



From Pat's Desk...

Now that we've said 'Good Bye' to Old Man Winter and "Hello" to Spring with warmer weather and longer daylight hours, why not make some plans to get out of the house by attending the many activities the Oldtimers are offering. Besides our monthly luncheons, why not consider joining in on the fun at the golf outing better known as BOGIE in June, "Miracle on 34th Street" at the Fireside Theater in November and our annual Christmas Party in December. Thanks to the committee chairmen who have worked countless hours on these events, a good time is in store for you whether you attend one or all of the events. Reservation forms for BOGIE and the Fireside events are included in this newsletter on pages 6 and 8.

Speaking of luncheons, did you know that we give Skyline Catering a 'count' of guests on the Monday before the luncheon with an update on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are obliged to pay for that count. If someone doesn't show up, the Oldtimers are still responsible to pay for that person's lunch. So, as much as we love having you attend our luncheons, if there's some reason you can't make it, please let us know so we can change our 'count' with the caterer.

I'd like to mention that we received a nice response from our plea for donations in our Winter Newsletter with several generous members donating so that we can possibly continue the newsletter and other expenses. A big 'Thank You' goes to those fine people and to those who are considering to donate in the future. We truly appreciate it!

Lastly, I'd like to wish those of you who are Irish (or only Irish on March 17th), Happy St. Patrick's Day! And for those who celebrate a religious holiday, have a Happy Easter in March or a Happy Passover in April!

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 Sunday 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
**(\$18.00/person -
cash or checks only)**

All luncheons are
sit-down meals.



2024 LUNCHEON DATES:

March 28 • April 25

May 30 • June 27 (Picnic)

September 26 • October 31

EVENTS:

BOGIE - June 6, 2024

Fireside's "Miracle on 34th Street" - November 22, 2024

Christmas Party/Dinner Dance - December 5, 2024



1919 12th Avenue
South Milwaukee

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.

It all started in October of 1976 when Jack Carr and Louis Veltze hired me for a service position in the South Cone. I arrived alone in Milwaukee, no family allowed, since I was to travel with BE for three months of training. I had left my job the Chuquicamata-Chile mine to take the position with BE, along with a 30% salary cut. I was young, always loved everything about the USA, and thought it would be good for my family, especially for my kid's future.

Instead of training, I was immediately sent to Hibbing Minnesota to replace Jim Letrell, who was taking one week vacation. Well, Jim never came back to this job, and I was left to finish modification to some 295B shovels to fix structural problems by myself.



Eduardo and Phil Mork -1978

I decided to move my family to America on my own, and completed several erection jobs all around the country, taking my family with me to everywhere I was sent. Well, the promised training never came, and I was never sent back to Chile to cover that service position I was hired for! Every time my wife would ask Louis Veltze about the promise to send me back to Chile, Louis would respond "Promesas que no se cumplen" (Unfulfilled promises).

Yes, it was fun moving around so many places in the US, with the whole family, but of course, there were some not so pleasant times, such as when we were robbed of a complete month of salary in Amarillo, Texas, on our way to Milwaukee from Silver City. Then there was the time I had an emergency surgery at a mine in Peru, and right after went on to make an Acutrol presentation to the relief of Tom Nelson who was trying to entertain the audience while I was having surgery!

The worst was the discrimination I suffered was in Texas, when my ability to

build a 2570W Dragline was questioned because of my Latin last name. "We do not want a Mexican building our dragline" said one of the customer's executives. But Bucyrus-Erie stood behind me. Louis Veltze arrived to talk to the customer who reluctantly agreed to give me the chance to prove what I was able to do. Walter Palmer was my "Field Mentor" on this adventure. This story had a happy ending when that same executive requested BE let me stay in Texas for the erection of their second dragline. It felt good!

However, my boss had a different idea and promoted me to Service Supervisor based in South Milwaukee. When that was announced, that same executive offered me a supervisor job with his company overseeing their two draglines and other equipment! That felt so good, but I remained loyal to BE and moved to South Milwaukee instead.

