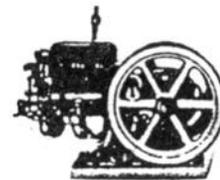


Newsletter



of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Winter, 2014

Baraboo, Wisconsin

2014 Annual Meeting Is February 23

The location for the annual meeting is at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Baraboo. There is parking behind the church, and the building is handicap accessible from the parking lot. The door will be open around 1 p.m., and the meeting starts at 2 p.m. There is a meeting notice/financial report included with this newsletter, and driving directions, the agenda and the Club calendar are also on that sheet. Please bring it with you for reference during the meeting.

The usual business at this meeting includes consideration of all fees, such as gate admission, yearbook price, shingle price, vendor space rents, etc. Some topics on the agenda this year will be the Exhibitor banquet, reports from the Railroad Committee and the Audit Committee. Other business may be introduced from the floor. Club Bus Trip information will also be announced.

After the business meeting the election of officers will be held. The office of Vice President is open this year, as Bob Zweifel has chosen not to continue. Other incumbent officers have expressed their willingness to continue in office. Directors serve a three year term, with only one directorship each year up for vote. This year it is Paul Hasheider's position which is up for grabs. This year's Nominating Committee is composed of Mark Beard, Paul Grotophorst and Robert Mattson. If you are interested in any of the offices or the Directorship, or wish to nominate somebody, please contact the nominating committee before the meeting if possible. Nominations can also be made from the floor during the election.

This year Verne Kindschi has donated some special souvenir shingles to be auctioned off while ballots are being counted, etc. There are 10 shingles, dating from 1988-1997, including the 25th anniversary shingle.

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Don't forget the potluck and social time after the election. Bring your appetite and a dish to pass. Before and after the meeting there will be items available from the Book Store, and bumper stickers, trifold, swap meet info, and posters for 2014 will also be available. Signups for the Club trip will be taken, and there will also be a "blast from the past" slide show dating from shows as early as 1972 and beyond, with slides provided by Verne Kindschi.

Delinquent Complimentary Ticket Payments

There are quite a few complimentary tickets which have not been paid for. Members who have not paid for their complimentary tickets will be billed. To save the Club postage costs, please send payment to Treasurer Bill Klemm, or bring it to the annual meeting. Checks should be made payable to Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club. If you aren't sure how much you owe, contact Bill. (608)522-4905

A Visit From Senator Dale Schultz



On the opening day of our 50th annual show, Senator Dale Schultz (at left) read and presented a commendation from the Governor to the Executive Board, shown above. The framed document will be displayed in the Club Office.

Welcome New Members!

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported the following new members, who have joined since September:

David Behling – Lake Mills
Griffin Broeske – Mt. Horeb
Marty Hunt – Middleton
Susie Weiss – Baraboo

Spring Consignment Auction Is May 3 Contact Mark Beard Now

If you want to consign items on the auction at the Swap Meet, now is the time to talk to Mark Beard about them. He will be able to include them in the advertising for the sale. Pictures will be posted on the web site. Advertising brings more bidders to the sale, so it's to your benefit to get your items listed early. Only allowable items such as steam/gas engines, engine related parts, tractors, tractor related parts or implements, and related documentation or literature will be accepted. *No household goods, appliances, etc. will be accepted.* No items will be accepted for consignment on the day of the sale. All items will be sold. Contact Mark for information and confirmation. (608)356-6115

Spotlight on David Fuller

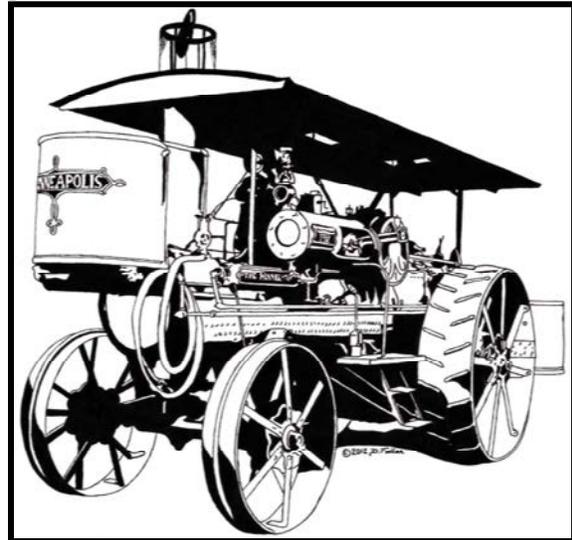
In the past, I have included articles about Club members in the newsletter, so that we can all become more acquainted with each other. I have neglected that for a while but want to revive it now. While I won't forget our older members, I plan to include younger and/or newer members, as they are our future and may not be as familiar to many of us. -- Louise Coates, Editor



