



From Pat's Desk...

Greetings to all! I'm happy and pleased to announce the great news that the Bucyrus Club & Event Center will be open in June and that we will be holding all of our future end-of-month luncheons and our annual Christmas Party at this site—starting with our June 24th picnic luncheon.



Weather permitting we will have an old fashioned picnic outdoors on their patio, featuring typical picnic fare of burgers, brats (prepared on the grill) with all the fixings, sides and deserts of cake and ice cream.

We have only 3 luncheons left in 2021, so please consider joining us—with our picnic luncheon being the highlight to the start of the summer!! You'll have a great time with Bucyrus friends and being one of the first to see our new location at the Club! As always, if you would like to attend any of our luncheons, please contact Shirley Borgie (414) 768-9750 or Dolores Page (414) 768-9437 with your reservations...it will be much appreciated.

Waiting for the Bucyrus Club & Event Center to open has been a long time coming for us (projected occupancy approval day is June 18th) so it's very exciting that we will be one of Skyline Catering's first events at this site! And more good news...for our members and friends who attend the September 30th luncheon, they'll be invited to a special "open house" of the new Bucyrus Museum, operated by the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum LLC right after the luncheon. So as I see it, there are so many good things that are happening for our group, the Bucyrus Museum, the Bucyrus Club and the City



of South Milwaukee! We hope you'll be able to join us and see it all first-hand.

Besides THE PICNIC AND Bucyrus Museum day, there are a couple more fun and interesting events in store for our Association offered in this Summer newsletter—the golf event, called "BO-GIE" in early August and the live performance of "Holiday Inn" at the Fireside Theatre in November. If you would like to join in on either of these events, please send your reservation request and fee to the addresses listed on the form.

We are hoping you're enjoying the combined version of The Bucyrus Oldtimers Association's "Retiree Newsletter" and The Bucyrus Museum's "Scoop". Please remember that this is only made possible by your generous donations, volunteers and guest writers who make it happen. We are always grateful and thankful for your monetary support of our newsletter. Donations help cover the cost of setting up, publishing and mail distribution of our quarterly newsletter to 450+ members. We also have more than 250 members who continue to receive their copy of the newsletter through email. Postage is a big part of our expenses, so please sign up for the email version if you can. Why you ask? Well, there's several advantages to emails—first, you'll be receiving the newsletter several days before the mailed version arrives since they're all sent on the same



day. Second, it's in full color!! Once you're on the email list, you'll also receive important updates on the status of special events, luncheons, or other announcements. And finally it's cost effective for the Association. If you would like to change your mailing status to email, please contact Ken Tangen at bigmuskie@oldtimers.org.

And lastly, the Association is still seeking the help of a member or group of members who would be willing to take on the responsibility of publishing the newsletter. It's done electronically and MJ Media does the editing and layout for us. All you have to do is submit content! If you are interested in helping, or have any questions about what's involved, please drop me a line by mail or by email. And we always welcome anything from a short note to tell us how you are or a Bucyrus story that you'd like to share for a future newsletter. Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Have a wonderful summer! Stay safe and healthy!

Pat Merkovich

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South Milwaukee

NEW LOCATION FOR OUR LUNCHEONS Starting with the June 24th Picnic

Reservations are appreciated by calling Shirley Borgie at 414-768-9750 or Dolores Page at 414-768-9437 by the Monday before the luncheon.

This will enable us to accommodate all our members and guests.

Refreshments starting at 11:30 a.m. and Food will be served at 12:00 noon (\$14.00/person)

SAVE OUR LUNCHEON DATES: Thursdays: June 24th (picnic), September 30th and October 28th



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End of an Era

By Stuart Cotterill



Among the great products that evolved under the Bucyrus banner, I have to say that Large Walking Draglines hold special memories for me in my long career with Bucyrus.

I can still recall in the 60's, as a 20-year-old at Ruston Bucyrus in England, being asked to help Deck Humphrey, Bucyrus-Erie's application engineer at the time to draw scale illustrations of potential dragline operations for the OCP phosphate mines in Morocco. I certainly never dreamed that one day, in the late 70's, I would be based in Paris with International Sales responsible for those very same machines.

Moving through the years brought experience with more dragline sales and the opportunity to work with so many great people; in engineering, manufacturing, service and sales.

