



Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Summer, 2012

Baraboo, Wisconsin

49th Annual Show Almost Here

It's not very long now. On August 17, 18 & 19, the National Massey Expo of North America will brighten up our grounds with the various tractors and equipment from the Massey family, including Wallis, Massey Harris, Ferguson, and Massey Ferguson. Hopefully, the weather will not be as hot as it has been for so much of this summer. Maybe there will be that little touch of fall in the air that we get sometimes at our show.

Contacts for the Massey Expo are:

Mike Popp (Feature Building) (608) 846-4336

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Dennis & Suzie Roundy (Massey Banquet) (920) 210-4454 or (920) 382-5997

For email contacts and other information, go to

www.badgersteamandgas.com

Emergency Burning Restrictions Issued

Until further notice, the following restrictions for Sauk County apply:

Due to hazardous fire conditions, Emergency Burning Restrictions have been issued. Under these restrictions, burning of ANY combustible material outdoors is prohibited until further notice. This applies to burning in barrels, debris piles, grass or wooded areas, building campfires, using fireworks, smoking outdoors or disposing matches, ashes, or charcoal briquettes into the outdoors.

Show Week Schedule

Wednesday, August 8 - Last membership meeting before show

Saturday, August 11 - Mowing day

Sunday, August 12 - Roping day

Wednesday, August 15 - Camping begins, after noon

Thursday, August 16 - Flea Market setup begins noon

August 17, 18 & 19 - 49th Annual Show

Monday, August 20 - Post-show cleanup

HELP WANTED

About helping - because of the size of our grounds and because we are a group of volunteers, not a business with a boss to keep us all in line, on schedule, on task, and hopefully on the payroll, sometimes it's difficult to find someone who can tell you where help is needed. All I can say is, "Don't be shy - keep asking until somebody gives you something to do!"

Pre-show Help: Beginning on Saturday before the show, there is all sorts of work to be done. Mowing, moving machinery out of buildings, clearing out and cleaning buildings, cleaning restrooms, moving chairs, benches and tables, setting up signs, wiping down chairs, parking lot striping, flea market site prep, helping layout the feature area, and more.

WANTED: PIES & HELP!

Homemade pies and other baked goods will be sold from the Club stand in the Crafts Building during the show. Pie is the most popular, but bars, cake, and other goodies sell too. Please bring your contributions beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, thru Sunday a.m. Last year, there was not quite enough help in this area, so if you can help out for a couple of hours, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Bonnie Clift (608) 583-2329. All proceeds of this sale go to the Club.

Book Stand: Help will be needed in the Book Stand from 10a.m.-2p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call Barb Young (262) 472-1282. The Youngs hope to open the Book Stand at noon on Thursday this year.

Drivers, Spotters Needed for People Haulers:

Experienced tractor 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. Feature tractors are welcome to participate. Shifts are for two hours, but you can drive longer if you wish.

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Spotters on the wagons are also needed. Contact Russ Hunt (608) 444-9927.

Pop Stand: To help in the cute little orange building, (complete with bullet holes!), talk to Karin McGowan at the show. All proceeds of pop and water sales go to the Club. Please note, if the weather is hot during the show, this will be one *very* busy spot, so extra help will be even more appreciated!

Show Photos Wanted: Your photos may be used for the 2013 show book, the newsletter or the web site. Take photos of your own exhibit or activity, and/or whatever else you find interesting at the show. If you are using a digital camera, please take a picture of the sign or placard with the exhibit. Prints or disks will be returned if you wish. Please contact Louise Coates (608) 764-5563.

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

Youth Steam Engine Project

There are still openings in both classes on Saturday, August 18. This is a **free** activity for boys and girls ages 11-15. Participants build a working model steam engine which they can keep. They get an exhibitor plaque and there will be space set aside for them to run their engines in the Model Building. By the way, all engines built so far have worked! Classes are in the Machine Shop, and scheduled for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday. First timers only, please. Call Pearl Kindschi to reserve a spot (608) 643-3915 if you know somebody who would be interested in this activity. Participants do not need to be in Club member families, so children of your friends, neighbors, etc. are welcome. During the show, interested parties should be directed to the Machine Shop.

