



# Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Summer 2014

Baraboo, Wisconsin

## Show Prediction: Reigning Rumelys and Hot Air! See You on August 15, 16 & 17, 2014

Wow! This will be our 51<sup>st</sup> show. (Can the Club join AARP now?) We're off to a good start on our second half century. This year's features are Rumely and hot air engines. Both features will be sharing the Feature Building and the area around it. Rumely will include tractors and steam engines and although Club members alone can muster up a pretty good-sized exhibit of Rumely products, there will be some special exhibits brought in just for this feature. The parades should really be something to see this year. There's nothing quite like a herd of Rumelys thumping and rolling along. Contacts for the Rumely feature are Del Endres (608)643-6662, Bill Klemm (608)434-2100 and Joe Prindle (608)434-3399 if you have any questions.

The hot air feature is expected to be a smaller feature, and quieter too. The Club's hot air engine will be moved near the Feature Building for the occasion. Hot air engines are somewhat difficult to transport safely, so there will probably be smaller rather than larger examples on display. The hot air contacts are Larry & Wendy Richards (920) 927-5564 and Lee & JoAnn Muegge (920) 235-8756.

As usual, the Book Store will have 2014 feature tee shirts, and hat tacks. They also will have literature relating to both features. They plan to open noonish on Thursday this year, so get there while the selection is good.

Remember that there will be a parade all three days of the show, weather permitting. Also, golf cart rentals appear to be here to stay. There will be 40 carts this year, and rental will be \$70 per day. Contact Allen Steele if you wish to reserve ahead. (608)355-0646.

August 6 is the last meeting before the show. Be ready to sign up for something on the Jobs Board. Just a couple hours of your time will be a big help to make our wonderful show even better!

## Pies, Baked Goods Wanted

Once again, donated pies and other homemade baked goods will be sold in the Crafts Building. As always, homemade pie is the most popular, but bars, cake and other goodies are welcome too. Please bring those delicious contributions beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, thru Sunday a.m. All proceeds of the sale go to the Club. Help is *always* needed in this area, so if you can be there for a couple of hours, please contact Bonnie Clift (608) 583-2329.

## Show Week Schedule

**Wednesday, August 6** – Last member meeting before show  
**Saturday, August 9** – Mowing Day  
**Sunday, August 10** – Roping Day  
**Wednesday, August 13** – Camping begins, after noon  
**Thursday, August 14** – Flea Market setup begins at noon  
**August 15, 16, & 17**– 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Show  
**Monday, August 18** – Post-show cleanup

## Help Wanted

**Pre-show Help:** Starting 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, distributing chairs, benches and tables, parking lot striping, setting out signs, wiping down chairs, tables, etc., flea market site prep, helping lay out feature areas, and more.

## Drivers, Spotters Needed for People Haulers

Experienced tractor drivers are needed to pull people haulers in the parking lot or inside the grounds. Must have valid driver's license or tractor safety certificate. Feature tractors are welcome to participate. There may be a tractor available to drive, if yours is not of a suitable type for this work. Shifts are for two hours, but you can drive longer if you wish. Spotters on the wagons are also needed. Contact Mark Zweifel (608) 448-5119 (8 a.m.-noon only please!)

**Threshing Area:** Experienced or inexperienced help is welcome. Contact Neal Stone (608) 254-7195.

**Pop Stand:** All proceeds from the pop and water sales go to the Club. Talk to Karin McGowan in the little orange building across from the Book Store to see if she needs help. If the weather is warm, she almost certainly will!

**Garbage Pickup:** During the show, volunteers are needed to pick up garbage. During the day, the cans around the food sales areas and restrooms in particular need to be monitored, and at about 5 p.m. every day there is an evening pickup that covers the entire grounds. Talk to the garbage workers if you want to help.

### **Women's Events Building Exhibits**

This year there will be an exhibit illustrating the history and development of the sewing machine. Also included will be exhibits featuring "Corn", and "100 Years of 4H in Wisconsin". In addition, there will a display by the Reedsburg Log Village.

Jean and Jan are looking for Wisconsin 4H memorabilia for that exhibit, and also need demonstrators for spinning and/or weaving this year. Call Jean (608)254-7428 by August 12 if you can help with these needs. They will begin setup at that time.

They also want to express their gratitude for the additional shelving, courtesy of the Wood Shop Boys, and the re-sided front gable from this summer's building crew.