While in today's mining environment that the high capital investments for these machines have impacted sales, walking draglines have continued to be a mainstay in so many large mining operations. They continue to operate year-round across many continents and will do so for many more productive years.

Among the memories that stand out for me personally was the successful sale of the first walking dragline to operate in the Powder River Basin, forerunner of a number of machines still operating in the Gillette area today; including the renowned 2570W installed at Thunder Basin Coal.

Without a doubt though, the sale of the first Large Walking Dragline into China caps all the other dragline sales I was involved with, although the multimillion replacement roller circle order for the huge 220 cubic yard 4250W in the early 80's stands out among the many dragline parts contracts over the years.

The "diamond" event for our team in China was the sale of the 8750 to Zhungeer Mining, Shenhua Coal in 2003. The sale was especially hard fought for at the time, with competition from our nearest neighbor and especially from Russia. Our 8750 at 117 cubic yards and swinging 360



area presented serious challenges. The commissioning of the machine was difficult with no local expertise and delayed by a critical vendor issue, but we battled through it and were able to see the machine live up to its full potential as it went to work in 2007.

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feet of boom was the most innovative of its kind, the first ever AC dragline with gearless drive on the hoist and drag motions. The collaboration with Siemens was a technological breakthrough in draglines, but followed on from so many Bucyrus innovations over the years our products that set us apart.

It exemplified the company's willingness to break new ground, whether it was the introduction of AC drives on mining shovels, small modular draglines, planetary drives and numerous other engineering and manufacturing improvements across product lines.

As someone directly facing the customer, the support of the organization and leadership was critical to our success. Introducing the first of a kind with new technology on the 8750 presented more than its share of headaches and heartaches. Manufacturing, shipping and delivery logistics of this 5,400-ton machine across China into its Inner Mongolia

Today the machine continues to perform extremely well, and last year saw a 50,000-hour overhaul successfully completed, with over 55,000 hours recorded already on swing motions.

I still remember clearly that week in 2003 when we finally signed official contracts between the parties. After many weeks of technical and commercial negotiations, our President, Tim Sullivan, travelled to Zhungeer with us to iron out the very last details. At midnight I sat there, exhausted, flipping over the many pages to help him sign, initialing every single page. Then it was simply off to bed.

I still contact our engineer Diao Lijun who lived through the project and keep up with the machines progress, this and the other draglines was involved in will always be special to me and I hope that 2022 is the year I can make a final trip over there to see everyone and step on to the machine just one more time.



Bucyrus Oldtimers Golf Independent Event – AUGUST 5th, 2021

The 6th annual Oldtimers Golf Outing, or “**BOGIE**”, will be held on Thursday, **August 5, 2021** at New Berlin Hills Golf Course, and is open to all current or past Bucyrus or Caterpillar employees, retirees (and those who aspire to retire), their spouses, significant others, or friends. This year’s event will enlist the modified 4-man scramble format with the usual “offbeat” rules to make play fast and fun. Golfers need to arrive at the course by 8:30AM to check-in and be ready for the 9:00AM shotgun start. Thanks to our ‘generous supporters’ who subsidize the event, your cost to play remains the same this year at \$60 per golfer. Included in your fee are all green fees, cart fees, a sleeve of balls, buffet luncheon, beer, soda, individual hole, and door prizes. Singles, twosomes, threesomes are all welcome to sign up and will be teamed up with fellow golfers.



Those who wish to join the luncheon only are always welcome, and cost is \$20 per person in advance and mailed in by the date below. We anticipate the luncheon festivities and fellowship with tall tales of the exploits of the day and awards will start around 1:15pm.

Deadline for reservations and fees for golf or the luncheon are due **no later than MONDAY JULY 26th, 2021**. Reservations and checks should be mailed to Mike Adams – 13045 Woodfield Lane, New Berlin, WI 53151-8084 to reserve your spot(s).

Please call/text or email to Mike at 414-588-4638 or mike.adams20279@gmail.com if you plan to play this year. Or just mail your reservations and checks which need to arrive before JULY 27th.



“**BOGIE**” will be held at New Berlin Hills Golf Course, 13175 W. Graham St., New Berlin, 53151. From I-894, exit on Greenfield Avenue to the west to 124th St. Head south on 124th St. 1 mile South to Graham St. west 1 block to the entrance. NBH is located between Greenfield Ave. on the north and Lincoln Ave. on the south.

