



Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

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Baraboo, Wisconsin

2016 Annual Meeting Report

There were 99 members registered for the meeting, which was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Robert Coates. Recording Secretary Peter Holzman read the minutes of the 2015 annual meeting. Treasurer Bill Klemm gave the annual treasurer's report. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported Justin Bennin of Baraboo as a new member. The Book Store report was presented by Barb Young.

Bob Hoege said the new blade in the shingle mill works great; he needs more good cedar for shingles. More people are needed for the mill this year because he is trying to retire from that job. Robert J. Mattson reported on the Swap Meet flea market, which had a record of over 300 vendors. The summer flea market also expanded, and vendors like the larger spots and wider aisles. They would like a food vendor in the market for their convenience. Mark Beard talked about this year's auction, same place, but starting at 10 a.m. He is still accepting appropriate merchandise for the sale. Don Blausey reported the Saw Mill had a good year, with more help. They are always looking for logs. Charges for sawing are \$60 per 1000 board feet, \$80 per 1000 if they don't donate the slab wood. Don also reported on the Vilter project. Concrete was poured for the foundation, the engine was cleaned by Paul Young, and the large castings are now in the building.

Bonnie Clift says she needs more pies and other baked goods for the pie sales at the show and at the Swap Meet. At the show, she ran out of pie by 2 p.m. on Saturday, and made about \$200 less than usual. Bill Klemm reported on the memorial for the founding members and original property owners. He and Joe Prindle handled the project. Allen Steele talked about golf carts. There were 60 carts last year, and he hopes

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18th Annual Spring Swap Meet & Auction

This year the Swap Meet will be for three full days, May 6, 7 & 8, with vendor setup starting at 8 a.m. on May 5 (Thursday). Outdoor spots will sell for \$25, indoor spots are available but limited, so be sure to call ahead. Contacts for the Swap Meet are Robert J. Mattson and Robert D. Mattson (608)393-3021. The consignment auction will be on Saturday, May 7, but this year it will start an hour earlier at 10 a.m. The rules for consigning items to the auction are the same as in the past: steam/gas engines & related parts; tractors, tractor related parts or implements; related documentation and literature only; NO household items, etc. Auction items are NOT accepted the day of the sale; you must prearrange with Mark Beard, contact for the auction (608)356-6115. See the consignment auction preview on the Club website www.badgersteamandgas.com

There will be food available from Elite Catering in the Feature Building all days of the event. Thursday a.m. there will only be coffee and rolls, other days there will be breakfast. Lunch and dinner will be available Thursday thru Saturday. Sunday things will be winding down, but they will serve some breakfast and lunch.

Pies Wanted! Baked Goods Wanted! Pies Wanted!

There was some confusion about the pie sale at the Swap Meet last year, with the change in the food service. However, pies are definitely on the agenda this year. So bring your delicious home made pies, and other yummy baked goods to be sold on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Swap Meet. These will be sold in the Feature Building, near the Elite Catering setup, but separate from it. Some help will also be needed to cut up pies, and help with sales. Contact Bonnie Clift and tell her you will come and help. (608)583-2329

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to have the same this year, and will try to hold the price. He will be putting up a 50'x60' storage building in the Sand Box area, where people can sit during the show, and there may be a satellite pop stand in or adjoining the building. The Club will pay for the concrete. Robert Hasheider reported for the Railroad Committee. The rail donated by Findorff has been moved the grounds. Rubert Kerl noted that his trenching machine is available if needed for work on the grounds.

Gate admission and other fees were discussed. The gate admission for the show remains at \$8.00. The flea market at the show remains at \$4.00 per foot outside (\$60. for 15 feet of frontage). Swap Meet space remains at \$25. Camping is the same as previously at \$20. Souvenir shingles are \$2.00. David Fuller made a motion to increase the price of the show book to \$5.00. MC.

Louise Coates distributed information sheets about the spring bus trip, and also spoke about it during the meeting. Pearlie Kindschi no longer wants to be contact person for the Youth Steam Engine Project. Paul Young reminded members that Kids Day is May 20, and about 260 4th graders are expected. Docents are needed from about 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mark Beard said we need to set aside a sum of money for cleaning up the stumps and branches from clearing the land. Allen Steele said fire breaks have been cleared, and about half of the stumps have been burned. Questions were raised about groups of people coming in the south gate during the show. March 16 will be the next member meeting, and the Board will talk about the gate, other issues. Jim McGhee made a motion to not build anymore Club buildings until the debt is paid off. Not passed. A question was raised about our percentage of public funding. We are over 99% publicly funded.

