



From Pat's Desk...

With the end of the year fast approaching, I like many of you as well, like to reflect back on 2021. With the Bucyrus® Oldtimers, we were able to get back to enjoying our luncheons—our final May luncheon at Joe's K Ranch...coming back "home" to our new location at the Bucyrus Club & Event Center with our June picnic...enjoying our "free admission" visit to the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum in September...and a surprise "free lunch" in October.

And lastly we were able to enjoy activities and special events such as the golf outing (BOGIE) in August... the Fireside Theatre's performance of "Holiday Inn" in November...and our fun filled Christmas Party in December. All of these get togethers with old and new friends makes me look forward to our coming year with many scheduled luncheons and activities and events! With that said, please mark your calendars with the 2022 luncheon dates, June's BOGIE event, November's Fireside Theatre's outing and December's Christmas Party.

Happy Holidays and many Blessings to you and your family in 2022!

Pat Merkovich

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JOIN US FOR OUR LUNCHEONS & EVENTS



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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 **(\$15.00/person)**

All luncheons are sit-down meals except for the June picnic which is buffet style.



SAVE OUR LUNCHEON DATES:

January 27th	February 24th
March 31st	April 28th
May 26th	June 30th (picnic)

OFFSITE EVENTS:

BOGIE - June 9, 2022
Fireside's "White Christmas" - November 9, 2022
Christmas Party - December 8, 2022

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We always welcome anything from a short note to tell us how you are doing to a Bucyrus® story that you would like to share in a future newsletter. And 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. Please contact us if you are interested or need more information.



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LETTERS TO 'BIG MUSKIE' FROM FELLOW OLDTIMERS

September 7, 2021

I am sorry to have to tell you that Keith Mayo passed away on 3-28-21.

Nancy Mayo



September 9, 2021

We received the latest Newsletter and enjoyed the articles and reading it to our mother. We wanted to let you know that our father, Ralph Feiertag passed away July 29, 2021 at the age of 92. He worked at BE from 1948-1960 then 1962-1984 and enjoyed many long friendships.

Thank you for all you do.

Jeanne Feiertag Nicholson



September 15, 2021

Hi Big Muskie team,

Many many thanks for the continuation of the Newsletter. It is always a pleasure to read which brings me to the opening of the Bucyrus Museum. I wish you all success with the opening of the Museum on the 16th of this month, with all the great products that BE made during the years it is only right that a Museum should be made available to show future people what a great company produced so many great machines that helped in the development of the World as it is today. Good luck for the future.

Regards,
Terry Wigsell
RB International Lincoln England

October 7, 2021

This past summer, my Son and I took a trip to the Sturgeon Bay Maritime museum. I was the first active USCG duty qualified reservist to proudly serve on and pilot 41410 for search and rescue missions when she was delivered to LBS Milwaukee 44 years ago. It was great to be reunited with this old girl who is now a national landmark. Semper Paratus!

Mark Thoreson



October 11, 2021

Please include, in an upcoming "Bucyrus Oldtimers - Retiree Newsletter", the sad news that my father, Frank Gilanyi Jr passed away on June 29, 2021. Dad's career at Bucyrus-Erie spanned 47 years until his retirement in 1999.

Thank you for sharing the news with the Bucyrus retirees.

Kindly,
Karen Griffith
Daughter of Frank Gilanyi, Jr.



November 16, 2021

Hi Big Muskie Team. I would like to thank you and am very appreciative of your help and input for the information in contacting Ben Teeuwen, who is a long lost friend, and was the BE representative for international sales based in Holland.

Terry Wigsell

October 9, 2021

Thank you for the condolences. My father loved talking of his time at BE and we as a family also have many memories also.

Jeannine Seegert, Jim Schulgen,
Julie Schulgen & families



Charles Schulgen
February 11, 1932
September 11, 2021



October 28, 2021

Bucyrus Oldtimers,

Enclosed is a donation to the club in memory of Joyce Ford, a friend, co-worker and luncheon companion.

Geri Harris



Joyce Ford
July 15, 1936
October 8, 2021



November 20, 2021

B.E. Oldtimers,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during our family's difficult time. He (Al Lipowski) talked fondly of his time at Bucyrus-Erie.

With Thanks,
Lipowski Family



Al Lipowski
May 31, 1929
June 15, 2021

Fireside Theatre's "Holiday Inn" Enjoyed by All!

What an amazing show! If you didn't join the Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association for the performance of "Holiday Inn" at the Fireside Theatre on November 10, 2021 you missed a wonderful dinner and performance! This joyful musical was based on the 1942 movie starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. As in the classic film, this musical featured fabulous dance numbers, laugh-out-loud comedy and many hit songs including "Easter Parade", "Heat Wave", "White Christmas" and many more.