This Golf Outing is not a part of the Association’s functions, but run by a group of independent retirees.

Participating Golfers for “**BOGIE**” on **August 5th, 2021**

Check here if lunch only

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2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

Make check payable and mail to: Mike Adams – 13045 Woodfield Lane, New Berlin, WI 53151-8084



LETTERS TO 'BIG MUSKIE' FROM FELLOW OLDTIMERS

February 20, 2021

To the Bucyrus Oldtimers:

I would like to say Thank You to all of you who are keeping the Oldtimers Club together. I've been retired from B-E for 30 years now and look forward to receiving the Newsletter each quarter. It's a nice way of staying in touch. Want to show my appreciation!

Thanks,
Joseph Dobrzynski



March 18, 2021

This is Ken's last donation to Oldtimers. Ken passed away on March 4th.

Mary Bulin



April 15, 2021

Bucyrus Oldtimers Association UA:
Thank you for the beautiful sympathy card. It was very much appreciated. Samuel left us too soon! He always remembered all his Bucyrus' friends. He looked very peaceful.

Thanks again,
Olga Juárez
& Family

Samuel Juárez
"Sammy"



Born: September 21, 1946
Crystal City, TX

Died: February 20, 2021
Wauwatosa, WI



April 17, 2021

Our newsletter is important. Here is a contribution.

Les 2V (Les Touve)

May 2, 2021

The Lee Medrow (LeRoy) Family wish to Thank-you so much for the card of kind thoughts and words extended to us during our difficult time.

We are so thankful for all the wonderful memories he made for us and grateful for all his many B.E. Friends. Unfortunately, there are getting to be less and less of them around—sad.

Enclosed is a small amount to help with expenses to put out the Bucyrus Retiree Newsletter which both Lee and I enjoyed through the years. Thanks to all the many people who have done a fantastic job of getting this "job" done! All is much appreciated.

Thank-you again.

P.S. I would love it if you continued sending the newsletter to me, PLEASE.

Leila Medrow

We are always appreciative of our Oldtimers members and Museum friend's generosity for any and all donations. The Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA and the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum LLC are both separate non-profit organizations, and therefore have individual accounts. Since we both rely solely on free-will donations, we have partnered in this newsletter to reduce costs for both of us, and provide everyone with the latest information on events, activities, and news updates in both groups. We hope you continue to find the combined quarterly publication enjoyable and enlightening. Thanks for your continued support of our organizations and welcome any feedback you may have.

For future reference, please keep the following addresses handy for all your correspondence and donations:



Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA
P.O. Box 563
Oak Creek, WI 53154-0564



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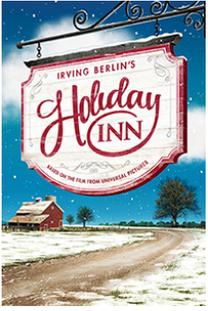
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THE FIRESIDE THEATRE'S "HOLIDAY INN" WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021



Irving Berlin's HOLIDAY INN tells the story of Jim, who leaves the bright lights of show business behind to settle down on his farmhouse in Connecticut, but life just isn't the same without a bit of song and dance. Jim's luck takes a spectacular turn when he meets Linda, a spirited schoolteacher with talent to spare. Together they turn the farmhouse into a fabulous inn with dazzling performances to celebrate each holiday, from Thanksgiving to the Fourth of July. But when Jim's best friend Ted tries to lure Linda away to be his new dance partner in Hollywood, will Jim be able to salvage his last chance at love? Based on the classic film, this joyous musical features thrilling dance numbers, laugh-out-loud comedy and a parade of hit Irving Berlin songs, including "Blue Skies," "Easter Parade," "Steppin' Out With My Baby," "Heat Wave," "White Christmas," "Be Careful, It's My Heart," "Cheek to Cheek," "Shaking the Blues Away" and many more. It's a year-round classic to make any holiday sparkle!

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY! There are only a limited

number of seats available to members and friends of The Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA.

Prior to our arrival at the Fireside Theatre, we will visit the Jones Dairy Farm Store in Ft. Atkinson where hams, sausages, bacon etc. can be purchased and held in cold storage while we enjoy "Holiday Inn".

DATE: **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

COST: \$80.00 per person Gratuities are included (for the meal and the bus driver).