I first served as Electrical Service Supervisor, then of Prototype machines. I was frequently sent to accompany the salespeople to make the presentation of our new Bucyrus-Siemens Acutrol A/C Drive System.

Because of traveling with salespeople like Louis Perichone, Tom Nelson, Dean Johnson, and others, I was offered a position in the Sales Department with another pay cut, but this time only 10%.



Eduardo at the erection of a 295B11

I accepted this new challenge and had good success increasing new machine and parts sales in my assigned territory. There were no commissions on sales, but there was a bonus for up to 5 month's salary if the lofty sales goal was met. I was awarded the extra salary plus several other prizes for training and service sales, that included my very first computer – all in my first year in the sales department!

And the good life in sales continued with my promotion first to Worldwide

Electric Sales Manager, and then to a similar position but for Electric Mining Shovels. Kathy Knoll was a great support during my stay in Milwaukee. Those were my best years at BE, working under John Westerman, Tim Sullivan, Bill Winter, and Phill Mork. We sold a lot of equipment, and I even got a scholarship to get my MBA at the UWM, which I believe was the only one ever awarded by Bucyrus.

Then things got difficult, the company went into chapter 11, Bill Winter left and was replaced by Frank Miller who was hired to restructure the company. He significantly changed the entire organization and, in my opinion, it was disastrous. To me it did not represent the spirit of Bucyrus-Erie, but it was probably necessary to keep the company alive.



Sales Gang -July 1997

Those changes included elimination of my position as Manager Electric Mining Shovels, and I was assigned to some temporary jobs. Then an unsolicited offer came to oversee the Svedala operation in Chile. It was an excellent opportunity from a personal standpoint because it gave me the opportunity to return home to Chile, something that was always in the back of my mind. Unfortunately, we found out that we were not happy in Chile, with our son and daughter still back in the US, we did not like living in Santiago. So, after two years, we returned to the US where I was hired by ASTEC as Vice President of International Sales.

My years with ASTEC were very successful, increasing international sales from under \$10 M in 2000, to \$138 M when I retired in 2011. Now we live happily retired in Pembroke Pines Florida, but we will never forget our wonderful years with BE and the many people that mentored and helped me. I am very grateful that Bucyrus-Erie made our move to this wonderful country possible.

LET'S DO LUNCH

If you haven't joined us at our monthly luncheons, please do so sometime this year. We always have a great time visiting with our former Bucyrus friends along with a nice line-up of speakers.

Our **January 25th luncheon** was a nice get together to ward off the winter blahs especially since the weather was below zero for the whole week before!! The day of the luncheon was warmer but extremely foggy but that didn't stop 39 members and friends to enjoy our menu that consisted of a choice of soups—Chicken Dumpling Soup or Potato & Ham Chowder, a Salad and Bread Basket, a delicious Meatloaf (which is the original recipe of Chef Ernie's mother) along with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and a side of Corn. Our meals always include beverages of coffee, soda or beer. And the desserts were no exception! Many 'Thanks' goes to the generosity of three ladies for taking the time to make and bake the following: Dolores Page—Pumpkin Bars, Debbie Polzin—a Crescent Roll Cheesecake and a Pineapple Cake, Pat Merkovich—2 Black Forest Cakes. Lucky door prize winners of the free luncheon gift certificates were

Joe Jankowski and Annie Hoffa and the 2 free admission tickets to the museum was won by Maevis Buckland.

We had quite the surprise at the **February 29th luncheon** when 7 Firefighters along with Chief John Litchford jumped into action when they received an emergency call and literally ran out of the room to their fire truck parked outside!! In the meantime, 61 guests enjoyed our luncheon menu that consisted of a choice of Chicken Dumpling Soup or Potato Leek Soup, a Bread Basket and Salad with the main entrée of Pork Schnitzel and Spaetzel along with Green Beans. We ended our meal with tasty dessert donations from Cindy Nettles—an assortment of cookies consisting of Almond Butter, Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter, Cranberry Oat and Chocolate Chunk, Debbie Polzin—a Texas Sheet Cake, Terri Truettner—a Pistachio Pineapple Cake, Cindy Zastrow—an Apple Slab Cake and Pat Merkovich—a Strawberry Shortcake Poke Cake. We appreciated the delicious desserts—Thank You ladies! The two lucky Door Prize winners of the free luncheon gift certificates were Jim Pettke and Mike

Thompson. The winner of the 2 free tickets to the museum was Judie Parworth.