Upon arrival at the Fireside Theatre, we were greeted by a friendly staff member who led us to our reserved tables where we either relaxed with a special show-stopper drink such as "Holiday Tradition"—a colorful twist on the Grasshopper made with Green Creme de Menthe, White Creme de Cacao and fresh creme or we shopped the unique gift shops.

As always, this year's menu was absolutely delicious! We started with our appetizer—Cream of Watercress Soup, garnished with Toasted Pine Nuts served with a basket of freshly baked breads from the Fireside's Bakery that was still warm from the ovens. The main entree was a generous serving of Chicken Piccata resting on a Velouté Lemon Cream Sauce served with Scalloped Potatoes and Fresh Asparagus with Baby Carrots.. We ended our meal with a slice of Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting and Homemade Butter Pecan Custard. YUM YUM YUM!

Once we completed our delicious meal we were seated in the theater to enjoy the performance of "Holiday Inn". The Fireside Theatre has continued their long tradition of bringing the finest in Christmas entertainment. We were truly lucky, after a two year wait due to the pandemic, to have experienced this amazing performance and to have had such a wonderful day! Once back on the bus, three lucky door prize winners (Donna Prodzinski, Kelly Gretschnan and Jim Rogosienski) received a loaf of Cheddar Cheese Bread.

SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday, November 9, 2022. for next year's performance of "White Christmas". A limited amount of tickets will be available. Watch for the reservation form in a future Newsletter or contact Pat Merkovich for more information. Hope you will join us!

author Pat Merkovich



SEPTEMBER 30TH LUNCHEON – GOOD FOOD... GOOD COMPANY...AN ALL AROUND ENJOYABLE EVENT!

We were definitely “home” again attending the September 30, 2021 luncheon which was held at the newly remodeled Bucyrus Club & Event Center in the oh-so-familiar but modernized 1893 Ballroom—the same room that so many Bucyrus® events were held in years gone by! 83 Oldtimers and friends enjoyed a fantastic sit-down meal that was prepared by Chef Ernie of Skyline Catering. It consisted of a Salad with Italian Dressing along with a Bread Basket, a choice of Chicken Dumpling or Butternut Squash Soup, Bourbon Glazed Chicken Breast, Green Beans and Mashed Potatoes with gravy. Yum! And our tasty desserts were donated by Mike Thompson, Terri Tru-

ettner, Debbie Polzin, Dolores Page and Pat Merkovich. Door Prize winners were Gizelle Lewitzke and Pat Merkovich.

After the luncheon we were all treated with “free admission” to the museum on the 2nd floor where the new South Milwaukee Industrial Museum is located. Viewing the beautiful displays, many past memories and the sheer enjoyment of having the opportunity to see in person our precious Bucyrus® artifacts was appreciated by all! The helpful museum’s docents were all available to answer questions and give us a tour of the museum! A big “Thank You” shout out goes to the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum LLC who gave us this wonderful oppor-

tunity to enjoy the many displays and to all those involved in making this museum come true!



Gizelle Lewitzke



Pat Merkovich





OCTOBER 28TH LUNCHEON – AN AWESOME SURPRISE FOR ALL!

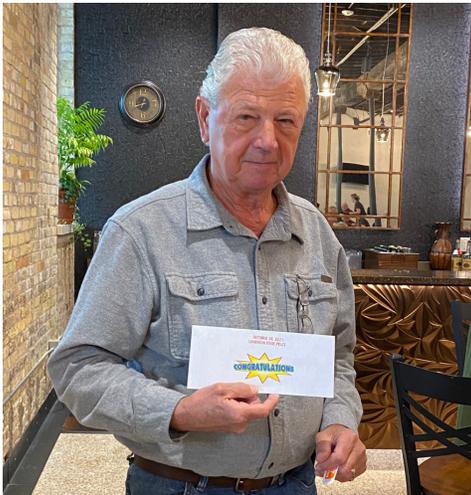
It was a pleasant surprise for approximately 50 Oldtimer members and friends when they found out that the October 28th Luncheon was “free”! Yes, FREE! This was due to the many retirees who donated to the “Luncheon Kitty” with their change when they paid for their lunch. Thank you to all those members!! What a “treat” for the last luncheon in 2021! It was much appreciated!! Hope-

fully with your continued generosity to the “kitty”, we will be able to have another “surprise free luncheon” in 2022!