### **Sand Box Activity – New This Year!**

Bring your dozer, backhoe, shovel or other construction machinery to participate in the Sand Box area this year. Come and put your machine through its paces, or just hang around with other construction machinery enthusiasts. There will be some shade and seating provided for admirers, er, spectators, and the people haulers will have a stop near the area. Call Allen Steele if you have questions. (608) 355-0646

### **Expertise Needed**

The Club needs some expert help in three areas. For the gas station project, we are looking for a bricklayer and a stucco worker/mason for help and advice. Contact Mark Beard (608)356-6115.

We also are looking for a member who is licensed/certified to inspect fire extinguishers. They are good for about another year, but will need to be inspected and signed off on then. Contact Paul Grotphorst (608)544-3802.

The Club has so many people who have so many skills, so there must be somebody out there who can help with these things.

### **Youth Steam Engine Project**

This is a free activity for young people age 11-15, and it is **NOT** necessary for participants to be relatives of Club members. First timers only, please. Participants make a small working steam engine, which is theirs to keep. The Club supplies the materials, it's free and every engine made so far has worked. Parents are encouraged to observe. There are two sessions on Saturday, August 16, 2014, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. Allow 1.5 – 2 hours to finish. This is located in the Machine Shop Building.

Contact: LaVerne Kindschi (608) 643-3915 for more information or to register. Classes are small, so sign up as soon as possible. To register the day of the show, check at the Machine Shop Building.

*Editor's Note: We have personally recommended this to several friends and acquaintances, and everyone gained a sense of accomplishment from the experience and has been very happy with his/her engine.*

### **Spring Bus Trip Report**

This year the trip had 47 participants. We went to the eastern part of the state again. The first stop was at the Kohler Factory, which included a three hour walking tour of the foundry and the pottery. Lunch was eaten on the bus as we headed to Two Rivers. It was a lovely day, and driving along the lake shore we could see the ice still on the lake. Once at Two Rivers, we toured the Hamilton Wood Type and Print Museum, and also two smaller museums, the Washington House and the Historic Farm Museum. We had to split into smaller groups for these museums, and each of our groups visiting the Farm Museum was able to identify some of the "whatsits" there. The Type Museum has proved to be an inspiration to our very own Print Shop. Many from the groups enjoyed ice cream at the Washington House. Supper was at Schreiner's Restaurant at Fond du Lac, and after that, there was what seemed like a very long drive back to Baraboo! The trip turned a profit again this year, and of course it was donated to the Club.



*A beautiful iron handpress on display at the Hamilton Wood Type and Print Museum, complete with gleaming golden medallions.*

### !!! Important Exhibitor Banquet Information !!!

Please note that a **banquet notice is no longer mailed to potential attendees**. Instead, when you register your exhibit at the Office during the show, you need to pick up a form for the banquet. You then mail that form in with your payment by the deadline (September 27, 2014) on the form.

The banquet this year will be at the Farm Kitchen, Baraboo on October 11, 6:30 p.m. The Farm Kitchen is under new ownership, but the price will remain the same: \$20.00 for adults, \$7.00 for kids age 10 and under. Tax and tip are included. Dinner will be served family style, with a dessert bar. Dinner will include salad, ham, Salisbury steak, turkey, potatoes, gravy, dressing, California blend veggies, coffee, milk, and the aforementioned dessert bar. Make checks payable to Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club, and mail to Crystal Hasheider, E9807 Pleasant Valley Road, Baraboo, WI 53913. If questions, call Crystal (608)522-4277.

### 2014 Club Officers



*The most elusive Executive Board in Club history. It took months to get a picture!*

*Standing, from left: Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider, Director Paul Hasheider, Director Paul Grotophorst, Vice President Don Blausey, Treasurer Bill Klemm. Seated, from left: Director Neal Stone, President Robert Coates, and Recording Secretary, Peter Holzman*

### Contact Information for the Executive Board

President: Robert Coates 608-764-5563  
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### Rumely Rescuer: Del Endres

Del Endres started out as a John Deere collector, but on Labor Day in 2000, he went over to the dark side. Dark *green*, that is. That was when he bought his first Rumely tractor from noted Rumely collector, Bill Krumweide. It was a 1928 W20-30 Oil Pull, super power, super light weight, and just like Del's father had. That was just the beginning.