Payment in full or a minimum deposit of \$20.00 per person is due upon receipt.

Balance is due by Friday, September 30, 2021

DEPARTURE TIME: **8:30 a.m.** at the Park & Ride off of I-94 on College Avenue
(The SOUTHWEST Parking Lot)

RETURN TIME: Approximately **6:00 p.m.**

(**Note:** For a Vegetarian, Gluten-Free or other menu substitution for medical needs, **indicate on form below.**)

Please send your reservations and payment to:

Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA
"HOLIDAY INN" Reservations
P.O. Box 563
Oak Creek, WI 53154-0564

Any questions? Call Pat at (414) 617-2796 or email: oldtimers.newsletter@gmail.com

RESERVATION FORM FOR "HOLIDAY INN" - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 **(Please make checks payable to Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA)**

Total Number of Tickets: _____

Name(s) (Please Print & list contact Person's name first): Address:

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Contact person's Phone Number (home) _____ (cell) _____

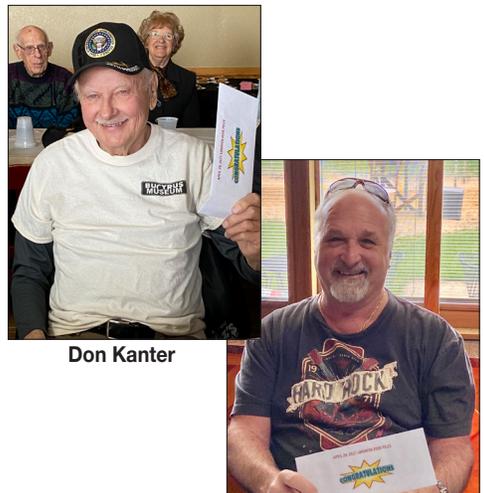
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Special Dietary Needs (if yes, explain): No Yes

APRIL 29TH LUNCHEON A HUGE SUCCESS

After 4 months of cancellations, it finally happened—we were able to enjoy our monthly luncheon on April 29th with a group of 40 people attending! Slowly but surely, we’re getting back to “normal”. The meal prepared by Larry at Joe’s K Ranch was simply delicious! We had the choice of broiled cod, beef tips and noodles or a pork chop. No matter which entrée we chose, it came with a salad, bread basket, potatoes and green beans. And of course we also had desserts—lemon meringue pie, coconut cream pie, and razzleberry pie. YUMMMM!!

Two attendees were lucky to win a “door prize”—Scott Streich and Don Kanter. We have one more luncheon on May 27th at Joe’s K Ranch before we move to the Bucyrus Club & Event Center. As we say “Good Bye” to Joe’s K Ranch, we would like to thank them for the many years of exceptional service to us. Every meal was enjoyable!!



Don Kanter

Scott Streich

Correction to the Spring Newsletter

Please accept our sincere apologies for the incorrect spelling of names for the following members that were published in the “*In Loving Memory*” section of our Spring Newsletter:

- Robert Melotik 11-25-20
- LeRoy Beilke 11-30-20

WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

Activities from Luncheons, The Fireside Theatre and Christmas Parties.
(2017 to 2021)



Watch for more pictures in future newsletters.



THE BUCYRUS CLUB - THROUGH THE YEARS



Bucyrus Club circa 1926

In the late 1880s, a series of road and swamp-draining projects combined with construction of regular freight and passenger railroad service made land south of Milwaukee near the Oak Creek a plausible location for industrial and residential development. A pair of third-generation residents of the area, William Williams and Fred Mansfield, inherited hundreds of acres just as Milwaukee area investors were looking for opportunities to build. Williams and Mansfield joined forces with Fred Rogers to form the South Milwaukee Company, and they started to attract industry to the area. Throughout 1891 and 1892, workers built new factories and homes, with over five hundred residents calling South Milwaukee home by late 1892. The South Milwaukee Company eventually incorporated as a village on November 8, 1892.

The South Milwaukee Company convinced the Bucyrus Steam Shovel Company to relocate from Ohio. Bucyrus, who was promised a 13-acre site for their works adjoining the Northwestern Railroad and \$50,000 in cash, started building the new factory right away. Bucyrus was also promised future dredging of the Oak Creek to get goods to a planned future harbor and breakwater on Lake Michigan. While a railroad spur to the lake was only partially constructed, the dredging and harbor projects in South Milwaukee never did materialize.