David Fuller's involvement with our Club began when members Dan and Dave Brethorst took his older brother Tim to the show. Later, in 1990, David went

to his first show with his mother. In 1997, at our last show on the fairgrounds, David Fuller began working on steam engines. He was 13 years old then. He says he was a "nerdy kid" who liked trains and steam engines and read a lot of books about them, searching out all the information he could. He also volunteered at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum during these years. He joined our Club in 2001, and has become a valuable asset to us over the years, always helping in the steam engine area during shows. He has become one of the main "go to guys" for information on steam engines as well. His collecting interests, as might be guessed, include steam engine and railroad books, memorabilia and antiques.

He completed diesel mechanic training at MATC, but now is self-employed as an artist and sign painter, following in the footsteps of his uncle, Jay Fuller. The subjects of his drawings include steam engines, trains, prairie tractors, vintage "rubber tire" tractors, and early automobiles. His drawings are marketed through his profile on Facebook.



Above, David's drawing of Ellen Smith's Minneapolis engine.

David says there is a "wide variety of people in the Baraboo Club," which allows acceptance of collectors with many interests, and it is good to be involved in a "working show" where there is a lot of different activity. It is not a closed group, and the hobby "keeps old skills around." He is interested in learning and being able to pass that information on to others. Well said, David!

David has also taken on the task of editing the annual show book, beginning with the 2014 edition, which of course will include photos from the 2013 show. If you have any photos, please give or send them to him *soon*. He plans to be at the annual meeting, if you want to give photos to him there. Call him at (608)592-3713 or email steamfuller@gmail.com if you have questions or to make other arrangements.

A Real Bean Counter



Donated to Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club by Lisa Miner of Baraboo. Restored and repaired by Lyle A. Opperman of Baraboo. Photo by Lyle Opperman

Well, not a bean counter exactly, it's a bean sorter or separator.

The wooden hopper says "A.T. Ferrell & Co. Mfg. Co., Saginaw, Michigan", and also has the patent date, June 10, 1902. The company built several styles of bean sorters. An ad for this machine appears in C.H. Wendel's book, *American Farm Implements and Antiques*, and shows two models of these bean sorters, with a price of \$9.00 in the 1920s.

The machine is treadle operated. As you move the treadle with your feet, it turns the flywheel and cogs on the back side, moving the shaker and putting the beans on the conveyor to be sorted. The good beans fall into the chute and into a container. It could sort soybeans or edible beans.

A.T. Ferrell has remained in business (since 1869), and is now located in Bluffton, IN.

They are still building the same type of equipment, and more. They still market a modernized "Clipper" line of seed sorters, ranging from small to very large, along with other seed and feed processing equipment, and even a restaurant/bar sized can crusher. See www.atferrell.com for more info.

Thanks once again to Lyle Opperman for taking on yet another project for the Club, and for providing most of the information for this article.

Vilter Stationary Steam Engine Purchase



All photos in this article are by Peter Holzman.

At the November membership meeting, the Club voted to purchase the Vilter Corliss steam engine shown above. The engine is thought to date to the early 1900s, and was originally in the Walter Brewery in Eau Claire. No longer used by the late 1970s, it was

removed to the Weinke farm near Eau Claire in 1981, and has been stored there in a barn ever since.



David Fuller and Don Blausey were part of the group who went to check out the engine before suggesting purchase.

Neil Holcomb, who is an exhibitor at our show every year, referred our Club to Kane Weinke, the owner of the engine. Thanks to both Neil and Kane, the engine has found a new home.

It is an ammonia compressing engine with a 10 foot flywheel, and is estimated at a maximum of 80 hp. It is in remarkably clean, intact condition, with all oil lines, lubricators, original wrenches, and most of the original railing which surrounded it in the brewery. The engine has also been kept under cover since it was removed from the brewery.

Don Blausey will be heading up the project to move it in the spring. It was hoped to move it sooner, but this year's winter changed that plan. The engine can be moved in three pieces: the engine, the compressor and the crankshaft/flywheel assembly. Cribbing will need to be built to support the crankshaft. A large capacity forklift has been located in the Eau Claire area for loading, and truck transport has been arranged from Baraboo.

After discussion of various possibilities, it was decided the engine will be housed in the Steam Engine Shed.

