

From Pat's Desk...

'Yay' to SUMMER! Officially here on June 21st however, here in Wisconsin we consider Memorial Day as the start of the summer season. It's such a wonderful feeling that the cold weather is behind us and we have a couple of months of enjoying the outdoors and everything summer has to offer in the warm weather!

Just a couple of reminders. There's only one more luncheon left before the summer break—June 29th, which is our annual picnic (buffet style) with the typical picnic fare of burgers and brats with all the fixings, sides and desserts. And as you know, this year's picnic is a special one. In lieu of the typical luncheon cost we will be accepting 3 donations to Human Concerns from a list of items that are most needed (See list on page 4) or you can make a monetary donation of \$10 or more (in cash) that will be matched by the Bucyrus Foundation. Attendance is by reservation only, no walk-ins. And there will be a limit of 100 guests. So make your reservations now... before it's too late.

The June picnic marks our 2nd Anniversary at the Bucyrus Club & Event Center. The past two years have been most enjoyable in this wonderful facility along with the fabulous luncheon fare that Skyline Catering has provided for us. It looks a little different from days gone by, but it sure carries many happy memories...and we're looking forward to many more to come!

We will resume our monthly luncheons in September and October followed by our outing to the Fireside Theatre in November and our annual Christmas Party in December. A reservation form for the Fireside is included in this newsletter (Page 7). If interested, please hurry to send that in...there's only a few tickets left. As for the Christmas Party, information will be published in the Fall Newsletter.

My wish for you this summer is that you enjoy life with all the activities that you enjoy in the warm weather—swimming, fishing, boating, baseball, vacations, etc.—it's a wonderful time of the year! Stay safe and stay healthy!

'Til Next time...

Pat Merkovich

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JOIN US FOR OUR LUNCHEONS & EVENTS

Reservations are appreciated by calling Dolores Page at (414) 768-9437, Pat Merkovich at (414) 617-2796 or email oldtimers.newsletter@gmail.com, preferably 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 - cash or checks only**)

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



EVENTS:

Fireside's "Scrooge the Musical" - November 17, 2023
Christmas Party/Dinner Dance - December 7, 2023



1919 12th Avenue
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SAVE OUR LUNCHEON DATES:

June 29 (picnic)
September 28
October 26



Happy 2nd Year Anniversary

Bucyrus Club & Event Center -

Skyline Catering and

the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum

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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MARCH LUNCHEON

An enjoyable time was had by all who attended Our March 30th luncheon. As usual, Skyline Catering provided us with a delicious meal consisting of soup, salad along with 2 pieces of baked cod with sides of roasted baby red potatoes, roasted veggies consisting of yellow squash, broccoli and onions. Desserts were provided by Karen Bonchek, who made a Cherry Rhubarb Slab Cake, Pat Merkovich who made two Black Forest Poke Cakes and from the Dessert Fund donations, an apple pie, a cherry pie and a blueberry pie were purchased. Our thanks to the ladies who donated the

delicious desserts and those who donated to our dessert fund!

The two lucky door prize winners of a gift certificate to a future Oldtimers luncheon were Zak Hittman and Jim Pettke. The third door prize, a pair of admission tickets to the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum (donated by the museum) was won by Geri Harris.

Our guest speaker was the former South Milwaukee's Mayor Dave Kieck, who is currently the Project Manager of the Bucyrus Commons. The Commons is being built in part with a grant from the Bucyrus Foundation, which

supported several other civic projects in South Milwaukee before its closure in December of 2022. Dave gave an informative presentation and slide-show on the planning, designing, construction, and completion of the Bucyrus Commons located at 1022 Madison Ave. in South Milwaukee. Dave stated that the grand opening dedication, ribbon cutting ceremonies and community party are planned for May 21st, and he encouraged everyone to stop by and bring family members and friends. Thank you Dave for your wonderful presentation!



