



From Pat's Desk...

With the end of the year fast approaching I like many of you, reflect back on the past memories of 2022. With the Bucyrus® Oldtimers, we were able to enjoy a full year at the fabulous Bucyrus Club and Event Center with Ernie at Skyline Catering serving us fantastic food for our luncheons. We especially enjoyed the "surprise free lunch" at our June picnic and of course we absolutely shared some happy times with activities and special events such as the golf outing (BOGIE) in June...The Fireside Theatre's performance of "White Christmas" 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 upcoming year of many more scheduled luncheons and events. With that said, please mark your calendars with the 2023 schedule of luncheons, the golfing event (otherwise known as BOGIE) on Thursday, June 8th, our outing to the Fireside's performance of "Scrooge the Musical" on Friday, November 17th and our annual Christmas Party/Dinner Dance on Thursday, December 7th.

Lastly, I have something to ask all of you—I need your input. At the October luncheon, we had our in-person voting that resulted in a "tie" for the office of President. Please make it a point to either vote again or for the first time! Check out the information and new ballot on page 5 of this newsletter. You can either mail in your vote, email your vote, or attend the January 26th luncheon for the in-person voting.

Speaking of elections, please welcome Dave Kieck as our newly elected Vice-President. Congratulations Dave!

Happy Holidays and many Blessings to you and your family in 2023!

Pat Merkovich

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JOIN US FOR OUR LUNCHEONS & EVENTS

Reservations are appreciated by calling Dolores Page at (414) 768-9437 or Pat Merkovich at (414) 617-2796.

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.



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South Milwaukee



SAVE OUR LUNCHEON DATES:

January 26 • February 23 • March 30

April 27 • May 25 • June 29 (Picnic)

September 28 • October 26

EVENTS:

BOGIE - June 8, 2023

Fireside's "Scrooge the Musical" - November 17, 2023

Christmas Party/Dinner Dance - December 7, 2023

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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SEPTEMBER 29TH AND OCTOBER 27TH LUNCHEONS

A good time was had by all at our last two luncheons for 2022. At our September 29th luncheon, Skyline Catering provided us with a delicious meal consisting of a Carved Turkey Breast with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn and Cranberries. Two yummy cakes for dessert were provided by Ken and Nancy Tangen—a Marble Cake and a Danish Cream Cake. At every luncheon we have two lucky door prize winners who receive a gift certificate to a future luncheon. All attendees are eligible to win. Our two door prize winners for September were Geri Harris and Cornell Stroik.

The October 27th luncheon did not disappoint the 50 members who enjoyed their meal of Swedish Meatballs with Noodles and Green Beans. The desserts were donated by Dolores Page who made a Texas Chocolate Sheet Cake, Debbie Polzin who made a Crescent Roll Cheese Cake with a Cinnamon Sugar topping, along with Date and Walnut Bars with Buttercream Frosting and Pat Merkovich made a Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting. October's two door prize winners were Bob Povolo and Giselle Lewitzke. Congratulations to the winners!!

Please consider joining us in 2023. Mark your calendars with these dates: January 26th, February 23rd, March 30th, April 27th, May 25th, June 29th, September 28th and October 26th. Make your reservation by calling Dolores Page at (414) 768-9437 or Pat Merkovich at (414) 617-2796. Please note, if there is some reason you made a reservation and cannot attend, please let us know. We are committed to pay for the count we give Skyline Catering.



Geri Harris



Cornell Stroik

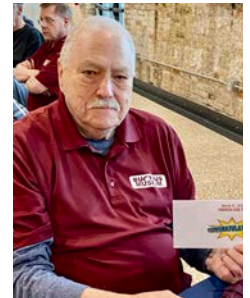


Bob Povolo



Giselle Lewitzke

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE...2022



THE ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR HELP

We hope you enjoy receiving our quarterly combined Bucyrus Oldtimers/Bucyrus Museum newsletters. Right now, the Bucyrus Oldtimers Association UA needs your help in reducing our expenses. Like everything else lately, inflation has nearly doubled the cost of producing and distributing our quarterly newsletters by mail to members in the past 24 months. Our costs for paper, printing, folding, and postage have all increased significantly since 2020.

