



# Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Winter, 2020

Baraboo, Wisconsin

## 2020 Annual Meeting Is February 23

This year the annual meeting will once again be held in the gymnasium of the Baraboo Civic Center. Another attempt will be made to improve the sound system. Read the enclosed official meeting notice for details about location, parking and access. The 2020 Club Calendar is also included on the sheet, and the 2020 financial report is also on the reverse of that sheet. Be sure to sign in when you arrive at the meeting.

The Civic Center will be open at 1 p.m. and the annual meeting will start promptly at 2 p.m.

The meeting will include the annual discussion of fees, e.g. gate admission, flea market space rental, camping, etc. There will also be reports from different show areas, this year's feature, bus trip, and other topics as needed.

When the business meeting ends, the election of officers will be held. President Robert Coates announced his retirement at the November 20 member meeting, so that office will be open.

Director Paul Hasheider's three year term is up, so that position will also be up for vote. So far, all the remaining officers are willing to continue in office

but can be challenged by any member who is interested. If any Officer or Director decides to run for President and is elected, that slot will also be open to vote. The Nominating Committee Chair this year is Jim McGhee (608)574-4607. Contact Jim or any Nominating Committee member if you are interested in running for any office.

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted during the election. Elected board members are *not* compensated and give freely of their time to the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club. If you choose to run, a *brief* statement of your qualifications and plans for the office is appreciated. At the time of printing this newsletter, there was one candidate for the open Presidency: Steve Roudebush.

## Potluck Information

Last year the potluck meal ended up being nearly all desserts, so this year it has been decided to try a different way to provide more variety. **If your last name is from A – M, bring a hot dish or a salad. N-Zs can bring dessert.** You may also bring your choice of a non-alcoholic beverage. **Be sure to label your dish and utensils so they can be returned to you.** Almost every year we end up with a "lost lamb" or two. Volunteer help is needed

in the kitchen before, during and after the meal, but is most needed during the meeting for heating dishes and getting things organized.

**Freebies:** As usual, there should be bumper stickers, trifolds, large posters and Swap Meet flyers available by the time of the meeting. Not free, but at a good price, the 2020 Show Directories should also be available.

### **Membership News**

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reports the following new members:

October: Monte Mast, Reedsburg; Andy Pulvermacher, Oregon; Ryan Best, Waukesha.  
January: Carrie Valek, Rock Springs; Tim Nehr, Beloit.

Deaths: Roy Carley, Mazomanie; Dennis Haan, LaValle; Duane Opperman, Baraboo; William Schellenberger, Baraboo. (more information p. 3)

Total membership is 887

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Swap Meet & Spring Auction Information**

Spring will actually be here sooner than you think, and usually there is no snow in early May! Rain maybe, but not snow. This year the **Swap Meet will be May 1, 2 & 3. Setup day will be Thursday, April 30, beginning at 8 a.m.** There is a \$30 vendor charge. Buyers and lookers get in

free, leaving them with more money to buy things.

**Vendors Contact** Robert & Robert Mattson for Swap Meet information (608)393-3021.

**Golf Carts** will be available to rent at the Swap Meet. 2 passenger carts will be \$75 per day, and 4 passenger carts will be \$125.00 per day. Questions or to reserve, **call Allen Steele (evenings only, after 6 p.m.) at (608)963-0574.**

### **Spring Consignment Auction:**

**May 2, 2020 at 10 a.m.**

**See Photos on the Club website.**

**[www.badgersteamandgas.com](http://www.badgersteamandgas.com)**

This is an absolute auction, no reserves. No buyer's premium. *No consignments will be accepted after April 20.* The only allowable sale items are steam/gas engines, engine-related parts, tractors, tractor-related parts or implements, and pertinent literature or documentation will be accepted. *No household goods, appliances, etc. will be accepted.* Contact Mark Beard soon so your items can be included in advertising and with photos on the Club website. Call Mark at (608)356-6115 or (608)381-0629. Help will be needed to load/unload sale items, move stuff out of the Feature Building, to provide space for food vendor, indoor vendors, and a place for people to get together after not having seen each other since last fall or so. *Editor Note:* A lot of work goes into this event and it has always amazed me how few people work to put it on. So,

don't be shy, come and give a few hours of time and get acquainted with other members

### **Cleanup Day: Saturday, April 18**

Another important part of the preparation for the Swap Meet and Auction, is Cleanup Day. The trouble with having a nice shady area on the grounds is that there are a lot of leaves on the ground every spring, so a big part of Cleanup Day is getting rid of the leaves. The Club does have a large leaf vacuum, but there are still plenty of areas that require hand raking. Other projects can be getting the water turned on, cleaning the rest rooms, getting the Office cleaned and tidied and ready for the sale, as well as cleaning in the Feature Building. You never know who might have moved in over the winter. Those poor squirrels probably couldn't afford the trip to Florida this year.

