

Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Summer, 2010

Baraboo, Wisconsin

2010 Will Be Another Great Show!

Our 47th annual show is right around the corner, ready to get the jump on us. With three features this year, and some other special exhibits, this show should be a humdinger. Weather permitting, of course. Great things are expected with the **IH Feature** this year. Word is that there will be a lot of memorabilia displayed in the Feature Building, and there should be some very interesting tractors, both newer and older types, coming this year. Apparently there have been quite a few phone calls from people wanting to exhibit who have never been to our show before. A fully restored 30-60 Titan from the Wendall Kelch collection will be exhibited at the show. It was built in Milwaukee in 1917. Contacts for the IH exhibit are: Neal Stone (608) 254-7195, Jim McGhee (608) 574-4607, or Kevin Haarklau (608) 635-3908.

The Great Fuller & Johnson Rally naturally will be centered around the Fuller & Johnson Museum, but expect to see plenty of F & J engines and related items displayed throughout the grounds. This is, after all, Fuller & Johnson country! There are quite a few activities planned – a picnic, banquet, engine raffle and more. Contact Stan Johnson (941) 628-7819 for info.

Custom Tractors will be gathering for the third feature this year, so you will need to look closely to be sure you keep your red tractors straight! These tractors are quite rare, so this will be a smaller group. Look for Custom, Lehr Big Boy, Wards and Rockol tractors, which are all part of the Custom Tractor group. For information, contact Stanley Keys (608) 627-1753.

A new activity this year will be **Steam Engines For Kids**. Open to young people aged about 12-16, participants can build and keep an operating steam engine. Kits, tools and instructors will be furnished free of charge. It is the Club's hope that this will help create interest in our hobby for young people. There

will be morning and afternoon sessions, with 9 participants in each session. Participants need not be from Club member families, so if you know a young person who would be interested, contact Verne Kindschi (608) 643-3915. Openings are still available.

On Saturday evening of the Show, there will be a free **Maggie Mae** concert starting at 5:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair.

Last, but definitely not least, there will be another special visitor this year. A beautifully restored steam engine from the **Great Minneapolis Line** of machinery will be making a stop at our show on its way home in Rollag, MN. Built in 1899, it is a 22 hp tandem compound return flue traction engine and is the only operating engine of its kind. It is owned by Jeff Knutson.

It is possible to help out at the Show, and still have fun. In fact, helping out is a big part of the fun, so please contribute some time to our main event. The Job Board still has spaces to be filled. It will be available at the August 11 meeting and in the office before and during the show.

Show Week Schedule

Wednesday, August 11 – Last meeting before show

Saturday, August 14 - Mowing day

Sunday, August 15 - Roping day

Wednesday, August 18 – Camping begins at noon

Thursday, August 19 – Flea Market setup begins at noon

August 20, 21, and 22 – 47th Annual Show

Monday, August 23 – Post-show cleanup

More show information on p. 2

**APPLE * BERRY * CHERRY * PEACH * LEMON * PUMPKIN
Pies Wanted!**

Please bring homemade pies or other baked goods to the Club stand in the Craft Building. One or two pies per member would be a very big help. Lately, our pie and bakery donations have become dependent on a few people making a lot of pies or brownies, so we need more of those one or two pie donors. Don't be shy! Pie is especially popular, but cake and other goodies sell too. All proceeds from this sale go to the Club. You can bring in your donations beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday of the show, thru Sunday. If you have questions, or would like to assist with the bake sale, please call Bonnie Clift (608)583-2329.

RHUBARB * PECAN * CHOCOLATE * RAISIN * BANANA

HELP WANTED

Pre-Show Help: Starting on Saturday before the show, there will be plenty of work to be done. Mowing, moving machinery out of buildings, cleaning buildings, moving chairs, benches and tables, wiping down tables and chairs, setting up signs, parking lot striping, flea market site preparation, helping with setup for our three features, and much more.

Threshing & Baling: Contact Neal Stone to help in this area before and during the show. (608)254-7195

Photographers: Your photos may be used in the 2011 show book, the newsletter, or the web site. Digital cameras preferred, but film camera prints will be fine. Please take a picture of the placard or signs with each exhibit if you have a digital camera, or some notes if using a film camera. Even a couple pictures of your own exhibit or activity area would be a help. Discs or prints will be returned to you if you wish. Call Louise (608)764-5563 if you have questions.