How can you help? First, if you receive the hardcopy of the newsletter by mail and have access to an email account, we ask that you email us at bigmuskie@beoldtimers.org and request to be

placed on the email distribution list for all future newsletters. Two things happen when you do. First, you'll receive the newsletter in full color, and quite frankly, it is 100% more enjoyable in color than the black & white printed version. You can always print a copy at home too. Second, you save us roughly \$3 every quarter. Yes, \$3! That's now the cost to produce and mail just one issue of our newsletter!

Secondly, if you're unable to go the email route, please consider an annual donation to help us offset the costs of production and mailing. We've been without a corporate sponsor since Bucyrus was bought out and Cater-

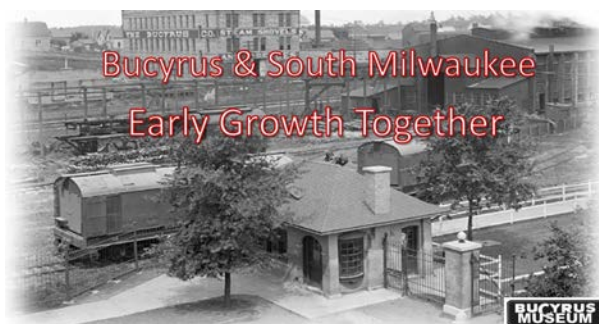
pillar dropped all support in 2014. Up until then, we had financial backing for publication of our newsletters. Since then, we've had to depend solely on the generosity of our membership for funding. Please seriously consider a financial donation toward keeping this group going before other action is necessary to reduce costs, like reducing the number of newsletters or content. Your contributions can be mailed to: Bucyrus Oldtimers Association US, PO Box 563, Oak Creek, WI 53154. Thanks for being a Bucyrus Oldtimers Association member and thanks in advance for your continued support and helping to keep the Bucyrus legacy alive!

JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER

Bob Jelinek will be doing a presentation entitled 'Bucyrus & South Milwaukee – Early Growth Together' at our luncheon on January 26, 2023. It has been previously presented at the South Milwaukee Public Library and at the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. It covers the early growth of the Village of South Milwaukee, arrival of Bucyrus from Ohio in 1893, and the struggles both had in the early years. Did you know Bucyrus

filed for reorganization just one year after moving here? It's true.

Learn more about this and how the city and factory grew together to become a world premiere manufacturing plant by 1900. The presentation is roughly 1/2 hour long, and will be shown right after the lunch.



FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER – BUCYRUS STADIUM

We will have representatives from 'The Launching a Legacy' committee give us an update at the February luncheon on their efforts to enhance the South Milwaukee School District's sports complex. The Bucyrus Foundation has offered a million-dollar challenge grant to fund installation of synthetic turf at

South Milwaukee's Spalholz Field and at the Galewski Baseball Diamond infield and Upper Softball diamond infield. A new standard, modern track surface will also be installed at the surrounding track and field facilities. The resulting complex will be named Bucyrus Stadium in honor of our company's heritage

in South Milwaukee.

When finished, the safer and up-to-date playing fields will honor the area's past while establishing a continuing legacy for future students, community members, and visitors to Bucyrus Stadium attending football, baseball, and track events.

DONATION TO THE MUSEUM

Jonathan Borthwick, one of our Association members from "down under" recently sent the Oldtimers Association a few vintage keychains to pass on to the Bucyrus Museum, all the way from Queensland, Australia! These

were produced as customer giveaways and sport the latest Bucyrus International logo. The keyring is supported by a maroon nylon strap and is attached to a carabiner clip on the opposite end. A unique logo keychain piece

indeed. The museum has placed one in the display case with other keychains and watch fobs, and have archived the others for future use. Thanks for helping to preserve our legacy Jonathon!



