



Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

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Baraboo, Wisconsin

2014 Annual Meeting Report

There were 90 members and 17 non-member guests at the annual meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coates. Minutes of the 2013 annual meeting and the Treasurer's report were read, approved. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported that the Club now has 797 members. Pearl Kindschi read a letter from the Stan Johnson family thanking the Club for its sympathy cards for the death of their son Wes. Barb Young reported the Book Store had a very successful year. This year will be the last year for their family to run the store. Anyone wishing to take over the Book Store is invited to work with her this year.

The Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club Railroad Committee report was given by Tanner Brethorst. There was a motion by Robert Hasheider to allow the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club Board of Directors to move forward with the planning of, solicitation of donations, and purchase of materials and equipment and construction of the Badger Steam and Gas Railroad. Motion seconded by John Mente. MC.

Don Blausey gave a report from the Audit Committee. The report included a need for a list of Club property, items donated and purchased for Club use. The report found the Club's financial records to be in good order and correct.

Fees, prices were decided by vote as follows:

Gate admission will remain at \$8.00 for the 2015 show.

Complimentary tickets will be raised to \$5.00 for 2014.

Swap Meet vendor space will remain at \$25.00 for 2014.

Exhibitor camping fee will be raised to \$20.00 for 2014. This will help pay for the shower trailer that will be at the show this year.

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August Flea Market vendor fees will be raised in 2015 to \$50.00 for outside space, and \$70.00 for inside space.

Branded shingle price will be raised to \$2.00 for the 2014 show.

The year book price will remain at \$4.00 for 2014.

Treasurer Bill Klemm reported there are still complimentary tickets to be paid for.

Louise Coates reported details of the April 2 Spring Bus Trip to the Kohler Factory and the Hamilton Wood Type Museum. Tammy Rudolph Pate will again head the Club Swap Meet Food stand, with member and 4-H assistance. Allen Steele reported work will continue on the Fairbanks Morse Diesel building when weather permits. Don Blausey is ready to move the Vilter steam engine from Eau Claire when conditions permit. The Club will have golf carts for rent at this year's show. Mark Beard said work will begin on the Gas Station this spring. The 2014 Swap Meet will be May 3 & 4. (*see p. 2 for more info.*)

A motion to not allow for sale signs on equipment in the exhibit area was made by Mark Beard, seconded by Judy Curtin. The motion was amended to include providing a separate area for equipment sales. MC.

The meeting was adjourned for the election of officers.

The following were elected by unanimous ballot:

President Bob Coates, Vice President Don Blausey, Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider, Recording Secretary Peter Holzman, and Treasurer Bill Klemm. Nominations for Director were Paul Hasheider and David Fuller. Paul Hasheider was re-elected by ballot.

During the election prep and ballot count, Colonel Mark Beard auctioned off a set of 10 varnished souvenir shingles donated by Verne Kindschi. Jim McGhee was the successful bidder. Also auctioned by

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Colonel Beard and donated by Tom Miller, was a set of two plaques commemorating the Club's 25th and 50th anniversaries. Tanner Brethorst was the successful bidder. Tom Miller also donated and crafted two 50 year plaques, which were both won by Mike Spahn. The combined auctions resulted in over \$500 being donated to the Club. Thank you donors and bidders and also, thanks to Colonel Beard for the donation of his hitherto unrecognized auctioneering skills.

A motion to destroy the ballots was made and seconded, MC. Meeting was adjourned.

A potluck meal and social hour followed the election. The Book Store tables looked pretty busy, a slide show of past shows was also available for viewing, and good food and conversation was enjoyed by all.

Printing Error on 2014 Trifold Brochures

If you picked up trifolds at the annual meeting in February, be aware that there is a printing error on the poster side of the trifold. Right below the Club logo at the top of the page, the dates of the show are missing. The dates should be in the space above "8a.m.—5 p.m. daily". The trifolds were reprinted, so either discard the incorrect ones and get new ones OR add the date to the poster on the old ones. The correct date is printed on the front page of the trifold, but not on the poster side.

Two New Members Added in February

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported Carl Zuch and Harvey Eldridge, both of Baraboo joined in February.