Jim Pettke



Zak Hittman



Geri Harris



APRIL LUNCHEON

The April 27th luncheon was a good one! Not only was the food delicious, but we were fortunate to have Matt Weyand, a scale model enthusiast from Festus, Missouri as our guest speaker! His passion for building radio-controlled scale models of mining and construction equipment started when he was a teenager. Matt brought a 1:50 working model of the Bucyrus 795B, a machine the company designed but never sold or built. He explained the time-consuming process of building a model using CAD-CAM drawings he does himself, then 3-D printing parts, followed by sanding, painting, and the installation of electronics. He worked 40 hours on the track pad alone and it took a year to replicate the cab. The highlight of his presentation was his demonstration of his radio controlled 795B model. Everyone was truly amazed watching what this model did! At the end of his presentation, Matt stated that he was in the process of building a second 795B model, without the RC

functions. When it's completed, he will be donating it to the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum! Thank you Matt for the awesome presentation...perhaps you can join us again in the future!

Our delicious sit-down meal consisted of Chicken Piccata with buttered noodles along with roasted zucchini and yellow squash. Desserts were provided by Cindy Simatic who made a Chocolate Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting, Terri Truettner, who made Cheesecake Brownies, Dolores Page who made a Texas Sheet Cake and a Pineapple Cake and Pat Merkovich who made an Orange Creamsicle Cake. Thank you, ladies, for those tasty treats!!

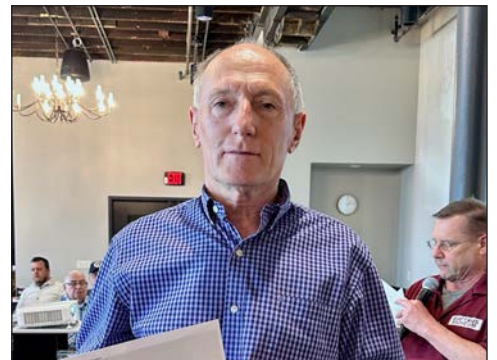
The two winners for the Free Lunch Gift Certificate were Ken Roth and Terry Truettner and the winner of the 2 free admission tickets to the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum was Steve Stancevic. Many thanks to the museum for donating those tickets.



Ken Roth



Terri Truettner



Steve Stancevic



JOIN US FOR JUNE'S CELEBRATION/DONATION LUNCHEON

In celebration of the 130th anniversary of Bucyrus moving to South Milwaukee, our June 29th Oldtimers Picnic Luncheon will be 'free' to all members and their guest. The luncheon is sponsored by the Bucyrus Foundation, and will be limited to a maximum of 100 guests who pre-register. We will not be able to accommodate 'walk-ins' in June, so please reserve your spot by calling Dolores Page 414.768.9437, Pat Merkovich at 414.617.2796 or email oldtimers.newsletter@gmail.com. Reservations will run through Monday, June 26th.

The donation part of this event is for

South Milwaukee Human Concerns. Bucyrus employees have always been generous to support those in need, and we want to continue that tradition by asking for a donation to Human Concerns in lieu of the regular luncheon cost. Each attendee may choose to donate three of the following items at the door as 'admission' to the party, or \$10 (or more) in cash for SM Human Concerns. The items they have the greatest need for are: Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Shower Gel, Razors, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Soup, Ravioli, Beef Stew, and Spaghetti-O's.

Debra DeBoer, SM Human Concerns Director, will be our speaker. South Milwaukee Human Concerns is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization receiving no taxpayer funds that delivers critical help and hope to need-based area residents by providing emergency food, clothing, and other essential services. The Bucyrus Foundation has agreed to matching 100% of the money donated that day as part of the Employee Matching Gift Program. We look forward to seeing you there!

BLAST FROM THE PAST WITH 2021 & 2022 PICNIC LUNCHEONS!