The features for the 2016 show were briefly discussed, with Louise Coates and Pete Holzman talking about the Implement feature. A good turnout is expected. Robert Coates spoke about the Cast Iron Seat Collectors Association. He had spoken to a representative of the group recently, and they are

enthusiastic about coming. Paul Kohlwey discussed the Delco Light Plant 100th Anniversary. One collector has passed away, so it may be mainly Paul's collection on display. Help him out if you can.

Jim Turner says there was an AC tractor rear end found on the grounds and it will be sold at the auction if it is not claimed.

A motion to adjourn came from Joe Prindle. MC.

2016 Election of Officers

The election of officers was somewhat livelier this year than in the recent past. Results are as follows.

President – Robert J. Matson was nominated, Robert Coates was the incumbent. Robert Coates was re-elected.

Vice President – candidates were Allen Steele vs. incumbent Don Blausey. Allen Steele was elected.

Membership Secretary – candidates were incumbent Crystal Hasheider and Tyler Roudebush. Crystal Hasheider was re-elected.

Recording Secretary – There were three nominees: Joe Prindle, Robert J. Mattson, and Tanner Brethorst. The first ballot eliminated Joe Prindle, and the other two candidates were too close to call, so a second ballot was cast, which resulted in a tie between Mattson and Brethorst. Only 96 ballots were cast, although 99 members were registered. It was agreeable to both candidates to decide the vote with a coin toss, which resulted in Robert J. Mattson as the winner. It is thought to be the first time in Club history that this has happened during an election.

Treasurer – Tanner Brethorst was nominated for the office, but declined. Incumbent Bill Klemm was re-elected by unanimous ballot.

Director – candidates were incumbent Neal Stone and nominee Al Riddle. Neal Stone was re-elected.

The election was closed, and a pot luck meal and social hour followed. The Youngs brought items from the Book Store that were available for sale before and after the meeting. A big thank you to them for doing this at the annual meeting for so many years now.



The new Executive Board, from left, Treas. Bill Klemm, Recording Sec'y Robert J. Mattson, V.P. Allen Steele, Pres. Robert Coates, Director Paul Grotophorst, Membership Sec'y Crystal Hasheider, Directors Paul Hasheider and Neal Stone.

Meet Our New Recording Secretary: Robert J. Mattson

By winning a coin toss to break the tie in a hotly contested election, (by Club standards, anyway), Robert J. Mattson became our new Recording Secretary, replacing Peter Holzman who decided to retire from office this year, although he continues to help with other Club responsibilities.

Robert is a relatively new member of the Club (he and his father joined in 2010), but they and Robert's son, Bo began exhibiting their hit and miss engines for 4 or 5 years before that. Since then, he has been a hard worker on various Club activities and projects. For 2 or 3 years, he helped the Hoeges at the Shingle Mill. He and his father were regular workers on the Gas Station building project. He helped Mark and Anne Beard with the flea market for some years, gradually assuming major responsibility during the last 3 years. Anne still helps with the bookkeeping. As of last year, he has also taken over the flea market part of the Swap Meet, while Mark continues to manage the auction.

Managing the flea markets is a big job, with work extending weeks and months beyond the actual events. Phone calls, emails and other queries come in almost all year round, and a heavy involvement is required during the events themselves. The markets also comprise the second largest income source for the Club, with gate receipts being the largest. He has made changes in the markets, and talks of expanding the market northward as we continue to grow, perhaps to as many as 1200 spots. We currently have 800 spots.

There has been some discussion about how to differentiate Robert from his father Robert. He is not Robert Jr., because he and his dad do not have the same middle name. Robert is Robert J. and his father is Robert D. Another way to differentiate them is as Robert the Younger, and Robert the Elder, which seems to be acceptable to them also.