Other companies, including Schultz Brothers Furniture, also began construction of their new factories here in 1891. The original three-story part of what is now The Bucyrus Club was completed in October of 1892 as the new home of Schultz Brothers Furniture, who were known for their commercial tables. Schultz Brothers was the first factory to begin operating in the

new township, and their marketing ads claimed the production of “5 miles of quality wooden extension tables per week”. The start of table production in South Milwaukee preceded Bucyrus’ start of manufacturing machines by 5 months.

The next five years in South Milwaukee saw further growth in local housing. Infrastructure was also established, including electric service, waterworks, sewers, a permanent village hall, fire department, and a night marshal. The population grew to well over 1,500 residents, the minimum threshold for city status established by an 1897 Wisconsin law. South Milwaukee applied for and became a city that year.

While Bucyrus and the city grew, Schultz Brothers unfortunately did not, and closed their doors in 1902. They sold the building to the Racine Fire Engine and Motor Company, who revamped the space to produce several versions of horse drawn, steam powered fire trucks and boiler engines for other mobile equipment of the day. As the ‘horseless carriage’ movement rapidly progressed, motorized fire trucks were introduced in 1905. By 1910,



Remodeled Cafeteria 1920

they had taken over most of the fire truck market and Racine Fire Engine was forced to close its doors. The 1910’s was a time of rapid expansion for Bucyrus and they bought the building as a quick means of expanding production space.

The new factory space was located just across the railroad tracks that split South Milwaukee, and was dubbed ‘The West Shop’. Bucyrus immediately moved

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The Club with the Racine Engine Company logo

the Steam Engine Assembly Bay onto the first floor and moved valve and piping assembly operations to the second. They quickly built a long single-story extension onto the north side of three-story property. This area became home to an expansion of the main machine shop to produce smaller parts and named the 'West Machine Shop'. In 1905 Bucyrus was awarded numerous government contracts for steam powered equipment, including their world-famous railroad type steam shovels, pile drivers, and wrecking cranes. Bucyrus also provided 'plow' systems to unload the overburden carried out of the canal cuts by rail cars. The Panama Canal shovel orders started with 12, then quickly grew to 24. The new site was perfect to help meet the manufacturing demands of 1910.

Bucyrus eventually supplied a total of 77 shovels through the end of the project in 1914. Bucyrus also received three large dipper dredge orders for the help in digging on the project. These were also used with the maintenance of the Canal once it opened, and the last one retired in 1972. Some of the steam engines assembled between 1910 and 1914, and many of the parts, for the Panama Canal shovels and dredges were made in this building. A walkway bridge was constructed over the tracks to connect the factories. The larger parts and assembled steam engines made in the West Shop were moved to the main plant by horse and wagon.

After WWI, business again began increasing at a rapid pace. Bucyrus quickly moved to expand their plant footprint in early 1919 to keep up with demand of the old and new products they were offering. The West Engine Assembly Bay and West Machine Shop both moved back to the east side of the tracks and merged into the main campus. This left the entire West Shop factory space empty.

Bucyrus Chairman William Wheeler Coleman was always an advocate of providing support to company employees. He determined the empty space would be remodeled to become an employee gathering place for meals and recreation. Dubbed 'The Bucyrus Club', he signed contracts worth a total cost of \$105,000 to re-vamp the space. That investment is equal to \$1,607,000

today. The Club remodel included a full-service cafeteria, a reading room, and billiard room, a gymnasium, performance stage, handball court, 6 bowling alleys, and a special 'Oldtimers Room' for Bucyrus Retirees. This was exciting news for all employees, and numerous articles about the remodeling progress appeared in the company newsletter, SCOOP. The new Bucyrus Club had its grand opening on December 18, 1920.

Over the next 74 years, many company, civic, and private events were held at the Club. The name was updated to the Bucyrus-Erie Club in January of 1928 to coincide with the company's name change after the merger with Erie Shovel. Employees joined the BE Club for a nominal monthly dues fee. Over the years, costs ranged from 5¢ to 52¢ per month before the dues requirement was dropped in the late 1980's. Many social clubs and sports leagues called the Bucyrus Club home. There were card clubs, The Bucyrus Band, The Drum and Fife Corps, bowling leagues, retiree events, and Bucyrus sponsored men's and women's sports teams



Main Plant overview showing the West Shop (Club) and foot bridge

for both basketball and baseball. The company sponsored employee dances on a regular basis, along with annual Christmas events including a children's party and employee gift baskets programs. Many civic events were also held here.