***Warmest Thoughts
and Best Wishes
For a Wonderful Holiday
and a Happy New Year!***

From the Bucyrus Oldtimers Association UA



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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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LETTERS TO 'BIG MUSKIE' FROM FELLOW OLDTIMERS

August 15, 2022

Always great to get my newsletter—can't thank you folks enough. Here is another "Bucyrus As I Remember" article I recently wrote for my home town (Fennimore, WI) newspaper this July. I thought you might enjoy—or even use! Also, enclosed is a donation with my thanks to you all.

Best Regards,
Tom Nelson



August 29, 2022

To the Oldtimers,

Have enjoyed getting the "Alumni Newsletter" since my retirement in 2000. After 43 years at Bucyrus I still miss the people at Bucyrus and the customers we dealt with. Enjoy the Historical Articles with each issue so hopefully they will not end.

I do Balsa and Plastic Models on Military Vehicles and Water Craft. To my surprise I built a model of a 10 ton military truck crane and was surprised to see it was the vehicle that beat out Caterpillar's truck the had our lifting crane we designed. Oshkosh Motors won the bid! Darn!!

Hope this contribution keeps the "Alumni Newsletter" in business.

Don Behlendorf

September 12, 2022

My husband, Michael J. Bartell, A Bucyrus/Caterpillar retiree, passed away on February 2, 2021. He retired in 2011.

Susan Healy



September 19, 2022

To Oldtimers,

I surely do miss you all. Tina and I are enjoying retirement in northern Wisconsin. We have been blessed with 5 Grandsons! Staff—Please keep up the great work.

Pete Golden

ELECTION RESULTS...IT'S A TIE!

Voting for the Bucyrus® Oldtimers Officers took place at the October 27th luncheon. All votes that were mailed or emailed prior to in-person voting on October 27th were also counted on that day. In the history of the Oldtimers elections, a "Tie" Vote has never happened! Well, it did happen this time—32 to 32 for Presidential nominees Dolores Page and Ken Tangen. We will hold another mail-in or email vote (must be received by January 20, 2023) or in-person vote at the January 26, 2023 luncheon. Please help us break this "tie" for President by voting either again or for the first time!! Results of the election for the other Officers were as follows: Vice-President Dave Kieck and Secretary/Treasurer—Pat Merkovich.



OFFICIAL BALLOT

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Must be a current member of the Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA. Vote by placing a checkmark on the candidate of your choice. **One ballot per member.**



Print your name and return the mail-in ballot to: **Bucyrus Oldtimers Association UA, P.O. Box 563, Oak Creek, WI 53154**
OR email your vote to oldtimers.newsletter@gmail.com. Must be received by January 20, 2023. In-person voting will be held at the luncheon on January 26, 2023 luncheon

PRESIDENT:

- ☐ Dolores Page
☐ Ken Tangen

VOTING MEMBER'S NAME (Print) _____

“White Christmas” at the Fireside... Enjoyed by All!



What a fabulous show! If you didn't join the Oldtimers for the performance of “White Christmas” at the Fireside Theatre on November 9, 2022 you missed a wonderful dinner and performance! Based on the beloved movie starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Allen, this stage adaptation featured 17 Irving Berlin songs such as “Sisters”, “Snow”, “The Best Things Happen While You're Dancing” and many more including the famous song “White Christmas”.



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 “Winter Wonderland”—a traditional Fireside favorite by blending Green Crème de Menthe with the flavors of rich White Chocolate and Sweet Cream served over ice, or we shopped the unique gift shops and bakery.



This year's menu was new. You had a choice from four entrées—a Grilled Pork Ribeye which was a boneless Pork Chop seasoned and grilled until perfectly tender and finished with a rich pork demi-glaze, Beef Short Rib—slowly braised in beef stock and dressed with a red wine demi-glaze or Grilled Shrimp—Six large Gulf Shrimp marinated, grilled and presented with a Tomato Butter Sauce. These three entrées had a side of Whipped Potatoes with Garlic & Herbed Cheese and Baby Carrots. The fourth entrée choice was a Global Vegetarian Medley—farm fresh vegetables, mushrooms, grains and pasta. All meals came with an appetizer called Seafood St. Jacques—Bay Shrimp and New England Bay Scallops in a White Wine Cream Sauce topped with Garlic Butter Toasted Croutons served with a basket of freshly baked breads from the Fireside's Bakery that was still warm from the ovens. We ended our meal with a slice of a Cranberry Orange Cheesecake on a Ginger Snap Crust! YUM YUM YUM!



