



Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Spring, 2017

Baraboo, Wisconsin

2017 Annual Meeting Report

There were 140 members present (139 voting). The meeting was called to order by President Robert Coates. Secretary Robert Mattson read the minutes of the 2016 meeting. Treasurer Bill Klemm read the annual financial report. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported 5 new members in February.

Robert Mattson reported on the Flea Market and Barb Young reported on the Book Store. Bob Hoege said the shingle mill needs more good cedar logs this year. Don Blausey reported on the Band Mill and the Hug Sawmill; both did well at the show. Mark Beard is still looking for auction items, and he has found a new food vendor for the Swap Meet. Allen Steele discussed the golf cart rentals. He is changing vendors, and will get 70 this year instead of 60. There was no report on the Women's Building. Tanner Brethorst reported for the Railroad Committee; it's quiet on the donation front. Allen Steele reported he cleared more of the north end parking lot and burning is done. He will be seeding it this spring. The features this year are Oliver and the 100th Anniversary of Wisconsin Tractors. (Feature contact people are listed on p.4.) Paul Young said Kids Day is May 19.

After the reports, various fees were discussed and voted on. **Note that changes would be for 2018 events, as advertising for 2017 already has been published.** Paul Grotophorst made a motion to raise the gate fee to \$10. Second by Joe Prindle. MC. Al Riddle made a motion to raise the flea market spaces to \$65. Second by Stan Cherry. Motion failed. Robert Mattson made a motion to increase the Swap Meet space fee to \$30. Second by Al Riddle. MC. John Rowsam made a motion to

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2017 Swap Meet: May 5, 6 & 7

**Thurs. May 4, 8 a.m. - Setup Day Begins
Auction – Sat. May 6 at 10 a.m.**

Outdoor spots will sell for \$25; indoor spots are available but limited, so be sure to call ahead. The contacts for the Swap Meet are Robert J. Mattson and Robert D. Mattson (608)393-3021. The consignment auction will be on Saturday, May 6, starting 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 auction preview on the Club website www.badgersteamandgas.com. The site was being updated with the auction items at the time of this writing.

There is a new food vendor at the Swap Meet this year. There will be a light breakfast available on Thursday, rolls and coffee at least. Lunch will be served, and the rumor is that there will be pulled pork. Friday and Saturday will have the full complement of meals, and on Sunday there will be breakfast and lunch.

Pies! Goodies! Pies! Goodies!

Pie and other goodies will be sold at the Swap Meet this year, in the Feature Building. Sales will be primarily on Friday and Saturday, so bring your delicious homemade pies, and other yummy baked goods too. **Help is very badly needed in this area.** Last year the same few people were there nearly all the time. This year Bonnie Clift is still recuperating from a broken foot, so PLEASE, PLEASE come and help out. Setup will be on

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Thursday, with some sales if there are goodies. People are needed to cut up pies, help with sales and daily cleanup. Usually sales are done by Saturday evening.

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keep camping at \$20. Second by John Mente. MC. Paul Grotophorst made a motion to keep shingles at \$2. Second by Abe Burns. MC. Joe Prindle made a motion to keep the show book price at \$5. Second by John Rowsam. MC. Mark Beard made a motion to charge \$5 for personal carts, except for handicapped persons. Second by Judy Curtin. MC. Al Riddle made the motion to sign the contract with Country Plumber for porta potties and sinks. Second by Jim McGhee. MC.

Robert Mattson is the new chair of the Planning Committee, and is looking for 4 more people to join. Jim Turner discussed the proposal for a new storage building (see 2017 Winter newsletter) and is looking for people who might be interested in buying bays to store their equipment. Jim also discussed the sign-up sheets at the tables. This is an effort to get contact information for people willing to be called for various jobs around the grounds as they are needed. President Coates presented a plaque to Peter Holzman for his years of service on the Board. Stan Cherry made a motion to implement wrist bands for admission for 2018. Second by Kim Phelps. Motion Failed. Tanner Brethorst suggested we have a committee consider what would be the best way. There was a motion to have a committee by Don Blausey. Second by Kevin Johnston. MC. Joe Prindle made a motion to have the National Rumely group for the feature in 2021, and the National Allis group in 2022. Second by Al Riddle. MC. Judy Mente made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and start the elections. Second by Joe Prindle. MC.

2017 Election of Officers

Results are as follows.

President: Incumbent **Robert Coates** was reelected by unanimous ballot.

Vice President: Nominees were incumbent Allen Steele and Steve Roudebush; **Allen Steele** was elected.

Recording Secretary: Nominees were incumbent Robert Mattson and Tanner Brethorst. **Tanner Brethorst** was elected.

Membership Secretary: Nominees were incumbent Crystal Hasheider and Al Riddle. **Crystal Hasheider** was elected.