Drivers, Spotters Needed for People Haulers:

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 needed. Go to the Office for sign up information.

Pop Stand: Wow! A new building! See Karin McGowan at the show if you want to help sell pop and

water. Kids or adults welcome. All proceeds from this stand go to the Club.

Bookstand: Check with Barb or Dennis Young to see if they need help (608) 546-2222.

The Women's Building is a new attraction at this year's show, thanks to the help of the Board of Directors and the efforts of the Sprecher Sisters, who have worked to present programs for several years. This year's program will focus on "Chickens, Feedsacks, and Quilts". Displays and demonstrations will include sewing machines, oil lamps, an old fashioned kitchen, quilts, and the Sauk County Historical Society. Speakers will be scheduled on topics like the one room school, quilts, chickens and feedsacks. For more information, call Jean Brew (608) 254-7428.



July 21 – the Women's Building, still under construction but getting close to completion.

2010 Show Commemorative Belt Buckle

B & M Buckle has designed a pewter finish belt buckle in a limited edition of 250 for the IH feature this year. They are \$20.00 each, and the Club will get \$5.00 for every buckle sold before the show. Buckles can be shipped directly to you for an additional \$8.00 charge, or you can pick up the buckle at the show. Order toll free at (877) 220-4425 or www.bmbuckle.com



2010 Show Book Now Available

Red cover and all, the 2010 show book is now available. It will be on sale for \$4.00 at the July and August membership meetings, and at the show in the office and the Club Book Stand. We hope to also have sellers at the main gate so people can buy one on their way out to the parking lot. It sold out last year, so we ordered 100 more this year, as some Club members missed out. Buy early (and often) this year! A big THANKS to the people who took pictures last year for this year's book – it couldn't have been done without you.

Wanted: Vintage John Deere Photo for 2011 Show Book Cover

Speaking of the show book, it has been customary to have a vintage photo of the feature on the cover most years. The preference is for a local photo, or at least from southern Wisconsin. With all of the proud John Deere tractor owners out there, surely somebody has a nice photo of Dad or Granddad or Uncle George working with their John Deere tractor, engine and/or equipment. The photo needs to be in focus, but size is not too much of an issue as it can be cropped, enlarged, darkened or lightened to some extent. Information about who, when and where is also most welcome. So, bring it to a meeting sometime, or bring it to the show and let me take a look at it or we can make other arrangements if needed. Thank you. Louise Coates (608)764-5563

Swap Meet & Auction a Success

This year was our 12th annual Swap Meet and Auction, and it was the biggest one yet. There were about 300 vendors and the auction included over 137 tractor or engine related items. We know the food stand was a success, because once again we sold out of a lot of things, even though more food was ordered than we had last year. We definitely need more help in the food stand if we are to continue with it next year. It's a good money maker for the Club, but it is very hard on the workers every year. We are all getting older! (How did that happen, anyway?!) A big thank you to the people who helped with the auction, worked the gate and signed up sellers, worked in the food stand, baked and donated pies or other goodies or helped

keep the kitchen equipment going. Special thanks once again to Mark Beard for all his work with the auction. He is already gathering stuff for the 2011 auction.



Look closely – they are both smiling! Paul Grotophorst and Mark Beard were moving engines out of the Feature Building for the auction.



The most popular woman on the grounds is She Who Brings the Bacon! Clara McGowan was one of the helpers in the Food Stand this year.



Biker dudes!

Kids Day In Numbers

Courtesy of Paul Young

This year there were about 300 4th graders,
20+ chaperones,
39 or so members and nonmembers representing the
Club, including 9 docents (aka “kid herders”),
1 dog (Jerry Wilson’s),
120 lbs. of ice cream were consumed,
and for the first time, there were
2 missing Clavadatschers (Wally had injured his arm).



Above: Kids sawing wood with Scott Mueller, and turning cranks on cornshellers – two favorite activities during Kids Day.

