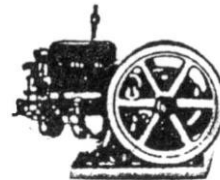


Newsletter



of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Winter, 2018

Baraboo, Wisconsin

2018 Annual Meeting on February 25

Please note that **we have changed the venue** for the meeting this year. As you may remember, the meeting last year was very crowded, and we ran out of chairs for everyone to be seated. We will now be meeting at the **Baraboo Civic Center**, in the gymnasium (enter at the 1st. Street entrance). See the enclosed official annual meeting notice for access and parking details. This location will cost the Club more money, but in return, we are getting a larger space, and the table and chair management and general cleanup will be done by Civic Center staff. It seemed like the same few people were always stuck doing that at the other venue, so this gives them a break.

The Civic Center will be open at noon, and Jim Turner will be holding a separate meeting starting at 12:15 p.m. for people wanting to help with Club projects on the grounds. (See p.2 for more info.) The annual meeting will begin promptly at 2 p.m. There is an official meeting notice and financial report included with this newsletter, with the agenda and the 2018 Club calendar on the same sheet. Please bring it with you to the meeting and be sure to sign in as a member/non-member when you arrive.

At the meeting, there will be the usual discussion of all fees, e.g. gate admission, flea market space rental, shingle price, etc. Other topics of discussion will include progress on the storage building plans, a new place for the banquet, details on paving at the grounds, the miniature farm donation, and other

topics as necessary. Information about the Club Bus Trip will also be available (see p.3 of this newsletter).

After the business meeting adjourns, the election of officers will be held. Please note that longtime (since 1985!) Director Paul Grotophorst has decided to retire from office this year. Be sure to thank him for his many years of service to this Club. Also resigning from office this year is Recording Secretary Tanner Brethorst. This is a challenging and time-consuming post, and we thank Tanner for his work this past year as well. All other current officers are willing to return to office this year but can be challenged by any interested member. The Nominating Committee Chair is Tom Ripp (608)234-1111. Contact him if you are interested in running for office, if you wish to nominate somebody for an office or if you want to be on the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor are also accepted during the election. Elected board members are *not* compensated and give freely of their time to the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club. At the time of printing this newsletter, there were two candidates for the open Directorship: John Anderson and Steve Roudebush.

Pot Luck Information: After the elections are adjourned, there will be a potluck meal, so please bring a dish to pass. Please label your dish/utensils. Last year we were short of help in the kitchen, and preparation for serving must start about halfway through the meeting, so volunteers are needed. We

have lost some of our previous mainstays for this chore.

Book Store: The Youngs will also have a selection of materials from the Book Store for sale, before and after the business meeting and election. This is your chance if you didn't make it to the Book Store during the show, or if you want to see what's new this year.

Freebies: Bumper stickers, trifold, swap meet flyers and posters for 2018 events will be also available, as well as show directories (NOT a freebie), but definitely a convenient item!

Member News

Two new members have been added since the Fall newsletter. They are: Michael Blohm, Kaukauna and Irene Przbyski, Chippewa Falls. Welcome to the Club!

Engine and Tractors Needed for Spring Auction The spring auction is Saturday, May 5 at 10 a.m.

Mark Beard is lining up items for this year's auction. If you have items you want to sell, contact him *soon* so they can be included in advertising, and so photos can be included as well. Remember, 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. Call Mark at (608)356-6115.

20th Annual Swap Meet Information

The 2018 swap meet will begin with early setup on Thursday, May 3 at 8:30 a.m. and continue through Sunday, May 6. Outdoor vendor set-up charge is \$30 per load. Indoor space is limited and sold by the foot. Admission and parking for visitors is free, as always. Contact Robert J. Mattson or Robert D. Mattson (608)393-3021 for more information.

Jim Turner's Projects Meeting, or The Meeting Before the Meeting, Feb. 25

Badger Steam & Gas Club Projects Update

At last year's annual meeting I asked for people to sign up for various projects. There were 10 activities. Some were successful, others needed more leadership. I would like to suggest 4 options for this year. I also want to THANK the many volunteers that helped on the new property by picking up sticks, cutting brush etc. We also made progress on the Machine Shop, the Fairbanks building, and others.

The annual meeting starts at 2pm on Feb 25th. Since we have the gym starting at noon, I propose that we have 4 groups meet starting at 12:15pm in the gym to organize, discuss ideas, schedules, and get to know each other better. (especially for newer members). Before 2pm, we would exit and come back in to register for the annual meeting. The 4 groups would be:

- 1) Machine Shop: getting lights up, line shaft framing, etc.
- 2) Fairbanks Building: get 2 cyl running, organize rest of building
- 3) Inventory items stored on the grounds, especially Club-owned items
- 4) Sticks and Stump removal from new property, continue to clear grounds

I'd like each group to get a list of volunteers, with contact information, that we provide the board of directors. Some activities may require board approval, especially if money is needed. I will be glad to help on all 4. I will volunteer to chair the sticks and stumps group. I think I have a chair for Fairbanks and Inventory groups but need someone for the Machine shop group. I think we could complete projects 1-3. Then we could pick others for next year. In my opinion, these projects need time more than money to complete. This gives our guests something "new" to see when they come to the show. Thanks for your time, ideas, support, and enthusiasm. Jim Turner (608)347-6085. Arrive at 12:15pm!!

