

# Newsletter

*of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club*

*Fall, 2018*

*Baraboo, Wisconsin*

## 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Show News

Despite less than ideal weather, the show went on. There were 10,902 attendees, down from over 12,000 last year. The rain on Friday morning can be blamed for that, and the fog that would not go away for much of Sunday a.m. did not help either. Saturday was a very fine day, so there was normal attendance then. There were 1,111 registered exhibitors from 14 states, down from last year's 1,170, perhaps also due to weather and/or flood conditions elsewhere in the state. There were 199 participants in the parade, and 84 kids for the Pedal Pull. There were 25 working steam engines made by the Youth Steam Engine Project this year.

We have no count of the John Deere feature exhibitors this year, but there was a good showing of JD tractors, and implements. Bill Klemm and Paul Hasheider organized this feature, and special thanks go to Art Woodward who stepped up to help with the exhibits also. The Leader tractor people were a pleasant friendly bunch with exhibitors from 8 states. While here, they located three additional Wisconsin farms with Leader tractors that were previously unknown to the group. Their president, Donald E. Jones sent a very nice letter to our Club, expressing their satisfaction with their visit to our show. Thanks to Peter Holzman for his work with this group.

Golf cart rentals went very well. We will order 100 carts next year, 20 more than this year. Registration of carts brought in by attendees needs some fine tuning. There were very few people who objected

to the \$5 charge, which is amazingly low compared to other shows. But, there seemed to be many personally owned carts that did not appear to be registered, some of them belonging to Club members.

More numbers: there were at least 25 running steam engines. The Book Store had 486 customers. The Miniature Farm was well-received, with 1,000 visitors in one day. The Shingle Mill had 21 people helping and made 1700 shingles and 600 plaques. Pies sold out; I heard there were 64 pies donated this year, but I am not certain. The Wood Shop sold bird houses. There were 370 vendors in the Flea Market, occupying 607 spaces. There were 301 campers. 459 people used the shower trailer.



*The wave of the future: our 56<sup>th</sup> annual show will feature Minneapolis-Moline, so mark your calendars for August 16, 17 & 18, 2019. Above: Roger Haarklau is all ready to go with the family's 1955 Minneapolis UB Special.*

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### Problems, Complaints, Suggestions

There were some security issues this year. Local kids in a golf cart allegedly stole some sunglasses and jerky from one of the Flea Market sellers. This took place during the spark show. They made their escape on a marked ATV trail, leading to the suspicion they were local and knew the area, rather than somebody camped with a family connected to the show.

There have also been kids riding dirt bikes on the grounds since the show, which is a liability concern. All gates need to be kept locked, except the main gate.

One vendor didn't pay and came in the Exhibitor Gate instead of the Flea Market gate. He also left a mess. He will be "uninvited".

There is a need to find another group to park cars for the 2019 show. The senior group that did it this year and bailed us out in 2017 has bowed out. They helped us when we really needed it, so a big, big thank you to Baraboo Area Senior Citizen's Organization. Suggestions are welcome.

Speaking of parking, there's good news and bad news. Because of the additional exhibitor parking areas cleared on the north end of the grounds, there were fewer exhibitors parked in the attendee lot, so that helped some of the crowding. The bad news is that, in spite of various efforts with signage, ropes, saw horses, etc. people are now parking *on* the loading dock ramp, rather than the other end of it, like they were last year. Aargh! Since it is inside the grounds, we can assume these are either exhibitors, who really should know better, or it's people coming to help at food booths, etc.

There is quite a bit of work that needs to be done with unruly trees on the grounds. Mark Beard reported 6 trees that are leaning toward buildings. The campground has a lot of dead branches and broken branches high up in the trees, and there is a tree in the fence line with wire going through it. It was decided at the Board meeting to hire two men who are equipped to handle this type of work. They can probably do the work in 8 hours, or so.

The web site could use more pictures, and it would be good to have better, more up to date aerial photos there. Send pictures to web master David Beard to be posted. Please provide captions if you can. His email is [web\\_editor@badgersteamandgas.com](mailto:web_editor@badgersteamandgas.com) Or if that doesn't work for you, see the "Contact" page on the Club website, scroll down and use the "Email" button in the lower right corner of the page.

### Exhibitor Banquet Information

If you filled out a post card when you registered in the Office during the show, you should have received a reminder by now, and returned it with your payment. The deadline date was October 1. **If you missed this date, contact Crystal Hasheider and see what arrangements can be made.** If you did not get a reminder, you can still contact Crystal or simply mail your payment to her. The banquet is on October 13th, at 6:30p.m., and will be at the North Shore Restaurant next to the Farm Kitchen 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 \$15 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. We will continue with door prizes if you wish to participate. Reservations should be mailed to Crystal Hasheider, E9807 Pleasant Valley Road, Baraboo, WI 53913. If you have any questions, contact Crystal at (608)522-4277.

### What Once Was Lost Has Now Been Found

What keeps people interested in flea markets, antique shops, and yes, even garage sales? It is the thrill of the chase, the excitement of finding something interesting or different, or maybe something that has been lost and thought to be gone... forever.