Photos by Robert Coates & Lyle Opperman

Flea Market Manager(s) Needed for 2011

Kevin and Kathy Haarklau are retiring as flea market managers after the 2010 show. The Club is looking for someone to take over this important job. Please contact Mark Beard if you are interested in this position. (608)356-6115

“No Guilt Trip” Spring Trip

April 7 was a rainy day, so that might seem like a bad thing for a bus trip, but some passengers were heard to remark that it was good that it was raining because then they didn’t feel like they should be home working outside. Hence the “No Guilt Trip” title.

Everybody made the bus on time, and we actually left Baraboo a few minutes early. We picked up a second group of passengers at the CS exit, rolled on down the road to Milwaukee, and then south to Racine. We arrived in Racine at the gate to Case IH 45 minutes early, since we had no problems along the way. So, an executive decision was made to head to the OH Danish Bakery about a mile down the road. Talk about kringle wonderland! There were free samples on the counter, and the ladies scurried about cutting up more when they saw the size of our group. Since I wasn’t sure we would be able to fit in a visit to the bakery, I had not called them and was scolded by one of the ladies. She said they would have had coffee ready and more kringle cut up for us, but there seemed to be plenty to go around anyway. She wasn’t too angry with us, as she gave the bus driver and me each a free pecan kringle.

Back at the Case IH entrance again, we made it on time for our tour, and were greeted by the guides with more kringle and coffee. Racine appears to be justifiably proud of their kringle heritage. One of the guides was driving right behind the bus when we got there the first time, and thought we had missed the entrance when we continued on down the street. They were thinking we were really lost when we didn’t show up for another 45 minutes or so. We watched a video presentation, and then were all given headphones so we could hear the guides as we headed into the plant for the tour. This is a new plant for Case IH, and we saw both Case and New Holland tractors being assembled. The tour lasted about 2.5 hours, and left all of us quite impressed. No cameras were allowed in the plant, so unfortunately we have no pictures.

After the tour, we headed out to the parking area, and our driver Karl and I hauled out the coolers and started handing out lunch, which was eaten on the bus en

route to Williams Bay. Once again, Cousins Subs of Baraboo came through for us with a tasty but simple lunch, which we picked up at the crack of dawn before we left town.

When we arrived at Yerkes Observatory, it was raining just enough that you didn't want to stand around in it, so of course the front door was locked. Karl found someone around behind the building, and we got in eventually. The building is truly beautiful, with columns along the outside with star clusters on the capitals. Signs of the zodiac in relief also are part of the exterior decoration. The entry hall had gorgeous, ornate light fixtures with hand blown opalescent glass globes and lots of ornate plasterwork. The library was a very pleasant room in the Arts & Crafts style. We then climbed a fairly long, steep staircase to the largest dome, which houses the largest (40 inch) refractor telescope in the world. The floor of the dome is actually an elevator, 75 feet in diameter, which he raised and lowered for us. The elevator raises astronomers to the eyepiece of the telescope. The dome rotates on a track, sounding somewhat like a train when it moves. He did not open the dome, as there was some concern it might not close properly and leak. A motor in the basement powers the elevator, etc. At the end of his talk, we asked if we could see the motor in the basement, and he did take some of us down there. After the visit to the museum gift shop, of course. There was some dismay in our group when it was discovered that an old steam engine and boiler (in another building) were scrapped only a few years ago.



Exterior and interior views of the architectural details at Yerkes.

Then it was on to Janesville, to the Wisconsin & Southern Roundhouse. The guide was expecting a smaller group for some reason, so he was a bit spooked at first. First we went out and looked at an engine on

the turntable, since the rain had slackened a bit. They operated the turntable for us, so we got to see the big locomotive going around and around. It was impressive. The rain suddenly started coming down much harder, so we headed back inside where the guide showed us parts of the locomotive engine, and answered a lot of questions. He opened the side panels of the engine and showed us how they inspect the engine, and test for problems. We were there about an hour.



An engine on the turntable at the Wisconsin & Southern Roundhouse. This is one of the very few turntables still in operation.

Back on the bus, we drove a short distance to the Old Country Buffet for supper, and then got on the bus one last time to head home. After a while, people started asking about next year's trip. (Sheesh- this one wasn't even over yet!) But suggestions have been coming in, and some good ones at that, so we should be on the road again in spring, 2011.

