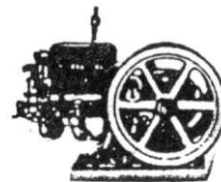


# Newsletter



*of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club*

*Fall, 2019*

*Baraboo, Wisconsin*

## **56<sup>th</sup> Annual Show Report**

For the second year in a row we had less than ideal weather, but we still got a decent turnout for the show. There was light rain in the mornings, but by 10 a.m., people were pouring through the main gate. The weekend totals were 10,036 tickets sold, plus 247 credit card sales for a total of 10,283 attendees. This was down about 600 from last year. This was the first year we accepted credit cards at the Main Gate, and the plan is to include credit card availability information on show advertising for 2020.

We had about 1,100 exhibitors, from 10 states, Canada and Japan. We actually ran out of exhibitor plaques which has not happened in quite a long time. There were 330 campers, and 494 showers were taken at the shower trailer. The Flea Market went well, with a slight drop in the number of vendors, compared to last year. There were ten spots for non-profit groups also. Visitor parking went very well this year, and the group did a superb job. People haulers transitioned well to a new manager this year. Thanks to Mark Zweifel (retired) and Dale Goff (new guy) for managing it. The Exhibitor Gate also had a good year, which is really a welcome change. A security guard was at

the gate most of the busy times this year, which may have helped things go more smoothly. The Bookstore had excellent sales this year. Barb Young also reported there were 50+ donated hours from 8 helpers folding tee shirts. The Shingle Mill had good sales, but down slightly from last year. There were 70 pies donated for the pie sale, as well as brownies, small fruit breads, cookies, bars, and there was a complete sellout of all of it! By early Sunday afternoon, it was all gone, nada, down to the last crumb.

## **Warning: This Is Going to be a Steamy Issue!**



*This 1907 Minneapolis 45 hp is the only one remaining of 7 of this model made. It dwarfs the smaller engine which is also belted up at the Hug Mill.*

The Great Minneapolis Feature this year was truly great and grand. The parade was very impressive with so many traction engines and prairie tractors. The lineup with the posters and the banner was beautiful and really special. There were also 75 Minneapolis-Moline tractors by the Feature Building. There were three MM separators working at one time, and one crew stayed all weekend. The brand new Minneapolis-Moline Building also made its debut, with many, many thanks to Jean Brew. The front part has an office area with glass display cases containing lots of neat items, and M-M quilts on the walls. The back area houses 3 very nicely restored tractors used when the Brews were farming, 2 M-Ms and a Farmall M. And, outside there is a north-facing porch that overlooks the Feature area of the show. Thank you to all the people from Rollag and other visiting exhibitors, and of course, many thanks to our own Club members who worked so hard on this feature, with special thanks to Tyler Roudebush and Peter Holzman.

### **Problems, Complaints, Suggestions,**

Well, now that we've mentioned the highlights of the show, let's get on to the other side of the coin.

\* Security problems continue to be an issue. There will be more discussion at the November meetings.

\*The Shingle Mill crew reported a very rusty roof on their building, which is visible to people hauler riders going by. They also would like a permanent

leanto with a concrete floor added to their building, as their tarp was destroyed this year.

\*There is a mouse problem at the Book Store, and two new doors are needed.

\*There are still problems with golf cart registration for personally owned carts. We need proof of insurance from them for liability reasons. How can we police this?

\* There are still kids on tractors, golf carts, rvs, etc. without adult supervision.

### **Membership News**

There were 24 new members added in the month of August. They are: Jeff Bratz, Kansasville; Sherry Brethorst, Lodi; Robb Brinkmann, Oconomowoc; Bryton Clark, Reedsburg; Kelcey Clark, Reedsburg; Tony Dahmen, Wisconsin Dells; Brian Gilbertson, Columbus; John Grant, Arkdale; Lori Hanners, Baraboo; John Janzen, Waunakee; James Johnson, Wisconsin Dells; Debra Kuelper, Lyndon Station; Brian Little, Baraboo; Colin Nolden, Reedsburg; Brock Pelton, Lyndon Station; Steven Peters, Necedah; Tyler Roberts, McFarland; Ben Rowley, Blue Mounds; Lawrence Rupinski, Eagle; Bill Schuette, Reedsburg; Clayton Smith, Cottage Grove; Karla Vale, Baraboo; Robert Vysinka, LaValle; Lucas Wilhelm, Columbus.

