

Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Summer, 2011

Baraboo, Wisconsin

2011 Show Is Almost Here

This will be our 48th annual show, and the feature is **John Deere**. So, get that green paint out, there's probably still time for it to dry before the show! From the reports at the membership meetings, it sounds like this will shape up to be another great feature. Contact Art Woodward (920) 992-5149 or Paul Hasheider (608) 522-4277 about the feature.

The new **sawmill** will be up and running at the show this year. There has been a lot of progress made, and work is continuing to make it happen. It really looks good, and we all are anticipating this wonderful new addition to our show. *See more info and photos on pp. 4-6.*

More improvements have been made to the **Youth Steam Engine Project** this year. It was successful last year, and the Club is planning to continue this activity for young people aged about 10-16. There are still spots available on Saturday of the show, both in the morning and afternoon sessions. It is free, and participants make a small steam engine, which they get to keep. All the engines worked last year, and there is no reason not to expect the same results this year. Contact Verne or Pearl Kindschi (608) 643-3915 for information or to sign up. If anyone you know in this age group is interested, get them signed up soon.

Look for new exhibits and programs at the **Women's Events Building** this year. *See p. 2 for more info.*

The **Job Board** is bright yellow this year, so you shouldn't miss it when you are at the August 10 meeting or in the Office during the show. There are lots of tasks for people to do, so sign up or have someone sign you up for something. With the number of members we have, an hour or two volunteered from each would work wonders.

PIES WANTED!

Homemade pies and other baked goods will be sold from the Club stand in the Craft Building during the show. Pie is especially popular, but cakes, bars, and other goodies sell too. Please bring your contributions beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday, thru Sunday. All proceeds of this sale go to the Club. If you would like to assist with the bake sale, contact Bonnie Clift (608) 583-2329.

Show Week Schedule*

Wednesday, August 10 – Last meeting before show
Saturday, August 13 – Mowing Day
Sunday, August 14 – Roping day
Wednesday, August 17 – Camping begins
Thursday, August 18 – Flea Market setup begins at noon
August 19, 20 & 21 – 48th Annual Show
Monday, August 22 – Post-show cleanup

HELP WANTED

Pre-Show Help: Beginning on Saturday before the show, there is always work to be done. Mowing, moving machinery out of the buildings, cleaning buildings, moving chairs, benches and tables, setting up signs, wiping down chairs, parking lot striping, flea market site prep, helping with setup for the feature, etc.
Drivers, Spotters Needed for People Haulers: Experienced tractor drivers needed to pull people haulers in the parking lot and inside the gate. 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. Contact Russ Hunt.

* Show week is 13 days long. This is a well-known fact.

Threshing & Baling: Contact Neal Stone to help in this area (608) 254-7195.

Pop Stand: To work in that cute little orange building, contact Karin McGowan at the show. Pop and water sale proceeds go to the Club.

Photographs Wanted: Your photos may be used for the 2012 show book, the newsletter or the web site. Some photos of your own exhibit or area of activity would be welcome, but whatever you find interesting would be helpful. If you use a digital camera, take a picture of the sign or placard with each exhibit. Prints or discs will be returned to you if you wish. Contact Louise Coates (608)764-5563.

Post-Show Cleanup: Collecting chairs, benches, tables and returning them to storage, litter pickup on grounds, sweeping buildings, cleaning up straw, sawdust, moving machinery back in to buildings, etc.

Personal Vehicle Use Reminder

The Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club is requiring proof of insurance for Personal Use Vehicles, valid for the current year. Registration is in the Office where the "tag" can be obtained. The tag should be visibly displayed on the vehicle during the entire show, and returned to the Office before leaving the grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

2011 Show Book Available

Please support the show book by buying one! Last year sales were down again. Many shows have discontinued their year books, and ours may soon go that way as well. Books will be on sale at the August 10 meeting. During the show, they will be available at the Office, the Book Stand, the Fuller & Johnson Museum and at the Shingle Mill. We also hope to have people selling them at the Main Gate area in the afternoons. Volunteers for this would be appreciated. The price of the book is \$4.00 again this year. Thank you to those of you who gave me pictures for the book this year. It was a tremendous help!