Women's Events Building

This year exhibits will feature the "Days of the Week". Speakers will cover sewing notions and Pillsbury baking. There will also be exhibits of spinning and weaving. A reminder, the tasks assigned to the days of the week are: Monday – washing/laundry, Tuesday – ironing, Wednesday – mending, Thursday – cleaning,

Friday – baking, Saturday – marketing/shopping, and Sunday – church (followed by a whopping Sunday dinner, if memory serves!). If you wish to help in the Women's Events Building, contact Jean Brew (608) 254-7428.

2012 Show Books Available Now

This year's show book was ready just in time for the July 18 membership meeting, and will also be sold at the August 8 meeting. The cover's vintage photo spotlights Club Director Neal Stone's father on a 1936 Massey Harris Challenger. Contents include 7 pages of photos of the 2011 John Deere feature, and a very nice article with two pages of vintage photos for the 2012 Massey feature, with plenty of pages left devoted to other areas of the show. The Massey article was written by Mike Popp, President of the Massey Family Collectors of Wisconsin, and he also supplied the photos. Photographic contributions for this year's book were really great, so many, many thanks to all of you who made that extra effort. It was a tremendous help. The cost of the book is \$4.00. If you can't get to the August member meeting, books will be sold in the Office and the Book Store and at the Shingle Mill during the show.

Exhibitor/Worker Camping Info

If you haven't reserved your camping spot, you may want to do so very soon. Camping is allowed for exhibitors and show workers only. \$10.00 covers up to 5 nights, beginning after noon on Wednesday, August 15 thru noon Monday, August 20. Absolutely NO CAMPFIRES allowed, especially this year with it so dry. You can print out a form from the Club web site www.badgersteamandgas.com or call Grace or Carl Schellenberger (608) 356-9221 or (608) 393-1255.

Information, Photos Wanted for 2013 Book

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of our Club. Plans are to produce a special book for the event. We are looking for anecdotes about the Club, more personal/family history type things e.g. how you got interested in the Club, if other people in your family are in the Club, funny stories (fit to print!) and recollections of interesting exhibits over the years. Also, if you have older photos of your exhibits, your

family, friends at the show, or of anything else you think might be of interest, please let us know. Contact Barb Young (262) 472-1282.

Spring Bus Trip

Early in the morning on March 28, we departed from the Baraboo Farm & Fleet parking lot heading for Milwaukee once more. With pickup points at Hwy. CS, Madison and Johnson Creek, we finally had our busload of 54 passengers, and plenty of time to make it to our first stop in Milwaukee, which was the SnapOn Tools facility on Faulkner Avenue. SnapOn was very hospitable to our group. Cameras were not allowed, however. This plant manufactures small thin walled sockets and pliers. One very interesting process used is cold forging. The guys on the tour seemed rather bowled over at the sight of really large bins full of SnapOn sockets and pliers. Sort of like kids in a candy store, really.

After the tour was over, we got back on the bus and headed into downtown Milwaukee to Marquette Park for lunch and the shopping extravaganza at Usinger's and Spice House. This year there were more coolers than ever before under the bus for the Usinger purchases. Fortunately the day was gorgeous, so everyone was able to collect their sub lunch (from Cousin's Subs of Baraboo) and wander over to picnic tables in this little park along the river. After Tammy Rudolph Pate and I distributed lunches, she and I sat on the coolers by the bus to eat our sandwiches. A young man approached me from the nearby bus stop with a puzzled look on his face, and said, "Is this a picnic for senior citizens?" I nearly fell off my cooler trying not to laugh, and I think the poor guy was embarrassed, but I gently explained to him that although a lot of us were senior citizens, we were on a tour and just stopped there to eat lunch and go to Usingers. I admit that the park is probably not a usual picnic spot, picnic tables or not! I think he found it strange that we would want to tour in Milwaukee.

When the lower bays of the bus were packed pretty full of Usinger sausages, we headed out again to the Girl in the Moon Brewery Shop at Miller Coors Brewery where the tours begin. This is actually a pretty small

brewery by today's standards, and most of the beer produced there goes to Chicago. The tour is about an hour long, and we wandered through several buildings, looking at beer vats and bottles whizzing by on the lines, ending up in the sample room. I think most of us had expected a small glass of beer at the end (soft drinks were also available if desired), but instead they brought each of the beer drinkers three fairly large glasses, one each of three different beers. Given that we were mostly a senior citizen's picnic bus tour, this was way more than most of us could handle. I think we were a bust as a taste testing group!

