



# Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Spring, 2018

Baraboo, Wisconsin

## 2018 Annual Meeting Report

The meeting was held in the Baraboo Civic Center gymnasium this year, and there were 154 members signed in, with 16 guests. The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Robert Coates. Recording Secretary Tanner Brethorst read the 2017 annual meeting minutes. Treasurer Bill Klemm read the 2017 annual financial report and reported the balance on our mortgage. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported new members. Neal Stone reported good crops last year. Barb Young gave the Bookstore report. Robert Mattson reported on the 2017 spring swap meet and summer show flea market. More drivers are needed for hauling merchandise at the Swap Meet. Rives Morelock reported good sales in the Shingle Mill last year. Don Blausey reported on the Hug Mill. Lyle Opperman reported on the Wood Shop. Pie sales had a very good year, with great help and plenty of pies at the show. The sale of surplus Club property was discussed.

Allen Steele reported he was going back to the original vendor for golf carts. He is constructing an 8'x16' building for the rental and registration of the carts, placed near the ticket booth at the front gate. Rental for carts at the show will be \$75 for 2 passenger this year, more \$\$ for 4 passenger carts. The Sand Box went well last year. Women's Building will be in its 9<sup>th</sup> year in 2018. Co-chair Jan Bruski thanked the men who helped with moving, and the new parking spaces were good. Features for 2018 are quilts, strawberries, Boy and Girl Scouts, featherweight Singer sewing machines. There will also be a 140 year old loom from Little Norway on display.

Railroad Commissioner Tanner Brethorst reported that they want to be more active, and are looking for smaller, more affordable projects. Contact Robert Hasheider for more information.

There was no John Deere Feature report, and Peter Holzman was not present to provide a Leader Tractor Feature report. Paul Young reminded us that Kid's Day will be May 18, about 240 kids will be attending, and more "herders" will be needed. Louise Coates reported on the 2018 spring bus trip; 50 people were already signed up.

Possible fee changes were discussed and voted upon. **Note that changes would be for 2019 events, as advertising for 2018 already has been published.** Keep gate admission at \$10 for 2019. MC. Keep swap meet @ \$30 per space. MC. Keep Flea Market @ \$60 per 15 ft. space. MC. Leave Camping at \$20. MC. Raise shingle price to \$3. MC. Keep show book price @ \$5. MC. There was discussion on how many books to order, how many were sold, etc. Keep \$5 fee for golf carts brought in by individuals. MC. (Handicapped people are exempt.) Keep indoor flea market spots @ \$50 in August, \$30 in spring. MC.

The miniature farm donation was discussed. The building will be ready by showtime. Once again, there was discussion of a three day pass. Donna Opperman noted that more parking is needed for trailers. Progress is being made, and there will be some changes by show time. Judy Mente brought up the topic of a survey to determine where the northern property line is, exactly. Discussion ensued. A plaque was awarded to outgoing

Director Paul Grotophorst. He has served as a Director since 1985.

The meeting was adjourned for the election of officers. The Election Committee was composed of Chairman Tom Ripp, Brandon Beard, Paul Grotophorst, and Jeff Jaedike. President Robert Coates and Vice President Allen Steele were both re-elected by unanimous ballot. There were two candidates for Recording Secretary: Robert Mattson and Joe Prindle. There was a tie vote, and it was settled by a coin toss, won by Robert Mattson. FYI, in 2016, Robert also won the office by a coin toss. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider was re-elected by unanimous ballot. Incumbent Treasurer Bill Klemm was challenged by Paul Kohlwey, who won the vote. There were three candidates for the vacant Director slot, Melvin Gaetzke, Steve Roudebush and John Anderson. Steve Roudebush was the winner.

We adjourned for the largest potluck ever. There were actually too many desserts to eat, and plenty of hot dishes, cold dishes and beverages. Nobody had to go home hungry for sure!