Women's Event Building

Just in time for the show, the Women's Events Building has its official name, and a brand new sign to match. A stage has also been built in the north end of

the building for the programs. This was all done thanks to Wood Shop stalwarts Lyle Opperman, Phil Maas and Bob Zweifel, and is greatly appreciated by all of us. This year's exhibits will include tractor and barn themed quilts, and kitchen displays of cookbooks, cookie cutters, egg beaters, and cheese keepers. There will be demonstrations of spinning and hand crank sewing machines, and more. Programs will be presented on bee keeping, the Civil War, aprons, and more. Contact Jean Brew (608) 254-7428 if you want to help or if you have questions.

2011 Spring Swap Meet Report

The Swap Meet and Auction went very well this year. There were 298 vendors and the overall quality of the merchandise seemed very good. Food sales were exceptionally brisk. The 4H help in the food stand on Saturday was terrific, and the Club donated money to the group for their hard work. Almost all of the baked goods sold out and there were a lot of goodies this year. About 50 pies were donated, as well as bars, cookies, and more. Beth Klemm baked 30 pans of brownies. The auction drew a good crowd again, no doubt due to some interesting items on the sale bill, and there were enough people attending that there were quite a few shopping in the swap area during the sale as well.



Six men and a dog can't figure this one out. This air cooled outboard motor was the mystery item on the auction. And yes, six men are there. Hint – look for an extra shoe!



This unusual clod buster looks like it is a rare item. The seller said it was sold by Sears & Roebuck, if I remember correctly.



A whole lotta pie was sold...



This 3 1/2 hp Sure-Go Gas Engine was made in 1908 by the Wogeman Engine Co. of Greenville, OH. What a sweetheart!



Benches outside the Feature Building were a popular spot to eat lunch, or just to set a spell and discuss hog oiler purchases.



Looks like somebody was planning ahead for the John Deere Feature! Or maybe he was buying his wife an anniversary gift?



Inside vendors had some interesting items also.

More Swap Meet photos on p. 8

May 13 Was Kids Day

A little rain didn't dampen Kids Day, and even though it was Friday the 13th no disasters befell anyone. Most activities were under cover, and the weather cleared enough that the kids were able to eat their lunches outside. There were about 240 kids attending. This year the new Women's Events Building was open for the first time for Kids Day. Jean Brew, her sister, Mrs. Kessenich and her sister, Margo Holzman and Mrs. Getschmann all helped in that building. Thank you notes received from the 4th graders were enlightening. Several mentioned liking to mow the grass with the push mower, and sawing was also a favorite. One student wrote "I love how you let us use the hand saw. It felt like I was in the olden days."

Something to keep in mind for next year: a few more docents ("herders") would have been helpful. Thanks again to Paul Young for organizing this event, and to those Club members and spouses who worked with the children during the day.



Phil Maas shows how to pound nails.



Wadena Opperman and John Fletcher supervise hole drilling with the barn beam drill.

Above photos by Lyle Opperman

Activity at the Grounds

Editor's Note: I want to state at the outset that if I have omitted anyone who has worked on these projects, it is unintentional, and I apologize. Because people work on different days and times, I am not always able to get a full roster of everyone who works on these ongoing projects. I believe it is better to credit some of the workers, rather than none of the workers.

Louise Coates

Progress has been made on the **Sawmill**. The mill is being assembled and installed. Water and power have been trenched to the building. The building has been wired, and lights were installed. The floor, which is hard packed finely crushed limestone, has been installed. During the hot spell we had, the building was quite comfortable. With the doors open, a little breeze blowing, and under the shade of the roof, it provides a welcome respite in that part of the grounds where there is no shade. Spectators will be very pleased! Workers at the building include Don Blausey, Robert Hasheider, Paul Grotophorst, Jim Turner, Peter Holzman, Lyle Opperman, Paul Young, Mark Hellenbrand, Allen Steele, and undoubtedly others.



Don Blausey checking out belts and pulleys in the carriage drive.



One of the new lights in the Sawmill Building, installed by Lyle Opperman and helpers.