Our delicious sit-down meal that was prepared by Skyline Catering consisted of a salad with a choice of dressing, a bread basket, a choice of chicken dumpling soup or tomato basil soup, roasted pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy and green beans. Dessert was donat-



ed by the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum. Door Prize winners were Ken Bonchek, Larry Briesemeister and Ken Roth. Please consider joining us at one or all of our Oldtimers luncheons in 2022. We always have a good time!



Ken Bonchek



Ken Roth



Larry Briesemeister

Save the Date!

2022 BOGIE Golf Outing



Get your group together and mark your calendars for next year's BOGIE golf event scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022 with a 9:00am shotgun start at the New Berlin Hills Golf Course. There were 44 golfers who came out in 2021, and we hope for more next year.

We'll be playing the modified team scramble format again, with a shotgun start

so everyone finishes about the same time. A luncheon will be held right after golf, along with the announcement of winners and door prizes for everyone who participates in the tournament.

As always, any Oldtimer members who are non-golfers are invited to join the teams for lunch and hear their tales of long drives and remarkable feats of golf, starting about 1:00pm.

More information on the 2022 Bogie Outing including golf and lunch only pricing, mail to information, and sign-up sheet will be published in the March Newsletter.

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:



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OLDTIMERS CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE



On Thursday, December 2, 2021 the Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association's Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance was held at the Bucyrus Club & Event Center. The 2021 social event of the year was thoroughly enjoyed by fifty Oldtimers' members and friends. We also had a special guest..Santa & his Elf (aka Mark and May Thoreson). Santa welcomed everyone as they arrived and later handed out Candy Cane shaped containers that consisted either of M&M's or Reese's Peanut Butter Pieces. Roger Boll performed seasonal Christmas Music and familiar tunes that were danced by enthusiastic couples. The enjoyable music was followed by a fantastic meal consisting of a Tossed Salad, Twice Baked Potato, Green Beans, Filet Mignon that was grilled to perfection, and three Breaded Shrimp. Compliments to Chef Ernie and his staff for the delicious food! A scrumptious two layer chocolate and yellow cake with raspberry filling (purchased by the Association) was served for dessert.



12 lucky attendees enjoyed gift card door prizes to various restaurants in the area. And many thanks to three donators who generously made it possible for four more people to win a prize. One lucky person won a \$25.00 Skyline Gift Card, donated by Skyline Catering, two lucky people won either a set of two 10 oz. Tumblers or a Bucyrus Museum Coffee Mug donated by The South Milwaukee Industrial Museum LLC and one lucky person won a Cookie Platter donated by Pat Merkovich.



A special big "THANK YOU" goes to Dolores Page who donated her time to make our Christmas Party a huge success and for donating all the tasty snacks for our party. Thanks also goes to Pat Merkovich for donating trays of homemade "Santa's Cookies". As in previous years, a good time was had by all! Next year's Annual Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association's Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held on **December 8, 2022**. *"Save the Date"!*





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BUCYRUS STEAM ENGINE RETURNS TO SM

The Bucyrus Museum had a very unusual (and very welcome) visitor to the Bucyrus Club parking lot in mid-September. An original Bucyrus steam engine returned to South Milwaukee for a one-day visit!

Scott Hall, owner of Hall Industrial of Wichita, Kansas, sent it to visit the Bucyrus Museum. He had other equipment being delivered to the general area, and he thought it would be great to have it ride along and come 'home' for a day. Scott owns 2 Panama Canal era steam shovels, and is in the process of restoring both them to operating condition for his collection. He thought we'd like to see it in person, and surprised us with his generosity by delivering the engine to the Bucyrus Museum and leaving it for the day.

Ironically, The Bucyrus Club building was home to Bucyrus' steam engine assembly shop and west machine shop from 1907-1919. These particular steam

engine designs were at one time assembled in the Bucyrus Club building. The shop photo shows the steam engine floor looking west, and was taken in 1909. When the Club opened as an employee event center in 1920, this space was transformed to become the cafeteria.

The cast writings on the steam engine parts clearly indicate that it was produced before the 1927 merger with Erie, and declare South Milwaukee as the home town. The castings were poured in our foundry, and machined in right here in SM.