Once we completed our delicious meal we were seated in the theater to enjoy the performance of “White Christmas”. The Fireside Theatre has continued their long tradition of bringing the finest in Christmas entertainment. We were truly lucky to have experienced this amazing performance and to have had such a wonderful day! Once back on the bus, three lucky door prize winners (Barb Hoffa, Kathleen Gross and Sharon Parato) received a loaf of Cheddar Cheese or Dill Bread. All in all...it was a fantastic day with good friends, great food and a fantastic musical performance!



SAVE THE DATE - Friday, November 17, 2023 for next year's performance of “Scrooge the Musical”. A limited amount of tickets will be available...54 to be exact. Watch for the reservation form in the Spring Newsletter or contact Pat Merkovich for more information. Hope you will join us!



Oldtimers Christmas Dinner/Dance



On Thursday, December 8, 2022 the Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association's Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance was held at the Bucyrus Club & Event Center. The 2022 social event of the year was thoroughly enjoyed by fifty-three Oldtimers' members and friends. Roger Boll performed seasonal Christmas Music and other 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, and a main entrée choice of a Filet Mignon that was grilled to perfection along with three Breaded Shrimp, a tender but juicy Bourbon Glazed Chicken Breast or a delectable and flaky salmon with a Citrus Glaze. Compliments to Chef Ernie and his staff for the delicious food and wonderful service! To finish off the meal, we enjoyed a variety of decadent cheesecakes.



Fourteen 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 six more people to win a prize. Two lucky people won either a Bucyrus Museum Coffee Mug or a Bucyrus Museum Candle donated by The South Milwaukee Industrial Museum LLC, two people won a South Milwaukee 125th Anniversary Commemorative Coin donated by the City of South Milwaukee and two lucky people won a Christmas Cookie Platter donated by Pat Merkovich.



If you have ever hosted a party, you understand and know that much time behind-the-scenes 'prep work' takes place into making a party a huge success! With that said, a big shout out "THANK YOU" goes to Dolores Page, Debbie Polzin, Betsy Hodson and Pat Merkovich who volunteered much of their time to make this event enjoyable for those attending. We would also like to "Thank" Dolores Page for donating the many tasty snacks and candy for our party and Pat Merkovich for donating trays of her homemade "Santa's Cookies" at the dessert table along with the "Snowman Soup" favors for everyone to enjoy.

As in previous years, a good time was had by all! Next year's Annual Oldtimers Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held on **December 7, 2023**. "SAVE THE DATE"!





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A Submarine, Howard Hughes, The CIA, and Bucyrus Erie? The Glomar Explorer Story

B-E Marine Cranes were used on oil and gas exploration and production sites in many parts of the world - from Borneo to the North Sea to the West Coast of Africa, the Indian Ocean, any hot spot for oil and gas exploration. But no story is as unusual as the B-E Marine Cranes, MK35, on the Glomar Explorer. Most people would never connect Bucyrus-Erie to a covert CIA operation, but it happened. This is the story of how, in 1974, BE's MK35 Marine Cranes helped retrieve a sunken Soviet Golf-II class submarine resting three miles deep in the Pacific Ocean.

The Submarine - On March 8, 1968, the U.S.S.R. ballistic missile submarine K-129 mysteriously sank somewhere in the deep Pacific Ocean northeast of Hawaii with a crew of 71. Wreckage of the lost sub would never be found - or so it seemed. Unknown to the Soviets, sophisticated U.S. Navy sonar technology located the K-129 on the seabed 16,500 feet deep. But that depth was unreachable by any known technology the US Navy had.



The Hughes Cover Story - Scientists and venture capitalists had long seen potential in ocean mining, but when Secretive billionaire Howard Hughes Jr. of Hughes Tool Company appeared to take on the challenge, the world took notice. His elusiveness would only help keep the mission, code-named Project Azorian, a secret. The recovery effort would involve years of deception. Deep ocean mining was the cover story for construction of the Hughes Glomar Explorer. His well-publicized plan described harvesting "magnesium nodules" from



Project Azorian-1970s

record depths with a custom-built ship that would push engineering technology to new limits, typical of Hughes' style.