In 2003, he located a 1929 Rumely Do-All tricycle style in Jefferson County. This model is very rare, with only about 12 known. It's hard to find pieces, and only about 6 of these tractors actually run. Del had to reconstruct the front wheel mount. Not satisfied with just restoring the full size tractor, Del then made a 5/8 scale clone of it in 2004. He used a Waukesha ICK 4 cylinder water cooled engine to power it. This took 2000 hours to complete, and the result is truly amazing.

It should be noted that Del retired in 2000. He continued to work, but his efforts were just channeled in a different direction than formerly.

The next tractor was a 1930 Rumely 6, acquired in 2008, from a salvage yard in Dane, WI. This tractor has a 6 cylinder Waukesha engine, and was no. 23 out of 802 built. After no. 50, these tractors had a starter, but earlier ones like this still had the hand crank. An interesting bit of history on the Rumely 6 tractor is that in June of 1931, Allis Chalmers acquired Rumely. Although 802 Rumely 6s were made, there were still over 700 of them in the warehouse when AC took over. Allis would also take the 6s back and paint them orange, if farmers would let them.

After this tractor was restored, Del made a 5/8 scale clone of it in 2010-11. Since the engine on the original was a six cylinder, he had to get creative and JB weld two cylinders to a 4 cylinder Waukesha ICK to make a six cylinder engine for the clone. This was another 2000 hour project.

Del may also be familiar to Club members because of his unusual John Deere display at the show. He makes popcorn in a cement mixer, powered by his 1927 John Deere D. This was his first JD, and it came from a gravel pit, where it sat for 30-some years, and was buried for 7 years. It had many missing parts. His son Don helped him with the restoration.

He grew up on a farm, and worked in construction as a carpenter, while doing a little farming, cash cropping. He has always liked working with iron, which he did in his spare time. He still spends many hours working in his shop on various projects. He and his wife Judy have two sons, two daughters, and nine grandchildren, all of whom live within five miles of them.

Del is a relatively new Club member, having joined in 2003 or so. This year he is one of the contacts for the Rumely feature, along with Bill Klemm and Joe Prindle. He certainly knows his Rumelys inside and out, so he's a perfect fit for this job. Call Del (608)643-6662 if you want information on the Rumely feature.



*Del's Rumely collection, from the left: 1928 W20-30 Oil Pull, 1929 Rumely Do-All tricycle, the Rumely Do-All tricycle 5/8 scale clone, the Rumely 6 5/8 scale clone, and the 1930 Rumely 6 tractor.*

### **F&J Forced Drop Corn Planter Restoration**

The restoration of this planter was a joint effort by Verne Kindschi and Lyle Opperman. Verne took care of the metal parts, getting them cleaned and painted. Lyle replicated the wooden parts.

The planter was patented in 1879 by a schoolteacher, Nils O. Starks. The planter dates from the early 1880s to the early 1900s. With this horse drawn planter, 20 acres of corn could be planted in one day, a tremendous improvement at the time.



The Emmons, Norman and Philip Curtis families donated the planter to the Club in 2010.

More photos of this project are posted on the Club web site [www.badgersteamandgas.com](http://www.badgersteamandgas.com)

### **Another Successful Swap Meet**

Our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet and Auction was a great success. There were 298 vendors this year, which is a record. Most of these signed in on Friday, but business was fairly brisk on Saturday a.m. as well. The food stand was kept busy on both Friday and Saturday, with Saturday being the busiest day. The help from the 4H was indispensable; it would have been very difficult without them, and they did a great job for us. The weather on Saturday was lovely, if a bit chilly, and although we have no way of measuring attendance, it certainly looked like a lot of people attended the auction, and shopped the market. The Book Store was open during the Swap Meet, and did well also. Thanks to the Youngs for keeping it open.

Thanks to everyone who helped on Cleanup Day, and who helped before and during the Swap Meet, moving auction items, working the food stand, getting out picnic tables, setting up tables and chairs, garbage detail, checking in vendors, and then afterwards, cleaning up again and putting machinery back into the buildings. Mark and Anne Beard get special recognition for what is nearly a year round job, managing the vendors and the auction stuff. Imagine getting an entire trailer load of Maytags, for example! Tammy Rudolph Pate also goes above and beyond with the food stand management.

Everyone, mark your calendar for May 2 & 3, 2015 and start thinking about what you want to sell next time!



*Nothing wrong with the Saturday turnout at the Swap Meet!*

**Kids Day Report**

The Club was host to about 250 4<sup>th</sup> grade children from the Baraboo schools on May 16. All went well, and ice cream was served. Thanks to all who helped make this a success.