Treasurer: Nominees were incumbent Bill Klemm and Paul Kohlwey. **Bill Klemm** was elected.

Director: Nominees were incumbent Paul Hasheider, Jerry Phelps, Bill Hendrickson, Steve Roudebush and Robert Mattson. **Paul Hasheider** was elected.

The election was closed, and the potluck buffet became the center of attention. The Book Store (traveling version) was also a source of interest before and after the meeting. Thanks to the Youngs once again for bringing their newest stock and some old faves for the annual meeting.

2017 Executive Board



Front row, l to r: Membership Sec'y Crystal Hasheider, Director Paul Hasheider, President Robert Coates, V. Pres. Allen Steele. Back row, l to r, Recording Sec'y Tanner Brethorst, Directors Paul Grotophorst, Neil Stone, Treas. Bill Klemm
Photo by L. Coates

Introducing Our New Recording Secretary: Tanner Brethorst



Tanner has been a member of the Club since 1988, when he was 10 years old, so he's sort of a young "old timer". Several members of his family have also been involved in the Club, going back to his grandfather, Bill Brethorst who joined the Club in 1966. Tanner is a graduate of Lodi High School, and also a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Agricultural Business Management. He has worked in the brewing industry, and studied brewing in Chicago and Munich, Germany. Since 2012, he and members of his family have operated the Port Huron Brewing Company, located in Wisconsin Dells. The labels feature the family's Port Huron steam traction engine. He and his father Dave usually work in the clover hulling area at the show. Tanner is also a member of the Railroad Committee. He and his wife Solare have a young daughter and are expecting another child in May. Please welcome Tanner to his new post in the Club.

Membership Report

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider provided the following list of new members.

In February, new members were Randy Brue, Poynette; Cederic Fitch, Reedsburg; Mark Frey, Prairie du Sac; McCoy Georgeson, Baraboo; Gregory Ripp, Mazomanie; and Geoffrey Schrab, Reeseville.

In March, Bryant Hazard of Baraboo joined.

Welcome to the Club, everyone. To all members, please be sure to inform the Membership Secretary

when you move or if you know a member who has died. With over 800 members now, not everybody knows everyone else, so we do depend on you all to keep the records up to date. Crystal can be reached at (608)522-4277.

Remember that the Club newsletter is always posted on the Club website www.badgersteamandgas.com Pictures are in color there, so if you wish to receive an email notification whenever a new newsletter is posted, you can sign up on the website on the newsletter page. You would stop getting the paper copy, and save at least a branch of a tree each time.

April 22 Is Spring Cleanup Day

If you have not participated in Spring Cleanup Day before, don't be shy. You will be very welcome! If you are new to the Club, it's a good way to meet other members. Tasks vary somewhat from year to year, but leaves are always involved. Raking, blowing vacuuming, but not usually bagging, if that's any comfort. Other tasks are picking up trash, brush or twigs, cleaning the office and restrooms, and moving things around in the Feature Building. So, bring your favorite leaf rakes, gloves, brooms, rags, cleaning supplies, or whatever tools you think will be handy. If it should rain, or (shudder) snow, or if some tasks cannot be completed the first day, the alternate date is April 29. Call Mark Beard (608)356-6115 or Robert Mattson (608)393-3021 if you have questions.

15th Annual Kids Day Is May 19, 2017

As always, it is on a Friday. About 240-50 children are expected from Baraboo area schools. Adult guides are needed. Teachers, aides and sometimes parents come with the children, but they are not familiar with the grounds or the buildings. So, additional adult guides from the Club are needed to get them to the places they need to be in a timely manner. Be there by 8:30 a.m. to be ready for the busloads coming in. Usually the event lasts until about 2:30p.m. If you have questions, contact Paul Young (608) 356-4209.

54th Annual Show: August 18, 19, & 20, 2017

Features: Oliver and Wisconsin Tractors

It's not too early to get ready for the show, especially if you want to be in one of the feature exhibits, where you need that extra shine, that extra wow! factor. This year we are featuring both Oliver and the 100th Anniversary of Wisconsin Tractors. Contacts for the Oliver feature are Peter Holzman (608)653-7772 and Warren Knaub (608)712-0294. The contact for the Wisconsin feature is Ralph Pierce (608)356-0207 or (608)434-0798.

Even if you are not bringing a feature exhibit, we welcome many varied and interesting items to our show. Tractors, engines, steam or gas, implements, vehicles, tools and more are welcome exhibits. Variety is the spice of life for our show. Even if you do not know *what* it is, it's welcome, and you will get several different opinions on what it might be. So, get out in your shed, find that forgotten rusty treasure and get it ready for the show while there's still time.

Looking Ahead: Future Show Features

2018 – John Deere

2019 – Minneapolis Moline

2020 – International Harvester

2021 & 2022 are in the works, but not confirmed yet.