*Baraboo Civic Center gymnasium post-meeting socializing, February 25. There was plenty of room for all 154 of us, and enough chairs and tables for us too.*

### Club Officers, 2018



*Standing, l to r: Robert Mattson, Recording Sec'y; Allen Steele, V. President; Robert Coates, President; Neal Stone, Director; Paul Hasheider, Director; Crystal Hasheider, Membership Sec'y; kneeling, l to r: Steve Roudebush, Director and Paul Kohlwey, Treasurer.*



*Paul Grotophorst decided to retire from office this year, after serving 33 consecutive years as Director. He has the distinction of holding the same office the longest, as well as the most total years served in office. Thank you, Paul.*

*Photo by Crystal Hasheider*

### **Cleanup Day Information, or Leaves, Leaves, and More Leaves**

That pretty much says most of it. The date this year is **Saturday, April 21, with a rain date of April 28**. The water is also turned on for this day, so the bathrooms will need to be cleaned too. (Will it be warm enough by then?!) The Club does have a large leaf vac, but several people with rakes and/or leaf blowers will still be needed to clear out some of the tight spots. Most people are there by about 8 a.m.

### **2018 Swap Meet: May 4, 5 & 6**

**Thurs. May 3, 8:30 a.m. – Swap Setup Day Begins**

**Auction – Sat. May 5 at 10 a.m.**

Wow! This is going to be some year for the Swap Meet and Auction. There are two Rumely tractors on the auction, and if I have counted correctly, there are over 40 engines on the auction, with more to come. Check it out at our website. Last year we had beautiful weather, which brought out 381 vendors for the Swap Meet. Outdoor vendor setup charge is \$30 per load. Indoor space is very limited and Swap Meet price for a 10x10 indoor spot is \$30. Admission and parking for visitors are free. Contact Robert Mattson for questions. (608)393-3021.

If you want to consign something for the auction, contact Mark Beard at (608)356-6115. **No items will be accepted for consignment on the day of the sale**, so don't wait too long. The sooner you get the info to Mark, the sooner pictures of the item can be posted on the web site. Items must be related to the engine/tractor hobby to be accepted, e.g. steam/gas engines and related parts, tractors and related parts or implements, and related documentation or literature. *No household goods, appliances, etc. will be accepted.*

*Note: there will be no Club pie sales at the Swap Meet this year. It just has not worked out in terms of quantity of baked goods or having enough help to staff the sales area. There will*

*still be pies, and other baked goods sold at the August show, however, so do keep those great recipes handy for summer!*

### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Day Is May 18**

There will be about 240 4<sup>th</sup> graders attending, from the Baraboo area schools. The event is free for the children and is enjoyable for both the children and adults. The Club pays for bussing, and Club members donate their time to provide a variety of demonstrations and exhibits for the group. As always, docents are needed to guide the groups around to the various demonstrations. If you would like to volunteer, be there at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 18. Contact Paul Young (608)356-4209 if you have questions.

### **Current Projects at the Grounds**

Progress is being made on several projects at the show grounds. I haven't been able to get very good information about who worked on what, so I apologize in advance if anyone has not been credited. The turnout for the projects seems to have been very good, because much has been accomplished. Many thanks to everyone who has helped.

### **Machine Shop Building:**

There have been some work days scheduled, and progress has been made. There have been people working on getting space cleared, and sorting stuff out. An inventory of items is being taken to determine what is Club property and what is not. Non-Club property will have to be removed, eventually. In addition to Bob Ristow, some of the workers have been Steve Roudebush, Leo Weibel, Don Evenson, and Roger Von Haden. There is another work day planned for **May 9**. If you are interested in helping in this area, contact Bob Ristow (608) 477-5393 or check the Club website homepage for upcoming work days.

### **Exhibitor Parking Area Enlarged:**

This was a group effort, with Allen Steele working with the skid steer and grinder, and Jim Turner taking over when Allen left for lunch or went home for the day. Kevin Johnston and Ron

Krueger helped cut and remove fire wood logs so the logs did not have to be ground up. John Campion also helped on a Saturday. Robert Mattson and some others helped as well. The parking lot is now about 4 times larger than it was last year. This lot is on the new grounds, northwest of the gas engine display area.



*This large empty space is the expanded exhibitor parking lot, formerly filled with brush and stumps. You can see the edge of the dumpster dock at the far right, to give you an idea of how much land has been cleared.*

#### **Brush and Tree Cutting on the North End:**

There has been major work done along the new fence line, and also on the fire lane along the north property line. There have been several fairly large, bad trees taken down, and a lot of brush cleared.