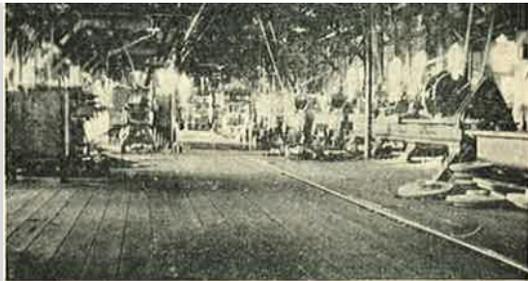
There was a major remodel of the Club in 1954 that expanded the single-story section to the west. A bar room was added, the reading room (fireplace area) was doubled, and the bowling alleys were automated with 4 new lanes added, expanding the count to 10 alleys. William Coleman was still Bucyrus-Erie's Chairman of the Board in '54, and presented a Revere Westminster Grandfather Clock to the Oldtimers Association for their room in the Club. The clock, complete with its engraved brass presentation plate, is now part of the Bucyrus Museums' collection and will return to stand once again in the Bucyrus Club in July.

A third remodel happened in 1974 as part of plant renovations and start of the 6-story office building project. These added lunch counter in the billiard room and sectioned off the executive dining room to make it a pri-

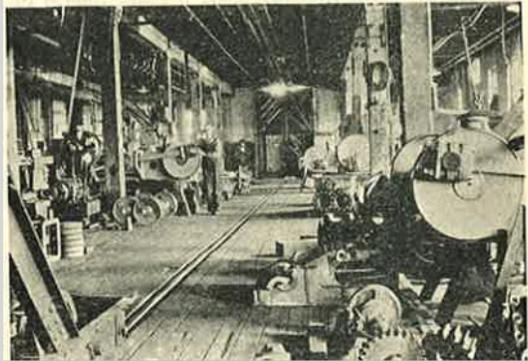


vate space. As employee use of the Bucyrus-Erie Club diminished, and it was eventually sold to the South Milwaukee Lions Club in 1994, who renamed it the South Milwaukee Community Center. It operated as the SMCC for 12 years and was subsequently sold to Papa Luigi's restaurant in 2006. The business permanently closed in 2014 after a frozen water line damaged the fire protection system.

The building sat idle until 2020, when the Bucyrus Foundation and City of South Milwaukee partnered to restore the building to its former glory as a community gathering place. As part of the Foundations \$1.5 million grant to the City to rebuild it, the name 'The Bucyrus Club' was also restored. The Club will now have new mechanical, electrical, and plumbing throughout and meet 2025 ADA standards for access and safety. The second floor will be home to the South Milwaukee



The other day Bill Welch handed us these two interesting photos, which some of the old timers will no doubt recognize. Can you tell what they are? They are two views of the old West Shop before the machines were moved out and the building remodelled to make the new Bucyrus Club. Some change, we'll say.



West Machine Shop article from Scoop 1925

Timepiece Given By W. W. Coleman

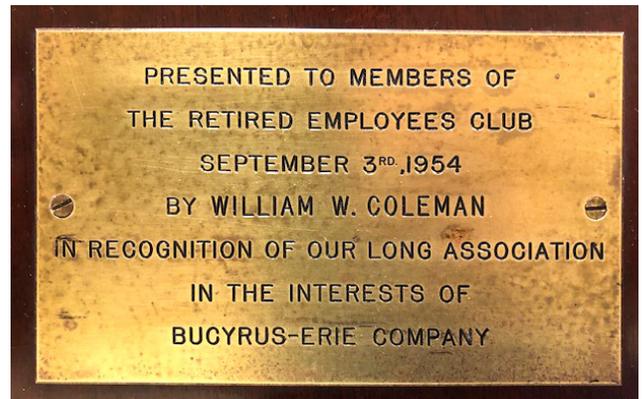
Presented as a token of "personal appreciation for loyalty and cooperation through many years," a graceful grandfather's clock was formally turned over to members of the Old-Timer's Association September 3 by W. W. Coleman, chairman of the board.

