

Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Summer, 2009

Baraboo, Wisconsin

News About the 2009 Show:

Coming Soon - August 21, 22& 23, 2009!

It sounds like things are shaping up for a really great Case feature this year. Peter Holzman and Robert Hasheider have been working hard to contact Case tractor, automobile and steam engine collectors to bring exhibits to the show, and it looks like their efforts will pay off with a good turnout. For more details, read the July 15 meeting summary in this newsletter (p.5). The Great Hog Oiler Roundup has also been promoted well, and our expectations are high for a success there too. There will also be quite a number of trucks displayed this year at the show. For information about the Case feature, contact Pete Holzman (tractors and cars) 608-635-7772 or Robert Hasheider (steam) 608-444-2477. For the hog oiler feature, contact Wade Opperman 608-355-6239 or Bob & Louise Coates 608-764-5563. For the truck display, contact Tammy Rudolph-Pate 608-356-5491.

The Job Board was ready at the July meeting, but there are still plenty spaces to fill, so be sure to sign up at the August 12 meeting. There must be something you can do for just a couple of hours! If you don't make it to the meeting, the Job Board will be in the Office at the grounds so you can sign up then.

Show Week Schedule

Wednesday, August 12 – Last meeting before the show

Saturday, August 15 – Mowing day

Sunday, August 16 – Roping day

Wednesday, August 19 – Camping begins at noon

Thursday, August 20 – Flea Market setup begins at noon

August 21, 22 & 23 – 46th Annual Show

Monday, August 24 – Post-show cleanup

We Want You, We Need You...!

Cleaning buildings before the show- Machinery will be moved out of the buildings Saturday thru Wednesday before the show. With the new storage building for threshers and bundle wagons, cleanup in the Feature Building should be easier, but help will still be needed on Wednesday and Thursday to sweep or vacuum floors, wipe down chairs and tables, etc. in the various buildings. Contact Tammy Rudolph-Pate for info 608-356-5491.

Pop Stand – Responsible, reliable kids and adults are needed to help in the Club Pop Stand all three days of the show – 2 hour shifts. All profits from this stand go to the Club. Contact Kathy Haarklau for details 608-635-3908.

Shuttle Drivers – Experienced, responsible drivers are needed to pull people haulers in the parking lot and inside the grounds. Must have valid driver's license or tractor safety certificate. Shifts will be for two hours, but you can drive longer if you wish. Spotters on the wagons are also helpful, especially for the shuttle routes inside the gate. At the show, there will be an awning by the woodshop where you can sign up.

Threshing and Baling – Contact Neal Stone to help in this area 608-254-7195.

Golf carts, gators, etc. needed if you have one to spare. If not, if possible be sure to provide your own transport if you will be on official business during the show, or if you are handicapped. You will need to register it with the Office either way.

Photographs Needed – These will be used in the 2010 show book and/or on the Club web site. Digital cameras preferred, but not required. Please take a photo of the placard or sign with each exhibit if you have a digital camera, or take notes if you are using a film camera. Even taking a few photos of your own exhibit would be a help. Discs or photos can be given to Louise Coates after the show, and will be returned to you if you wish.

Pies Needed for Show

Homemade pies and other baked goodies are needed for the Club stand in the Craft Building, and would be greatly appreciated. All profits from the sales of your goodies go to the Club. Please bring your donations to the Craft Building beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday thru Sunday of the show. Help will also be needed to cut and serve the desserts. Contact Bonnie Clift 608-583-2329.

Leaves, Leaves, More Leaves (Cleanup Day, April 18)

This year the weather was good for Cleanup Day. There was a small group working this year, but a lot was accomplished. The leaves were more plentiful than usual, so there was hard raking well into the afternoon, and it still didn't all get done. Work was also done in and around the new storage building, and seeding some areas of the grounds with rye.



Swap Meet and Auction Report

The Swap Meet, the Auction and the Club food stand were all very successful this year. There were 263 vendors for the swap meet, the most we have ever had. The weather was great, so we had a lot of people who seemingly *all* ate at the Club food stand! Since we don't charge admission, it's always a little hard to judge the size of our crowd but the food stand was really, really busy and made a record profit. There were 45 pies donated, and every single piece was sold, the brownies (28 pans of them) went too. We ran out of brats, sold out of pork... let's just say there were not many leftovers!



There was a whole lot of shoppin' goin' on ...

Kids Day

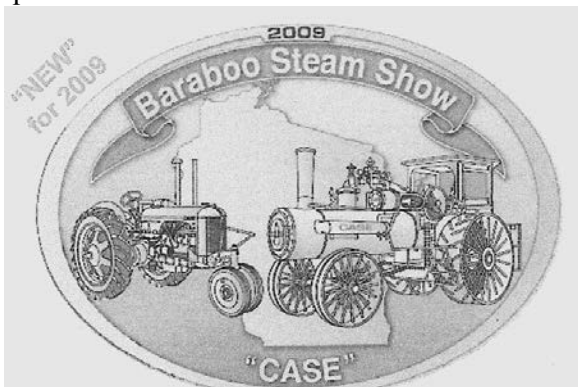
About 200 fourth graders attended Kids Day on May 15. The weather was good, and all went well. Lyle Opperman reported that the Wood Shop went through 3 one pound boxes of 6p nails; apparently children get a kick out of pounding nails into a 2x4. Perhaps this is a therapy that could be adopted in schools everywhere??