-- Jim Turner

Report and Pictures of Land Clearing in October

All Courtesy of Jim Turner



Here are pictures showing we can find stumps again. Grinding up the slash from the pines should speed decomposition and reduce the hours of hand labor needed to pick up sticks after the stumps are removed. Allen is much quicker than I am at running the machine. We did this area that when finished, will match up with flea market area. We also opened up a lost fire lane from Paul Young's to north border fence.

Spring Bus Trip Is Thursday, April 5

We will be heading west this year, to Sparta and LaCrosse. The first stop will be at **F.A.S.T. Corporation** just outside of Sparta. F.A.S.T. stands for Fiberglass Animals, Shapes and Trademarks, and you have undoubtedly seen examples of their work somewhere – a giant cow, a huge fish, a life-size elephant, or horse -- either in front of a business or going down the highway loaded on a semi. We may get a short tour, and we will certainly be able to explore the field of molds, which is incredible. Pictures are allowed, but no climbing on the molds. The next stop will be in Sparta, at the **Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bicycle Museum**, which is housed in the same building as the **Monroe County Local History Room and Museum**. This is a “two museums for one” visit. Astronaut Deke Slayton was from Sparta, and the museum has some artifacts of his career, as well as a collection of bicycles, and more.

This museum is on the second floor. The first floor of the building houses the Monroe County history collections, and the only restrooms. There is no elevator.

From Sparta, we will head for LaCrosse, and lunch will be served on **Grandad Bluff**. The view from Grandad is spectacular indeed, overlooking the Mississippi River. In 1850, it was the site of “the first complete service of Christian Divine Worship” in LaCrosse. Hopefully, the weather will be good when we are there, otherwise it will be “lunch on the bus” for us, but we can still brave the elements for the view. There is a short walk from the parking lot to the lookout area. After lunch, we will go to the **Dahl Auto Museum** in downtown LaCrosse. The Dahl family owns the “ninth oldest family-owned Ford dealership in the nation”, with over 100 years of selling Fords. The museum includes mainly Fords, but there are other autos as well, and there is a very nice collection of hood ornaments, with a wide range of makes represented. We will then take a very short jump over to the **Antique Center of LaCrosse**, in order to provide a shopping opportunity for those so inclined. It seems like we have something of the sort on most of our trips – museum gift shops, sausage stores – something. I don’t think you will need coolers on this trip. The Antique Center is the largest in western Wisconsin, with 3 floors, and 20,000 square feet. I was assured they carry plenty of “mantiques” as well as antiques, so there should be something of interest to most of us. Probably a good thing that we will not have a bunch of coolers under the bus... There is no elevator, but the first floor has chairs and restrooms, and if there is something in particular you are looking for, they will go and get it from another floor for you if you cannot manage the stairs. We will be there for at least an hour, so you should have time to shop. We will be having dinner at the

North Country Steak Buffet in LaCrosse. It is a family-owned buffet restaurant, and serves 5 oz. sirloin steaks, cooked to the doneness you prefer. Other choices and side dishes are available, of course.

The cost of the trip this year is \$65 and includes the cost of the bus, both lunch and dinner, tax, tips, and admissions. We will be using a 38-passenger bus again, from Able Trek of Reedsburg. Departure will be from Baraboo, and I am not anticipating other pickup points at this time. More information will be available at the annual meeting. Exact times for the itinerary are not yet firmly established. Please contact Louise Coates (608)764-5563 if you have questions or want to get your name on the list. An information sheet can be mailed to you if you will not be at the annual meeting.

Deaths

Edward G. Lybek, age 78, of Baraboo, passed away October 2, 2017. A Club member since 1968, he was a retired mechanic and “Jack of all trades”. He is survived by two daughters, Rita Murphy-Lybek and Jackie Lybeck; two grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Dr. David E. Rotigel, age 79, of Bonita Springs, FL, formerly of Greensburg and Indiana, PA, died November 6, 2017. He was a professor for 39 years, first at University of Indiana, and subsequently at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. A member of our Club since 2004, he was an active member of the Fort Allen Antique Farm Equipment Association and was a well-known collector of engines and tractors. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Jennifer Vickers Rotigel, six children, two grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Jerome “Jerry” Paul Swietlik, age 74, of Sparta, passed away September 11, 2017. He was a

member of the Trailblazer Snowmobile Club and joined our Club in 2012. He is survived by two sons, Steven, and Jason (Erin) Swietlik; three grandchildren; a special companion, Darlene Gibson; his children's mother, Judy Swietlik; an aunt, Therese Rostenkowski; his cat, Booters, and other relatives and friends.