#### **Fencing:**

The progress made on the fencing project is amazing. Posts have been installed all the way from the top of the rise down to the north property line, including the posts for the two gates. Wire was in various stages of being strung when I was there a week or so ago. Art Woodward was the “fencing fiend”, but was also assisted by Jim Turner, and others. This was a low cost project, using some salvaged materials, including the gates and some posts. It will definitely be done well before the Show, and will probably easily pay for itself by deterring those who have been sneaking in without paying.



#### **Fairbanks Engine (static display):**

The 3 cylinder 150hp Fairbanks engine, outside the Diesel Building, is being re-assembled. Significant progress has been made, with the cylinder heads, exhaust pipes, and platform installed. This engine was from the Portage Water Works.



*Above; new dumpster “dock” on north end of grounds.*

## You Call This Spring? 2018 Bus Trip

*Louise Coates*

At 4 a.m. on April 5, the temperature was 7 degrees at our house. Other bus riders reported even lower temps, and some of them still had 5 or 6 inches of snow on the ground. As the sun rose, it warmed up, but remained fairly cold, and the sky cleared into a beautiful blue.

All 56 passengers were on time, so we left the Baraboo Slumberland parking lot promptly at 7 a.m. and made good time to Sparta. After a quick rest stop at the Kwik Trip, it was just a short hop to F.A.S.T. Corporation. Unfortunately, the snow and ice were still thick on the ground at F.A.S.T., so walking around in the mold field was too hazardous. Darren Schauf, General Manager of the company, boarded the bus and gave us an interesting and amusing history of the company and its operations. There were many questions from our group, and he patiently answered each one. We then took a slow cruise on their main drive, and some of us walked and took pictures from the cleared area.



*Winter in the F.A.S.T. Corporation mold yard.*

We were done earlier than expected there, so we took a scenic route in to Sparta itself to the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bicycle Museum and the Monroe County Local History Room and

Museum, which are both housed in the same building. These are small museums, but we wandered at leisure through them, and I think most people found something of interest. Rives “Rivets” Morelock was able to explain much about the telephone switchboard on display, as he had worked on them for years, and some guys were upstairs reminiscing about their time in the military. We headed to Grandad Bluff in LaCrosse. Because of the steepness and sharp curves of the main road up the bluff, the bus had to go on a more roundabout route than automobiles would take. The sky was beautiful, and with no leaves on the trees along the road, which ran on top of a hogsback, we could see much of the snow covered rough terrain on either side. Fortunately, there was very little wind, so even though it was still chilly, we could eat lunch outside, and walk up to see the wonderful view. Some of us had never been there, others had been there a long time ago, but the stop seemed to be enjoyed by all.



*Walking out to the “Crow’s Nest” at Grandad Bluff.*

Now in LaCrosse proper, we arrived at the Dahl Auto Museum. It is a small museum, with mostly Ford vehicles, but there was a very nice collection of hood ornaments, and some other makes of cars, all immaculately kept. I think even the non-Ford fans were impressed.



One of the immaculate Ford vehicles in the Dahl Auto Museum. All the brass was highly polished.

The Antique Center of LaCrosse was the next stop. It was only a couple of blocks as the crow flies, but with one way streets and a big bus in fairly busy traffic, it took longer than might be expected. There were three floors with all kinds of stuff, and a fair number of our group found something to purchase, judging by the line at the checkout by the time we were getting ready to leave. I don't think we had to open any bays under the bus for purchases though. From there, we went to supper at the North Country Steak Buffet, a locally owned restaurant, and we had a very good meal. When we came out to the bus, there were several eagles flying around and roosting in the trees across the road -- one last sight to see before returning home.

### Exhibitor Banquet News

Yes, I know it's early, but at last there is some good news about the Exhibitor Banquet. Last fall we had a very good turnout for the banquet, but there just was not enough space at Pizza Ranch for everyone to be in the same room together. After a considerable amount of effort on her part, our Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider has finally located a larger venue for the banquet. The new location is the North Shore Restaurant and Bar (formerly Hootie's), near the Farm Kitchen where we used to go. It has a room that

is big enough and the food is affordable. In the March meeting we voted to have Crystal reserve the room for Saturday, October 13, 2018. So, mark your calendars. *You will still need to fill out a card in the Office at the show to be notified of the banquet.*

### Membership Report

Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported the following new members who have joined since the last newsletter. They are Brant Elsing, Dalton; Dan Finney, Dalton; Sally Leong, Avoca and Kathryn Miller, Lone Rock. There were no deaths in this time period. Total membership is now 852, and 610 of those members are subscribers to the paper version of the newsletter.