Dave Fuller demonstrates the crushing power of a genuine steam roller on Kids Day. Bye bye pop can!

2009 Show Commemorative Belt Buckle

A reminder - a pewter finish belt buckle has been designed by B & M Buckle for the Case feature this year. The design includes the 110 Case steam engine and a Case gas tractor. It is a limited edition of 250. The cost is \$18.00 each, plus shipping and handling. The Club will get \$5.00 for every buckle sold before the show. Buckles can either be shipped directly to you, or you can pick up the buckle at the show. The order form was included with the spring newsletter. Call B & M Buckle at 1-877-220-4425 if you have questions.



Wood Shop News From Lyle

Some recent donations to the Woodshop include a very fine "Dunlap" bit and brace set. This was sold by Sears and Roebuck. It was donated by Cliff Pieper of Prairie du Sac, and mounted by Wally Clavadatscher of Sauk City.

A foot operated mortising machine was given by Jim Kirner of Prairie du Sac. So far the maker is unidentified.

The Charles Ploetz Barbwire exhibit is finished. It was donated by Barbara Ploetz in spring 2009. Helping with the collection were Verne and Pearlie Kindschi, Lyle and Wadena Opperman, and Bob Zweifel. Materials were donated by Phil and Keith Maas and Lowell Opperman. The collection will be housed in the Wood Shop.

Another project that was completed was the repair of some picnic tables which were purchased for the Club by Paul Young from Badger Ordinance. New wood

and a new paint job spruced them up quite a bit. Lyle Opperman, Keith Maas and Phil Maas were the "fixer uppers".



Top: The Charles Ploetz Barbwire Collection

Bottom: Lyle Opperman at left and Keith Maas at work on the picnic tables.
Photos by Lyle Opperman

Recent Deaths:

Ed Bollig, age 84 of Sun Prairie died June 18, 2009. Ed joined the Club in 1981. He and his model steam engine were a popular sight in many parades around the area, as well as at the show for many years. He was also a member of the Dodge County Antique Power Club. He is survived by his wife Beatrice, five sons and two daughters, 18 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, as well as three sisters, two brothers and other family and friends.

Everett “Red” Brill, age 86 of Reedsburg died March 5, 2009. He was a member of the Club for 33 years. For a number of years he worked in the shingle mill selling shingles and also participated in the “Mountain Men” group for a time. He is survived by his wife Jane, a daughter Barbara (Bob) Haskins, and son Robert (Susan), seven grandchildren, a sister and other relatives and friends.

Bradley Buelow, age 53 of Baraboo passed away unexpectedly on May 14, 2009. He had been a Club member for 34 years. His interests included tractors and gas engines, and he enjoyed tinkering with them. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Chad, and his brother Gene Buelow. He is survived by his daughter Heather Buelow of Baraboo, his brothers Harlan (Janice) and Richard (Lexi), both of Baraboo, a sister Bonnie (Don) Evenson of Baraboo and other relatives and friends.

Gene Buelow, age 55 of Rock Springs passed away on April 17, 2009 after a long battle with cancer. He was a member of the Club for about 10 years. His interest was in gas engines, but he also tinkered with other things. He participated in Kids Day with corn sheller demos before his illness. He was a machinist by trade, and an excellent welder. Shortly before his death he had begun working on organizing the Machine Shop at the grounds. Survivors include his wife Adele, their sons Travis (Jessi) Buelow of Reedsburg, and Karl (Jennifer) Buelow of Oshkosh, four grandchildren, his brothers Harlan (Janice) Buelow, Richard (Lexy) Buelow, and Bradley Buelow, all of Baraboo, and his sister Bonnie (Don) Evenson of Baraboo, as well as other relatives and friends.

Newton DeYoung, age 85 of Friesland died May 17, 2009. A Club member since 1990, he was a steam enthusiast and also enjoyed building small engines. He was a carpenter by trade, and worked in the family business for his entire career. He is survived by his wife, Jessie DeYoung, their son Arvin of Sun Prairie and daughter, Dorene Schrader of Milwaukee. He is further survived by a brother and five sisters, three granddaughters, four great-grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

John C. Puhl, age 81 of Reedsburg died July 7, 2009. He joined the Club in 1996. He enjoyed collecting and restoring John Deere tractors. He is survived by his

wife, Regina and son Kurt (Diann) of Reedsburg, six grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. He is further survived by a brother Bert (Irene) Puhl of Wonewoc, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Gail Woodruff, four brothers and four sisters.