Saturday at the 2018 show flea market was a day like any other for Fred Kulig. He and his friend Jay Hankee were stopped at a booth in the market, when Jay said to Fred, "That looks like a picture over there." Fred went to check it out, turned it over, and was stunned to find a painting that had been stolen from his daughter 24 years ago, in 1994. It was still in the same frame, and was definitely the same painting, with her signature at the bottom. She had painted it 26 years ago, but it was stolen from her apartment building when she was in college at Eau Claire.

The painting did not have great monetary value, but it was prized by the family for sentimental reasons. Fred had always searched for it, thinking it just might possibly turn up someday, and here it was. He could barely believe it. He talked to the vendor and was told that the painting had been purchased at Galesville, WI only about 25 miles south of Whitehall, where Fred lives. It had apparently been there for many years. Eau Claire is about 42 miles north of where Fred lives, so the painting has never been more than about 42 miles away from its home in all this time. It is still in good condition, so whoever had the painting probably kept it hanging on a wall, or in safe storage, rather than carelessly tossing it into a basement or attic. Fred may never find out about the painting's whereabouts during its prolonged absence, but it has come home at last.



*The painting is based on a DeLaval Cream Separator ad from the early 1900s. It was painted in 1992 for Fred by his daughter Kristin Kulig.*

### Membership News

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported that there were 29 new members added in August, and 3 more in September. We lost two members since the last newsletter, Gary Eastman of Baraboo, and Jerry Swedburg of Hawley, MN. See p.4 for more information.

*August Members:* James Allert, LaValle; Dustin Bitsky, Friendship; Casey Brantmeyer, Sauk City; Gary Cartwright, Montello; James Faith, Monroe; Ron Finster, Janesville; Auston Foster, Baraboo; Bill Frank, Fox Lake; Brian Frank, McFarland; Donald Frank, Fox Lake; Tim Geoghegan, Baraboo; Ben Goff, Baraboo; Molly Goff, Baraboo; Jaxon Harrison, Baraboo; John Lamb, Eau Claire; Brett Liddicoat, Pardeeville; Colton Meinhardt, Adams; Jacob Meyer, Loganville; James Neumaier, Cross Plains; Michael Noga, Byron, IL; Kevin Pickar,

Alsip, IL; David Reuter, Reedsburg; Jeff Shimon, Baraboo; Ricky Stange, Sterling, IL; Bernard Statz, Monroe; Dan Steingraber, Slinger; Joseph Terry, Port Edwards; Tim Wilson, Burlington, IL and Blaine Wood, LaValle.

*September Members:* Eric Collins, Edgerton; Michael Collins, Edgerton and Les Manske, Stoddard.

Total membership is now 880, up by 26 members from last year at this time.

### **Deaths**

**Gary F. Eastman**, age 71, of Baraboo, passed away on August 27, 2018. A member of the Club since 1976, for many years Gary worked with the shingle mill at the show and participated in most Club events. He is survived by his brothers, Joe Eastman, Donald Eastman, and Richard D. Eastman, all of Reedsburg, and other relatives and friends.

**Jerome Allen Swedberg**, age 86, of Hawley, MN, died on August 18, 2018. A renowned, very skilled machinist and prominent collector of rare gas engines and tractors, he was a member of the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion and served on the board there for several years. He was a member of our Club since 1979 and attended shows here regularly until the last few years. In 2010, he brought what is now known as the Youth Steam Engine Project to our show, where it has found a home. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; his ex-wife Kay; three daughters; two sons; five granddaughters and two brothers and a sister.

### **Membership Meeting Reports** **August 8, 2018**

About 65 people were present. President Coates called the meeting to order. Crystal Hasheider reported one new member and the loss of one member. Issues to review before the 2018 show: Car parkers are ready. Book Store needs help folding t-shirts. South gate needs more help. Golf cart rentals are good. The personal transportation registry can use some help. Mowing and roping can use help and parking lot painting will be Saturday. Front of the Office needs to be power washed. Al Riddle discussed a new parade route.

### **September 19, 2018**

About 65 people were present. Treasurer P. Kohlwey reported 10,902 people came through the gate. 29 memberships were sold. There was no count of the John Deere exhibitors. The Shingle Mill made 1700 shingles, 600 plaques, in 224 hours of time from 21 workers during the show. Threshing went well; a piece broke on the grain binder, but it was fixed on the same day for \$20. The Sawmill cut a bunch of flooring for use in the shed. The Gas Station was very busy. The Women's Building had a power outage, but the phones worked well and the Victrolas were especially popular with kids. Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Building. David Fuller put our show flyer out on Facebook and got a good response. There was discussion of the Treasurer's report regarding format with the new software. A letter from the President of the Leader tractor group was read. The Book Store had good sales, with 486 customers. There were 340 camping sites reserved, with 321 prepaid, and 301 came. 459 people used the shower trailer. The new Mini Farm building had 1,000 people through it one day. The Flea Market had 370 vendors, and 697 spaces were sold, about the same as last year. Don Evenson was concerned about extension cords; unplug them if not using.



