



Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Summer, 2015

Baraboo, Wisconsin

Our 52nd Annual Show Arriving Soon!

August 21, 22 & 23, 2015

With our two tractor features this year, it should be a landmark year for tractor collectors. The Ferguson Enthusiasts of North America and the National Graham Bradley Show and Sears Related Equipment are the headliners, but as always, there will be plenty of other tractors to see as well. The contact for Ferguson is David Lory (608)348-6344, and Art Woodward is the contact for Graham Bradley (608)992-5149 or cell (920)960-4357. Featured tractors always include exhibits that are not normally seen otherwise. Memorabilia, advertising, and various unusual items are brought out for the occasion. We're all looking forward to seeing these fine exhibits.

Help is always needed before, during and after the show every year. See below for ways you can help out. There is also a listing on the web site as well. Even a couple hours of help would be appreciated.

There will be some changes in the flea market layout and the entrances to the grounds due to the acquisition of the land to the north of the grounds. The Flea Market has been reconfigured somewhat to allow for wider aisles. Spaces will be sold in 15 foot increments, rather than 10 feet as in the past. The wider aisles will allow golf cart parking in the middle of the aisle only, so access and view of sellers' spaces are not blocked by parked carts. From 7a.m. to 5 p.m., vehicles cannot enter the main gate by the ticket booth. Vehicles will need to enter either at the north entrance (Flea Market area) or at the south entrance (exhibitor and camper entrance). The car parkers have been informed of these changes.

There will be more golf carts for rent this year – 48 instead of 40. Rent is \$70 per day. Contact Allen Steele if you wish to reserve a cart. (608)355-0646.

Pies, Baked Goods Wanted

Donated pies and other homemade baked goods will be sold in the Crafts Building. As always, homemade pie is the most popular, but bars, cake and other goodies are welcome too. Please bring those delicious contributions beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, thru Sunday a.m. All proceeds of the sale go to the Club. Help is *always* needed in this area, so if you can be there for a couple of hours, please contact Bonnie Clift (608) 583-2329.

Show Week Schedule

Wednesday, August 12 – Last member meeting before show

Saturday, August 15 – Mowing Day

Sunday, August 16 – Roping Day

Wednesday, August 19– Camping begins, after noon

Thursday, August 20 – Flea Market setup begins at noon

August 21, 22, & 23– 52nd Annual Show

Monday, August 24 – Post-show cleanup

Workers Needed/Online Info Available

There has always been a "Help Wanted" listing in this newsletter, but now there is one online at the Club web site. Check it out at www.badgersteamandgas.com under "Help Wanted". It will be updated regularly between now and the show, and will also be there the rest of the year as different projects are in progress.

Gas Station: Before show help needed to install wooden ceiling, painting, installing paving brick, landscaping. Call Mark Beard (608)356-6115.

Office: Pre-show help needed to assemble exhibitor packets. Call Crystal Hasheider (608)522-4277

Model Building: Pre-show setup, take pictures of exhibitors during show. Gene Hehl (608)695-8222

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Shuttle Wagons (aka People Haulers): Need tractor drivers for 2 hour shifts Fri, Sat, and Sun, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily. Call Mark Zweifel (608)448-5719.

Trash Removal: Lift full garbage bags on to garbage truck, replace bags on barrels. 5-7 p.m. each evening during the show. Jim McGhee (608)574-4607

Operators Sandbox: Setup people needed on day before show to set up the canopy, rope off area, badges for Operator Sandbox Engineers. Contact: Allen Steele (608)963-0574

Shingle Mill: Help with shingle sales, help with shingle branding, need a qualified shingle saw operator, prep work before show. Call Bob or Reta Hoege (608)524-2494

Women's Building:

The themes this year are Food Processing, and Christmas and Halloween Holidays.

They want pre-WWII toys for boys to exhibit. Call Jan (262) 695-1175.

Help is needed for setup on Tuesday before the show. During the show, demonstrators are needed for hand crank and treadle sewing machines. Additional demonstrators are needed for old fashioned crafts/skills. Call Jean Brew (608)254-7428.