USW Local 1343

Union Picnic

WHEN: Saturday, July 15, 2023
WHERE: American Legion Post 434
9327 S. Shepard Ave., Oak Creek
TIME: 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

COST: \$5.00 - Per Single
\$10.00 - Per Family
Questions? Call the Union Office at
(414) 762-3738



LETTERS TO 'BIG MUSKIE' FROM FELLOW OLDTIMERS

March 5, 2023

This is Keith Haddock here, author of books "Making the Earth Move for 125 Years" and "Bucyrus Heavy Equipment". I just wanted to thank you for allowing publication of Tim Sullivan's story "What Happened to Bucyrus" in the UK magazine Earthmovers and also in Equipment Echoes, the magazine of the Historical Construction Equipment Association based in Bowling Green, Ohio. So far they have attracted much interest as the story fills the gap from where my books finished to the Caterpillar takeover in 2011.

I have had a long association with Bucyrus (and Ruston-Bucyrus as I grew up in England): first as an enthusiast, then as a customer, and finally as a historian! There were many R-B machines working near where I lived in Sheffield, England, and I took a tour of the Lincoln factory in 1959 when I was still in high school. After that I became a civil engineer working for major construction contractors and mining companies in the U.K. and also in Canada after I emigrated in 1975. Here I became engineering manager at three surface coal mines and was involved with several B-E. machines.

Keep up the good work. I find it very gratifying you are keeping the Bucyrus name alive, in my opinion one of America's greatest companies.

Keith Haddock
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

March 6, 2023

Thanks for doing such a Great Job! Enjoy reading it (newsletter)!

Bonnie Wieselmann

March 6, 2023

Enclosed is a contribution for the Oldtimers. Always great to hear how everyone is doing via the newsletter and catch up on the news. Keep up the good work.

Dick Janswig

March 16, 2023

Thank you for the reminder. My old email address has expired (update with new address). I truly enjoy reading the newsletter, so please continue. Attached please find a small check to help with covering the cost of this publication.

Andrzej Karpowicz

March 16, 2023

Bucyrus Oldtimers,

Enclosed is a check to help with the costs of mailings. After camping and Rving for 60 plus years we now rent a condo in south Texas for 4 months in the winter and spend the summers in northern Wisconsin. I enjoy reading the newsletters and was very interested in the last one on the history of BE. Please continue sending me the paper copy.

Thanks,
Ray Vogt

April 10, 2023

Hi Bucyrus,

All my best!

Tom Nelson

WE SAY GOODBYE TO JOHN HOLLINGSWORTH



March 28, 1933 ~ April 24, 2023

With sad hearts, we said goodbye to John Hollingsworth, who passed away on April 24, 2023. John served as a CMD product sales and service manager for Bucyrus-Erie and traveled all over the world. John was a long time member of the Bucyrus Quarter Century Club and Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association. He served as editor of our previous newsletter, "Just Plain Folks", from September of 1999 until December of 2012. He also served as Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer from 2000 until he resigned in 2014. If you were ever able to attend them, you may remember

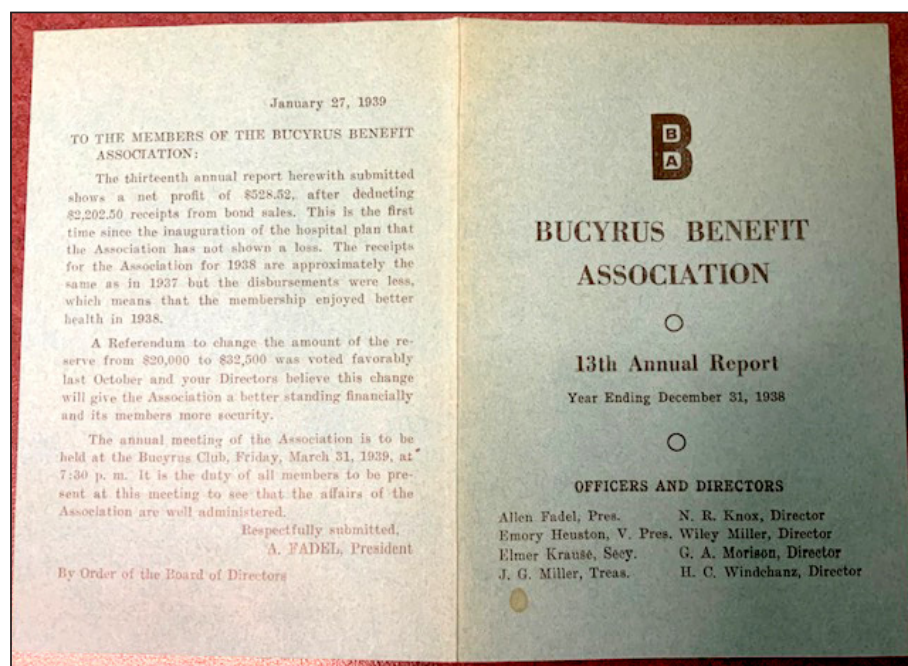
him as the kind and happy-go-lucky personality 'Host' of the Oldtimers monthly luncheons and Christmas parties at the Hickory Inn in South Milwaukee and Joe's K Ranch in Cudahy.

