

# Newsletter

*of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club*

*Fall, 2014*

*Baraboo, Wisconsin*

## **51<sup>st</sup> Annual Show Report**

With temperatures in the 80s and humidity to match, it was a little hot at the show this year, especially given the rather cool, temperate summer we had up until that point. This may have been a factor in our somewhat lower attendance this year, but barring a weather disaster, we can never be quite sure why one year has higher or lower attendance than another year. Last year was a record, with over 13,500 attendees; this year we dropped to just under 12,000. The admission increased to \$8.00 this year, so that helped bridge the income gap between the two years. There were 1,083 exhibitors from 16 states and 2 foreign countries, again less than last year's count of 1,202. It was still a good show, with no rain and several new, interesting exhibits and activities.

The Rumely feature had 50 exhibits including tractors, steam engines and equipment. The *BIG* 36 hp 1911 Rumely double steam traction engine "imported" from the Rollag, Minnesota show was a hit, especially in the parade. Included with the engine were some very friendly Minnesota visitors who really enjoyed our show and had many good things to say about it. Thanks to Del Endres, Bill Klemm and Joe Prindle for their work on the feature.

The Hot Air feature had a great display packed into their end of the Feature Building. This feature attracted a lot of interest, as most people were very curious about what hot air engines are. There were over 90 engines, and about 12 exhibitors, from Texas, Colorado, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Many of the engines were relatively small, and fairly diverse in appearance, so a lot of interesting examples were available. Larry and Wendy Richards and Lee and JoAnn Muegge did a great job with this feature.

The new "Sand Box" working exhibit was very

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## **We're Buying More Land: Special Meeting Report**

The Special Meeting called for Sunday, October 12, resulted in a "yes" vote to buy the adjoining 118 (actually 117.98) acres to the north of the show grounds. Notice of this meeting was sent to over 726 members; there were 121 members present, and some guests. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by President Robert Coates, the motion was stated by Treasurer Bill Klemm, and seconded by Grace Schellenberger. About an hour was spent in discussion before the question was called by Mala McGhee, and seconded by Carl Schellenberger. Concerns about the purchase were mainly focused on financial issues and who would do the additional work that will be necessary with the new property. In addition to the property being purchased, some or all of our current property will need to be used as collateral for the 15 year loan. So far, only one financial institution has been consulted, so better terms may be found elsewhere. The purchase will also require some austerity measures in our finances over the term of the loan so that payments can be made, and hopefully, we will be able to make additional principal payments to pay down the loan faster. The possibility of increasing our income through more events was also raised. The support for this purchase was overwhelming, with 86 "yes" votes, and 33 "no" votes. One ballot was declared ineligible, and another was blank, so all 121 voting members were accounted for. The purchase of this land will increase the size of our grounds to 264.5 acres. Better increase the order for golf carts!



*Part of the Rumely lineup this year.*

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popular. It looks like we can count on this activity growing, and having some different working machinery from year to year. If you have some construction equipment, whether large or small, in working clothes or all spiffed up, don't be shy - bring it to the 2015 show. This was Allen Steele's baby, and he did a wonderful job, with help from the other equipment owners/operators.

The new Gas Station building was not completely finished, but close enough to be a very popular spot for show goers. In the evening, when the lights were turned on, it was really almost magical. People were drawn over there like "moths to the flame", an apt cliché here! The antique gas pumps were very attractive, and the antique cars looked fabulous, parked on the brick pavement and in the area. A surprise exhibit was the 1919 Ford Model T, donated to the Club by Earl Petske. There were many people who helped on this project, which was masterminded by Mark Beard. Next year this project will be complete, and even more attractive.

The Fairbanks Diesel building was not completed in time for the show, although great progress was made. This project has been hanging fire for several years, but has finally started to come together, under the guidance of Allen Steele. They expect to have the building completely enclosed before winter. The remaining tin should be installed close to the time you receive this newsletter, and the doors will be put on in early November.

The addition to the food court shelter was a success, as was expected, since the building was usually overflowing in past years during the lunch hour. The new Ice Cream building was open for business, although some interior work remains to be done. Paul Young says he wants to have a steam engine working in there next summer.