Cleanup Day: Saturday, April 23

Gentlemen, start your leaf rakes! A lot of rakers will be needed. There is a vacuum "leaf sucker" machine, but hand raking is still necessary for the tight spots and to help windrow leaves to feed into the machine. Other jobs for the day are cleaning the office and restrooms, making space (i.e. moving stuff) in the Feature Building for vendors and the food area, getting ready for the auction, and various other tasks as needed. If the weather is bad, or if everything does not get done, work will continue on Saturday, April 30. Call Mark Beard (608)356-6115 or Robert Mattson (608)393-3021 if you have questions.

Kids Day Is Friday, May 20

Mark your calendars for Kids Day! About 260 4th graders will be bussed to the Club grounds for the 14th annual Kids Day. Docents (aw, heck let's just call it like it is – herders) will be needed from about 8:30 a.m. thru 2 p.m. Your job will be to guide smaller groups of children around the various demo stations, and perhaps help with serving ice cream at the end of the tour. There are teachers and sometimes other adults accompanying the groups, but Club member assistance is definitely needed to keep things on track. Some of the people with demos may need assistance as

well. It is actually a rewarding experience for those of us who have participated, and you get paid in ice cream. If you have questions, or just want to tell him you can help, contact Paul Young (608)356-4209.

2016 Features: Implements, Seats & Delco

It's never too early to starting thinking about the summer show, and the great features we will be having this year. We have two features which complement each other nicely – Implements and the Cast Iron Seat Collectors Association. Both features will share the Feature Building, and we should have an outstanding combined display.

The Implement feature is a Club project; there is no national or local organization for collecting implements, so that makes it a bit more of a challenge for us to be able to put on a good show. So, please everyone, recruit your friends and neighbors who have an old interesting implement or two around the farm, and persuade them to bring it to the show. They're out there, and some of them may even still be in use. Many horse drawn machines were altered to be pulled by a tractor. Remember, there were several implements owned for every tractor. Even a farm with multiple tractors would still have more implements than tractors. There has been increased interest in implements in recent years, and so far the idea of an implement feature seems to be well-received. Implements by themselves are welcome, as are tractor/implement combinations. Just think of the parade we will have this year! Contacts for the Implement feature are Louise Coates (608)764-5563 and Pete Holzman (608)635-7772.

The Cast Iron Seat Collectors Association has been around for quite a number of years, perhaps 30 years? There are over 400 members in the group, and it isn't just about seats. Most of the cast iron seats come off horse drawn equipment but there are other sources as well. Other cast iron pieces from horse drawn implements are also collected, such as tool boxes, planter lids, grain drill ends, etc. Their displays will include a variety of items. Some of the items are beautifully painted, others are left in their "natural" rusty state. Contacts for the Seat Collector feature are

Charolette Traxler (507)357-6142 and for more local questions, check with Tom Miller (608)849-4454

The Delco Light Plants & Accessories feature will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the introduction of the Delco Light Plant. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, one of the major collectors of Delco Light has passed away, so please, if you know anyone with Delco Light items, get in touch with Paul Kohlwey (608)566-3024. Although we can be confident he will put on a great one man exhibit of "Delco Delights", it would nice if he has some company.

Wanted: This Man, This Machine and More Like Them At Our Show! August 19, 20 & 21, 2016



Youth Steam Engine Project News

The new contact person is Shawn Young, wife of member Damon Young. The number to call is (608) 448-7046. Thank you Shawn for taking on this responsibility.

This year will be the 7th year for the project, which was largely initiated by Vern Kindschi. It was based on a similar activity from the Rollag show, and was started there by machinist Jerry Swedburg. Jerry came to our show and helped out for several years as well. Pearlle Kindschi took care of phone calls and registration since the beginning, but has decided to "retire" now. Thank you Pearlle for your work.

The date for the project this year is Saturday, August 20. It is offered twice that day, at 9 a.m. and at 1 p.m. and takes 1.5 – 2 hours to finish. It is free, and is offered to young people, ages 11-15. It is a small group activity, with a maximum of 10 participants in each session, so everyone gets individual attention from the adult supervisors. Each participant makes a small model steam engine, which will run on compressed air. They use basic machining techniques, drilling holes in metal, using cutting fluid, reaming, using a punch and hammer, tapping holes, removing burrs, center punching, countersinking and tapping threads in a hole. So far, all engines built have worked. Each participant gets to keep his/her engine.