This compact two-cylinder engine unit was the main driver for all of the steam powered railroad shovels, pile drivers, and railroad wrecking cranes used on the Panama Canal project, along with many other machines delivered around the US and world. It consists of opposing cylinders at the head end which are connected to a pair of heavy flywheels at the tail end to keep the

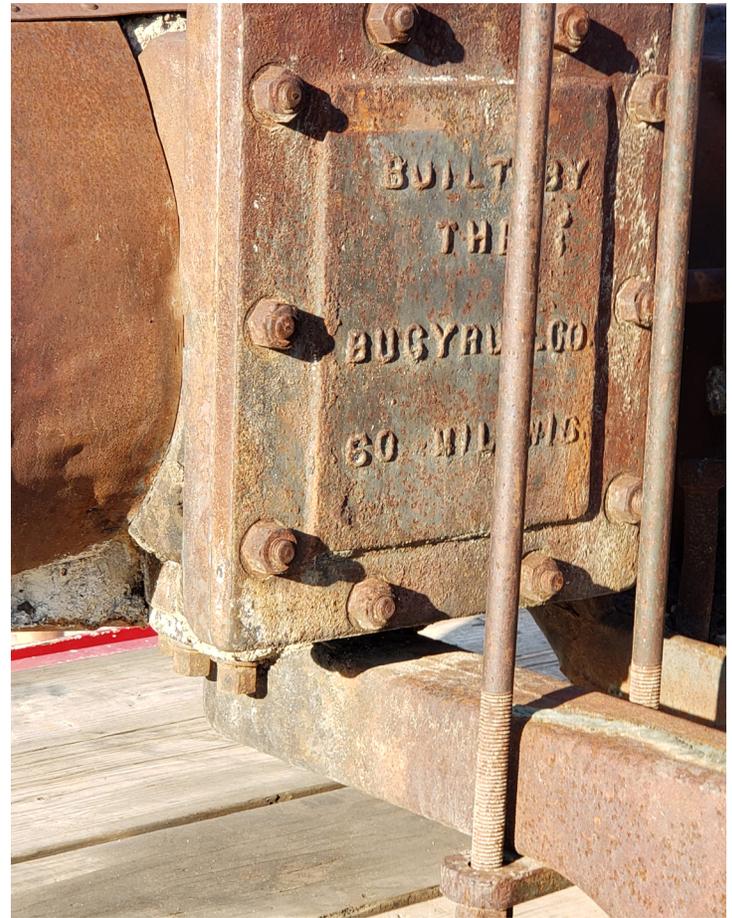




momentum going. There is a single pinion between the flywheels that distributes the power to the swing, hoist, crowd, and propel gearcase functions of the steam shovel.



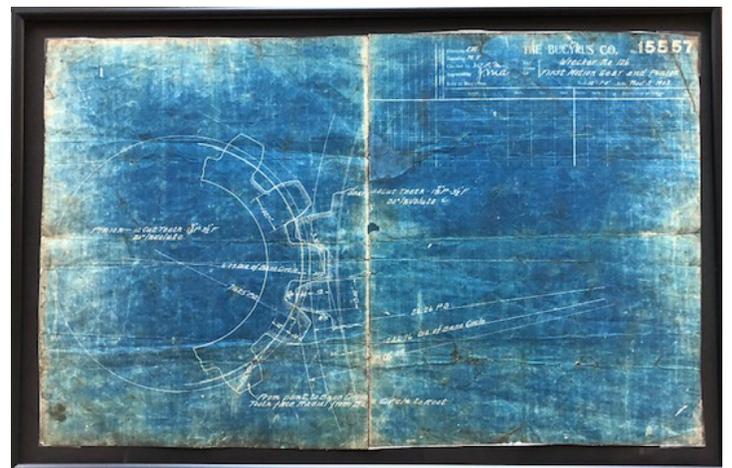
Our thanks to Scott for sending this our way to enjoy in person. We'll keep advised on his restoration progress, and post updates on his in future newsletters.



BLUEPRINT RESTORED

The grandchildren of Herman Kieck's family donated a 1903 blueprint of railroad crane gearing this summer. Herman was the first of a long line of Kieck's who were Bucyrus employees, and was assigned index number 632. The blueprint was found in the bottom of Herman's old toolbox, and was in two pieces and missing a portion of the center section. We contacted a paper restoration expert and he seamed the two document halves and actually made paper to fill in the space. We recently had it museum mounted and it's now on display in the museum.

We all found it interesting, that a lot of the gearing had large cast teeth back in the day, but Bucyrus cut precision teeth for these powerful railroad wrecking cranes. It speaks to the quality Bucyrus machines and parts produced for 135 years!





350H MODEL ARRIVES

On September 30th, Dave Ludeman and family stopped by the Bucyrus Museum to donate a wonderful 350H backhoe model made by his father, Don Ludeman. Don was the designated model maker in the engineering department from the late 1950's until retirement in 1984. Don made many trade show and concept models during his career, including the famous concept model of the B-E 3850B which was delivered to President Dwight Eisenhower in March of 1960. Today that 3850B model still resides in the Smithsonian Institute. We have a replica of it on display in the Museum, along with 2 other stripping shovels.