He also served as the organizer/chairman of the Oldtimers Fireside Theatre outings until 2013. John put his "all" into serving the Bucyrus Oldtimers Association to help ensure its legacy would continue forward. He was a friend to everyone he ever met, and will be missed by family and our Oldtimers group.

Ever Hear of The Bucyrus Benefit Association?

Bucyrus has always been an advocate for employees before it was commonplace in industry. Before accident, sickness, and hospital insurance were available, Bucyrus employees had the option to join the Bucyrus Benefit Association. Started in 1926, members paid a monthly fee to belong, and should they suffer an accident or illness, the Association would help cover bills and pay employees an allowance while out of work. Bucyrus matched 25% of the dues collected by the Association.

Total dues and interest received in 1938 was \$12,746 and total benefits paid were \$12,217. The Association made a profit \$528 for the year. Volunteers staffed the 8 Officer and Director positions for the benefit of employees, and they even had their own logo! This was the first profitable year since the Association added a hospital plan. A very progressive program, especially for starting right before, and continuing through, the Great Depression.



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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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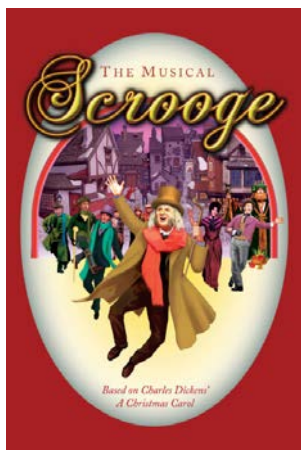


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FIRESIDE THEATRE'S "SCROOGE THE MUSICAL" FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Join us for this merry, sparkling, tuneful, boisterous Broadway musical version of the world's most beloved Christmas story of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". Based on the popular musical movie starring Albert Finney, "SCROOGE THE MUSICAL" tells this time honored tale of redemption and love as only The Fireside can – with a beautiful and rousing musical score (including the well-known "Thank You Very Much"), breath-taking dancing, beautiful period costumes, uproarious comedy, and heart-warming drama.

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 "Scrooge the Musical".

DATE: FRIDAY, November 17, 2023

COST: \$85.00 per person. Gratuities are included (for the meal and the bus driver).
Payment in full or a minimum deposit of \$40.00 per person is due upon receipt.
Balance is due by Friday, September 29, 2023

DEPARTURE TIME: 8:30 a.m. at the Bucyrus Club & Event Center Parking Lot, 1919 12th Ave., So. Milw.
(Please Park at the south end of lot closest to Milwaukee Ave.)

RETURN TIME: Approximately 6:00 p.m.

Choose your main entrée and indicate below: Supreme Cut Chicken Breast (seasoned with Lemon Pepper and seared to perfection), Sliced Beef Tenderloin (Chef carved Medallions of Roast Beef Tenderloin glazed with a Red Wine Sauce), Grilled Atlantic Salmon (a seasoned, grilled filet of Fresh Atlantic Salmon, accompanied by a creamy Lemon Velouté Sauce), or Global Vegetarian Medley (Farm Fresh Vegetables, Mushrooms, Grains and Pasta).