### Paperless Newsletter: Save a Branch of a Tree

Remember that the Club newsletter is always posted on the Club website [www.badgersteamandgas.com](http://www.badgersteamandgas.com) Pictures are in color there, so if you wish to receive an email notification whenever a new newsletter is posted, you can sign up on the website on the newsletter page. If you prefer, you can also get a .pdf version of the newsletter emailed to you. Either way, you would stop getting the paper copy and save at least a branch of a tree each time. Note: the *size* of the branch saved is not guaranteed.

### Membership Meeting Reports

#### March 21, 2018

About 45 people were present. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Coates. Secretary and Treasurer reports were given. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported a new member, Sally Leong of Avoca. Crystal also found a place for the Exhibitor Banquet in October: North Shore Restaurant & Bar, (previously Hootie's) which is reasonable and has a large enough room for us. A motion

was made to reserve the space for October 13, 2018. MC. Barb Young will be accepting credit cards in the Book Store for the Swap Meet and the Show. Land report: Allen Steele and Jim Turner both worked Saturday and Sunday to clear about 6 acres of land for exhibitor parking northwest of the engine display area. Stumps were ground to level the surface. The survey issue was discussed. Judy Mente got an estimate, Allen Steele is also checking into it with the original surveyor. A motion was made to get an estimate for the surveyor to find the stake and replace stakes where needed. MC. Louise Coates reported a full bus for the Club trip. Allen Steele said the 8x16 building for golf cart rental and check-in has been completed. Mark Zweifel said we need more tractors to pull people haulers. Art Woodward can donate use of some tractors. Club JD needs some work done. Mark wants the Club to supply some tractors for a reliable source. There is a rodent problem beneath the machine shed. A fence is needed on the north part of the Flea Market area; people are sneaking in around it now. More posts and woven wire are needed. Jim Turner and Art Woodward will get a team together. Gates are needed, and some salvaged gates are available. Bonnie Clift wants to sell Smokey's parade vehicle, and it will be brought to the Swap Meet to solicit bids on the machine. Steve Roudebush says Mid-Continent wants more help, and will have some information sessions on April 14 & 15, May 5&6. There will be an Open House at Steve's shop for the locomotive, probably in the fall. Bob Ristow gave a report on the Machine Shop. They are doing an inventory, and some non-Club things stored there will need to be removed. Concrete projects were discussed; these include the Mini Farm building, and the Nobbs mill. The tentative location for the Mini Farm is west of the Craft Building. Allen Steele will be getting a permit from Delton. The Planning Committee will meet Mar. 24 at 8 a.m. and will stake it out. Steve Thompson wants to donate his print shop equipment to the Club. A building would have to be built for it. Room is available in the Machine Shop temporarily. A

motion was made to accept the printing equipment. MC.

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

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

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20<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet – May 4, 5 & 6, 2018**

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**Auction – sale begins May 5 at 10 a.m.**

**Kids Day – May 18, 2018**

**55<sup>h</sup> Annual Show –August 17, 18 & 19, 2018**

**Exhibitor Banquet – October 13, 2018**

### **Contact Information for the Executive Board**

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Director: Steve Roudebush (608)220-0610

Director: Paul Hasheider (608)522-4277

Director: Neal Stone (608) 963-5776

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# Certificate of Achievement

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**Wallace Clavadatscher**  
Lawn Care Technology Program

And  
Is hereby awarded the title of

*Apprentice Lawn Care Technician*

*David Beard*  
David Beard, Program Coordinator

*May 18, 2018*  
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*David Beard created this wonderful certificate of "lawn care technology" to give to the lawn mowing kids on Kids' Day. The lawn mowing demonstration has become a very popular part of Kids Day, thanks to Wally and Norma Clavadatscher. In fact, the demo became so popular, more mowers had to be added over the years to accommodate eager participants.*