The Flea Market did well, even though the number of sellers was slightly lower. The Mattsons did a great job managing the market this year in their first solo effort. Apparently golf carts were a problem in the market. Cart drivers blocked customer access to

sellers' tables by parking right in front of them, then leaving the unoccupied cart there for fairly long periods of time.

The Book Store had great sales, and the Rumely tee shirt designed by David Fuller was a big hit. Shingle sales, cedar shavings, cedar bales and show books were sold by the Shingle Mill, despite a somewhat abbreviated crew. The food stands did well, and it can be assumed that warm weather led to brisk sales at the Club Pop Stand too. The campground was full, and the new shower trailer did take the strain off the restroom building showers.

All in all, it was a good show, although so many projects this summer took its toll on our worker members. Perhaps next summer will be bit more leisurely.



*The Duplex hot air engine is actually two engines on a common crank shaft. One runs clock-wise, the other runs counter clock-wise. Each is heated by a small pilot burner, using propane.*

### **Lost and Found**

If you lost (or found) something during the show, be sure to check with Crystal Hasheider. She has a few found items, so if you are missing something, she is the one to talk to. Call (609)522-4277



## Membership Report

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported the addition of the following 13 new members during the show in August: David Baumgarten-North Freedom, Norman Bortz-Portage, Robert Brown-Poplar Grove, IL, Tim Chesney-Portage, Fred Gawronski-Reedsburg, Kyle Gherke-Sun Prairie, Gary Hoffman-Monroe, Keith Kinney-Evansville, IN, Bonnie Konkel-WI Dells, Mike Masar-Green Bay, Mike Mazurkiewicz-Egg Harbor, Loren Schleuseher-Tomah, and Kyle Walters-Mayville.

In September, two more new members were added: Dennis Behr-Madison and Matthew Williams-Baraboo.

In October, Kayla Roudebush of Middleton became a member.

## Exhibitor Banquet News

The weekend of October 11-12 was a busy one for some Club members, with the Exhibitors Banquet on Saturday night, and the Special Meeting on Sunday. This year the banquet attendance was exactly the same as last year – 60 people. It was a pleasant, relaxing evening, and it was nice to be able to visit with people at leisure. As usual, the door prizes exceeded the number of people, so we had to start drawing names over again. There were some interesting home crafted items, calendars donated by the Book Store, an apple pie, and more. Barb Young brought some items from the Book Store for people who didn't make it to the store during the show. The Farm Kitchen has a new owner, but the menu was similar to past dinners there. The food was pronounced very good. There was a dessert table with assorted goodies as well, but the coconut bars were the best!

## Storm Damage at the Grounds

On August 25, the show grounds suffered a fair amount of tree damage from a storm with high, straight line winds which broke trees off, rather than uprooting them. Fortunately, there was no damage to buildings, other than the new Gas Station building getting a brush from a nearby large tree. There were some small dents in the metal roof, and the end molding on the

roof was bent. No insurance claim was filed, as the damage to the building was so slight. The tree scraped along the back wall of the building, leaving a brown streak on the stucco, but the stucco held firm. A tree fell between the Blacksmith Shop and the Model Building, neatly missing both of them. There were more trees and a lot of branches down, but we were very, very lucky. Some of the trees that came down had probably been weakened by oak wilt, but others were seemingly healthy trees. Cleanup of storm debris is mostly finished, except for sticks on the ground.



*Roof damage on the Gas Station, from downed tree at right.*



*Most trees were broken off several feet above the ground.*



*Robert Hoege at work cleaning up the mess after the storm.*



## Show Pictures



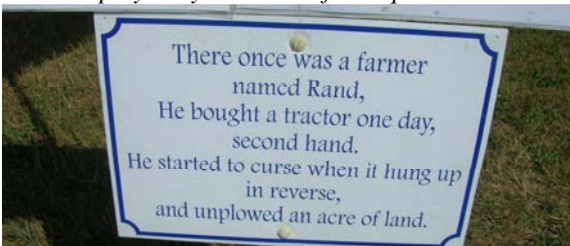
*This rare 6 hp Fairbanks cam stopper engine (not connected to Fairbanks Morse) was manufactured in New York. It was displayed by Bill Winkler.*