There are now 888 members of the Club. Welcome to the Club, everyone!

## A Death

**Lloyd O. Koepfel, age 84**, of North Freedom, passed away Monday, September 23, 2019. He was born in 1935, enlisted in the U.S. Army, and married Sharon Smith in 1971. A design engineer, he and his wife began Ken-Tech Products Corporation in 1983. He was a founding member of the Badger Area Technical Society (B.A.T.S.), and joined Badger Steam and Gas in 2012. He is survived by his wife Sharon, his children Gary (Brenda) Koppel and daughter Tracy (Jeff) Pelletier, a granddaughter, Nicole, sister Shirley Smith, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by brothers Merle and Lyle Koepfel.

## Exhibitor Banquet Reminder

It's getting late! If you wish to attend the banquet, please contact Crystal Hasheider as soon as possible so enough food will be available to all attendees. The banquet is on Saturday, October 12th, at 6:30 p.m., and will be at the North Shore Restaurant, next to *where Farm Kitchen used to be* on Hwy 123. There will be a cash bar for soda and alcoholic beverages, and the meal will be buffet style to trim costs. The buffet selection will be full salad bar, ham, chicken breasts, potatoes and gravy, vegetable blend, dessert, milk, and coffee. Price is \$20 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. We will continue with door prizes if you wish to participate. Reservations should be **asap** to Crystal Hasheider, E9807 Pleasant Valley Road, Baraboo, WI 53913 or better yet, give her a call if you plan to attend. Contact Crystal at (608)522-4277.

## MSOE Exhibit: Magnificent Machines of Milwaukee and the Engineers Who Created Them

<https://www.msOE.edu/grohmann-museum/exhibitions/> From now until December 22, 2019, this interesting exhibit will be available. If you happen to be in Milwaukee, check this out. We visited the Grohmann Museum on the 2019 Club spring bus trip, but this exhibit was not up then. Bob and I visited it recently and really enjoyed it. There is a nice free parking lot accessed from Milwaukee St. behind the museum now, (you will need to give the desk your vehicle license number) as well as on street parking in the vicinity. General admission is \$5.00, students and seniors \$3.00, children under 12 free. Contact (414)277-2300. Location is 1000 N. Broadway. There are museum hours every day of the week, check web site above for details. At least one of our Club members, Brad Smith was an information source for this exhibit.

## Membership Meeting Reports

### August 7, 2019

Crystal Hasheider announced one new member. Mark Beard stated the Ogden Publishing Co. had the wrong ad in our flyers and other materials they do for the show. Corrections were made by him. Peter Holzman reported where ads have been placed to promote the show, WAXX Eau Claire, Wisconsin State Farmer, and on local stations. Show books are here and are \$5.00 each. Jean

Brew said the new Minneapolis Building will be ready by next week. Bill Hendrickson has the Miniature Farm Building almost completed. He reported that two doors need to be replaced on the Book Store along with other small repairs. Jim Turner has the Gas Engine Shed really cleaned up. Paul Young reported on the Walters Brewery engine. Replacement parts were not available so Joe Prindle made a brass bearing. Benches donated by the Buelow family have places by the new Brew building. John Friske said there were a lot of new buildings missing on the map. He is working to update it for the "Wally" sign. The railroad placing will need to be on the sign. Each building has a number, and we need to update and put numbers on all buildings. John Friske will check with the Lake Delton Fire Department to see how this should be arranged. The route for the people haulers will be changed slightly. Nursing home buses should be encouraged to come on Thursday, less congestion. Feature report by Tyler Roudebush, expect 14 steam engines, 6 prairie tractors,. The new signs he had made look great. He needs permission to place 16-18 large banners around the grounds (they have quiz questions on them). Jerry Parker will be bringing original blueprints. Victory water pump will be displayed, only 3 known to be in existence. Kenny Kass will be at the show. He is a real asset to any show. Tyler Roudebush asked to have some posters printed. Motion by Don Evenson to have them printed, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Al Riddle. MC. Robert Bell is a

private certified security holder, and would be willing to help where needed. Bradley will be the 2023 Feature, their national meeting. These were sold by Sears. The Kids Engine Project is ready. Jan Bruski reported on the Womens Building 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet she has put together. Al Riddle will meet at 8 a.m. to do finishing up of undone projects. There are 14 pallets of shingles made up. September meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