Stump Burning and Wienie Roast in February



Art Woodward and Allen Steele in their prep kitchen. Love that counter top, guys!

Beginning February 6, Allen Steele, Jim Turner and Art Woodward burned 8 piles of stumps that had been pushed out over a year earlier. They were located north of the parking lot and the flea market. Conditions for burning were finally right, and the necessary equipment was also available, so they got the work done and made lunch too. Thank you all for a great job!



The chefs are hard at work, cooking lunch. Looks pretty cold out there too.
Both photos are by Jim Turner

Spring Bus Trip Report

Louise Coates

The 11th Annual Spring Bus Trip went off without any unpleasant surprises. In fact, we got a pleasant surprise right off the bat, when the driver appeared with a 55-passenger bus rather than the 38-passenger bus I had ordered. So, instead of being packed into smaller bus, we had room to spread out. There was nobody on the waiting list, so there was no need to feel guilty about leaving somebody behind. We left our pickup points on time, and made it to Milwaukee on schedule, despite a traffic slow down just when we got into Brookfield.

The first stop was the Basilica of St. Josaphat, www.thebasilica.org which turned out to be a spectacular surprise to most of the group. We had a guided tour, and the guide was wonderful. She was well-informed, didn't drone on in a monotone like some people do, and had a sense of humor as well. The Basilica is lavishly decorated, with many sculptures, paintings, and ornamental motifs, quite

European in feel. There is a lot of marble, but the faux painted marble is nearly as incredible. Until she told us it was not really marble, I don't think any of us had realized it. After the tour and a short visit to the Li'l Friar gift shop, we headed to Old World 3rd Street for lunch at Pere Marquette Park, and then visits to Usinger's and/or the Spice House. Although the weather was not ideal, we were able to lunch outside or in the bus, as desired, and afterwards, everyone headed off to their particular shopping destination. We then boarded the bus for the final tour stop, the Harley Davidson Museum, which was only a few minutes' drive away.

The museum had a sign in the lobby welcoming Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club. I had prepaid our admissions, but it took a while to get it straightened out, and get our tickets. Most of us had opted for the extra behind the scenes tour. The guide was very knowledgeable. We were taken to the compact storage area, where there were 3 layers of bikes on compact, moveable shelving. There was a small restoration area there as well. Harley Davidson apparently has kept one of each model of bike they have ever built, including No. 1, which reposes in a dramatic glass case, in a rather dark room with spot lighting. Which makes picture taking difficult, at least for me, at any rate....! After the guided tour, we were free to look around at the open exhibits (not behind the scenes) as long as we liked. There were bikes you could sit on, Elvis Presley's bike, and various other displays, including a fairly large collection of kidney belts, from the hard tail days. Not to be outdone by the Li'l Friar, Harley Davidson also has a gift shop, with a lot of clothing, and the usual logoed key chains, mugs, etc. There was also a tap room which served assorted beverages and hearty snacks. At 4:30 or so, we got on the bus and headed to the Old Country Buffet in Greenfield. I had told them we would be there sometime between 4:30 and 5 p.m. We arrived at 4:59. The young man at the front desk seemed a little alarmed when I told him there were 38 of us, plus the driver, but after conferring with the manager, we were ushered into our own small dining room. The food was very good, and our

group seemed to enjoy it. Then, we were back in the bus, heading for home.

Now, where shall we go next year?



This 1918 Model J sports a beautifully upholstered J.W. Rogers side car, a \$90 extra. A special engine with more torque was recommended to accommodate the side car.



What can I say – I like old bikes with side cars. This photo was taken through the chain link fencing around the restoration work shop, during the “behind the scenes tour”. It has that dark patina of age which should not be disturbed, and still has visible original decals.

All photos in this article by Louise Coates



Another behind the scenes shot. This is a small part of the compact storage for the many bikes that are not on display at this time.

8th Annual Youth Steam Engine Project

Shawn Young is the contact person for this activity. The number to call is (608) 448-7046. Thank you, Shawn, for continuing to take this responsibility.

The date for the project this year is Saturday, August 19. It is offered twice that day, at 9 a.m. and 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 skilled Club members supervise the work.

Deaths:

Larry “Gomer” Buehring, age 67, passed away Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at his residence. Born in April, 1949 in Oshkosh to Donald and Joyce (Rusch) Buehring, he graduated from Oshkosh High School and proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked as an equipment operator for Winnebago County, but was known for his incurable collecting. A member of the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club since 1983, he was a familiar figure at Club events. He was also a founder of the Pickett Steam and Gas Engine Club and was a Chapter 437 Vietnam Vet Chapter member. He is survived by his mother, Joyce Buehring; sisters, Jane (Thomas) Hill, Julie Matulle and adopted sister Wendy Hanson; brother Thomas (Susan) Buehring; several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Stanley (Lillian) Buehring and Carl (Rose) Rusch; father, Donald and brother, Wayne.