Youth Steam Engine Project

This is a free activity for young people age 11-15, and it is **NOT** necessary for participants to be relatives of Club members. First timers only, please. Participants make a small working steam engine, which is theirs to keep. The Club supplies the materials, it's free and every engine made so far has worked. Parents are encouraged to observe. There are two sessions on Saturday, August 22, 2015, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. Allow 1.5 – 2 hours to finish. This is located in the Machine Shop Building. Contact: LaVerne Kindschi (608) 643-3915 for more information or to register. Classes are small, so sign up as soon as possible. To register the day of the show, check at the Machine Shop Building.

Camping

Camping opens at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 19. Cost is \$20.00 this year, for workers and exhibitors only. See the website for forms, etc. or call (608)356-9221 or (608)393-1255 www.badgersteamandgas.com

Exhibitor Banquet Reminder

Banquet notices are no longer mailed out. Be sure to pick up the banquet reservation form in the Office during the show, and mail in your payment before the deadline date, which is September 28. The banquet is on October 10, at 6:30 p.m. and it will be at the Farm Kitchen, Baraboo. There is a cash bar, and the meal will be served family style. Cost is \$20 for adults, and \$7 for children age 10 and under. Reservations should be mailed to Crystal Hasheider, E9807 Pleasant Valley Road, Baraboo, WI 53913. If you have questions, contact Crystal at (608)522-4277

13th Annual Kid's Day a Success

There were over 250 4th graders, which is about the usual number each year. Volunteer Club members numbered at least 34, or 35, if you counted Damon Young, who drove one of the buses. Hands on activities included corn shelling and grinding, pounding nails and drilling holes, sanding wood plaques which they could keep, sawing wood log by hand, and mowing grass with a reel-type push mower. Demos included butter making, ice cream making, corn information, steam engines and boiler, and blacksmithing. The Fuller & Johnson building was open, staffed by Verne & Pearl Kindschi and Paul Kohlwey. The F&J 20 h.p. engine was started, and Paul gave an interesting demo of the Delco Light plant and the antique electrical appliances it could run. The vacuum cleaner seemed to be of special interest.



Paul Hasheider helped with the corn sheller activity. Vince Kessenich supplied most of the shellers, and John Geoghegan also helped out.



Ron Krueger stoked the Keweenaw Boiler and whistle blowing was very popular. Good thing we don't have any really close neighbors!



Bob and Reta Hoeg worked with the Thunderbird plaque sanding. Each 4th grader got to take their project home.



Wally and Norma Clavadatscher, assisted by David Beard, supplied the mowers, and were in charge of the lawn mowing crew. The kids loved it, and were very enthusiastic. One said, "I need to get one of these!"



Jerry Wilson, usually a quiet, reserved person, became quite the showman with the steam roller. "Everybody got their toes clear?" he said, before backing over the pop cans with the steam roller. Naturally, everyone was at a safe distance!

Swap Meet & Auction The 17th annual Swap Meet was a great success. We had about the nicest weather possible, especially for the time of the year, and we had a record number of vendors – 356! It got to the point that it was a bit difficult finding space for vendors, because the number was greater than expected. The new seeding at the north end was too young and fragile to be used, but that will be available next year if we get an equal or greater number of vendors. There seemed to be a larger than usual crowd of buyers, spectators, visitors, or whatever they are, but since we don't sell admission, we have no way of counting. The auction was well-attended, and good prices were received on good items. The food provided by the Christian Community School and Elite Catering was well-received, and the new evening meals on Friday and Saturday were popular. The evening meals were a bit of a surprise, so it is possible attendance would have been higher had more vendors and attendees been made aware of them sooner. As usual, this event is accomplished by a few people doing a LOT of work – special thanks to Mark and Anne Beard, for their work with the auction. Mark spends a lot of time over the entire year, locating and hauling things for the auction, Anne takes photos, helps the auctioneers, and keeps up with Mark. The Mattsons (Robert the Elder, and Robert the Younger) had a terrific solo flight with the Swap Meet this year. Thanks also to web master David Beard for the auction listings. There were several guys who helped with moving auction items out of buildings to the sale area

and helped load purchases at the end of the sale: Doug Johnson, Allen Steele, Bob Zweifel, Paul Grotophorst, Randy Cronn, Roger Haarklau, Robert Hoege, and probably a few others that I didn't see. Thank you all!



