasheider reported one new member joined this month – Ray Siberz of Baraboo. The status of the ticket booth situation was reported. Louise Coates reported that the bus is full for the Spring trip. Cleanup Day is April 20, and it was suggested the beams intended for the Diesel Building could be power washed that afternoon. Plans were made to roof the Office building in May, being sure to seal the tin with foam to keep out bats, bugs, etc. Allen Steele said he had drawings of a plan for the light poles on the grounds. Poles can stay where they are; LED lights would be used. He will bring a sample light to the next meeting. The Made in Wisconsin feature was discussed: plans for the Wisconsin Tractor exhibit are proceeding, and contacts from other possible exhibitors were discussed. The permit has been requested for the new sign for the entrance to the grounds. The old refrigerated trailer is still in the parking lot; it will be removed when conditions permit. We will need a new Flea Market manager or managing group for the 2014 show. The Swap Meet needs for help were mentioned. We will be looking into an ATM for the Swap Meet and show. Fuel tank problems were discussed: debris has clogged up some tractors. Maps with ads were discussed; we won't buy ads in them this year. The annual belt buckle is in the works. A suggestion was made to install a plaque in the office honoring our charter members. Building projects announced for the summer were the office roof replacement, Fuller & Johnson annex, the gas station, concrete poured for the diesel engines, and a new food service building. Most of these projects were sidelined last summer due to the heat.

**Membership Meeting Dates:** Third Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m., except August.  
**April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 7, September 18, November 20, 2013 and January 15, 2014.**

**Membership Meetings** are held at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in **Room 14** (or somewhere on first floor!) 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 regular meeting evenings in the same room, if members care to attend.

**Spring Cleanup Day - April 20, 2013**

**Annual Swap Meet - May 4-5, 2013**

**School Kids Day – May 17, 2013**

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Show – August 16, 17, & 18, 2013**

**Exhibitor Banquet – October 12, 2013 Farm Kitchen, Baraboo**

**Annual Meeting – February 23, 2014**

### Contact Information for the Executive Board

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*All photos by Louise Coates unless otherwise noted.*

### *Our New Officers*



*front, l to r: Director Neal Stone, President Robert Coates, Treasurer Bill Klemm.*

*Back, l to r: Director Paul Hasheider, Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider, Director Paul Grotophorst, Recording Secretary Peter Holzman, and the only truly new officer, Vice President Robert Zweifel.*

### *Unveiled*



*Paul Grotophorst redesigned the model engine used for the Youth Steam Engine Project, and it was displayed for the first time at the annual meeting, and again at the March 20 membership meeting. It is now an inverted engine, and will be the project beginning with the 2013 show. If you or your relatives, neighbors, co-workers or friends have interested children 11-15 years old, you can sign them up for one of the two classes held on Saturday at the August show. Contact Verne or Pearlie Kindschi (608)643-3915. It's free, the Club supplies the materials, and every engine made has worked.*

### *Annual Meeting in Three Words: Election, Food, Cleanup*



*Some of the cleaning crew, l to r: Bob Coates, George Clement, Kevin Haarklau*