Please send your reservations and payment to:

Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA
"Scrooge the Musical" Reservations
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Any questions? Call Pat at (414) 617-2796 or email: oldtimers.newsletter@gmail.com

RESERVATION FORM FOR "SCROOGE THE MUSICAL" - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023
(Please make checks payable to Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA)

Total Number of Tickets: _____

Name (Print & list contact Person's name 1st): Address:

Menu Choice:

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

Contact person's email address (used for update information only) _____

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



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Evel Knievel, Atlas Chain, And Missing Cranes

What brought the world-famous motorcycle daredevil, Evel Knievel, to Bucyrus-Erie in South Milwaukee? When and why did Bucyrus-Erie buy a chain manufacturer, and how does this all tie together? If you're ready to find out more about how these unlikely connections between two companies and a famous showman came about, keep reading.

It all starts with the popular BE Blasthole Drills. Being the most productive and reliable drilling machines in the late 60's, they sold very well. So well in fact, that there were times we had difficulty keeping up with making shipments. The demand strained our production shops and the vendor supply pipeline. The heavy-duty roller chains we purchased, used for hoist pulldown and propel motions, were very critical for completion of the machines. These chains look just like oversize bicycle chains. The chains transfer the power for the up and down movement of the drill gearcase. They're also the connection that powers the crawlers to move the machine. We tried various chain vendors to help us with supply, however most found the application on BE machines too severe for their chains, and we often experienced a higher than acceptable failure rate in the field.



Evel Knievel in 1974



Bucyrus 60R Blasthole Drill

For now, we'll take a parallel path in time to understand the beginning of an up-and-coming daredevil hero, Evel Knievel. After working odd jobs as a laborer in construction and mining, he joined a motocross

race circuit in 1962 to support his family, but crashed early on and broke his collar bone and shoulder during a race. He loved motorcycles, could no longer race, so he decided to open his own Honda dealership while he was healing. But that did not work out well for him and his dealership soon closed. He quickly found work selling for another motorcycle dealer, and while there, showed off his skills to potential buyers doing wheelies and tricks on the new bikes. These skills eventually led him to do his very first 'jump' over of a 20' long wooden box filled with rattlesnakes at a local show promoted by the dealer. The crowd loved it, and spurred him to self-promote his way to regular appearances doing jumps and tricks in the local area where he gained notoriety as a 'motorcycle daredevil'. With each successful jump, he wanted to go bigger and jump one more crate, car, or bike. On March 25, 1967, Knievel cleared 15 cars at Ascot Park in Gardena, California.

Then, on New Years Eve of 1967, Evel Knievel became a legendary daredevil celebrity overnight by attempting to jump the fountains at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas in a delayed broadcast televised event. Although he crashed, and the story made sensational headlines and facilitated broad promotion his show skills nationally and internationally. Evel received even more national exposure on March 18, 1968, when comedian and late-night talk show host Joey Bishop had him on as a guest of ABC's The Joey Bishop Show. Always the showman and self-promoter, he started a rumor that he was going to jump the Grand Canyon right after his live television appearance.



Evel Knievel jumping Caesars Palace fountains in 1967

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Throughout his early stunt career, Evel had one recurring problem with all the Norton, Honda, Triumph, and Harley-Davidson motorcycles he used for jumping- it was breaking chains. He started working with a manufacturer in Pennsylvania, Atlas Chain & Precision Products, to develop reliable chains for his bikes. They eventually got a design that worked, but in the process, he tallied a large bill for the R&D and manufacturing work he directed Atlas to do.

Jumping back (no pun intended) to BE's chain problems. Although the Atlas chains were best suited for the BE drills, Atlas could not commit to producing the required amount chain for Bucyrus-Erie with the other contracts they had. After a few months of negotiations in late 1967, BE President Gene Berg closed a deal to acquire Atlas in January of 1968. The intent was to use it primarily as the sole chain supplier for BE's roller chain demands. The Atlas company assets and inventory was part of Bucyrus' purchase deal, along with the list of payables and debtors. And one of those debtors on the list was Evel Knievel, who had fallen behind on his invoices.