This large-scale 350H backhoe model was used at trade shows throughout the world, and is in remarkably good shape for its age and the 'shipping adventures' it experienced.



350H Model

The 350H was one of the first 'high pressure' hydraulic machines produced by Bucyrus-Erie. There were 2 machines made initially, one tested in Oak Creek and one in New Mexico. They were secretly put through their paces for months. Corrections and improvements to designs were finalized, and they were launched into production.

The house was a revolutionary design, using a three-layered fiberglass process with molded color for the panels. It was dubbed Tri-armor by the CMD sales team as



Dave Ludeman and family

it didn't dent, rust, or scratch like traditional steel panels did. It was also easy to make the house and operator cab edges rounded, giving the machine a very modern look. Fred Shew commented that his sales guys used to 'beat on the panels with hammers' to show potential buyers the durability of the Tri-armor innovation. Like every other good idea, it was copied as other manufacturers soon followed in using fiberglass for machine bodies. The 350H model sold very well, and there were very few warranty claims submitted on this innovative machine.

Dave and his family were very pleased to see other models on display that were made by their dad, like our 65C Truck Crane. We spent the morning talking with them about the machines, models, designs, history of the company, and their memories of growing up in a Bucyrus-Erie family.

The model is currently at Wiess Brothers Reproductions in Sheboygan, WI, for full restoration, and will hopefully be back in our hands before year end. A lot of the CMD machine models and history was lost when the division was sold in 1984, and we're happy to have this one find its way back 'home'. We thank Dave and his entire family for donating this one-of-a-kind piece of Bucyrus-Erie CMD history to the Museum. We're anxious to get it on display.

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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110T TRUCK CRANE MODEL

Grant Gregory and his daughter Darcia Snyder recently drove more than 500 miles to visit to the Bucyrus Museum on October 20th. Grant retired in 1984 as the Assembly Superintendent at the Erie Plant. His daughter Darcia also worked there in Material Control, and continued to work in the materials area after the plant was sold to Northwest Engineering, and later transitioned to Terex during a subsequent merger.

At the time of the sale to Northwest, some of the large models that adorned the Erie Plant lobby were being disposed of. Fortunately for us, Grant saved the 110T from the dumpster and has had it on display on a shelf in his garage for the past 35 years. After we opened the Bucyrus Museum in the Bucyrus Club, he decided it was time to give it a new home. It's a wonderful handcrafted wooden 1/8 scale model that was used at various trade shows, and shows off the internal crane workings of the 110T.

Grant and Darcia drove 9.5 hours from Erie to South Milwaukee, and came to the Museum the next morning. We had a great time talking about some of the B-E people at both plants, machines, and what Bucyrus meant to us. Besides the 110T cranes, Grant was also charged with the assembly floors for the Dynahoe and Marine Crane products during his career. He jokingly told us that "the only thing Bucyrus ever gave me was a watch, \$100, and a heart attack". He did convey seriously that he enjoyed every opportunity he had during his long B-E career in Erie.

Fred Shew reminisced with us about the history of the 110T crane. It was the only crane designed with an equilateral triangular boom and was originally rated at 100 tons. As Bucyrus often did, many areas were over designed. With a few minor design changes to strengthen



the frame and outriggers, it was able to go to market as a 110-ton rated machine, surpassing the competition.

The very first 110T crane was sold to a contractor who had work for it on a project at the Kennedy Space Cen-

ter building the launch platform for the moon shot. Another 110T was owned by AEP and was used to move the spare 220 cu. yd. drag bucket around the mine site for Big Muskie. The heavy duty 110-T also went to Pakistan, along with a large package of various B-E CMD machines for work on the famous Tarbela Dam project. Another contractor used their 110-T to set the large scoreboard at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, where the NFL's Chiefs play football.



Fred said at one time he wanted to trade a 110-T Crane to a Chicago contractor who was selling an 8-passenger turbo-prop airplane. He envisioned the plane to be used by the CMD department for their travel needs. He approached the president of BE, who at the time was Mr. Eugene Berg. Mr. Berg told him "The plane is overpriced" to which Fred responded, "so is the 110-T". Needless to say, B-E did not make the deal.

Grant also provided us with a dozen large framed pictures of various Bucyrus machines, including the first photos in our collection of the Dynahoe series of machines.

The 110T is currently being restored by the Weiss Brothers Reproductions in Sheboygan, WI, and we should have it back and on display before the beginning of March. Our sincere thanks Grant for taking time to come to South Milwaukee and donating this valuable piece of CMD history into the Museum's collection. We're very grateful to have it!

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SUMMER BREAK

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