The CIA - But from concept to launch, the Hughes Glomar Explorer really had only one purpose: help the CIA raise the Soviet Golf-II class submarine that sunk in '68 - plus any ballistic missiles and military secrets that were on board. This was a staggering cold war espionage opportunity for the United States, and then President Richard Nixon approved a top-secret operation to attempt raising the vessel from the ocean floor - intact. Because the weight and depth of the submarine stretched the limits of equipment available at the time, and the Glomar Explorer idea was born.

The Ship - Construction began in a Delaware River dry-dock south of Philadelphia in 1971. There is where "Hughes' project", that was in fact funded by the Government for \$350 million (about \$1.8 billion in 2022), came to life. The 618-foot-long ship, officially named the Hughes Glomar Explorer was well advertised as a deep-sea mining research vessel. In November of 1972, a champagne christening ceremony and fabricated press release celebrated the ship's launch. The

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high-tech ship built to 'mine the sea floor' was designed with a large, heavy-duty center mounted derrick section where 4 cranes would reside. The hull under the derrick was literally a large hole designed to bring 'mined goods' directly up through the center of the vessel, eliminating the risks of lifting offset loads and heavily tilting the ship to one side.

Enter Bucyrus-Erie – According to Fred Shew, when asked to bid on the cranes, B-E had no idea what the intent or true purpose of the ship was. The designer/builder wanted heavy duty cranes with large capacity cable drums. The B-E sales and engineering teams that visited the shipyard were confined to just the deck portion of where the cranes would mount. Fred said "When we worked with the ship builder on getting the order, we only knew that the cable drums had to have a lot of cable capacity, much more than required for a conventional drill ship. Our MK35's were eventually chosen for the project."

In 1974, the Glomar Explorer successfully recovered

a 145' portion of K-129, using a unique 'claw' device that used seawater as hydraulic fluid. A larger section was captured, but as it was being lifted to the surface, a mechanical failure in the grapple caused two-thirds of the recovered submarine to break off. This lost section was said to have held many of the most-sought items, including the Russian code book and nuclear missiles. The recovered section held two nuclear-tipped torpedoes, some cryptographic machines, and the bodies of six Soviet submariners, who were given a formal, filmed burial at sea.

Bucyrus-Erie MK Cranes were fantastic pieces of engineering machinery. They never received proper recognition or emphasis from the industry or management, and may be the only product sold over the years on which we never cut a price to get and order. Undoubtedly, they were the only B-E machines ever to be purchased for a secret CIA mission.

Our thanks to Fred Shew and Bob Miller for their help in telling this story.

Bucyrus Watch Fobs

One of the most collectable items from Bucyrus and Bucyrus-Erie are the watch fobs issued by the company from the early 1900's through 2005. Watch fobs are attached to a pocket watch with a leather strap, and were meant to hang outside of a pants or vest pocket. The user would grab the fob and pull the watch out of the pocket to check the time.

We have identified a total of 51 fobs issued by the company, using the collection we have and the Hoovers Guide to Watch Fobs, the bible of watch fob collectors.

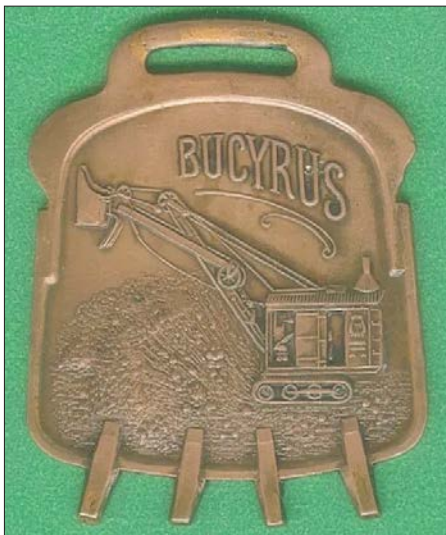
The museum has 45 of these on display, and we're still looking for the opportunity to obtain the 6 we're missing to one day complete our collection. We also have fobs

from related companies like Erie Steam Shovel, Marion, and Dynahoe, along a few third-party Bucyrus fobs that were not issued by the company.