Participants do not need to be relatives of Club members. If you know somebody in the correct age group – male, female, relative, neighbor kid, etc. – who might be interested in doing this, please recruit them for this activity. The Club buys all the materials, and Club members supervise the work. Volunteers for this have been Paul Grotophorst, Al Checky, Milo Kilen, Roger Meyer, and probably a few more as well.

Looking Ahead: Future Show Features

2016 – Implements, Cast Iron Seat Collectors,
and 100th Anniversary of Delco Light Plants
2017 – Oliver, and 100th Anniversary of Wisconsin Tractors
2018 – John Deere
2019 – Minneapolis Moline
2020 – International Harvester

Stump Burning

Saturday, February 20 was the day of the Great Stump Burning. A small crowd turned out, a few to help and most to watch and offer moral support. Allen Steele brought the Cat backhoe to move the stumps around into best burning conformation. There was quite a lot of sand mixed in with the stumps and slash, which seemed to hinder burning to some degree. Nevertheless, eventually the stuff did burn. Paul Kohlwey was there with his recently acquired and renovated Allis Chalmers crawler, helping Allen move the material around. Other participants and spectators included John Anderson, Heather Kohlwey, Robert J.

Mattson, Jerry Phelps, Robert Coates, Louise Coates, Art Woodward, and a few others who came and went. About half of the stumps have been burned, so that can certainly be counted as a success. Thanks to all who worked and helped on this much needed improvement.



Allen Steele at work with his Cat backhoe.



Paul Kohlwey assisting with his Allis Chalmers crawler.



Despite their best efforts, they were unable to smoke out neighbor Paul Young...

A Death:

Roger Lewis Hillestad, age 74, of Lodi, passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2016. He was born in 1941, to Earl and Dorothy (Wilkinson) Hillestad. He married Betty Jane Wiesshoff in 1965, and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He was a service manager of Hillestad Service Center. Roger has been a member of the Club since 1998, and will be remembered and missed by many members. He was also a member of the International Harvester Collectors Club, Wisconsin Chapter #4. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children, Roger Jr. (Johnna) Hillestad, and Shawn Hillestad; stepsons, Steven (Shirley) Wiesshoff, and Kevin Wiesshoff; stepdaughters, Zorana (Michael) Shumate, and Sherry (David) Brown; 8 grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and stepmother, Joyce Hillestad, and an uncle, Donald Hillestad. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Dorothy Hillestad; sisters, Cheryl Markgraf, Janice Louderback, and Marlene Hillestad; uncles, George, Lester, Robert, Vern, Victor, Chester, and Lawrence Jr.

Membership Meeting Report:

March 16, 2016

About 25 people were present. Neal Stone reported that the Club may be able to combine timber with Steve Roudebush for a sale. He will get quotes. Shawn Young will be the new coordinator for the Youth Steam Engine Project. Bob Hoege needs good cedar logs for the shingle mill. There will be 60 golf carts for the show this year, and Allen is looking into getting carts for the Swap Meet, in response to demand. Work on Allen's building in the Sand Box area will be starting this spring. Verne Kindschi nominated the Zweifels for the 2017 year book dedication. MC. Mark Beard is still accepting eligible items for the consignment auction. A committee has formed to study the gate/ticket booth issues, consisting of Robert Mattson and Russ Hunt, co-chairs, and John Anderson, Jerry Phelps and Paul Young. Paul Young made a request to buy a rotary outboard bearing for the donated Eagle steam engine. MC. Louise Coates talked about the March 30 Club bus trip. Robert Zweifel is

working on a new people hauler for the show. It is painted red, white & blue to recognize veterans. We may get somebody to sing the national anthem before the parade. We should have a road for the north end of the show grounds by show time. Trees for the show grounds were discussed. We need to determine which species would be best to plant to eventually replace the loss of our trees to oak wilt. A plea was made for plenty of leaf rakers on Cleanup Day.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

Membership Meeting Dates: Meetings begin at 8 p.m. **April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 10, September 21, November 16, 2016; January 18, 2017**

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. 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.

Cleanup Day - April 23, 2016

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Kids Day -- May 20, 2016

53rd Annual Show – August 19, 20 & 21, 2016

Exhibitor Banquet – October 8, 2016

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