Louise Coates

Activity at the Grounds

It has been a busy spring and summer at the Grounds, with many projects large and small. The south road (the exhibitor entrance) was moved to the center of the frontage on Sand Road. Allen Steele, Mark Hellenbrand and others worked on this project. A borrow pit/burning hole was dug in the southwest corner, where it is screened by trees. Roads were made and land was cleared north of the Fuller & Johnson Museum, and east to the existing north/south road. There was also a lot of re-seeding, leveling and grading done in various places on the grounds. Water and power were extended to the Equine Hotel. Allen

very generously donated the use of his equipment for these projects, as well as some materials.

A building was salvaged from a property near Poynette by Pete Holzman, Art Woodward, Paul Kohlwey and Robert Coates. It is a metal building, 16' feet square with a 20' square roof. It was used as a concession stand, and we will use it as our Pop Stand. The Woodshop has painted the roof and roof support structure. It will be re-erected in time for the show.

Work is progressing on the sawmill project. It is hoped to have the sawmill installed on the site in time for the show, if possible. The building will go up after the show.

In the process of moving the sawmill pieces out of the Machine Shop building, some cleaning is also being done. Parts of this building will be in use during the show for the first time since it has been built. The Steam Engines for Kids project will be in this space. If you have any personal property stored in this building, now would be a good time to remove it.



Another exciting hole in the ground picture for the newsletter...but actually it is exciting, because it means progress has been made on the saw mill installation. Here concrete has been poured for the sawdust pit, and gravel is also being put down. Looks good!

For Sale

1947 "C" Allis Chalmers
Narrow front end, needs work, Inc.
New steering box, gaskets & seals.
\$2000.00 or best offer. Will trade for
running Farmall H. (608)393-8974
or leave message.

A Death

John Van Lanen, age 66, of Baraboo, passed away after a short battle with cancer on June 18, 2010. He was born on April 21, 1944 in DePere, the son of Norman and Esther (Van Hogan) Van Lanen. In May, 1972 he married Marlene Haynes in Rice Lake. She preceded him in death in January, 2000. John was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War. He was employed by Deppe Enterprises as an over-the-road truck driver. A member of the Club since 1996, John was a John Deere collector. He put in quite a bit of hard work on the new grounds at Sand Road, and more recently, was the driver who hauled the Club's Reeves steam engine to Minnesota for the boiler work. He is survived by two sons, Tim Van Lanen of Baraboo, and Larry (Kori) Van Lanen of Lyndon Station, three sisters Jane (Jim) Schuenke of Baraboo, Judy (Lenny) Klang of Cazenovia, and Doris Van Lanen of Ben Wheeler, Texas as well as other relatives and friends.

Membership Meeting Reports:

April 21, 2010

Items discussed included the Club's use of a Liability Exclusion form for handicapped vehicle owners. The use of this form will protect the Club from liability claims related to the use of these vehicles on the show grounds. Preparation of the sites for the Women's Building and the sawmill has been completed. The south driveway and loading dock have been relocated. The refusal of the Club to allow a music concert on the grounds was discussed. Using Civil Air Patrol members and Boy Scouts as shuttle wagon conductors is possible. There are three new members: Karyn Behn, Jan Bruski and Jean Brew. Club events include: Swap Meet May 1 & 2, Kids Day May 14, Art Woodward/Terry Dorshorst Farm Tour June 5, and Badger Antique Truck Restorers use of the show grounds June 11 & 12.

May 19, 2010

Bob Coates said the Club will be asking the Delton Fire Dept. to bring a unit to the show for quick response in case of an emergency. Paul Young reported Kids Day was a success with over 300 4th graders attending. Jean Brew reported the Women's

Building is ready for the front to be completed and electricity installed. Mark Beard reported cedar logs are needed for the shingle mill. Roger Hillestad will check for logs as well. A suggestion for more lockable showcases was discussed. Art Woodward reported ideas for moving the antique soda sales building. Pete Holzman read a letter from a Viola Village representative regarding the Club's interest in their Fairbanks engine. Don Giebel will have a display of his tractors and equipment May 28-June 6. The Antique Truck Expo will be at the grounds June 11-12.