Brian Kindschi, age 51, passed away on March 28, 2017, at Sauk Prairie Healthcare, Prairie du Sac. He was born on December 26, 1965, the son of Verne and LaVerne (Schaefer) Kindschi. Brian graduated from Sauk Prairie High School in 1984. He attended UW River Falls, where he was a member of the Livestock Judging Team and the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He graduated from UW River Falls with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1989. He returned to his childhood home to work with his dad, and cousins Jerry and Wayne Kindschi. He managed the cattle and grain contracts for Kindschi’s Inc. Brian was a member of the Sauk County Farm Bureau and served on the board of directors for several years. He won the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Discussion Meet in 1988, and was a runner up for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer in 2004. That same year he was awarded the Outstanding Young Farmer Community Leadership Award. Brian also participated in many community activities. He was the Sumpter Town Chairperson from 2004 to 2010, after which he became Chairman of the Land Use Committee. He was involved in Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni, and was a member of the Badger Steam

and Gas Engine Club since 1973. He recently helped raise funds for Operation Eagle's Wings, a fundraising campaign to fund an entire Badger Honor Flight. Brian is survived by his parents, Verne and LaVerne Kindschi, Prairie du Sac; sister Susan (Alan) Williams of DeForest; nephew Avery Williams and niece Abby Williams; Uncle Ron (Donna) Kindschi of Prairie du Sac, as well as numerous cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harry and Arlene Kindschi and Wilbert and Myrtle Schaefer, and Aunt Marlene (Ted) Meyer.

Member Meeting Reports:

March 15, 2017

About 31 people were present. President Coates noted the Club is needs a security company for the Swap Meet and Annual Show. Peter Holzman gave an update on the Oliver Feature. Tanner Brethorst made a motion to purchase FaceBook ads with a \$200 spend for the annual show, and a \$50 spend for the Swap Meet. MC. Mark Beard is still looking for auction items. The Club could use some more cedar logs for the shingle mill. Clean Up Day is April 22, rain date is April 29. Art Woodward will be borrowing 4 people haulers for the Columbia County Dairy Breakfast in June. Allen Steele and Jerry Phelps have improved the South Gate (Exhibitor Entrance) shack. Allen also reported the following: he has repaired the sawmill forklift to get it running again, and is donating the cost of the repairs. The Club will have a new golf cart vendor this year. There will be 15 4-seat units. Regular carts will rent for \$70 per day, 4-seaters will rent for \$90 per day. Help with stick/brush removal on the new land will be needed around April 1. Louise Coates reported on the March 29 Club trip. The bus is full and she has a waiting list started. Art Woodward asked if people with their own personal carts would be charged a fee on it at the show. It was discussed but no motions made. Paul Young reported that Friday, May 19 is Kids Day at the grounds. If anyone would like help and be a Docent, be there by 8:30 a.m. Crystal Hasheider asked if anyone had ideas for a different annual banquet location. Robert Mattson was going

to check on a larger Annual Meeting site. Joe Prindle made a motion to investigate Baraboo Civic Center pricing. MC.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

Membership Meeting Dates: Meetings begin at 8 p.m. **April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 9, September 20, November 15, 2017, and January 17, 2018.** 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.

11th Annual Spring Bus Trip – Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Clean Up Day – Saturday, April 22 (Rain date April 29)

19th Annual Swap Meet – May 5, 6 & 7, 2017

Swap Setup begins Thurs., May 4

Auction – sale begins May 6 at 10 a.m.

Kids Day – Friday, May 19, 2017

54th Annual Show – August 18, 19 & 20, 2017

John Deere GP Rally – September 8-9, 2017

Exhibitor Banquet – October 14, 2017 (tentative)

Annual Meeting – February 25, 2018

Contact Information for the Executive Board

President: Robert Coates (608)764-5563

Vice President: Allen Steele (608)963-0574

Recording Secretary: Tanner Brethorst (608)253-0340

Membership Secretary: C. Hasheider (608)522-4277

Treasurer: Bill Klemm (608)522-4905

Director: Paul Grotophorst (608)355-1000

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Director: Neal Stone (608)254-7195

Some photos from the 2016 show follow on p. 8



Peter Young repaired this Aermotor windmill in time for the 2016 show. Not every Club has a windmill repair expert in their membership! Thanks to Pete for a great job.



*At left: A smiling Del Endres of Roxbury poses with his very rare 1924 Advance Rumely silo filler.
Top right: Tony Pupp of Brillion brought this "Midget City" 6 hp engine, made in Colby in 1912.
Above: John Friske has been working diligently on a big project in the Diesel Building. He located the parts which were scattered around the grounds, and has been assembling this 2 cylinder 100 hp Fairbanks engine.*

Photos by L. Coates