Another hole picture for the collection I've built since I started editing this newsletter! This is one of six for footings for the log deck, and three others to support the input power shaft. All are 4 ft. deep, 18 inches across. They were drilled by Allen Steele's employees. Thank you once again Allen!



A little conference on what needs to be done next – l to r Robert Hasheider, Don Blausey, Paul Grotophorst and Jim Turner.



A more general view of the interior; note the beautiful job on the hard packed floor, also done by Allen Steele's workers.

The **Print Shop** floor will be poured next week, and the building will be moved from its current *temporary*

location to the slab before the show. It is not expected to be in use for this year's show.

Our **second well** has been drilled, by Smith Well Drilling, near the big tanks/storage building on the south end of grounds. It will be ready for use soon.

Additional lighting was added to the **Crafts Building**, something which has been badly needed for years. Again, done by Lyle and his helpers.

Various small concrete jobs will be poured next week: the aforementioned floor for the Print Shop, a pad for the ice machine by the Pop Stand, footings for the sawmill project, a pad for the Blacksmith Shop for a forging hammer, and another pad by the Feature Building for dumpsters.

The **Women's Events Building** has a new stage installed, built by the Wood Shop Boys, Lyle Opperman and Phil Maas, who did a super job. An attractive new sign for the building was made by Bob Zweifel. Thank you all for your excellent work!



Note the hand railings for the steps up to the stage!



Various other jobs have been done, and routine tasks are also being taken care of at the grounds; mowing, wood cutting, and other grounds keeping duties. Paul Young and Bob Hoege have been busy with this. All

the metal baskets are filled with slabs. There has also been work on the site for the proposed gas station, filling, leveling, etc. Mark Hellenbrand and Allen Steele have worked on this.



Sawing firewood for the steam engines, last spring: Lyle Opperman, Paul Young, Mark Keding and Bob Hoege.



You can't stump this guy! Paul Young operating the stump grinder.



At the site for the proposed gas station, Mark Hellenbrand watches as a load of fill is dumped by Allen Steele's truck. Mark leveled the site using Allen's equipment.

Above photos courtesy of Lyle Opperman

Deaths

Alvin Fenske, age 76, of Leland, passed away at home April 30, 2011. He was a charter member of the Club. He was known to many of us for his horses, and horse drawn or horse powered antique equipment. One of his most memorable displays was the remarkable horse powered merry-go-round, first displayed at our show in 1975. He is survived by his three children, Holly Fenske, Jack (Terri) Fenske, and Jennifer Smith, and by his sister, Palma (Bruce) Walker.

Herman Scharp, age 73, of Watertown died at his home on July 16, 2011 after a battle with cancer. Herman was born in Watertown, and lived there most of his life. He served with the Seabees in the U.S. Navy. He worked at Waukesha Engine for many years as an engine tester. He joined our Club in 1985, and was also a member of the Burnett and Edgerton clubs. His interest was gas engines. He is survived by his wife Audrey, and two children, Lynda (Larry) Neigel of Watertown, and Daniel (Greta) Scharp of Menomonee Falls, five grandchildren, two sisters, and other relatives and friends.

Edward Strubel, age 91, of Baraboo, died on April 27, 2011. He served in WWII, as courier, cook and mechanic. He worked at A.O. Smith in Milwaukee until 1974, when he retired and moved to Reedsburg, where he opened Strubel's Salvage. He joined the Club in 1976, and was an active collector and restorer of antique cars and tractors, which he drove in many parades around the area. He was in charge of the antique car area of our show for many years. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Loretta, his parents, brothers Chuck and Bill, sisters Mary, Josephine, Dorothy and Helene. He is survived by his wife, Alice, of Baraboo, his son, Robert (Suzanne) Strubel of Reedsburg; daughter by marriage, Marie (Dennis) Banach of Oak Creek; son by marriage Robert Kochnowicz; grandchildren, great grandchildren, sister Ann Herman of South Milwaukee, and brother Al (Betty) Strubel of Waterloo, Iowa, and other relatives and friends. .