16th Annual Swap Meet & Auction, May 3-4

If you want to consign items on the auction at the Swap Meet, you still can, but sooner is better than later. Talk to Mark Beard, as he is still adding items to the sale and pictures can still be posted on the Club web site. Only allowable items such as steam/gas engines, engine related parts, tractors, tractor related parts or implements, and related documentation or literature will be accepted. No household goods, appliances, etc. will be accepted. No items will be accepted for consignment on the day of the sale. All

items will be sold. Contact Mark for information and confirmation. (608)356-6115

For the swap meet, selling space remains at \$25 for one truck and one trailer load. There is a lot of outdoor space, but limited indoor space. Be sure to reserve indoor space as soon as possible. There is no admission charge for shoppers. Vendor setup begins Friday, May 2, 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 outdoor sale area. Contact Mark Beard to offer your assistance.

Check Out the Tempting Treasures in Our Auction Preview @ www.badgersteamandgas.com



This 1906 3 1/2 hp Woodpecker Type E engine on cart, comes with the original engine book. Double the treasure, double the fun.



Or, how about this 8 hp Cushman, all original on the original cart?

Photos from Club web site.

Maytag Madness



Photo by Anne Beard

Over 50 Maytag engines will also be part of our spring auction. These come from the estate of Don Rick, who was well-known among gas engine collectors. Don passed away in January, 2014.

Food Stand at the Swap Meet

All that shopping and bidding makes everyone hungry, so be sure to patronize the Club's food stand, and some help in the kitchen is always most welcome. Men, women and older children are welcome. Tammy Rudolph Pate will be in charge again this year, with assistance from the 4H and Club members. Help from Club members is especially needed for Fridays, (the 4H kids are in school), at lunch time on Friday and Saturday, and to help with cleanup in the afternoons of both days. Some help may be needed on Sunday morning, although things are slowing down by then. Call Tammy at (608)356-5491.

Pies, Other Goodies Wanted

Baked goods are always in demand at the Swap Meet food stand. Pie is especially popular, but cakes, bars, cookies, etc. are also welcome. Whether you donate one pie or multiples, it will be doubly appreciated, by the Club and also by a hungry flea market shopper who wants to rest for a few minutes and enjoy something sweet with his coffee. (Cue in the sad violin music – I'm trying to guilt you into this here.) Baked goods can be brought in at any time, Friday or Saturday. Perhaps it is best to avoid the always busy, busy lunch time on Saturday, if you can.

August Flea Market Management Information

Very good news on this front: we have two new flea market managers, at last. This is a big job, so it has not been easy to find someone to do it. The new managers are Robert and Robert Mattson, who are father and son. They will be taking it over, but Mark Beard will still be helping them for a while. For now, send information and questions to Mark at (608)356-6115. And, many, many thanks to both Roberts for taking on this task!

Cleanup Day Is April 19

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the grounds and some of the buildings for the Swap Meet. Bring your leaf rakes, cleaning supplies, and some energy to help get ready for our major spring event. A lot of time is spent on foliage management, and the office and restrooms also need cleaning. The Feature Building needs to be made ready to accommodate indoor vendors and the food stand. Rain date will be April 26.

Kids Day Is Friday, May 16

Contact Paul Young (608)356-4209 if you can help at Kids Day. As always, docents (aka "herders") are needed to help guide the groups of 4th graders to the different demos and to keep groups moving and on time. Although teachers and some assistants or parents come with the groups, there are not usually enough of them to go around, so help from Club members is really appreciated. The event usually runs from about

8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. so it is good if you can get to the grounds a little early before the buses arrive. In the past, Club members who have helped with this have found it to be an enjoyable, often amusing experience.

Focus On Tanner Brethorst

Many of us would envy the way Tanner Brethorst has managed to link his hobby, his dream and his occupation. As Brewmaster of the Port Huron Brewing Company, he not only works with his family and friends in the business, he has involved the family steam traction engine, a 1917 Port Huron which serves as the company logo. The Engine House Tap Room at the brewery features an industrial décor, with a small Murray Corliss engine on display behind the bar, and mechanical drawings of Port Huron engines, and other items on the walls. Even in the brewery itself, there are some reminders of Tanner's interest in antique technology.



Tanner Brethorst stands by the very small Murray Corliss engine which is on display in the Engine House Tap Room at the Port Huron Brewing Company. The engine is on loan from fellow Club member Steve Roudebush, and "runs" when the tap room is open. The horsepower and date are unknown, but an estimated date would be ca. 1900.

The engine has been in the Brethorst family since 1957 when Tanner's grandfather, Bill Brethorst, bought it as it was about to be scrapped. The engine was used in a rock quarry. After Bill's death in 1979, the engine became the responsibility of his sons, Dave and Dan, Tanner's father and uncle, respectively. The Brethorst family has long ties to the Club. Bill Brethorst was a very early member, joining in 1966 as member no. 23. Dave and Dan have been members for many years

now. Tanner joined the Club in 1988, when he was 10 years old. He worked on the steam engine at an early age, or as he says, when he became "old enough not to annoy Dad". For the past 4 years, Tanner has been custodian of the engine. At the shows he and Dave can be found working in the clover hulling area.