*Jerry Wilson shows off the Kewanee Boiler.*



*Vince Kessenich and Paul Hasheider have a crowd at their ever popular corn sheller demo. Kids love to turn cranks and pound nails!*

**Projects at the Grounds**



**June 7** A group of 12-14 of the steam engine/railroad guys were splitting wood for the Kewanee Boiler and for use in the engines at the show. They had three splitters and cut up 39 cubes worth of wood. Bob Hoege and Paul Young split a lot of wood over the winter, but it was good to get it all done.



**July 5** The grounds were very busy that day. Paul and Heather Kohlwey were hard at work installing new toilets in the restrooms. The new toilets have a 3 inch trap way instead of a 2 inch trap way, so there should not be as many blockages. They are also water saving toilets, and are the high profile type. Easier for the less limber among us...! Thank you to Paul for his expert advice and getting the toilets for us at a reduced price, and thanks to both of them for donating their time. Some new faucets will also be installed, on a trial basis.

**Projects at the Grounds, Continued**



**July 5 & July 14** Work on the Fairbanks building is progressing. Workers on the 14<sup>th</sup> were Allen Steele, Art Woodward, Pete Holzman and Paul Grotophorst. Jim McGhee contributed feedback before returning to work in the F&J annex.



**July 14** Partial installation of paneling in the F&J annex. Lyle Opperman and Jim McGhee planed the lumber, cut it and installed it. A trim board or molding is planned for the top.



Donated building brick at left, from Findorff and at right, paving bricks from the Marquardt family. Findorff also gave us a mortar mixer. The brick will be used in the Gas Station project. John Anderson hauled the Findorff brick, and was instrumental in us getting this donation.



**July 5 & July 14** The Gas Station was a swarm of activity on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Workers were Jim McGhee, Mark Beard, Lyle Opperman, Jerry Phelps, Bill Hendricks, Tim Pittman, Al Riddle, Pete Holman, Phil Maas, and two father-son teams, Kevin and Roger Haarklau and both Robert Mattsons.



**July 5** Sooo, what has changed here? Note the new Ice Cream building tucked in against the picnic shelter. And there is a new 30 ft. extension at the front end of the picnic shelter. Count back 4 posts from the front corner; that is the new addition. A tree was removed to make room.

**More photos of work on the Vintage Gas Station and other projects can be viewed at [www.badgersteamandgas.com](http://www.badgersteamandgas.com)**



**July 5** Lyle gave me a nice photo of the Woodshop, with everything tidy, the doors closed, no vehicles in the way, but I preferred this one because it looks like work is going on. The wooden gable was so beloved by woodpeckers that it had to be covered with metal siding. The woodshop guys made a new sign for the front. Workers on this project were Jim McGhee, Allen Steele, Pete Holzman, Lyle Opperman, and others.



**July 16** Another gable project was finished. The Women's Events Building gable had wood siding which was weathering badly. It was difficult to access for maintenance, so after several discussions on the topic, it was finally covered in metal, the same green as the roof.



**July 5** Negotiations about working condition are underway in the contractor's office. Some men are still on the job, but the situation is tense...

## Deaths

**Alvin Carlson**, age 81, of Wisconsin Dells, passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2014. He was born in 1933 in Arkdale, the son of Ole and Olga (Martin) Carlson. He married Dona Alft in 1998 in Arkdale. He worked at UW-Madison, Badger Ordinance, hauled logs for the paper mills in Nekoosa, and worked in Wal-Mart in Baraboo until he retired. He became a member of the Club in 2001. He is survived by his wife Dona; sons, Michael (Karen) Cable of Helena, MT and Gregory (Heidi) Cable of Ozark, MO; Daughter Diane Grubb of Jacksonville, FL; sister Emily Rakstang of Madison, and many grandchildren.