We recently obtained this 1926 "picnic" fob from Canada for our collection at auction. Bucyrus issued as an entry pass for the company picnics for many years. They were originally attached to a ribbon and worn by the employee of family member at the picnic, and noted the date and place of the picnic. These exist for the South Milwaukee and Evansville plant locations, and have different dates and picnic locations cast into the back. Leather straps were handed out at the picnics to convert the fob into a souvenir to be used with a pocket watch. We have a few of the fobs still attached to the original ribbons, and all others have the leather straps.

The "picnic" fobs were also made in a version for issue to customers, with the back simply stating "Compliments of the Bucyrus Company".

Stop into the Bucyrus Museum if you have a chance to see all of them. We're located on the second floor of the Bucyrus Club in South Milwaukee and are open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10am-3pm.





New Display Honors USWA Local 1343

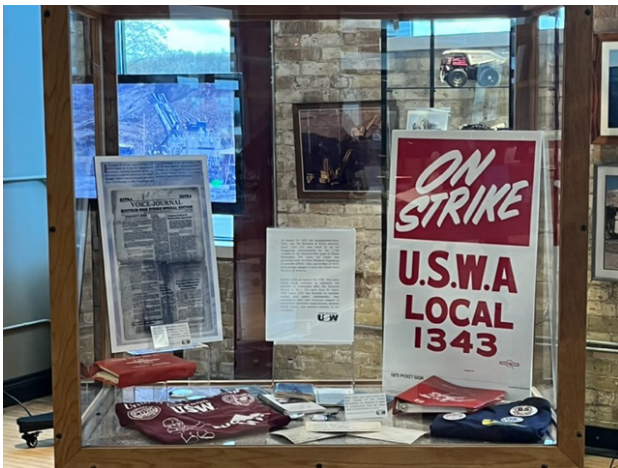
The Museum has added a new display showcasing the history of the United Steelworkers of America Local 1343 in the South Milwaukee plant. On March 19, 1937, the Amalgamated Iron, Steel, and Tin Workers of North America, Local 1343 CIO was voted in as the organized bargaining representative for the 1,100 workers at the SM Bucyrus-Erie facility. There is a copy of the 1937 local special addition newspaper that describes the bitter certification battle between the Union and Company. For years the AISTWNA Union was partnered with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (SWOC CIO). In May of 1943 the groups merged to form the United Steel Workers of America.

The display includes interesting artifacts from the 1343's archives, including disability pay cards from the 50's where workers received \$5.00 per week for being off work due to illness or injury. We also have a 1960's

Union Safety Award first aid kit, and 40–70 year old contract books in the case. Some of the early contract language would not pass today's standards, like starting pay for factory women being less than that for a man until they could meet the expected production levels.

Known today as the USW, the same Union Local continues to represent the workers at Caterpillar after the buyout of Bucyrus in 2011. For more than 85 years, the USW has focused on member welfare, safety, and working conditions. Additionally, the Union continues to lend financial support to community charitable organizations, sponsors family events, and continued promotion of equality and opportunity in the workplace.

Many thanks to USW 1343's members and office for providing many of these items to the Bucyrus Museum for our display.



Bucyrus Museum Hosts Cruise Ship Visitors

Viking Cruise Lines launched a Great Lakes Cruise this year with their new expedition ship Viking Octantis. The Viking Octantis is a Polar Class 6 cruise ship that was completed in December 2021. The ship carries a maximum of 378 passengers, and sails the Great Lakes in the summer with stops in Milwaukee, Duluth, Toronto, and Thunder Bay.

We were fortunate enough to be part of the Milwaukee stops hosted by Milwaukee Food and City Tours. They provided visitors who signed up with a driving tour of Milwaukee, a stop at the Bucyrus Museum, and a first-class buffet lunch at the Bucyrus Club. Stops were every other weekend from May through September. All totaled, we had over 1,000 visitors from around the globe visit the museum.