Evel had been trying to find ways to settle his debt, and after no success with Atlas, BE was a game changer for him. He approached BE with Atlas representatives and asked if BE would like him to do some personal appearances promoting machines in exchange for the balance due. By then he had significant celebrity status, and an exchange deal was eventually worked out in 1971 with Fred Shew, General Sales Manager of the Construction Machinery Division during his first visit to South Milwaukee. Evel subsequently appeared at several mining and construction machine trade shows for BE, which brought show visitors to the company booth just to see him in person or get an autograph.



L to R - Evel Knievel, Bob Smith, Atlas Chain Rep, and Fred Shew negotiating in SM



40C Bucyrus-Erie Freedom Crane

As Evel gained popularity, he persisted in spreading his rumor about a Grand Canyon jump. He had applied several times for permits, but in late 1971 he was permanently barred by the Federal Government from ever trying to jump across the Grand Canyon. His focus moved to Idaho and the Snake River Canyon, where he leased 35 acres of private land for \$35,000, and promoted a Snake River Canyon Jump targeted for September 4, 1974.

He spent the next few years getting the necessary engineering completed for the steam powered rocket Skycycle, having it built, and gathering the necessary equipment he would need to pull off the greatest daredevil stunt of all time. He still owed Bucyrus, so in the mix of preparations he agreed to purchase and use two Bucyrus Erie cranes for the jump; a 40C Freedom Crane and a 55C long range crane. As part of the low-cost deal, he would promote the BE machines, and BE would supply training, support, and operators for the jump at no extra charge. BE employees John Hollingsworth and Claude Robichaud were assigned to the promotion and built a special bosun's chair adorned with large BE logos to use when the 40C lifted him into the Skycycle. There was a rumor after the jump attempt that OSHA had fined BE using the chair as not being safe to use to move a person. We could never find any indication that ever happened. The larger 55C would position the launch ramp and load the Skycycle on the launch rail. It would also become the rescue crane after the attempt failed.

Evel made his second and last visit to BE on October 25, 1973 to meet with Fred Shew, and Bob Smith, Sales Manager, CMD to work out the final details on the jump and deal with BE. He arrived in South Milwaukee with his gold crowned walking stick in a customized gunmetal gray Cadillac station wagon with a Montana license plate reading: BIG SKY COUNTRY EVEL.

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*Evel's last visit to Bucyrus-Erie –
Fred Shew, Evel, Bob Smith*



Skycycle launch ramp with BE sponsor sign



Snake River Jump Poster



Evel riding in BE's Bosun Chair

Almost one year later, on September 8, 1974, Bucyrus' Hollingsworth and Robichaud were on site operating the cranes and providing support. At 3:36 p.m. MDT the water that powered the Skycycle engine was superheated into steam reached a temperature of 500° Fahrenheit, and it was launched. During take-off, the drogue parachute prematurely deployed as the Skycycle left the launch rail. The Skycycle suffered significant drag from the dangling parachute, and even though it made it across the north rim of the canyon, the prevailing northwest wind caused it to drift backward. By the time it hit the bottom of the canyon, it landed only a few feet from the water on the south side of the canyon from which it had been launched. Evel Knievel was subsequently rescued and brought up the cliff face to the launch area using the BE 55C crane.

The iconic red bosun's chair with the BE logo eventually found its way back to the Evansville plant where it was made. Bucyrus-Erie customers, guests, visitors, and even employees would sit in it to have their picture taken. Nobody is sure what ever became of it. Evel would only do one more trade show for BE after the Snake River Canyon jump. His deal for the two cranes fell into arrears over the course of time as he moved on with his jumps, shows, and promotions. The 40C was eventually located and repossessed. The whereabouts of the 55C crane was never determined, and in the end the debt was written off.

Thanks to Fred Shew and Ron Hargrave for providing some of the finer details to this unusual story. We're always amazed at what we learn about the company's history, connections, and deals.