Membership Meeting Summaries:

May 20, 2009

About 33 members and guests were present. Some members passed away since the April meeting: Gene Buelow, Bradley Buelow, and Newton DeYoung. It was announced that the Board had voted to send a sympathy card to families of deceased members in lieu of flowers or a memorial. Mark Beard reported on the swap meet and auction. There were 263 vendors this year. The auction went well, but it was long. Tammy Rudolph-Pate reported on the food stand, which made a record profit this year. About 150 people were served at breakfast, with this being the first year the Club served the breakfast rather than another group. Pie and brownie sales went very well; 45 pies were donated, and Beth Klemm baked and donated 28 pans of brownies. Two new stoves were obtained for the food stand this year – one donated by Bonnie Clift and the other purchased from Habitat for Humanity. Kids Day went well. Dan Conway and Paul Grotophorst will be meeting to walk the grounds to start on the plat map. A larger pump will be installed on the well before the show, and a second well may be drilled after the show. Donations were noted from Richard Thomas: a large barrel churn, a two hole Pennsylvania style corn sheller, both in excellent condition. Dan Griffith will be bringing a “Scientific” thresher to store on the grounds soon. Robert Hasheider has a list of Case steam engines that will be coming to the show. Don Giebel will be displaying his tractors and other collections over Memorial Day weekend and the weekend following. Some coal and wood was donated to the Club. A containment for the fuel tank was discussed; Allen Steele will pursue this for us. John Pate donated labor and parts to repair the hood on the Club’s John Deere. A short term lease for a second tractor for show time was discussed; Bill Klemm will look into this. Members were reminded to treat other members’ property with respect.

June 17, 2009

About 34 members/guests were present. Barb Young is recuperating from a broken leg. Brad Buelow's graveside service will be on June 20. Road work for the new exhibitor entrance is done for now and the apron is in. Peter Holzman gave a report on the Case feature progress. Case car people have been contacted. Lyle Opperman has picked up the seven 10'x20' tents donated by his son and daughter-in-law (Eric & Jess). Mark Beard has made up a kit for taking to other shows to advertise our show, including a large poster on a stiff backing. A motion was made and carried to invite Massey Harris to be the feature for 2012. Don Giebel reported on his Memorial weekend display. A group of several Club members hauled 2 ½ loads of wood and 3 tons of coal that were donated to the Club. Lyle Opperman said that Bob Hoege needed a new weed whacker for the grounds, and it was voted that he should go and buy one. Kevin Haarklau said that some space markers for the flea market need replacing. David Beard requested information/pictures for the web site. Phil Maas will check the fire extinguishers for recharging or replacement. The Case belt buckle is ready.

July 15, 2009

About 51 members/guests were present. A generous monetary donation was received from the Lyle Luck family. He was not a Club member, but never missed a show. Club member John Puhl of Reedsburg died July 7. The Club's John Deere tractor had a transmission problem, requiring an expensive repair. It was a part known to fail, but Club members who use the machine are reminded to be sure to shift in to "park" when shutting down the tractor. The Club will be able to rent a tractor for three weeks around the show. The ticket booth walkway concrete work will be done by Club members. Mike Spahn had 90 lbs. of steam in the Case 110, and it has passed the boiler inspection. It will be moved to the show grounds soon, and will be ready for the show. The 45 IHC Mogul tractor has arrived at the grounds, and so has the Scientific thresher. Peter Holzman says a 24-40 Case tractor is coming, and we need to find shed room for it. A 1912 Case car is going to be coming to the show. A Spirit of America tractor from the 1970s (a special edition) may also be coming to the show. So far, 14 Case steam

engines, ranging from 9 h.p.-110 h.p., are planned to be at the show as well as several water wagons. Two Case factory whistles are coming, and of course, a lot of other exhibits. Volunteers to help with cutting cedar for shingle blocks will be meeting at 7:00 a.m. of July 18. Weed spraying was done by Paul Young. There was discussion of the use of the Feature Building when we have a guest feature. Security will start on Tuesday this year. Stan Johnson talked about the 2010 Fuller & Johnson Rally. The wood floor in the F&J Museum building is complete. The brand for the shingles has been made. The job board is ready for signups. A heated discussion took place about using the Dixon mower for hauling. The Hog Oiler Roundup preparation is going o.k. Plaques have been ordered, and should arrive by the end of July.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

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

August 12, September 16, November 18, 2009 and January 20, 2010.

Membership Meetings are held at the at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in Room 24 or 26 from November through April. From May through September, meetings are held 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.

46th Annual Show – August 21, 22, & 23, 2009

Exhibitor Banquet – October 24, 2009 at the Farm Kitchen, Baraboo

Annual Meeting – February 28, 2010

Contact Information for the Executive Board

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The New Storage Building from Start to Finish

Photos by Lyle Opperman