Membership Meeting Reports

November 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Coates. Crystal Hasheider read the Membership Secretary's report. Ed Lybeck, Jerome Swietlik and David Rotigel passed away. Harlan Buelow was in the nursing home. Allen Steele gave a re-cap of the golf cart rental at the show. Pres. Coates noted the following: the 2021 Rumely Feature and 2022 Allis Chalmers Feature are both locked in. A letter from the Baraboo Area Senior Citizen's Organization was read relating to parking and their thanks. Steve Roudebush asked for trailer parking to be moved to the south side of the South Road so field demonstrations could be closer to the spectators and not so far away. Pres. Coates relayed an idea received from Jim Turner related to utilizing space for camping in the north meadow. With regard to Scout projects wanted, Paul Young noted they could spend time picking up sticks, and Pres. Coates asked for other's ideas as well. Pres. Coates noted the Executive Board decided NO on the hosting of a youth rodeo. The Town of Delton has declined a concert across the road at this time as well. Allen Steele will have a Golf Cart report in January. Steve Roudebush gave a Sawing Day report from November 4. Steve also has his sights on getting the sawdust removal fixed for good. There was also good sawyer training on the 4th. Neal Stone noted that Jeff at L&N Tractor says the TD6 dozer needs Club help this winter. Pres. Coates reminded people to contact Louise by early January with

Newsletter items. Steve Roudebush asked if he could bring the Club's M. Rumely steam engine to his shop for boiler inspection. Request was okayed. John Anderson asked if trash compactors could be used to lessen to volume of trash during the show. Joe Prindle stated, with regard to the computer purchase, that he has a laptop that would be free to the Club. Robert Mattson made a motion to purchase two computers and appropriate software for the Flea Market Manager and the Club Treasurer. Second by Al Riddle. Discussion ensued. MC. Don Evenson asked that a committee be formed to identify the best computer and price for the Flea Market Manager and Treasurer. Volunteers for the committee are: Don Evenson, Robert Mattson, and Wade Opperman. Bill Hendrickson stated that the Loganville steam engine and its possible donation is still being discussed by the owner's family. Motion to adjourn by Paul Hasheider. Second by Don Evenson. MC.

January 17, 2018

37 members were present. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Coates. Treas. Bill Klemm reported on the Caterpillar stock and that the Board has decided to sell it, pay off more of the loan on the land, and after the show to borrow the money to pay for the proposed storage building. Bays will be for sale to members wishing to store things there. Allen Steele reported he would be getting 80 golf carts for the show, and 20 for the Swap Meet. Rent will be \$75 this year. He has one reservation already. He has made a building for the golf cart rentals (rather than have personnel huddling under a tarp) and it will serve both rentals and carts brought by visitors to the show. He is donating the building, and it will be painted to match the ticket booths. Jim Turner announced he has four projects to discuss, and is scheduling a meeting before the annual meeting (see p.2). Al Riddle mentioned the problem of Club property stored off the grounds.

Some members are soliciting quotes from the late Bill Smith to make a poster. Wade Opperman reported that Boy Scout Troop 77 will be 75 years old this year, and is looking for community service projects, which can be done any time this year, although spring and fall would be best. Suggestions were painting, help on Cleanup Day with leaves & sticks. Kids Day is May 18 this year, and as usual, docents are needed. Louise Coates gave a report on the Spring Bus Trip, which will be on April 5 this year. (see p.3) It was requested by the membership that the correct bylaws be copied to be distributed at the annual meeting. Tom Ripp (608)234-311 is chair of the Nominating Committee. Paul Grotophorst is resigning his directorship, and Tanner Brethorst is resigning as Recording Secretary, so those two slots will be open. Incumbents are willing to remain in the other offices.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

Membership Meeting Dates: Meetings begin at 8p.m. **March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 8, September 19, November 21, 2018 and January 16, 2019.** Membership Meetings are held at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in Room 18 (south end of hall) 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 – February 25, 2018
12th Annual Spring Bus Trip - April 5, 2018
20th Annual Swap Meet – May 4, 5 & 6, 2018
Swap Setup begins Thurs., May 3
Auction – sale begins May 5 at 10 a.m.
Kids Day – May 18, 2018
55^h Annual Show –August 17, 18 & 19, 2017
Exhibitor Banquet – October, 2018 (tentative)

Contact Information for the Executive Board

Please note that some of the information below will change after the election at the annual meeting.

President: Robert Coates (608)764-5563
 Vice President: Allen Steele (608)963-0574
 Recording Secretary: Tanner Brethorst (608)253-0340
 Membership Secretary: C. Hasheider (608)522-4277
 Treasurer: Bill Klemm (608)522-4905
 Director: Paul Grotophorst (608)355-1000
 Director: Paul Hasheider (608)522-4277
 Director: Neal Stone (608)254-7195

Think Summer! Some Pics from the 2017 Show



This 1940 Chevrolet Special Deluxe was exhibited by Dave Lee. They don't make them like they used to, and they still made them with running boards in 1940!



*No running boards on the Whizzer though. Owner unknown.
 Above photos by L. Coates*