Back on the bus once more for a very quick trip over to Miller Park. We were doing the "technical tour" so we did the usual tour stuff, but also got some behind the scenes glimpses. We were out on the field, (but not on the grass, which is a big no-no!) and the roof was open because it was such a lovely day. We were in some of the sky boxes, and in the broadcaster's booth, where they showed us where balls had come in and either missed or conked people working up there. The dents in the wall proved it! We looked at the heating/cooling apparatus in the lower level, and also got a look at the security area, with all the surveillance equipment. It was all very impressive, even a little overwhelming.

It was at this point we ran in to a little snag. We were going to head over to the Old Country Buffet for supper, but the traffic on the usual route was at a standstill, being rush hour and all. Fortunately, our able Able Trek bus driver had encountered this before, and knew an alternate route over to the restaurant. We were a bit late, but there was still plenty of food left for us, and it was very good. After prying some of the guys away from the dessert bar (the ones whose wives were not along to supervise), we boarded the bus one last time and headed home. It's always pretty quiet on the way home, but this trip had included more walking, climbing stairs, etc. than most, so it seemed even quieter than usual.

With an almost full bus this year, the trip actually turned a profit of \$290.07 for the Club, so it can be counted as a success.

Swap Meet Report

The 2012 Swap Meet was another success. The weather was a little gray and damp, but attendance was high for both swap and auction. There were 316 vendor spots sold, with actual vendors numbering about 292. The event received good reviews from both vendors and buyers. The Club purchased the 1884 M. Rumely at the auction, as well as an Avery threshing machine to replace the one we have. The new machine is in better condition.

Thanks to Mark Beard once again for the incredible amount of work he puts into this event. A regrettably incomplete list of other helpers who worked signing up vendors, moving sale items out of buildings, loading, etc. includes Anne Beard, Paul Grotophorst, Larry Webb, Larry Richards, Duane Newell, Mark Hellenbrand, Doug Johnson, Bob Coates, Allen Steele, Bob Zweifel, Mark Zweifel, Paul Hasheider, Paul Young, and more.

The Food Stand went crazy once again. There were a lot of pies donated, and the Club purchased 20 pies to sell as well. Beth Klemm once again donated about 30 (yes, 30!) pans of brownies. There were 100 people for breakfast during the first 30 minutes on Saturday a.m., with 180 breakfasts sold in all. Friday food sales were quite high, and the stand was running out of food Saturday a.m. 200 lbs. of pork were sold. The customer line arrangement this year worked very well, with lines never being really long, a problem in the past. Two shifts of young, cheerful, energetic, hard working 4-H kids and some 4-H parents worked the Saturday lunch, and they did a wonderful job. The picnic tables outside the Feature Building helped with overflow dining. Somehow, we never seem to have enough tables inside, even though there were more tables this year than last. Whether this is because more people are attending the event, or because people are just eating more, we can only speculate...!

Some thoughts for next year's Swap Meet: perhaps we will not serve lunch, but only breakfast on Sunday, since there are fewer people around that day. Also, this year help was severely lacking for cleanup on Friday and Saturday evenings. The people who had worked the stand for much of the day also ended up

with the cleanup duties, and they were really exhausted.. Next year we need to be sure there is more help at the end of the day for cleanup. Tammy Rudolph Pate did an outstanding job managing the Food Stand – from ordering the food and supplies, setting up the space, working and supervising the thing, cleanup, and more, more, more. Scott Mueller was also a huge help with arranging for the 4-H groups to come in. As usual, Paul Grotophorst was indispensable for keeping the equipment working. A big thanks to Bill McGowan for the use of his griddle. A woefully incomplete list of other helpers in the Food Stand includes Anne Beard, Jerry Phelps, Bonnie Clift, Donna Opperman, Sandy Zweifel, Nancy Getschman, Becky Retzlaff and a few more, no doubt.



A welcome new visitor to the Swap Meet this year – this Beautifully restored popcorn wagon owned by Jack Rhodes.



Donna Opperman serves coffee to the Saturday breakfast rush.



Anne Beard signs up a marketer.



Mark Zweifel and his father Bob (on tractor) were kept busy moving engines to the sale area.