The presentation ceremony was conducted at a luncheon meeting at the Bucyrus Club and was attended by more than 60 retired employees. Not only would the timepiece enhance the beauty of their club room, Coleman said, but it would remind them of the time of day. "Many of us," he said with a note of humor in his voice, "have bosses at home and they expect us to return at certain hours."

Chairman of the Board, W. W. Coleman, right, turned over the key for the graceful grandfather's clock he gave to the Old-Timers' Association, to Bill Ryan, association president, foreground, and Holgar Jacobsen, secretary.



Oldtimers Clock Presentation 1954



Clock Plaque

Industrial Museum, and we will operate the Bucyrus Museum honoring the company's history in South Milwaukee. Previously, the second floor was only accessible by stairs, but an elevator has now been installed to make the Bucyrus Museum accessible to everyone.

The Bucyrus Club is also the proud home to Skyline's Event Center and Catering Services on the entire first floor. Nine display cases built into the walls throughout the first floor will also showcase some of the other early industries and people of South Milwaukee.

The South Milwaukee Industrial Museum LLC is a 501c3 educational non-profit operating the Bucyrus Museum and is dedicated to the historic preservation of documents and artifacts relating to Bucyrus International and its merged companies.

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PATENT PENDING

In the early 1890's Bucyrus was no different than many other companies who were making a large number of improvements on existing offerings, or developing new machines. Since the competition was doing the same, patent law allowed for protection of an idea by placing a permanent "Patent Pending" notice on your product to show you had applied for a patent on. The early Bucyrus Company cast iron "Patent Pending" plate in the Bucyrus Museum is from the 1890-1915 time period, and was likely attached to every machine that left the factory in an effort to prevent competitors from copying an idea.

In America in the early colonial period, there were no general laws providing for the issuing of patents. However, people who invented new products could appeal to the colonial governments, which could grant them the exclusive commercial rights to a product. The earliest of such rights granted in the colonies was for a new

process of making salt in Massachusetts in 1641. The custom of using private acts to grant patents is believed to have come from the English Statute of Monopolies of 1624.

The Patent Act of 1790 was the first federal patent statute of the United States. The federal statute allowed the patentees a 14-year term of exclusive right to their inventions, without the possibility of an extension. The laws were subsequently changed to allow for extensions of patent protection. They also included issue of 'utility patents' that were good for 20 years. The 'Patent Pending' process was instituted in 1836 and covered both general use and utility patents.

If there was a breach of your invention, it was very hard to prove in court who had the idea since the pending status provided little information in the way of what you were trying to protect. It wasn't until the mid-1910's that specific information on your pending marker was required to specifically identify your filing. That requirement remains in effect today. In contrast to the early Bucyrus Company patent pending plate, we will also have on display a 1979 Marion Power Shovel patent plate. It lists 32 United States patents or pending filings, plus an additional 100 filings in 20 different counties to protect the inventions on board the machine. Now that's getting specific!

MARION POWER SHOVEL DIVISION DRESSER INDUSTRIES, INC. MARION, OHIO, U.S.A.			
THIS MACHINE IS PATENTED UNDER ONE OR MORE OF THESE U.S. AND FOREIGN PATENTS. OTHER PATENTS PENDING			
UNITED STATES			
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3,247,976	3,512,597	3,856,161	3,990,161
3,276,957	3,541,210	3,999,559	4,037,894
3,362,399	3,613,906	3,905,711	4,038,765
UNITED STATES			
AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	JAPAN	PHILIPPINES
489,714	1,349,987	924,429	10,762
490,675	1,404,977		972,744
495,836	1,405,278		1,029,602
495,573	1,407,826		1,032,100
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA			
CANADA	INDIA	MEXICO	UNITED KINGDOM
695,717	85,327	136,320	1,439,498
743,421	94,822	137,693	1,451,729
753,200	94,527	137,333	1,470,062
758,444	94,928	127,333	1,472,363
861,917	94,928	127,333	1,474,719
992,495	145,248	16,664	1,485,702
1,010,413	144,051	16,757	
1,012,496		16,825	
1,022,597		16,825	
1,024,945		17,103	
1,027,521		17,159	
TURKEY			
CHILE	IRAN	QAMPI	U.S.S.R.
29,194	12561	05003	618,972
29,341	13176	05146	1,291,218
29,796	13499	05150	2,452,649
29,887	13965		1,250,085
29,917	13969		1,291,218
WEST GERMANY			
GERMANY			
ZAMBIA			
VENEZUELA			
PERU			
LIBERIA			
MOROCCO			



ABOUT THE BUCYRUS MUSEUM MISSION AND ORGANIZATION

In March 2017, The South Milwaukee Industrial Museum LLC (SMIM) was formed as a conduit for Caterpillar to 'gift' about 95% of the Heritage Museum displays to after they closed the Heritage in December of 2016. A group of retirees worked hard to fund the move and find warehouse space for the archives so these Bucyrus treasures could remain in South Milwaukee until a suitable home was found.