### **September 18, 2019**

Treasurer Joe Prindle gave a detailed Treasurer's report from the show. Motion to accept by Bill Klemm, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Don Evenson. MC. Joe gave the update on ticket sales, sales went very well, and count was off by 17 through the show, but 16 of those were due to the complimentary ticket mix up which was cleared up Credit card sales were very good and will improve by putting it in show materials and also our Newsletter. Our cost was 2.75%. It was asked about a surcharge; it was declined at one meeting, but can be brought up again. The Flea Market does charge a surcharge, Robert Mattson has not had problems with it. Robert reported he had 10 spots from non-profit groups. Shingle sales went down slightly, still had a good year. With strong winds, the sales tent is torn and broken. Requesting permanent leanto on east end, with a cement floor. Roof of the mill is getting very rusty. Requesting it be painted. New logs brought in should be placed on the north end of the pile. Dale Goff turned in \$638.54 from the tip

buckets on the people haulers. Good job Dale. Will be back next year! Andy Wedekind reported on the Sand Box activity. It went okay. Carl Schellenberger turned in a very nice detailed report on the Camp Ground numbers; 340 of the 400 sites were used. Concerns they would like addressed before next year's show: 1). 2 new roads cut out by railroad group/John Mente. 1 road N/S west of horse barn, 1 road E/W north of Hellenbrand Road; corner of SW fire lane. 2) Generator designation area coming. 3) General grounds future use. Why was new storage building put up in camping area? 4) Discussion with Steve Roudebush regarding a church to move to grounds. Where would it go? 5) Gravel at west end of Hellenbrand Road; corner of SW fire lane. 6) New land development for camping if the woods roads are not completed this year. Wade Opperman reported on the South Exhibitors Gate. Things went well. Paul Kohlwey will turn the water off, Paul Young will take care of the fixtures. The septic tank needs to be pumped and a Porta potty set up for fall. Bill Hendrickson said the Book Store needs two new doors. Neal Stone said he had a good crew at the threshing machine, and it went well. Jan Bruski thanked all her volunteers and we thank Jan for the pre-show lunch. Barbara Young said she had 8 shirt folders and it went okay. Peter Holzman said there were 75 rubber tired tractors and the plaques were very nice. Needed 1065 and only had 1025. The Railroad group did not have the map in the building. Steve

Roudebush gave the report for the steam engines. Everything went well. Crystal Hasheider announced the card sign up for the October 12 banquet at Northshore at 6:30 a.m. The Yellow Thunder Riders made a donation of \$250.00. Show books sold well, but still have many left. It was suggested we sell them with shingles at the front gate. There were concerns about kids underage driving tractors and other motorized vehicles. Motion by David Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Andy Wedekind to have the Case Feature in 2023 (on hold). Need to figure out how to stop the carts that don't pay the \$5 fee. Make sure they have insurance. John Friske gave update on the "Wally" sign. Don Evenson met with the Lake Delton Fire Chief and has given us a list of objectives for the Club to number the building and many other things. John will continue to get it up to standard.



*Not a steam traction engine, but too cool to pass up, the Twin City 16 was made between 1917-1919. Twin City eventually became part of Minneapolis-Moline. The owner is Jerred Ruble of Hanlontown, IA.*

**\*\*\*\* Note that the November 20 meeting will be at the Baraboo Civic Center, Room 12-14, NOT at the grounds! \*\*\*\***

**Club Calendar and Dates to Remember  
Membership Meeting Dates:**

**Meetings begin at 8 p.m., November 20, 2019 and January 15, 2020.** 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.

**Exhibitor Banquet – Saturday, October 12, 2019**  
**Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 23, 2020**  
**22<sup>nd</sup>. Annual Swap Meet & Auction - May 1, 2 & 3, 2020**  
**57<sup>th</sup> Annual Show – August 21, 22, 23, 2020**

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*Richard Thomas once again set up a very nice display of many if not all of the smaller steam engines belonging to the Club. Thank you, Richard.*



*The Minneapolis steam engines were set up in a crescent which really set off the beauty of the engines. Each engine had its place, marked by a very nice poster with the owner's name and engine information.*