The Advance Rumely went to southwestern Wisconsin, the M. Rumely was bought by the Club, and the water was bought by a Club member.



A nice load of engines for the flea market



Hey, when does this auction start, anyway?



A Woolery engine for sale in the market.



It wasn't all iron out in the market – antiques, crafts, toys, garden ornaments, and all manner of things were for sale. Hey, it's Wisconsin – there must be some Packer clothing out there somewhere. Isn't it the law??

Kids Day

This event was very successful this year. The weather on May 18 was sunny and rather hot, and the participation level was high. There were 245 4th grade students from Baraboo schools, which is about the same as other years, but Club member participation seemed a little higher this year, with 33 adults (members, friends and family) helping out.

Helpers, in no particular order:

Event Coordinator and Steam Shed – Paul Young
Kewanee Boiler – Pete Holzman

Ice Cream making – Jerry Wilson, Ron Krueger

Reeves Traction Engine – David Fuller

Women’s Events Building - Jean Brew, Margo Holzman (making butter); Frances Kessenich and her sister (hat display/try on area)

Corn shellers/grinders – Vince Kessenich, Paul Hasheider, John Geoghegan

Wood Shop - Phil Maas (nailing); Lyle & Wadena Opperman (drilling w/brace & bit);

Mark Zweifel, Sammi Steberl (beam drill); Bob Zweifel (lathe); Bob & Reta Hoege (sanding T-bird plaques)

Blacksmith Shop – Vic Van Alstine, Terry Pribbenow
Sawing – Scott Mueller

Lawn mowing, tire pump – Wally & Norma Clavadatscher

Laundry – Lee Dederich

Docents (“herders”) – Bonnie Clift, Sandy Zweifel, Donna Opperman (these first three also served the ice cream), George Clement, Allen Steele, Bob & Louise Coates

The new roping around the sawing area worked great, thanks to Scott Mueller. There were a lot of corn shellers and grinders set up, so the groups got through this favorite activity more quickly. Thank you, Vince Kessenich for supplying several shellers and grinders. In the Women’s Events Building, a varied collection of hats was very popular and the kids loved trying them on and striking poses, laughing all the while. The grass by the picnic shelter was very well mowed after the first bus load, push mowers being a novelty to this age group. Allen Steele gave a little impromptu Cat demo in the Steam Shed, while waiting between stations. Of course, then everybody wanted to sit on the seat.



Jerry Wilson explains the art of ice cream making to a very attentive audience.



Scott Mueller (at left) talking about the crosscut saw to Allen Steele’s group.



Every year each young participant in Kids Day gets a Thunderbird plaque, which they sand themselves. Bob Hoege is helping this group get started with sanding.

Truck Show Report

The 3rd Annual Vintage Truck Expo was held at the show grounds on Father's Day weekend, June 15-17. The show was well attended by exhibitors and visitors alike. Over 100 trucks were on display. Many came from as far away as Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa. The weather was hot, as it has been this summer, but everyone had a good time. Some members were there for the first time and looked forward to attending the show in August. The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the American Truck Historical Society would like to thank the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club for their continued support in their effort to preserve the historical significance of this industry. We look forward to working with the Club next year. Thank you again.

Members of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter

Membership Report

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported that two new members have been added since January.

Michael DiLoreto of Madison joined February 26, 2012. Mike is a gas engine collector.

Steve Thompson of Pardeeville became a member on May 23, 2012. Steve is interested in printing.

Welcome to our Club!

A Death

Gene J. Niesen, age 70, died on Friday, July 20, 2012 at his home in Roxbury. He was the son of John and Beulah (Voelkel) Niesen of Springfield Corners. He married Betty Frey in 1964, and was employed as a carpenter for most of his life. A Club member since 1995, he collected and restored vintage garden tractors, and was a member of The Vintage Garden Tractor Club of America. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children Ken (Sue) Niesen, Tracy (Brian) Breunig, and Jerry (Michelle) Niesen; 5 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren; a brother John (Linda) and three sisters: Karen Smyth, Joan (Jack) Straus, and Joyce (Ron) Brown, as well as other relatives and friends.