SMIM was formed as a non-profit, educational museum, and was granted IRS 501c3 status in 2019. That means that all donations made to the museum

are 100% tax deductible for the donor. SMIM is staffed 100% by volunteers and we've never had paid staff or internal labor expenses. We've provided educational displays to public venues free of charge in the past, and plan to host school groups, scouting organizations, and public library children's groups to use the museum for field trips and story reading events. We will also host educational career interest groups for High Schools and Technical Colleges to promote the industrial arts, engineering, and other career paths associated with manufacturing.

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In February of 2020, the City of South Milwaukee and Bucyrus Foundation partnered on a \$2 million grant to renovate the Bucyrus Club and build a public space in downtown, provided the city make the club available to the Bucyrus Museum for a meaningful time period. SMIM recently signed a 20-year lease to occupy the entire second floor. Since we rely solely on donations and admission, we will be encouraging our visitors to make an additional contribution to our general fund to help with our rent, utilities, insurance, and share of common maintenance of the Bucyrus Club building.

With the greatly increased standard tax deduction changes made several years ago, most taxpayers who made modest donations no longer qualified for this deduction benefit. However, the 2020 CARES act allowed

an individual to deduct \$300 in donations, on top of their standard deduction status. We hope that this stays in effect in the future and is an incentive to donors to help us meet our monthly donation goals to be able to remain a contributor to history preservation and the community for many years to come.

We hope you'll keep us in mind and help to uphold and expand the Bucyrus legacy. It's an important company for the development of our infrastructure and engineering advances making life easier for all of us for more than 130 years. We know the world would be a lesser place without Bucyrus, both personally and for all mankind. If you chose to contribute to SMIM now any time in the future, your support can be sent to: SMIM, PO Box 84, South Milwaukee, WI 53172.

FINAL BUCYRUS CLUB UPDATE

The Bucyrus Club progress is moving fast as they head toward completion of the renovations. On May 19th, CG Schmidt led a group tour of the nearly completed project for the museum board and advisors, including Tim Sullivan, six City of South Milwaukee officials, and 4 members of the South Milwaukee Historical Society.

It's an amazing transformation on all floors, and the target date to turn the building over is during the week of June 14th. Once that happens, we expect it will take 4 days of moving the Museums assets, display cases, artifacts, and archives from storage and onto the second and third floors with another 3 weeks to get it presentable to the public. Putting together the three-quarter sized two-story 85B model from the old



Bucyrus 'throwback' paint scheme



Club Building circa 1910

Heritage Museum presents the biggest challenge, followed by remaking the operators cab for the 495HR simulator unit. Opening to the public is targeted for the week of July 12th.

Currently we expect to be open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10am until 3pm, and for private events booked in conjunction with Skyline Event Centers on the first floor. Since we're a non-profit and depend solely on donations, a nominal admission fee will be charged and 'extra scoop' donations encouraged to help meet our financial and lease obligations. There is also a gift section in the Bucyrus Museum Welcome Center where you'll be able to purchase books, T-shirts, hats, coffee mugs, keychains, and other items that help support the museum.



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In Loving Memory

With Heavy Hearts we said "Goodbye" to:

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Jim Himsel 2-24-21	Roman Ueberfluss 3-30-21
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The Bucyrus Club & Event Center
1919 12th Avenue, South Milwaukee
(For Reservations call Shirley or Dolores)
Luncheon Cost \$14.00/person
Opens 11:30 a.m. Food served at 12 noon

June 24th	(Picnic)
September 30th	Luncheon
October 28th	Luncheon
December 2nd	Christmas Party

OFF SITE FUNCTIONS

August 5th	BOGIE
November 10th	Fireside's "Holiday Inn"