The star of the auction was this 1927 International truck, 1 ¼ ton, with 9,400 miles on it, still owned by the original buyer's family.



Moving engines into line for the auction can be a delicate operation. Above, Paul Grotophorst, Randy Cronn, unknown, and Bob Hoege.



Lots of treasures to be found on loads like this one, out in the flea market!

Spring Bus Trip

April 1 was a beautiful day for the bus trip this year. Actually, the bus trip has usually been quite lucky weather-wise, and this was the 9th trip. This year we went to the southwestern part of the state and Iowa. The first stop was at the Dickeyville Grotto, on the grounds of Holy Ghost Parish. It is an amazing group of structures, built of stone and mortar, with bits of glass, shells, minerals, china, etc. embedded at random or in patterns. Some members of the group had been there previously, but long ago, and others had never been there before. From there, it was a short hop to Potosi, where we visited the National Brewery Museum. The Museum includes a large collection of signs, bottles, and other advertising and memorabilia. There is also a free beer (or soft drink) at the end for all who tour the museum. This stop seemed to be enjoyed by most. I can personally vouch for the root beer, which was very nicely spicy. Some took home a few six packs of beer, and others, like me, took home a 2 quart bottle of Princess Potosa Root Beer. Then it was on to Dubuque, where we picked up a step on guide, a charming elderly resident of Dubuque, and he took us on an entertaining tour of the historic city. We returned to the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, where we spent the rest of the day until supper time. Perhaps the favorite part of the museum for our group was the William M. Black steam dredge, but there were also many other points of interest. Several people said they wanted to go back again. Perhaps the most exciting part of trip for some people was when we took a ride on the Fenelon Place Elevator, which is known as "the world's shortest, steepest scenic railway". It was the first day of the new season, and there were a few glitches experienced by some of our riders, but a good time was had by all. We had a buffet supper at the Diamond Jo Casino, which is right across the street from the museum.

A bit of a downside to the trip, is that we did not get the minimum of 45 riders, we only had 37. This means the trip lost money, although the difference was made up by a donation so we did break even. A trip for spring, 2016 is still being researched at this time, so we will probably give it another try, but there is nothing definite yet. Suggestions? Call Louise (608)764-5563.

Another Chance at the John Deere/Sistine Chapel Tour

This tour sponsored by Able Trek Tours, Inc. has been described in the Winter issue, and information can be found at www.abletrektours.com. A recent check with Don Douglas at Able Trek revealed that the tour is now full, BUT several people have not paid, and if you are interested, you can be placed on the wait list. Don says they almost always end up taking people from the wait list. The tour date is October 20. Able Trek can be contacted at (800)205-6713 or (608)524-3021.

Works in Progress, July 15. Vilter Compressor Installation



The foundation for the engine has been poured, and now work on cleaning the engine has begun.

Office Improvements



Light fixtures are piled on the counter, part of some improvements to the office. Old lights will be replaced, and the Office ceiling will be painted.

Founding Members Monument



Those who attended the July member meeting got a sneak peek at the new Founders' Monument. Made of red granite, one side commemorates the charter members of the Club, and the other side is devoted to the purchasers of the original 80 acres of land for the current site. The monument has been paid for with donations from Don Slama, Allen Steele, Paul Grotophorst, Art Wegner and Peter Holzman. Joe Prindle paid for layout fees and shipping charges. There will still be some expenses for installation (concrete and epoxy) if anyone wishes to donate additional funds. The monument will be installed in front of the Office building, near the flagpole. There is a matching base which is not shown.

New, Shiny Fire Extinguishers



Some of our fire extinguishers needed upgrading to meet fire codes, and help would be appreciated to cut and paint mounting boards for these.