### **2020 Feature: International Harvester Co.**

#### **Our 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, August 21, 22, & 23**

It's never too early to prepare for the show feature. In fact, with the weather we've been having the earlier the better so you can be sure the paint dries in time. So, get out the snow blower or the tractor and bucket to get that path to the workshop well-established. There's more snow coming down as I write this! If you have questions, there are experienced people to answer them. **Contact Information:** Neal Stone (608)963-5776; Peter Holzman (608)635-7772; Kevin Haarklau, (608)574-4607 and Jim McGhee (608)574-4607.

### **Bus Trip Info**

So far, there are no definite arrangements for a bus trip. I am working to try to arrange one, but it may be at a later time of the year. I am hoping to get one last trip in for you all this year, and then perhaps there will be another person who wants to take it over. Many of you have asked about longer trips, so maybe my as yet unknown replacement will be willing to arrange that.

### **Deaths**

**Roy C. Carley**, age 90, of Mazomanie, passed away October 20, 2019 at Agrace Hospicecare, Fitchburg. Born on December 25, 1928, he is survived by his wife, Janet; two children, David (Roxane) and Diane (Mel); two brothers, Richard, Jim (Joan); one sister, Donna; a sister-in-law, Lillian; special friends like family, Steve (Debbie); 6 grandchildren; 10 great children; one great great granddaughter; many nieces, nephews and friends. Roy was preceded in death by 2 sons Dan and Sam, one great grandson, Cody, and a brother, Robert. He joined the Club in 1997.

**Dennis Lee Haan**, 69, of LaValle, passed away Friday, November 29, 2019. He was born October 15, 1950 in Parkersburg, Iowa. He served as an M.P. in the U.S. Army. In 1975, he married Helen Dingel, and the couple moved to what would become their home farm between Reedsburg and Baraboo in 1980. He is survived by his wife, and by his children, Alison Haan of Baraboo, and

Dennis John Haan of LaValle. He is also survived by his grandchildren; Chayton, Hunter and Veronica Farrington; his sister Nancy (Larry) Skipper of Oklahoma; and his uncle Paul Haan of Parkersburg, IA. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Roger. He has been a member of the Club since 1999.

**Duane Ray Opperman**, age 72, passed on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. He was surrounded by his family at the farm in Fairfield after a short fight with cancer. He and his wife, Holly L. McEwen shared 54 years of marriage, and had four children; Jacqueline Opperman, Scott Opperman, Rebecca Opperman, and Joshawa Opperman; four grandchildren; Dreu Opperman, Samuel Opperman, Benjamin Kellogg, and Jacob Myer; and great-grand-babies: Temperance Grace Opperman, Jamison Opperman, Ayden Kellogg, Killian Kellogg, Eli "Bobber" Kellogg, and Enya Kellogg. Having joined in 1968, he was a long-time Club member.

**William Ray Schellenberger**, age 67, of Baraboo, passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2020. He is survived by Alice, his wife of 26 years; siblings, Joyce (Roger) Deal, Dean (Marthie) Schellenberger, Judy (Roger) Cormican; brother-in-law James Miser, Jr.; sisters-in-law, Ruth (Mark) Courtade, Nancy Miser, Laura Miser; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. There will be a memorial service on June 27, 2020 at First United

Methodist Church in Baraboo. He was a Club member since 1987.

## **Membership Meeting Reports**

### **Special Meeting, November 20, 2019**

This Special Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center was held to decide whether or not to purchase an adjoining 28 acre parcel of land, located in the southwest corner of the Club's property and north of Hwy. 33. The asking price was \$6,000 per acre. Pros and cons of the purchase were discussed. Could be used for demonstrations and/or crops, or parking for larger trucks. There is no access to Hwy. 33, except possibly in an emergency. The Highway Dept. is trying to limit or eliminate driveways on Hwy. 33, so housing on the parcel would be unlikely. Motion to purchase. Discussion followed. Per acre asking price was too much, especially with paying costs, etc. Taxes will go up if we pay this much for the land, higher than other similar land in the area. Fair market for land? Can get a 15 year mortgage and try to pay off in 5 years. The land is available now but won't be later. It does not have to be cleared. We could put show advertising in that area. Could sell if necessary, for more than we paid. Could we negotiate? That was asked, but this is the firm price. Bill Klemm called for the vote. Results were: Yes – 78, No – 10, and 1 abstention. Adjourned. We own the land.