Tanner is a graduate of Lodi High School, and later graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in Agricultural Business Management. He worked as an intern at Tyrana Brewing Co. in Lake Mills, and then went to the Siebel Institute in Chicago for more brewing education, including study in Munich, Germany. He also worked with Lake Louie Brewing in Arena and later with Capital Brewery in Middleton. In 2010, he and several members of his family began plans for what later became Port Huron Brewing Company, and after a huge amount of work, by April, 2012 began selling their first kegs of beer. They are now brewing 6



An antique note in a modern facility, this curved spoke wheel opens the steam valve to the brew kettle to control boiling.

different beers (one is seasonal, for Oktoberfest), and very recently have added two more tanks, a fermenter and a storage tank, which are double the size of their older ones. They try to buy as many Wisconsin-made or Wisconsin-grown supplies as they can, so their honey comes from Mt. Horeb, their bottles are made in Burlington, labels are made in Green Bay, etc.

Another plan, involving both the brewery and the steam engine, is to grow a crop of wheat, then harvest it using the Port Huron engine and other antique

equipment, and produce a one-off beer. They hope this can become an annual event.



Dave (left) is working with Brewery Helper Bill to clean the new double-batch fermenter that just came in.

All photos in this article by L.Coates

Tanner and his wife Solare have been married for 4 years, and have a 5 month old daughter, Phoebe. Tanner is a member of our Railroad Committee, and also served on the recent Audit Committee. He says it is a “fantastic club to be involved with, with so many people from diverse backgrounds” who work together.

For more info on the brewery, including driving directions and hours of operation, see www.porthuronbeer.com

A Death

John Kurabelis, 84, of Baraboo, passed away February 1, 2014 at his residence. He married Shelby Jean Janzen in Baraboo in 1958. He was employed in building construction and worked for several companies in the Sauk County area. Later in his career, he worked as an iron worker at the Badger Army Ordnance Plant for over 20 years before retiring. In addition to his wife, Shelby of Baraboo, John is survived by four children, Juanita (Rick) Plouffe of Wisconsin Dells, Kenneth Kurabelis of Baraboo, Judith “Judy” (Michael) Tangney of Baraboo, and Cyndi (Jarad) Nielson of Madison; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Membership Meeting Report:

March 19, 2014

About 32 members and guests were present. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider read the Treasurer’s report in the absence of Treasurer Bill Klemm. Louise Coates reported on the status of the bus trip. Mark Beard reported on the auction, including the news that Don Rick died in January, and his widow brought 50 Maytag engines to sell at the auction. Allen Steele talked about his plans for a “sand box” at the show, which would include a shovel, scraper, and other equipment that would be moving dirt in an area reserved for them. Some bleachers and a canopy would be needed, and the people haulers should be routed to go near the area. Don Blausey will check bleacher prices. A letter from the Sauk County District Attorney’s Office indicates some of the restitution payments due to the Club have not been made. Mark Beard said the trifolds available at the annual meeting were misprinted, so people should discard them and get new ones, or write in the show dates on the poster side of the trifold before posting.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

Membership Meeting Dates: Meetings begin at 8 p.m.

April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 6, September 17, November 19, 2014 and January 21, 2015

Membership Meetings are held at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in **Room 18** (south end of hall) from November through April. Occasionally we are moved to a different room, so check the notice board on the wall at the north entrance. 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 membership meeting evenings in the same room, if members care to attend.

Spring Bus Trip – Wednesday, April 2

Cleanup Day – April 19, 2014

16th Annual Swap Meet – May 3-4, 2014

Kids Day – Friday, May 16, 2014

51st Annual Show – August 15, 16 & 17, 2014

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More Auction Preview Items



Nelson Brothers "Sun Flower" 1 1/2 hp



This Ottawa saw rig on a cart is thought to have a 4 hp engine, but that is not certain.

See more auction preview photos on the web site.
www.badgersteamandgas.com

All photos on this page from the Club web site.



6 hp Fieldmarshal diesel with cart and radiator. This is a newer engine from India.



There can't be a sale without a "mystery engine", and this 3 or 4 hp engine is it.



6 hp Associated engine, with rebuilt igniter and on a cart.

