



Newsletter

of the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club

Summer 2025

Baraboo, Wisconsin

62ND ANNUAL SHOW - FERGUSON ENTHUSIASTS OF NORTH AMERICA

We are very excited to be exhibiting at the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Show this year. While many farmers quickly moved on from the little grey Ferguson in the fence row. For many years it has continued to provide inspiration for many modern farming technologies. We plan to exhibit the advanced Ferguson system pioneered by Harry Ferguson. Some things to look out for in our area includes an inner working model of how the draft control three point system works. Field demonstrations of the Ferguson at work. Small theater area with promotional films during the time of Ferguson product distribution. Welcome area with Ferguson enthusiasts information and merchandise table. Club based actionable specifically for Ferguson related items and many more attractions that we are hoping to have in attendance that have not been confirmed yet. We hope the whole family can attend and we will see you in the fall. By Alex Struck
FENA 2025 President



Paul Young- It is with great sadness that we must inform you of the passing of one of our great long term, dedicated and very valuable members. Please share this with any other groups of steam & gas engine associations since Paul had many friends around the country.

Paul S. Young of Baraboo, a longtime club member passed away at the age of 81. An esteemed early member of the club, Paul joined in 1969 and played a pivotal role in shaping the club's identity and achievements. Throughout his tenure, Paul served in numerous leadership roles including secretary/treasurer, director and vice-president. His contributions were particularly significant in establishing displays of stationary steam, makes by his purchase of a 50-horsepower Vilter steam engine in 1967. In collaboration with Jim Hill, Paul financed and constructed the first club-owned building on the Sauk county Fairgrounds, known as the steam shed in 1974. This building housed the 1885 Hamilton Corliss owned by the club, alongside several of Paul's engines. A

visionary with great foresight, Paul was one of the three members who purchased 80 acres on Sand Road, holding it for nearly a decade with hopes of relocating the club there, a dream realized in 1998. Paul's influence was instrumental in the planning and development of the show grounds. Paul was a cherished mentor and friend to many younger collectors. Despite his career in chemistry, he was a highly skilled machinist and mechanic, undertaking numerous projects and leading restoration efforts on large engines. Always eager to share his knowledge, Paul had a passion for teaching, a talent that perhaps could have been his calling. He initiated the annual "Kids Day" event, where 4th graders from local schools visit the show grounds to learn about life in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Beyond his mechanical expertise, Paul was deeply passionate about history, actively involved with the Al Ringling Theater and the Sauk County Historical Society. To those fortunate enough to have known him, Paul was a loyal and true friend whose absence will be profoundly felt. His legacy of dedication, mentorship, and passion will continue to inspire and resonate within the community he helped build and nurture. Paul's memory will be cherished by all who knew him, and his contributions will remain an enduring part of the club's history.

Welcome New Members !

Cliff Barbian, Rock Springs, Mason Hoven Baraboo, Andrew Jezirt, Baraboo, Sara Kammeraad, Hudsonville MI, Art Kerl, Madison, Daniel Ludois, Middleton, Matt Pasteris, Baraboo and Michael Wellnitz, Monroe

Our Sympathies to these families: Tim Chesney, Portage, Roger Frommung, Lyndon Station, John Grotophorst, Sauk City (Our Last Founding Father), Fred Rudolph, Rock Springs, Kevin Schell, Baraboo, Ronald Schell Sr., Merrimac and Paul Young, Baraboo

Kids Day 2025

The “Kids Day” event was held at the BS&G grounds on Friday May 16th, 2025. The event was founded and organized by Paul Young, a long time, founding member, who passed away this spring. Starting in 2006, Paul invited all 4th Grade students and teachers in the Baraboo Schools to a field trip at the grounds to experience the past way of life, “ the way our ancestors used equipment to make their lives easier”. His presence was greatly missed at this year’s event.

The students and teachers are separated into groups and are led by 35 different docents to enjoy hands on stations throughout the grounds. They got to experience push lawn mowers, followed by corn shelling and grinding, the wood shop, the boiler house, the big steam roller that crushed cans, the stationary steam engine building, the hand water pump, making a Thunderbird plaque, and on to the Women’s building. They had 4 different stations in the building to make and taste butter, measuring baking ingredients for biscuits, old fashioned rotary telephones and sewing yarn and weaving. After they completed a very busy round of stations, they were treated to ice cream.