Many knew of Bucyrus and recognized the iconic paint scheme on the construction machines or knew about our large mining equipment. Others were fascinated by the connection to the Panama Canal project since they'd 'cruised' through the Canal on previous vacations. Our volunteer docents had a great time talking to and interacting with our guests. We met people from Europe, South America, England, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa, and from all around the States.

The Viking Octantis will be joined by a 'twin', The Viking Polaris, during the Great Lakes cruise season in mid-2023. Stops in Milwaukee will then be weekly, and we hope to repeat as a tour stop for both ships.



1920 Bucyrus Health Services

A company medical facility was built as part of the main campus factory expansion of 1919. The machine shop and steam engine assembly floor that were in what is now the Bucyrus Club was also moved to the east side of the tracks that same year. The next year witnessed the opening of the first company hospital.

According to the 1920 company announcement, the goal and purpose of the hospital would be: "To be staffed with a doctor and three trained nurses in constant attendance. First, to care for the men who are injured. No matter how slight the injury, you are directed to report. Second, to dispense, free of charge, medicine, and expert advice in the event of sickness in the plant. Third, to render assistance to the families of employees who desire it. This service is open to you and your family without charge and it is hoped that you will avail yourself of it. Don't be backward in asking for help. You owe it to yourself and your family."

This was company benefit certainly was ahead of its time, especially when workers across the country were being treated poorly by other large companies and just ahead of the great depression. The photos show the 1919 Bucyrus Company nurse crew of three. The two nurses on the left in plain white uniforms were "occupational nurses" who served in the factory helping

workers. The nurse on the right with the colored dress (it would have been light blue) was the "community nurse" who visited workers and their families in their homes. These ladies were the modern-day equivalent of PA's, diagnosing, dispensing medicines, and caring for the sick and injured in the factory and local homes. The doctor in the photo is depicted in the new medical office. Note the big cigar in his left hand.



In 1921 the company health program added a dental clinic where service was available at a modest charge. An interesting look into how Bucyrus cared about their employees – very progressive for the 1920's!

What is A Docent?

The definition of a docent is "a volunteer trained to facilitate learning in a museum". We're always looking to add to our volunteer staff, so if you have some extra time and want to help the museum, learn more about Bucyrus history, meet new people, and have a little fun along the way, consider becoming a docent!

Many of our docents come from a previous career at Bucyrus, but you certainly do not need to have worked there or be an expert on anything Bucyrus. The only real requirements are an appetite for history along with a readiness to share your experience and knowledge with our visitors, event guests, students, teachers, and other groups who tour the Bucyrus Museum. We also do a bit of light dusting, help with changing displays, and other tasks that are always needed to keep the museum in "world- class" shape for visitors.

The Museum's commitment to our docents includes treating all volunteers in a courteous, respectful

manner and value them for their strengths and talents. We provide training needed to be successful with guests. We also provide official museum docent shirts, and have a couple of 'get togethers' just for our volunteers every year.

Scheduling your time helping at the museum is totally up to you! Our regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10am to 3pm. We also distribute a group calendar for our special events that list the 'off hour' museum bookings. These usually last 1.5-2 hours, and are held in the late afternoons or early evenings. Partial shifts and any time our volunteers can help with guests or tasks is always appreciated.

If you have extra time, we hope you will consider becoming a Bucyrus Museum docent. Please stop in to see us or give us a call at 414-671-3850 during regular hours to ask questions and learn more.

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.

The Bucyrus Museum is located on the 2nd floor of the Bucyrus Club – 1919 12th Ave – South Milwaukee
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LUNCHEONS & EVENTS

The Bucyrus Club & Event Center
1919 12th Avenue, South Milwaukee
(For Reservations call
Dolores Page at 414-768-9437 or
Pat Merkovich at 414-617-2796)

Luncheon Cost \$15.00/person
Opens 11:30 a.m. • Food served at 12 noon

January 26 • February 23 • March 30
April 27 • May 25 • June 29 (Picnic)
September 28 • October 26

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