When Chief Litchford got back to our luncheon, he informed us that the Fire Department's call was for an Oak Creek emergency. The SM Fire Station is with what is called "Shared Services". This means the Fire Departments in the Milwaukee County (South Milwaukee, Oak Creek, St. Francis, Cudahy Franklin and Milwaukee) all help or 'share' with the emergency calls. Chief John Litchford also spoke to us about safety measures for the aging community. He also mentioned that everyone should have a "File for Life" posted on their refrigerator. This would help out the firemen/paramedics who attend to a person if they can't speak for themselves in a medical emergency. The "File for Life" is a card filled out with all of a person's medications, medical history etc. You can request this card from the Fire Department if you live in South Milwaukee. Even though the Firefighters were unable to return to our luncheon, we want to thank them for the short time they joined us and also many 'Thanks' to Chief Litchford for giving us an informative presentation on safety.



Joe Jankowski



Annie Hoffa



Maevis Buckland



Jim Pettke



Mike Thompson



Judie Parworth



Chief John Litchford



LETTERS TO 'BIG MUSKIE' FROM FELLOW OLDTIMERS

December 11, 2023

To Bucyrus Oldtimers Association

Thank you for all your work keeping us retirees informed on events and activities interesting to us. It is hopeful your work will help keep the names Bucyrus and Bucyrus-Erie alive.

Chuck Revie

December 12, 2023

Just a note to say Hi to all and a little contribution to help keep the Newsletter printed. Really enjoy reading it! Hope everyone had a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season.

One of the "Gear Gods" LOL

Mike Napierala

December 15, 2023

This donation isn't much, but I hope it helps.

Brett & Rosie Gelinsky

December 26, 2023

Here is a donation to help keep the newsletter going. I hope it helps because I sure enjoy it.

Happy New Year to all the oldtimers.

Nancy Hartshorn

December 28, 2023

Been meaning to send a check and seems the time just goes so fast and another year is gone. I do enjoy reading the newsletter and know so many of the people thru Wayne. The building still says B.E.

Marcie Fick

January 3, 2024

To Bucyrus Oldtimers RE: Newsletter

Enclosed is a donation to help cover some of the costs for the periodic newsletters that you distribute. Keep up the good work and have a blessed and prosperous New Year. May the grace and peace of God be with you through the acknowledgement of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Robert Baker

January 9, 2024

Hi From Arizona

I still golf once in awhile but I play disc golf a lot to stay in shape. Enclosed is a donation to the Bucyrus Oldtimers Association for the great job the staff does in bringing the newsletter to us oldtimers.

Keep up the good work.

Dick Zieske

January 11, 2024

Hello Oldtimers,

I received the latest printed issue. I am writing to cast my vote for the continuance of printed copies. I have enjoyed reading the "Newsletter" over the years and hope you will be able to keep it going. I am enclosing my contribution towards this end. I read with interest the comments concerning the change in the company Logo. Having been in on the discussions that brought about the change, I can say there was a lot of resistance to the change from some in the Sales Department. The previous logo was well recognized in the construction and mining worlds, and it seemed poor strategy in a time in the business climate of tough competition.

In closing, I wish the "Old Timers" continued success.

Cordially,
Fred Shew

January 13, 2024

To Bucyrus Oldtimers Association,

Well, life status has changed as of a couple months ago. Circumstances dictated me moving from our house of 35 years. I now live with my oldest daughter Annette in Greenville, WI, which is near Appleton.

Things are going better than expected, and I still intend to come to the monthly lunch. Hope to see you all this month.

Also, enclosed is a check to further keep the hard copy mailings going for the newsletter.