Spring Bus Trip Info

The bus trip is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2. This year we will be touring the Kohler Factory at Kohler, WI. The tour will include the Pottery, Brass Building and Foundry areas, but NOT the engine plant. This will be about a three hour tour, and I am told there is a 15 minute break mid-tour. Be sure to wear your comfy walking shoes, with closed toes. No cameras allowed, cell phones must be turned off and kept in your pocket; headsets and safety goggles will be provided for us. After lunch, we will be going to the Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum in nearby Two Rivers. They can only accommodate about half of us at one time, and their tour lasts an hour. So, our group will split and one half will be able to go to the Washington House, which is also a museum, and the home of the very first ice cream sundae. The original ice cream parlor is there, and serves 18 flavors of ice cream sundaes, so be sure to save room when you eat lunch. Washington House also has historic murals and other antique displays. We may also be going to visit another place in Two Rivers, but that and some other details have not been confirmed yet. The cost of the trip has not been finalized either, but should be in line with the past few years. Complete information will be available at the annual meeting. If you want to reserve a spot or have questions, call or email Louise Coates at (608)764-5563 or L.coates@charter.net

50 Year History Book & 50th Anniversary Pins Now Available

After a complete sellout of the first printing, Barb Young ordered another batch of *The Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club: 50 Year History*. If you missed out the first time, you can buy it at the annual meeting on February 23, and save some postage. The pins did not arrive in time for the show, but are now available also. If you want these items shipped to you, pins are \$4.00 plus \$2.00 postage. The book is \$20, plus \$5.75 postage. Call Barb (608) 524-6352.

Membership Meeting Reports:

November 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coates. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported one new member – David Behling of Lake Mills. Barb Young announced that the 50 Year Anniversary Book and the 50 year pin will be available at the annual meeting. Allen Steele reported the Fairbanks Morse building concrete base has been poured and the floor will be poured soon if the weather permits. Also, the new road water wagon is nearly complete. Motion by David Fuller for the Club to purchase a Vilter stationary steam engine from Kane Winke of Eau Claire for \$4000. MC. Motion by Don Blausey to use Club funds and member help to move the engine. MC. Motion by Louise Coates to feature antique implements and cast iron seats at the 2016 show. MC. Art Woodward nominated Allen Steele for the 2015 show book dedication. MC. President Coates read a letter from the Edgar Steam and Gas Engine Club thanking us for exhibiting our engine at their show. Our engine was one of 44 on exhibit at their show.

January 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coates. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported three new members: Griffin Broeske of Mt. Horeb, Marty Hunt of Middleton, and Susie Weiss of Baraboo. President Coates stated the annual meeting notices will be mailed with the February newsletter. The newsletter will include a request that members pay for complimentary tickets they issued. A Nominating Committee was selected. Members are as follows: Robert Mattson, Mark Beard and Paul Grotophorst. Paul Young said this year's Kids Day will be May 16. Also, we have a number of trees down and ready to be cut for firewood. This is to be cut with a portion left for the Club for steam engine use. Bill Klemm stated several Rumely items are promised for this year's feature, including a Rumely truck and tractors. Allen Steele reported the new water wagon is nearly complete. Bill Hendrickson reported he has prices and is ready to order steel for the Fairbanks and Women's Events buildings. President Coates reminded members the Annual Meeting is at 2 p.m. February 23 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Baraboo.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

Membership Meeting Dates: Meetings begin at 8 p.m.

March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 6, September 17, November 19, 2014 and January 21, 2015

Membership Meetings are held at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in **Room 14** (or somewhere on first floor) 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 membership meeting evenings in the same room, if members care to attend.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 23, 2014

Spring Bus Trip – Wednesday, April 2

Cleanup Day – April 19, 2014

16th Annual Swap Meet – May 3-4, 2014

Kids Day – Friday, May 16, 2014

51st Annual Show – August 15, 16 & 17, 2014

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Director: Paul Grotophorst 608-355-1000

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Director: Neal Stone 608-254-7195



Where is this mysterious place? It looks like the ruins of some ancient mound culture, tucked away in the forest. Oh, wait – it's the Fuller & Johnson Museum Annex construction site last summer.

Miscellaneous From Years Past



Mike Mudek of Franklin, WI displayed this 1922 IH 8-16. (2010)



Lyle Opperman's beautiful salesman's sample of a covered bridge is atop a beautiful cast iron feed cooker. These were made in several sizes, and were sold by Sears & Roebuck in the early 1900s. This one is a smaller size, some were considerably larger. (2011)



Obert Herheim of Cottage Grove was the owner of this beautiful IH truck. He passed away on January 28, 2014. Club member Mike DiLoreto is his nephew. (2010)



Clover hulling in 2008, using the late Walt Meisel's clover huller.



This nicely restored 1929 Gehl No. 27 manure spreader was displayed by Frank W. Statz of Sauk City. (2007)



At left, lawn mowing brigade, Kid's Day, 2013. It was too rainy to mow outside.