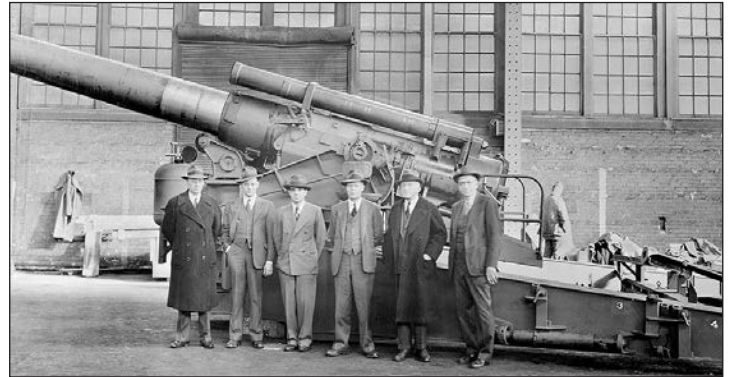
The Gun Shop

When the US entered WWII, 21% of the male workers in South Milwaukee were drafted or enlisted in the military. Women quickly stepped in to fill those roles, and Bucyrus-Erie's production switched to goods that supported the war effort. About 80% of all production was for extraction of raw materials, machines purchased by the US Government, and specialty items dedicated to the effort. Bucyrus cast and machined the top and bottom of thousands of large shells. One unique product we made was the mounting trailers (caissons) for the 240MM Howitzer guns. We also assembled quite a few of them in the South Milwaukee plant. The name for

the area used for production and assembly of these switched from the fab shop to the gun shop. However, the war did not seem to slow down the social/sports activities at Bucyrus. Don Kanter recently gave us a newspaper clipping from The Milwaukee Journal on July 29, 1943 listing the Bucyrus-Erie SM Plant Baseball teams standings with the 'Gun Shop' as one of them. We're not sure when the gun shop name disappeared and reverted back to fab, but it's an interesting look at how Bucyrus-Erie manufacturing shops adapted to our country's needs at the time.

The Standings:

| | Won | Lost |
|-----------------|-----|------|
| Foundry | 3 | 0 |
| Machine Shop | 3 | 0 |
| Erecting Floor | 1 | 0 |
| Office | 2 | 2 |
| Gun Shop | 1 | 1 |
| Publicity | 1 | 1 |
| Engineering | 0 | 2 |
| Core Room | 0 | 2 |
| West Shop | 0 | 2 |



Bucyrus Watch Fobs

One of our long-term goals for the museum is to be able to display a complete set of company issued watch fobs. They were used for promotions. There are 46 Bucyrus and Bucyrus Erie fobs defined in the Hoover's Watch Fob Guide Book published in the 1960's. We have identified 51 different fobs in all, and were missing 7 of them. Bob Jelinek recently attended the International Watch Fob Collectors show in Cleveland, OH and found several of the missing ones. We only have 3 more to find to complete our permanent collection.

This was one of the missing fobs acquired, issued for the 1924 annual company picnic at the South Milwaukee Plant. These "Picnic Fobs" were also issued for the Evansville, IN plant with their picnic date and location on the back. The fob and ribbon pinned to your shirt and served as your ticket to get food and drinks. You were also provided with a leather strap to put the fob on after the event, so not many of the ribbon and pin versions survived. This one is especially interesting since it was issued to a member of the Bucyrus Picnic Committee.

We can't imagine more than 20-24 people were on the committee, so this is indeed a very rare find. We'll be taking steps to preserve the ribbon from further deterioration and get it ready for display. We're currently planning how best to display all 51 of them together. In the meantime, you can see the fobs we have now in various cases throughout the museum when you visit.



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
Regular hours are every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10am – 3pm

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With Heavy Hearts

we said "Goodbye" to:

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Larry Strzelecki - March 1, 2023
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Judy R. Kaster - April 13, 2023
Karl H. Ruszcynski - April 15, 2023
Miriam "Betts" Chutich - April 18, 2023
Roger S. Mravik - April 22, 2023
John Hollingsworth Jr. - April 24, 2023
Casimer "Caz" Kender - May 1, 2023
Bernard "Bernie" Schaar - May 3, 2023
John Slovak Jr. - May 4, 2023

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LUNCHEONS & EVENTS

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