Don Kanter

“THANK YOU” BETSY

We would like to shout out a big “Thank You” to Betsy Hodson, who has recently resigned her position from the Board of Directors. She has been volunteering her time for the past 7 years not only serving as a Board Member, but also helping out the Oldtimers whenever needed in many ways whether it be baking desserts for the luncheons, setting up table decorations for the Christmas Parties, or collecting luncheon money (when needed) to name just a few. We’ll miss her at our Board Meetings, but we know we’ll still be seeing her at our many functions. Thanks again Betsy!



Betty Hodson



Cindy Nettles

“WELCOME” CINDY

We would also like to “Welcome” Cindy Nettles to the Board of Directors. She is a perfect fit for Betsy’s replacement. Cindy not only cares about ‘all things Bucyrus’ by accepting the position of a Board Member to The Bucyrus Oldtimers Association but she’s willing to help out in any way she can. Also, Cindy is currently a Docent for the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum—she has been for several years. Welcome Cindy! Looking forward to working with you!

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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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Bucyrus Oldtimers Golf Independent Event – JUNE 6th, 2024

The 7th annual Oldtimers Golf Outing, or “**BOGIE**”, will be held on Thursday, **June 6, 2024** 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 is \$70 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, MAY 20th, 2024**. 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 by MAY 20th**.



“**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 **June 6th, 2024**

☐ Check here if lunch only

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

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

SCHEDULED LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

March 28th: Did you know that Bucyrus-Erie recruited Jamaicans to work in SM? Bob Jelinek will be our speaker after lunch and give us a unique and insightful presentation of the war years and how the BE factories worked together and geared up to help during WWII.

April 25th: South Milwaukee's Police Department's Captain Dan Fournier will be back again to give us an update on the SMPD's K9 program. This time he will introduce Officer Matt Edwards and his new partner Rocket of the K-9 Unit. Since the program is not funded by tax dollars, we will be offering the opportunity to donate to the K9 program at the meeting.

May 30th: Watch for this mystery speaker to be announced at future luncheons!

June 27th (picnic): Deb DeBour the director of the South Milwaukee Human Concerns will be the guest speaker. Like last year, this will be a 'donation' luncheon that will benefit SMHC. More information will be in our Summer Newsletter.

Save the luncheon dates and make your reservations by the Sunday before the luncheon. Luncheon dates are: March 28th, April 25th, May 30th, June 27th, September 26th, and October 31st.



USW Local 1343

Union Picnic

WHEN: Saturday, July 13, 2024

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

Happy Birthday

January Birthdays



Bob Povo - 83 yrs old



John Hittman - 82 yrs old



Scott Streich - 66 yrs old



Mark Riese - 82 yrs old

February Birthday



Dolores Page - 94 yrs old

March Birthdays



Mark Erickson - 67 yrs old



Dave Kieck - 71 yrs old



Jim Shelenske - 68 yrs old



FIRESIDE THEATER'S "MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET" FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Based on the beloved Christmas movie, "MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET" is a big brassy Broadway musical with heart. Macy's Thanksgiving Parade needs a new Santa. Enter Kris Kringle—a sweet and jolly old man who claims that he is the real Santa Claus. Thus begins this funny, warm, tuneful and inspirational musical as Kris has to prove his claim in court and teach his cynical neighbor and her daughter to believe in the goodness and love that is Christmas. Written by Meredith Wilson, this is an unforgettable musical version of a classic Christmas tale.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY! There are only a limited number of seats available for 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 "Miracle on 34th Street".

DATE: FRIDAY, November 22, 2024

COST: \$90.00 per person. Gratuities are included (for the meal and the bus driver).
Payment in full or a minimum deposit of \$45.00 per person is due upon receipt.
Balance is due by Friday, September 27, 2024

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: Chicken and Ribs (Lean Pork Back Ribs glazed with Fire-side's special barbecue sauce, slowly roasted until the tender meat falls from the bone. Accompanied by a Buttermilk Marinated Southern Fried Baked Chicken Breast), Steak Diane (Medallions of Roast Beef Tenderloin in the Classic Sauce), Seared Duck Breast (Tender Duck Breast seared until crisp and blushing, sliced and served with a reduction of Port Wine and Tart Red Cherries—the perfect blend of sweet and savory), or Global Vegetarian Medley (Farm Fresh Vegetables, Mushrooms, Grains and Pasta).