*James Wheeler of Dane brought this marvelous Marvel Draw Cut Saw, No. 2. It was patented in 1912.*



*This beautiful model of a round barn was one of a group of model barns displayed by J. Hanke of Viroqua.*



*The new Gas Station at night, with the antique pumps lit and people gathering round on a warm summer evening. Where's the pop machine with the 6 oz. green glass bottles of Coca Cola?*



*"Sand Box" participants included the small...*



*to the large. Allen Steele is having fun tearing up the dirt with his John Deere scraper.*





*How embarrassing – running out of gas during the parade and being passed by a baby stroller...!*



*One of those wild and crazy implements, the Whirlwind Terracer was made by the Servis Equipment Co. in the late 1940s-early 50s. The owner is Lowell Andreessen of Reedsburg.*



*The Wahl family of Marytown obligingly posed with their 1921 Model K 15hp Farquhar steam engine.*



*The rare Illinois steam engine rounds the corner during the parade. It was made in Sycamore, IL.*



*Judy Curtin of North Freedom parades her 1944 Farmall H.*



*The 1911 36 hp Rumely double steam engine rolls majestically down the parade route with a smiling David Fuller on board.*





## Women's Events Building Displays



*"Corn" display, with Farmer Boy made by Gene Paris, Baraboo.*



*"History of the Sewing Machine" display, by Jan Sprecher-Bruski*

## Print Exhibit at Baraboo Public Library

Member Don Evenson put together a history of printing display for the Library. It will be up until mid-November, if you would like to see it. He credited the Club and the Print Shop in the exhibit.



## Vilter Compressor Engine Moved Successfully

On July 31 and August 1, the Vilter was extracted from its former home in Eau Claire and transported to the Club grounds. Members there that day were Don Blausey, Paul Grotophorst, Paul Hasheider, and John Pate, who drove the semi loaned by Deppe Transit.



## Deaths:

**Darroll J. Bennett**, age 88, of Reedsburg, died on Friday, October 3, 2014. He was born on August 23, 1926 in Amberg, Wisconsin, the son of Clinton and Mabel (Holtslander) Bennett. In 1950, he married Shirley E. Reinfeldt. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving with the U.S. Army. He farmed for several years and worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad for about 20 years until retirement. He has been a member of the Club since 1996. He is survived by his wife Shirley; four children; Dennis (Susan) Bennett, of Portage; Donna (Phillip) Pachniak, of Marshfield; David (Laurie) Bennett, of Fort Atkinson; and Dixie (Randy) Cronn, of Reedsburg; eight grand children; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

**Donna Green**, age 77, of Baraboo, died Tuesday, September 23, 2014. She was born March 6, 1937 in Baraboo to Ray and Emma (Krintz) Hewitt. She married Charles E. Green in 1953; they were married for 61 years. Donna became a member of the Club in 1996, and for many years was a friendly and very

helpful worker in the office during the show. She is survived by her husband, four daughters, Fay (William) Verstein, Susan Green, Sandra (Ken) Pierce, and Marsha Luther; also six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Anna Pauline “Ann” Schellenberger**, 101, of Baraboo died Friday, July 18, 2014, just one month short of her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. She was born August 19, 1912 in Baraboo to Glen R. and Clara K. (Bender) Brooks. Her childhood was spent in North Freedom, and some of her early adulthood was spent working in Milwaukee. After her return to North Freedom, she married Ray Schellenberger in 1940. Ray and Ann farmed in the North Freedom area most of their lives. Once their boys were older, Ann also worked as a sewing machine operator at Baraboo Tent & Awning. She and Ray were among the early members of the Club, and by the time of her death, she was the oldest living member. Together they built three scale model tractors large enough to carry two adults. They also managed the camping for several years when the show was on the Fairgrounds. Ann is survived by her sons, Gene Schellenberger of Baraboo and Carl (Grace) Schellenberger also of Baraboo; four grandchildren, Michael (Andrea) Schellenberger of Reedsburg, Tracy (Todd) Buelow of Baraboo, Scott Schellenberger of Verona, and Melisa Skwor of Baraboo; three great-granddaughters; several nieces and nephews; and many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Ray; her son, “Baby” Glen Schellenberger; daughter-in-law, Joanne Schellenberger; her parents; one brother, Gerald and one sister; Irma Clement.