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who were docents, the many that ran different stations and those who helped with setup and tear down. Thank you to the Baraboo School District, the Baraboo 4th grade teachers and chaperones and the bus drivers. Special thanks goes to Judy Curtin and Jerry Wilson for all the prep organization, cleanup and setup work done to be ready for the kids to have an amazing day ! By Kellie Zink

Youth Steam Engine Project

This is a free activity for boys and girls ages 11 and up on Friday, August 15th and Saturday the 16th. It will be held in the Machine Shop #14 at 10:00 a.m. both days. Participants will build a working steam engine which they can keep. They will also get an exhibitor packet in the office. This is for First Timers Only. Contact Dean Walsh 608-644-6444 to register before the show or in Building #14 morning of the class.

Kids Pedal Pull

Registration is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, August 17th and pulling 11:00 a.m. by the bleachers.

Machine Shop Update

In 2021 work started on straightening out the Mach Shop Building. Quite a bit of progress was made as many items were sorted, some were discarded or moved to other appropriate buildings. The COVID pandemic halted additional work for about 2 years. In 2024 work resumed with an emphasis on getting some machines running for demonstration during the August show. With help from electricians Chaz and Joey, 3 phase service was temporary installed and the 27” lathe was operational by show time. In addition to the Youth Machine Program and Kids Pulley Display, the lathe was run with a demonstration piece of round stock. The building was built in 2004 and this was actually the first time it was open for the August show. It is hoped that by the 2025 show we will have additional machines running. Plans are being finalized for appropriate electrical work for lighting. A proper electrical system is required if the building is to be open for the public. Additional 3 phase machines may also be ready to operate. Anyone interested in assisting in preparing the shop or learning machine operation is invited to join us. Work weekends will be planned for July and August. In addition, if more machines are running for the show, we will need additional operators to demonstrate them.

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Submitted by Crystal Hasheider

Features and Important Dates:

62nd Annual Show: August 15th-17th, Ferguson Enthusiasts of North America, Ford and Fordson

Club Contacts: Mark Frey 608-212-6114 or Neal Stone 608-963-5776

63rd Annual Show: August 21-23, 2026, John Deere

Club JD Contacts: John Friske 608-698-8202 or Bill Ebert 608-963-9235

Swap Meet & Auction: May 1-3, 2026

Kids Day: May 15, 2026

Banquet: Sunday October 5th, 2025, Dino's Restaurant, 2900 N Pinery Rd., Portage WI

12:30 p.m. Social (Cash Bar) 1:30 p.m. Buffet, Cost: \$25 per person (tax&tip included)

RSVP: Crystal (608-522-4277) number attending by Sept.27th. Correct payment taken at the door

Drawings for door prizes if you wish to participate.

August 1st-17th-If you're setting up before the show, use **Exhibitor Entrance - Help is needed in all areas.**

August 6th-Wednesday- last meeting before show-6:30 p.m. Show grounds

August 9th- Saturday- mowing, cleaning restrooms, benches, chairs, moving machinery etc.

August 10th- Sunday- roping day

August 13- Wednesday- camping begins at noon-Contact Jackie Ringelstetter 608-963-9931 (form online)

August 14- Thursday- flea market begins 8:00 a.m. Robert Mattson 608-393-3021 (form online)

August 17th- **Sunday- Veterans get free admission. THANK YOU VETERANS !**

August 18th- Monday- Show clean up

Golf Cart Rental-Barb Meister 608-477-3589

People Hauler Drivers & Spotters-Dale Goff 608-381-0249 - **Many Drivers Needed**

Threshing-Neal Stone 608-963-5776

Garbage Detail-Doug Johnson 608-576-0064, Jim McGhee 608-574-4607

Membership Meeting Dates:

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Baraboo Civic Center Room 12-14, November through April. May through September meetings are at the show grounds. 2025 meetings: August 6th, September 17th and November 19th.



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New in 2025

1. Paul Young's Steam Building & Winch
2. Demo fields 2 & 3 harvesting/well drilling
3. Machine Shop sign & lath
4. New building site west of Machine Shop
5. Rumely steam engine that ran last in 1994
6. Rosie WW11 Whitcomb engine
7. Four new flower beds
8. Prony Brake Dynamometer