Membership Meeting Reports:

April 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark Beard. Mark Beard reported the work installing insulation and steel on the ceiling of the Model Building will start May 1. Work will be led by Bill Hendrickson. Mark Beard requested help registering Flea Market vendors at the Swap Meet. A request by Doug Johnson for 24 additional plastic barrels for trash was noted. Mark Beard noted the Club will be buying two 8'x16' roll up signs for placement along Hwy. 12 for Club events. Signs are reusable. Also noted, security will be on the grounds for the Swap Meet. The Board's decision to use some Club funds to bid on the 1884 M. Rumely steam traction engine was noted. Member pledges can be used as well. Neal Stone reported several pieces of Massey-Harris equipment will be available for field demonstrations as part of the show feature. Bill Klemm will have the field tested for herbicide residue before planting oats.

May 16, 2012

President Bob Coates presented a plaque to Tammy Rudolph Pate for her years of service as Club Recording Secretary. Swap Meet reports included Mark Beard noting a total of 316 vendor spots were sold. Tammy Rudolph Pate reported food sales were excellent, with most food being sold out the first day. 4-H Club representative Scott Mueller expressed thanks for the donation to the 4-H Club's Community Service fund. 4-H members appreciate the chance to work together and earn money. A total of \$3000.00 was pledged by Club members to help the buy the 1884 Rumely steam traction engine. Approved Fuller & Johnson storage building plans will be ready for the June meeting. The Club will build the building with additional outside help if necessary. Work on the new Diesel building is scheduled to begin June 2. Don Evenson requested reimbursement of \$50.00 for items purchased for the Print Shop. He also reported the University of Wisconsin may have grant money available for use in the Print Shop; he will write an application for the Club. Louise Coates reported the Spring Bus trip had a profit of \$290.07. Jean Brew requested a wood finish on the south wall of the Women's Events Building, and a way to easily move the antique stoves to different display areas. Paul

Grotophorst noted the hay on the Club grounds can be sold; he will contact interested parties. Mark Beard reported the possibility of Channel 47 advertising this year's show. He will ask for contract details. Jeff Jaedike reported the Club's IH fork lift is ready to be delivered. The machine shop work rebuilding the engine was done by Weaver Auto Parts of Sauk City, and they are donating this work to the Club. We thank them for this very generous gift.

June 20, 2012

President Bob Coates called the meeting to order. Bob Coates reported the IH fork lift is repaired and in use on the Club grounds. Bob also reported the plans for the Fuller & Johnson storage building are ready for State approval. Paul Young reported Kids Day was a success with adult help and good weather. Louise Coates will have 800 show books printed for this year's show. The Youth Steam Engine Project will have room for 24 participants, with a.m. and p.m. classes planned. The Club has ordered 1500 show plaques for the Massey Expo Feature. There was a motion by Neal Stone to expand the show to include a Friday parade. Second by Mark Beard, MC. The parade route will be roped off for added safety. The Shuttle Transport route will be expanded to include the saw mill area, with a pickup station in that area. A plan to set aside an area for first time tractor driver participation was discussed. Bill Klemm will check with the Club's insurance agent. David Fuller presented a preliminary plan to install a narrow gauge railroad on the grounds.

July 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coates. Steve Thompson requested the equipment in the Print Shop be anchored in place. Mark Beard reported the fire prevention measures being considered if the dry conditions continue. Town of Delton fire equipment will be on the grounds during the show. The Drive a Tractor show event is awaiting liability insurance approval. Discussion of improvements to the Women's Events Building included sealing the upper front exterior wall with Thompson's clear water seal, and also insulating, then covering the front interior wall with wood. Donations for the Fuller & Johnson Building were made by Elizabeth Pfeifer (Stan's sister), Stan Johnson and Verne Kindschi. 40

additional plastic barrels for refuse are now on the grounds.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

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

August 8, September 19, November 21, 2012 and January 16, 2013.

Membership Meetings are held at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in **Room 14 (Note: changed from second floor rooms we used previously)** 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 regular meeting evenings in the same room, if members care to attend.

49th Annual Show - August 17, 18, & 19, 2012

Exhibitor Banquet - October 13, 2012 Farm Kitchen, Baraboo

Annual Meeting - February 24, 2013 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Baraboo

15th Annual Swap Meet - May 4-5, 2013

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UFO Sighting at 2011 Show



Out of the evening sky they came, three of them, glowing yellow and bearing strange insignia...