**Robert D. Wold**, age 80, of Monona, died Wednesday, July 30, 2014 after battling a lung disease for over seven years. He was born August 20, 1933 in rural Vernon County, the son of Robert G. and Ethel E. Wold. He graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1951. He married Ethel Demar in 1953. He worked as a salesman, at first selling cars and later office copy machines. Then for over 40 years, he worked for Jeske Company in Appleton, selling building hardware in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. He was an accomplished wood worker, and had a life-long passion for old cars. He was a member of the Model T Club, and joined BS&GE in the early 1990s. He and Ethel exhibited their 1930 Model A Tudor at our show

for several years. He is survived by his wife Ethel; son, Rob (Julie); daughter, Laura Lee; grandsons, Chris and Geoff (Katie); great-granddaughter, Elizabeth, and other relatives.

## **Membership Meeting Reports:**

### **August 6, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coates. Don Blausey reported the steam powered ammonia compressor has been moved from Eau Claire to the show ground. Louise Coates reported the 2014 show books are available. Mark Beard reported the Gas Station is under construction and opening by the first day of the show is possible. Allen Steele reported progress on the Fairbanks Diesel Building, both sides and the roof are complete. The antique construction machinery area will be roped off for visitor safety. Neal Stone reported the Club will not be accepting a thresher donation. Larry Richards reported a lot of interest in the hot sir feature. Del Endres reported a large number of Rumely tractors are expected. There were only a few unreserved spaces in the Flea Market. This year’s phone for Flea Market Info is (608)393-3021. The State boiler inspection will be available on the show grounds August 13, 14 and 15. The wood paneling is completed on the interior of the Fuller and Johnson Annex. Additional F&J display space is available in this building. A motion by Joe Prindle to purchase a 55 gallon barrel of steam cylinder oil was seconded by Paul Young. MC. President Coates reminded members that grounds clean up and roping exhibit areas will be done on August 9 and 10. The Blacksmith group will be on the grounds August 9. The Area Radio Club will be using the grounds August 22 & 23. A motion was made by Bill Klemm to host the John Deere GP Collectors meeting September 11-12, 2015.

### **September 17, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Coates. Del Endres reported there were 50 Rumely exhibits including tractors and equipment. Larry Richards reported the hot air engines and related exhibits filled their portion of the Feature Building, and there was a lot of interest and many visitors. Grace Schellenberger reported all camp sites were rented; the rental shower trailer was a success. The additional showers made se



at the main restrooms easier. Camping reservations are recommended. Mark Beard noted that Verne Kindschi has given the Club a gas pump to be restored and used at the Gas Station. Joe Prindle made a motion to pay for the required restoration parts, seconded by Allen Steele. MC. Barb Young gave a report on the Book Store for the show days; Barb did have additional help in the store this year. Verne Kindschi reported an excellent Youth Steam Engine Project class. Model builders from previous years brought their engines to display in the Model Building. The Railroad Committee reported a donation of 2,000 feet of track for the Club. They expect to move the track soon. Mark Beard will check prices for a new outdoor sound system. Additional speakers are requested for use in the parade area. Anne Beard stated she will no longer be handling the printing of the posters and tri-folds for Club events. Crystal Hasheider reported 14 new members signed up during the show.

### **Club Calendar and Dates to Remember**

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

#### **November 19, 2014 and January 21, 2015**

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**. Occasionally we are moved to a different room, so check the notice board on the wall at the north entrance. 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.

#### **February 22, 2015 – Annual Meeting**

#### **Photo Credits**

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### **People On Ladders**



*You've heard of the "just in time" business strategy? Well, here's David Beard putting that theory to the test on the Gas Station building.*



*A long overdue painting job on the restroom building was very neatly completed by Kim Phelps, "just in time" for the show.*

### **Ultimate Sand Box – Every Kid Wants One**