### **November 20, 2019**

Member meeting called to order by President Robert Coates. John Friske told about the need to name our roads. Suggestion was to use the alphabet. Motion by Judy Curtin, second by Pete Holzman. MC. Bill Hendrickson explained that the new building is up and he will hang the doors in the spring. The measurements are 60' by 100' and it has 12 doors with a 16'x20' end door. Cost of building was \$81,300.00 Thank you all for your work. The hot air engine has been sold. Deadline date for the auction consignment is ~~April 15~~ April 20, 2020. Don Blausey gave update on the audit and inventory being done. The audit is taking longer because of not having all the questions answered at this time. Will be done as soon as possible. Paul Young recommended dedicating the 2021 show book to Richard Thomas. All approved. President Robert Coates announced he would not be running for any offices. Louise Coates also announced she would not be doing the newsletter after 2020. She has been doing it since 2003. Motion to adjourn by Don Evenson and seconded by all.

### **January 15, 2020**

About 30 people were present. Meeting called to order by President Bob Coates. Joe Prindle gave update on research for financing the new land purchase. He went to Baraboo State Bank, Summit Credit Union and Compeer. Compeer has been accepted and has the paperwork. Lawyer looking at

the Offer to Purchase document. Questions as to what fees we will be responsible for. Closing fee, appraisal and half of survey. Joe Prindle has received the tax exempt card for the organization. Will need to have permission from the treasurer to use the tax number. Make decision as to how many credit card stations; we will need by March. Crystal gave update on members who have passed added one new member. Jim McGhee is nominating chairperson for 2020 election of officers. John Friske thanked Don Evenson for his help on getting the map and working with the Lake Delton Fire chief, Darren Jorgenson. Al Riddle and Jerry Phelps talked about making the numbers for the buildings. Discussion followed after meeting. Robert Mattson is land chair, and subcommittee made suggestions. Follow up at a later date. Bill Mitchell questioned position of map, and John Friske explained it and showed a picture of the "Wally" and names of streets. Motion by Judy Curtin to accept the map of the grounds that John has put together. Second by Allen Steele, one "no" vote. MC. Thank you John, and the people who worked with you. Al Riddle talked about picking up the chairs and putting them out; wanted to erect a bleacher setup, with five steps up and a reinforcement strip. Tabled. MC. Rives Morelock gave update on Shingle Mill building lean-to, and an eyebrow so spectators can stand out of the rain on the south side that drips off the roof. He said to hold up with painting until these additions are taken

care of. Rives said still need power convertor for the belt that disappeared three years ago. In need of red cedar, nothing smaller than 10 inches. Joe Prindle sent around a picture of a new show poster and trifold. With discussion of things to add or take away, it was voted that Joe continue to take care of the new poster and trifold. Motion to adjourn by Judy Curtin, seconded by Don Evenson. MC.

### Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

**Membership Meeting Dates:** Meetings begin at 8p.m. **January 15, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 12, September 16, November 18, 2020 and January 20, 2021.** Membership Meetings are held at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in **Room 12-14** from November through April. Handicap parking and elevator access are available at the 1st. Street entrance to the building. 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 7:00 p.m. on membership meeting evenings in the same room, if members care to attend. Note: Board meetings held on **August 12** and **September 16** will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 23, 2020**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Club Bus Trip – To be announced**  
**Cleanup Day – Saturday, April 18, 2020**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Swap Meet – May 1, 2 & 3, 2020**  
**Swap Setup begins Thurs., April 30**  
**Auction May 2, 10 a.m.**  
**Kids Day – Friday, May 15, 2020**  
**57<sup>th</sup> Annual Show – August 21, 22, & 23, 2020**  
**Exhibitor Banquet – October, 2020 (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: John Friske (608)698-8202  
 Recording Secretary: Judy Curtin (608) 293-4045  
 Membership Sec'y: C. Hasheider (608)522-4277  
 Treasurer: Joe Prindle (608)434-3399  
 Director: Steve Roudebush (608)220-0601  
 Director: Paul Hasheider (608)522-4277  
 Director: Bill Hendrickson (608)586-4406



*It's not that long before Kids Day will be here again. Save the date: Friday, May 15, 2020. Docents are always needed.*

*Photo by Jim Turner*