Belt Buckle 2015

	2015 Show Buckle Limited Edition of 100 Pewter Finish and Numbered \$25.00 each
	Available in August \$25.00 to Ship. Or Pick Up at the Show.
Please send me _____ 2015 Baraboo Show Belt Buckle at \$25.00 each, Plus Shipping & Handling.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ship the buckle to me.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will pick up the buckle at the show, In the Art & Craft Building.	
Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____	
Mail Order To: B & M Buckle and Designs, Inc. 11531 - 22nd Street • Milan, IL 61264 Order Toll Free 1-877-220-4425 www.bmbuckle.com	
Add \$8.00 per Order for Shipping & Handling.	
Made In Wisconsin U.S.A.	

Remember that \$5 is given to the Club for each of these buckles you purchase until the end of the show.

Looking Ahead: Future Show Features

- 2016 – Implements, Cast Iron Seat Collectors, and Delco Light Plants
- 2017 – Oliver
- 2018 – John Deere
- 2019 – Minneapolis Moline
- 2020 – International Harvester

Deaths:

David Dean Caflisch, 71, of Baraboo, died on Wednesday, June 10, 2015. He was born in 1943 in Baraboo to Dean and Caryl (Colby) Caflisch of Sauk City. He married Kathryn Platt in 1970. He was an expert mechanic and owner of Caflisch Auto and Truck Repair and Caflisch Recycling. A member of

the Club since 1976, he was also active in many other organizations, and a member of St. Joseph's parish. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; his son, David John; his daughter, Carol (Roy) Georgeson; his grandchildren; great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jon Caflisch; granddaughter, Mercedes Caflisch; and daughter-in-law, Marianna Caflisch.

Orville Cecil Eyers, 93, of Baraboo, and wintered in Donna, TX passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at the Amara Hospital in Edinburg, TX. The son of Fred and Hazel (Herring) Eyers, he was born in 1921 in Madison. He married Virginia Raschein December 18, 1942 in Baraboo. She preceded him in death in November, 2004. The day after his marriage, Orville was inducted into the U.S. Army to serve in World War II. He landed in France 8 days after D-Day, serving in the 103rd Artillery Field Div. He returned home in 1945, and began farming the Baraboo area. He resided there for the rest of his life. He and Virginia and their son, Vilas, wintered in south Texas for many years. He was always interested in things mechanical and collected Model T Fords, other cars, and tractors. His family participated in the Club and the show from the very beginning. He is survived by his son, Vilas Eyers; foster son, Fred (Caryl) Radke of St. Germaine; foster daughter, Irene (Al) Przybylski of Chippewa Falls; brother, Kendall Eyers of Columbia, SC; sister, Genevieve (Merton) VonWald of Prairie du Sac; sisters-in-law Lois Lundgren and Shelbey Raschein, brother-in-law, Lauren (Karren) Raschein, and many other relatives and friends.

Member Meeting Reports:

April 15, 2015

About 26 people were present. The meeting was called to order by President Coates. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported the death of long time member Orville Eyers. The Eyers family have been supporting members of the Club for many years. Louise Coates reported the bus trip had 37 people in attendance. Allen Steele reported the land clearing and leveling for seeding is complete. Paul Hasheider stated the cleared land has been fertilized and seeded to grass. This completes the first phase of land clearing. Paul

also reported the club's crop land has been fertilized and planted. The oats crop will be harvested for threshing and field demonstrations. The Club will sell pie slices and dessert items at the May Swap Meet. A list of work areas where members can volunteer their help will be sent to the Club's web site. Phone numbers will be provided to link volunteers to areas in need of help. Robert Mattson reported Flea Market changes will include 30 foot lanes for traffic between vendors. The Members and Board approved a plan to not allow vehicle traffic on the main entry drive from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Traffic will be routed to both the north Flea Market and south Exhibitor gates. Shuttle wagon traffic routes will be modified to eliminate crossing with pedestrian traffic. Paul Young reported Kids Day is set for May 15. Verne Kindschi reported sign up for the Model Steam Engine Class is open for children ages 11 to 15.