**Frederick McDonald**, age 78, of New Lisbon, passed away Friday, December 30, 2013. Fred was born in 1935 in Mauston, to Hugh and Augusta (Spors) McDonald, and graduated from Mauston High School in 1952. He married Alice Marie Mueller in 1962 in New Lisbon. He owned his own milk truck and hauled milk for several years. Later, he was employed by the Mauston Farmer's Coop, delivering fuel oil for many years. He retired in 1998. Fred became a member of the Club in 1974, and he and his family were very active at the show during the Fairgrounds years. He, Alice and their seven daughters were a particularly harmonious family, and enjoyed camping and making pancake breakfasts together. They also managed one of the entrance gates, pretty much on their own, and were always helpful. He collected and restored tractors and gas engines. Fred was preceded in death by his wife Alice on August 7, 2013. He is survived by his daughters and their husbands: Kristie (Todd) Bunker, New Lisbon; Cheryl (Randy) Weiland, New Lisbon; Connie (Gene) Gibson, Colfax; Nancy (Gary) Cowan, New Lisbon; Colleen (Greg) Grovesteen, Tomah; Collette (Dan) Schultz, New Lisbon; and Jennifer (James) Redelsheimer of Plymouth, MN; his 22 grandchildren, three sisters: Nancy Morris, Carol McDonald and Gail Sorum, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

## Membership Meeting Reports:

### April 16, 2014

About 28 members, guests were present. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Coates. Louise Coates gave a report on the Club's annual bus trip. Mark Beard reported the Club's swap meet and flea market will have a large auction. Help will be needed at the gate and to set up the auction items. Paul Young reported there are still some trees to be cut for firewood. A report from the railroad Committee gave their address as P.O. Box number 329, Baraboo, WI 53913. Their bank account is with the Summit Credit Union of Baraboo. Membership Secretary

Crystal Hasheider reported long time member Fred McDonald of New Lisbon has passed away.

#### May 21, 2014

About 31 people were present. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Coates. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported two new members this month. They are Tim Pittman and Jacob Pate. A Swap Meet report by Mark Beard included a thank you card from Doris Ripp. Mark also reported a total of 298 vendors registered. David Fuller reported the Railroad Committee is working to assemble information for presentation of grant applications. A Kids Day report by Paul Young stated about 250 Fourth grade students visited the show grounds. Chocolate ice cream was the favorite. Tom Miller donated 3 commemorative plaques to be auctioned to members at the meeting. The Wisconsin Chapter of the American Historical Truck Society will use the grounds for their annual show June 13-14. Don Blausey has plans to move the ammonia compressor from Eau Claire, May 30 and 31. Paul Hasheider will meet with Verlyn Mueller for information regarding the future of the Badger Ordinance Museum. Jan Bruski gave a report of this year's planned exhibits at the Women's Events Building.

#### June 18, 2014

About 40 members, guests were present. The meeting was called to order by President Coates. In the absence of Bill Klemm, the Treasurer's report was read by Crystal Hasheider. Membership Secretary C. Hasheider reported one new member this month, Charles Hartman. A motion to reinstate the Youth Hockey Club as a food vendor at the 2014 show was made by Mark Beard, seconded by Don Evenson. MC. New toilets are ready for installation; faucet repair or replacement was discussed. A request to haul a steam traction engine to the Richland Center Festival was denied. Larry Richards reported interest in the Hot Air Engine feature. David Fuller reported the 36 hp Rumely steam traction engine will be at the show. This engine will come from the Rollag, MN show. David also reported a Rumely-built Illinois steam traction engine may be available from the Chilton area.

#### July 16, 2014

About 50 people attended. The meeting was called to order by President Coates. Sound system estimates have been received, but there will be no installation until after the show. The gas station building is partially up, but still needs tin for the roof and the siding. A mason and stucco worker are also needed. The Fairbanks building is progressing: the engine is set, the skeleton is up. There has been a lot of help. They are trying to get the roof and siding on. The Ice Cream building is up, with line shafting installation in progress. The Wood Shop and the Women's

Events buildings both have had new tin siding installed on the front gables due to deteriorated wood siding and/or woodpecker damage. Golf cart rental is going well, with 11 reservations so far. Bill Klemm is getting the insurance adjusted for the number of carts we will have. The new toilets have been installed, except for one. Four new faucets (two in each restroom) will be installed on a trial basis. The Print Shop will continue to pursue a grant for educational purposes. Paul Grotophorst had the 2014 souvenir shingle on display at the meeting. Office packets will be done soon. Plaques are done; Pete Holzman will pick them up shortly. There was a request for more porta pots to be placed in the north east end of the flea market. Golf cart rental area will be in the same place as last year, complete with sign this year. About 20 heavy weight wood pallets (40x48 inches) are needed for firewood – contact Paul Young. Dead trees still need to be taken down.



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#### Upcoming Meetings: August 6, September 17, November 19, 2014 and January 21, 2015.

The November and January meetings will be at the Civic Center in Baraboo.