June 16, 2010

About 33 members and guests were present. John Pate gave thank you comments from the Antique Truck Restorers Club for use of the grounds for their show. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Russ Bryan. Bob Coates reported Marvin Rustad will be available for sawmill help, and will bring his mill if necessary. The Club will be cutting cedar logs for the shingle mill soon. A motion was made to attend the Isenberg auction to purchase lockable cases. MC. Kevin and Kathy Haarklau will not be managing the Flea Market next year. Anyone interested in helping with the Flea Market, contact Mark Beard. The need for a new fence and gates at the South driveway was discussed. Neal Stone and Jim McGhee requested permission to have funds donated to help pay for transporting the 1917 Titan tractor from Ohio. Permission was granted to use the Club's 501-3c number for this. Mark Keding and Neal Stone have moved the hand feed thresher to the grounds. The thresher will be in operation for this year's show. The machine shop will be cleaned and opened for the show. The loading dock will be moved as well. A motion was made and carried to order 700 show books this year. Member conduct was discussed; no action was taken. A group of members will go to Viola June 26 to look at a 6 cylinder Fairbanks Morse engine.

July 21, 2010

About 47 members and visitors were present. The Women's Building will be finished soon. It is wired, and ceiling fans (donated by Don Blausey) have been installed. There was discussion about adding more windows. The sawmill is also progressing. The concrete has been poured for the carriage and husk and the gravel is mostly in place. Some parts of the

carriage were replaced with new wood. The loading docks will be moved after the show. Cedar logs will be cut on Saturday a.m., July 24. It should be easier this year. Concrete anchors for the new pop stand building will be installed soon. The Woodshop Boys have painted it. Jim McGhee brought a beautiful Fuller & Johnson model engine donated to the Fuller & Johnson Museum by the family of the late Carl Vogt. Mr. Vogt built the engine, which runs perfectly. The IH feature: the 1917 Titan tractor is coming, there will all sorts of memorabilia in the Feature Building, and lots of good tractors, both newer and older. There have been many calls from people who have not been to our show before. The plan is to shock oats Sunday, July 25, after 1 p.m. Mrs. Ploetz (donor of the barbed wire collection) wants to donate a McCormick Deering umbrella to the Club. The Steam Engine for Kids project will be in the Machine Shed at the show. Painting in the restrooms needs to be done, contact Anne Beard if interested in helping.

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

August 11, September 15, November 17, 2010 and January 19, 2011.

Membership Meetings are held 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.

47th Annual Show – August 20, 21, & 22, 2010

Exhibitor Banquet – October 9, 2010 Farm Kitchen

Annual Meeting – February 27, 2011

Auction – May 7

13th Annual Swap Meet – May 7-8

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This nice Diamond T truck was one of many trucks on display at the Antique Truck Historical Society show at our grounds June 11-12.



Mike Spahn and Robert Hasheider are shown hard at work on the Case 110, getting it ready for the show. Photo by Robert Coates



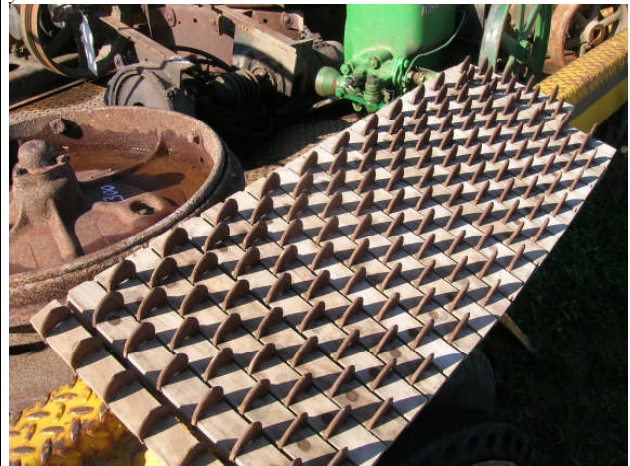
Don Giebel has had a large display of his tractors and equipment at his home every Memorial Day weekend for several years now, but this year was the last, he says. Photo by Crystal Hasheider



Oh no! Say it ain't so! Kevin Haarklau driving a John Deere? At Art Woodward's place? The camera doesn't lie. Photo by P. Hasheider



A new addition to the Club's thresher collection, this is an early steel frame hand feed thresher, and it's a big one. It will be in use at this year's show.



O.K. What is this thing? A warm-up board for a bed of nails? A back scratcher? Somebody out there must know.