### Looking Ahead: Future Show Features

2019 – Minneapolis Moline  
 2020 – International Harvester  
 2021 – Rumely National  
 2022 – Allis Chalmers

### Note: Meeting Time and Location Changes for Winter

At the September 19 Board meeting, it was decided to start the Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. instead of at 7 p.m. This will go into effect with the November 21 meeting. It was also decided to rent a larger room at the Civic Center to better accommodate the larger attendance we have been getting at meetings. This will cost a little more, but it will allow everyone to have a seat during the meetings. Given the rapid advancement of decrepitude for many of us, this should be good news. The arrangement is that 40 chairs will be set up, with additional chairs available if needed. The new meeting place is **Room 12-14**, located on the first floor of the Civic Center. Just FYI, fees at the Civic Center are very reasonable, and a far better and ultimately cheaper solution than trying to have meetings at the show grounds, where there are no comforts, i.e. no heat, no water, and no functioning restrooms during the fall/winter months. We also do not have to plow snow to gain access and for parking spots. We want to encourage members to attend meetings, not discourage them!

### Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

**Membership Meeting Dates:** Meetings begin at 8p.m. **November 21, 2018, and January 16, 2019.** Membership Meetings are held at the Baraboo Civic Center, 124 Second St., Baraboo, WI in **Room 12-14** 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 6:30 p.m. on membership meeting evenings in the same room, if members care to attend.

**Exhibitor Banquet – October 13, 2018**  
**Annual Meeting – February 24, 2019**

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Swap Meet – May 3, 4, & 5, 2019**  
**Auction May 4, 10 a.m.**  
**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Show – August 16, 17, & 18, 2019**

### Contact Information for the Executive Board

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### Miniature Farm Building



*A work in progress...*



*And a happy result.*

## Thank You, Newsletter Helpers



*Some of them are smiling anyway. Here is the crew who helps fold newsletters, stuff envelopes, affix labels and stamps and eat pizza they have to pay for themselves at the end of it all. Thank you all very, very much! Participants do vary somewhat each time.*

## Show Pictures



*1947 Maytag Light Plant, 110 volt, 250 watt AC.*



*This nicely restored Diamond T truck is equipped with a Tulsa Manufacturing Co. winch. Owner is unknown.*



*Gene Giebel of Baraboo brought this tiller, built for the Army Corps of Engineers in 1943, by Seaman Motors of Milwaukee.*



*This perfectly rusted Leader R dates to 1940. Its owner is Grant Cundiff of Republic, MO.*





*This mid-1930s John Deere sign is still in its original shipping crate. It was displayed by Les and Nancy Manske.*



*This 1959 630 Gas Standard John Deere is owned by Bill Dunn of Fitchburg.*



*John Deere M1-12 inch slotted moldboard plow, owner unknown.*



*David Kepner of Walnut, IL is the owner of this immaculate John Deere 3320.*





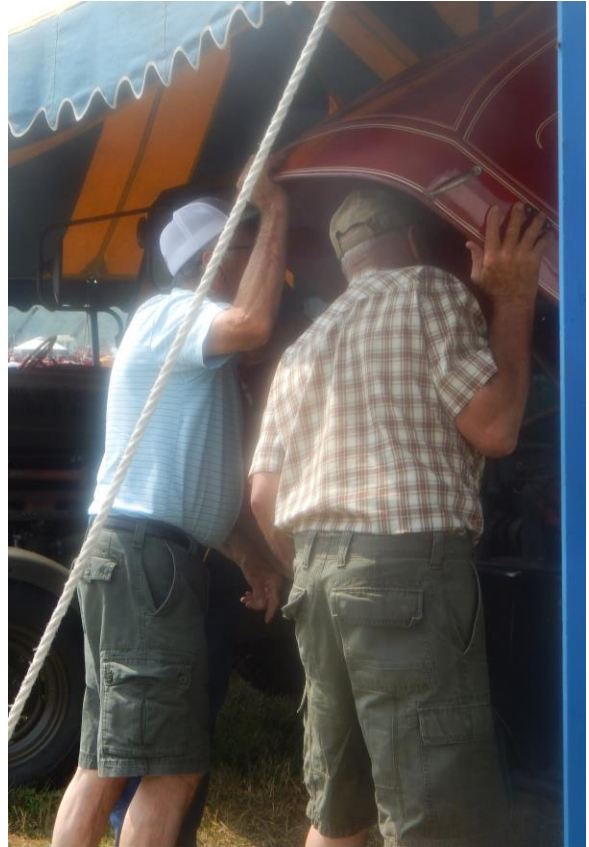
*The Gas Station drew a standing room only crowd on Saturday morning, all enjoying the sunshine, the different vehicles, antique pumps, signs and much more.*



*Making woven fence.*



*John Friske working to start the Fairbanks.*



*Just checking out what's under the hood of the 1923 Mack AC owned by Matt Williams, Baraboo.*



*An IH 234 corn picker. There's a tractor in there somewhere! The owner is Kathleen Railing of Lake Mills.*