Please send your reservations and payment to:

Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA
"Miracle on 34th Street" 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 "MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET" - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024
(Please make checks payable to Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA)

Total Number of Tickets: _____

NAME (Print & list contact person's name 1st):

ADDRESS:

MENU CHOICE:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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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New 3850B Model Arrives

It's finally arrived! Master model builder Ken Fisher and his wife Mindy were in the Bucyrus Museum on March 1st, assembling a long-awaited scratch built 1:87 scale model of the famous Bucyrus Erie 3850B purchased by Peabody Coal in 1960. They traveled here all the way from Fairbanks, Alaska where Ken is a gold mining heavy equipment operator. The 3850B given the name 'Big Hog' by the mine, and was the world's largest shovel when it went to work at the Sinclair Mine in Kentucky. We're really honored to add this wonderful model to our permanent collection.

Ken first contacted us last year and wanted to donate an iconic model to the museum. Ken's model building skills are outstanding, and his work and attention to detail is noted as world class by his peers. This 3850B stripping

shovel model revolves and has working crowd and hoist motions, and the dipper door even latches just like the real one. Also on board are a complete set of functioning nighttime operating and undercarriage lights! It took Ken several hundred hours to research the design and over 300 hours to build. Except for the 3D printed track links and handrails, Ken hand fabricated the entire machine from styrene, brass, springs, and wood.

Ken also provided us with a set of photographs documenting the build and its progress over the course of several months. He designed it to be able to transport it in sections, so final assembly could be completed at the museum. The engineered sections

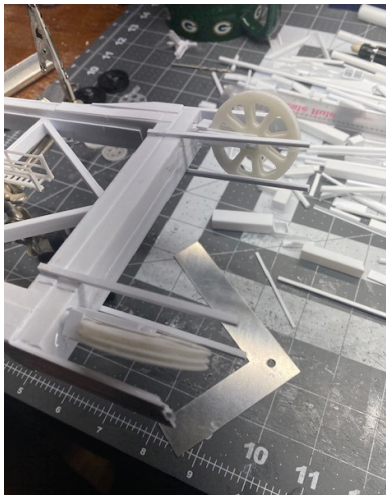
were carefully packed in two suitcases that Ken and Mindy transported to Milwaukee as 'carry-ons', while their personal items flew as checked bags. That's dedication!

We cannot thank him enough for taking time to build and deliver this impressive piece of Bucyrus equipment history and donating it to the museum. It was certainly a pleasure for us to meet them in person and watch him work for more than 5 hours doing the final assembly and reaving the digging cables and attaching the boom suspension lines.

It's now on permanent display in our stripping shovel case with our 1850B 'Big Brutus' and 6360 'Captain' models for our visitors to see. We're sure this trio of giants will and will be the topic of many discussions with our guests. Thanks again Ken and Mindy for your generous support of the museum!



The Dipper



In Process - Ken's workshop



3850B Skeleton



Ken & Mindy at the Museum



Stripping Shovel Display



Looking For Something New?

The Bucyrus Museum is looking for volunteers to help during events. So, if you live in the SE Wisconsin metro tri-county area and you're looking for something fun to do, why not become a Bucyrus Museum Docent? Docents act as hosts during events like weddings, graduations, class reunions, business gatherings, and association meetings to name a few. These events support the museum financially and help sustain the legacy of Bucyrus.

How much time you devote is entirely up to you. Most events outside for the regular hours (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10am-3pm) are 1.5 hours long and can be any day of the week. We send out a schedule, and you select the date/time that you can commit to helping. Simple! Our job is to greet guests and interact a bit to make sure they have a great Bucyrus Museum Experience. And you don't need to be an expert on Bucyrus machines or history to volunteer. Most of the displays are self-explanatory, and you'll pick up some other items of interest to converse with guests just by being there. Plus, there's always someone in house

from our diverse group of retiree and current employees who can help answer questions.

Docents receive basic training on the museum layout, Bucyrus Museum Docent logo shirts, and are invited to our Docent Socials held twice a year. You can stop by the museum or email us at bucyrusmuseum@smimllc.org for more information on volunteering. Hope to see you here!