Membership Meeting Reports:

May 18, 2011

About 24 members and guests were present. The deaths of Ed Strubel and Al Fenske were reported. The Swap Meet went well. Food sales were crazy. The 4H help was greatly appreciated, and the Club will make a donation to them. Paul Young reported on Kids Day. About 240 students and teachers were there.

Additional help will be needed next year. Site prep for the gas station and print shop buildings continues.

John Friske reported an inquiry from Popular Mechanics Magazine regarding our show. Mark Beard will set a date to cut cedar. Russ Hunt will coordinate the shuttles and drivers again this year. Instead of dropping people off at their cars, stops will be set up. A request by Mark Keding to use the Feature Building for a wedding reception was tabled to check with the Town of Delton. There has been growth in the antique car area so additional space is needed for trucks and motorcycles.

June 15, 2011

About 32 member and guests were present, including Bob Nobbs for the first time in quite a long while. If you want to help with cedar cutting call Mark Beard. The stage is done in the Women's Building, and the sign has been ordered. A ventilation system is being planned. Cedar siding on the building will be finished with stain. A motion was made and carried to purchase an ad in the Wisconsin Agriculturist. Lyle Opperman is the new chair of the Future Development Committee. Contact him with your ideas, suggestions. Space is still available in the Youth Steam Engine Project. Contact Verne Kindschi to sign somebody up. The Club will have an ad in the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Tourism map. A motion was made and carried to continue the \$4.00 cost for complimentary tickets.

July 20, 2011

About 27 members and guests were present. The Flea Market is going well so far. All indoor space has been sold, about 1/3 of outside space has been sold. This is normal. Art Woodward and John Friske reported on the John Deere feature. They want a tent outside the Feature Building. The exhibitor plaques have come, and Peter showed us a sample. The Konkell Mill band is in Blue River. Ribbons are ordered, ambulance,

ticket takers, and car parkers have been contacted. The well is drilled and nearly ready. Lyle Opperman made some forms for the Sawmill Building. Concrete is needed for various small jobs around the grounds and will be poured next week. Russ Hunt will be cleaning the people movers, and make sure they are ready. Warren Knaub wants a tent for the car area. Ferguson Collectors will be coming in 2015.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

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

August 10, September 21, November 16, 2011 and January 18, 2012.

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 in the Model Building 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.

48th Annual Show – August 19, 20 & 21, 2011

Exhibitor Banquet – October 8, 2011 at the Farm Kitchen

Annual Meeting – February 26, 2012

14th Annual Swap Meet – May 5-6, 2012

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Unless otherwise noted, all photos in this newsletter were by Louise Coates.

More Swap Meet Photos



Busy shoppers at the Swap Meet.



Another interesting gas engine on the scene was this Lorenz, made in Czechoslovakia.



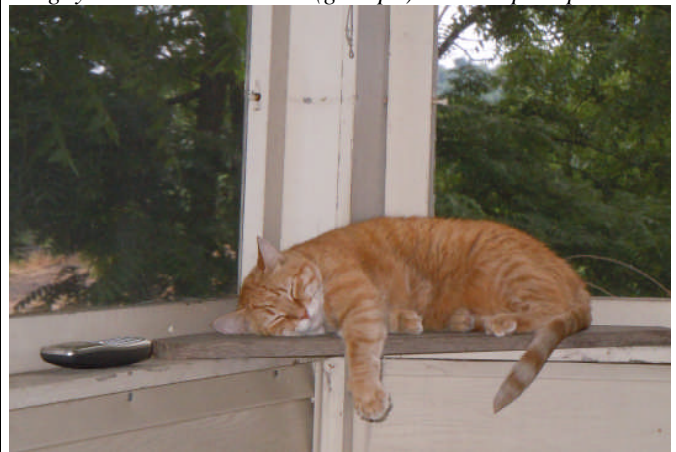
And a New Holland too.



A rare quiet moment for Anne Beard at the food stand. Time to stop and smell the flowers, er, the donuts?



After a long day of shopping 'til dropping, it's always good for the guys to have a little visit (gossip?) and compare purchases.



That's all for now. Hold my calls. See you at the Show!