May 20, 2015

About 36 members and guests were present. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Coates. Robert Mattson reported the Swap Meet vendor spaces came to a total of 356. We had a lot of people on the grounds with great weather. The Friday night fish fry was a good addition to the show. Paul Young reported a good Kids Day event, but as always, additional help is needed. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported 4 new members: Wyatt Ruhland of Prairie du Sac, Denis Pulvermacher of Princeton, and Keith and Lisa Kahlow of Baraboo. Jim McGhee will be making a display of wrenches donated by Jim Pickhardt. Neal Stone reported a donation of a Case 32 inch thresher from Peter Kliner of Portage. Peter Holzman reported a donation of three woodworking machines from Alliant Energy. Don Evenson reported the Print Shop linotype machine is repaired and ready for this year's show. There was a motion by Allen Steele to dedicate the 2016 show book to Art Woodward. Second by Paul Hasheider, MC. Allen Steele will check on grass seed for the area around the gas station. President Coates read thank you notes from the Dells Delton Fire Department, and the Wisconsin Steam Engine Association. It is noted the Vilter Compressor will be located in the northeast corner of the Steam Building. Paul Young said \$6000 worth of concrete will be needed for the Vilter.

June 17, 2015

About 36 people were present. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Coates. An antique poster and sign printing system is available to the Club. A motion to accept this item was made by Bill Klemm, seconded by Neal Stone. MC. President Coates reported on the MSA Engineering proposal to map the show grounds utility lines. The Board will discuss this at a later meeting. Don Blausey reported the area is ready for concrete forms to be built for the Vilter Compressor installation. Membership Secretary Crystal Hasheider reported Tom Fleming of Sun Prairie has joined the Club. Joe Prindle and Bill Klemm will be painting the Office ceiling and replacing the lights in the Office. New shelving will be set as well. A motion was made by Allen Steele to use an equipment operators registration form for people operating equipment in the Sand Box demonstration area. Equipment operators will be given name tags. MC. A list of features at future shows was given. A motion was made by Barb Young to use funds from the Book Store account to repaint the walls and ceiling in the store. Second by Judy Curtin, MC. Bill Klemm will attend the Town of Delton Board meeting to request an additional 200 primitive camp sites. Neal Stone reported the Club's crops look good; our field demonstrations will have a good harvest.

July 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Coates. Membership Secretary reported the death of member David Caflisch. Don Blausey reported the base for the Vilter Compressor has been poured. The next step will be cleaning the engine. Member help will be needed. President Coates reported the donation of several items, including a lathe, milling machine and an air compressor, and also several fanning mills, tools and a tool display board. Don Blausey reported we need members to cut 18x24 inch boards to be painted red for fire extinguisher mounting. Fire extinguishers are to be labeled as property of the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club. A rope making exhibit will be allowed to ask a fee of \$1.00 per jump rope. The demonstration will be in an exhibit area. President Coates reported a bus load of visitors from the Albany Club will be at our show on Friday and Saturday.

Steve Thompson requested help removing 4 printing presses from the Print Shop. The space is needed for print demonstrations at the show. President Coates read thank you notes from Mike Popp and Aaron and Diane Gahle. Verne Kindschi reported the kids Model Steam Engine building class is ready for additional children to sign up. Neal Stone reported the 32" Case Thresher will be ready for the show. President Coates stated the gate by the ticket office will be closed to vehicle traffic at 7 a.m. All vehicle traffic will be entering the exhibitor gate or the north gate. This will improve visitor parking. This will be for all members and workers. Help is needed for the shingle mill; we will need a new crew next year.

Club Calendar and Dates to Remember

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

August 12, September 16, November 18, 2015 and January 20, 2016

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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Exhibitor Banquet - October 10, 2015

2016 Annual Meeting - February 28, 2016

Contact Information for the Executive Board

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Director: Paul Grotophorst 608-355-1000

Director: Paul Hasheider 608-522-4277

Director: Neal Stone 608-254-7195

Club Members on Parade



Struttin' their stuff, there's Wally (93) and Norma(88) Clavadatscher in the Witwen parade on July 4. Chosen as "Grand Marshalls", they are in Wally's Model A 1929 Ford, driven by Wally. For those of you who may not know, Witwen is located near Sauk City.

Photo by Rita Clavadatscher, their daughter.

Woodpeckers, with not much in common...



Photos in this issue by Louise Coates, unless otherwise noted.