Some of the Bucyrus Museum Docents

The Micro Miners Are Here!

The Bucyrus Museum became the first distributor of Mico Miners, the new 3-D printed 1:600 scale models of draglines and shovels produced by Scale Model Mining of Festus, MO. Matt Weyand and his wife Brooke launched the new venture on January 1st of this year, and have had some early success with their new product line.

Matt produced the first ever working model of the 795B shovel, and gave a presentation and demonstration of the radio controlled 1:50 scale shovel at the April 2023 Oldtimers Luncheon. They also offer custom RC models, kits, custom design and 3D printing services and on-site presentations.

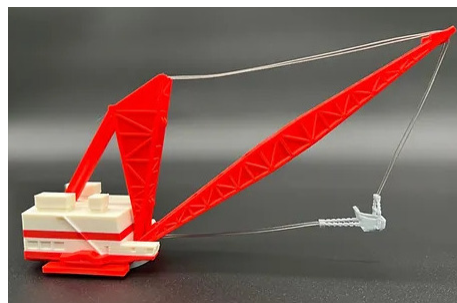
We have the 2 dragline and the stripping shovel

models in stock at the Bucyrus Museum Welcome Center Gift Shop, along with the accessory desk display stands. The stands come with a tiny D11 sized bulldozer for perspective. Prices for the machines range from \$30-\$40, and the display stands are \$20-\$25 each. These will be truly a unique gift or purchase for Bucyrus fans.

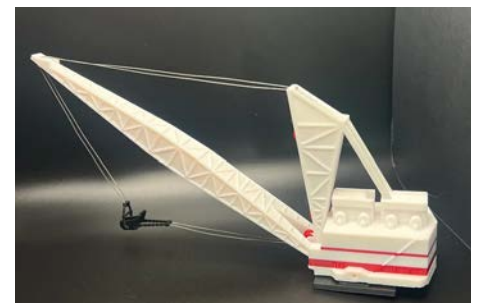
The next release will be a model of the Big Muskie dragline in 1:600 scale. Imagine that the famous 220 cubic yard dragline will easily fit in the palm of your hand. They are expected to be available late spring or early summer. Come in and check them out in person, or you can buy them and see the other products at SMM's website : www.scalemodelmining.com



5960 Stripping Shovel



8200 Dragline



8700 Dragline



“New” 1960’s BE Logo Sign

Owners of Weiss Brothers Replicas, Milo and Charles Wiess of Sheboygan, Wisconsin presented the museum with a spectacular 96” wide A-Frame BE logo sign. The famous red and yellow block B and E letters with Bucyrus-Erie Company splitting them is now proudly hanging on the museum’s ‘sign wall’.

This iconic logo was only used for a couple of years, before it was morphed into the classic B-E square logo. It adorned several of the largest B-E stripping shovels ever built, like the 1850B, 1950B’s and the two largest stripping shovels built by Bucyrus-Erie, the 3850B’s before being phased out. This sign completes our Bucyrus and Bucyrus-Erie logo examples for the museum, and helps us to fully explain the history of the company’s marketing identity.

Milo and Charles are also currently working on resto-

ration of a 1930’s 110B quarry shovel model that once was used by Bucyrus-Erie at trade and sales shows all over the world well into the 1940’s. We’re very excited to get this almost 100-year-old piece of company history restored and back into displayable condition. They’ve previously restored our 395B shovel model, our 301M shovel model, our 100T truck crane model, and scratch built the large scale 95C Panama Canal Railroad Steam Shovel in our Panama case. Also, they recently donated a white 1:50 scale Wiess Brother Taylor Fork Lift model complete with Bucyrus International logos for our 8750 Dragline display. We cannot thank them enough for their continued support of the Bucyrus Museum. You can learn more about Wiess Brother Restorations and their high-quality scale model offerings at: www.wiessbrothers.us



New Red & Yellow BE Logo in the Museum



Bucyrus-Erie 1850B with Color Logo - Big Brutus

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March 28 • April 25
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