

From Pat's Desk...

Hello Spring! With the beginning of this new season, why not make some plans to get out of the house and enjoy one or all of the many activities the Oldtimers have to offer in 2025! Besides our monthly luncheons with interesting guest speakers, you'll have the opportunity to join in on the fun at the annual golf outing—BOGIE on Thursday, June 5th. Or you will have a chance to attend the Fireside Theater's performance of "A Wonderful Life" on Friday, November 14th. And thanks to the Bucyrus Foundation partially funding this outing, we were able to reduce the ticket cost! Get your reservations in early because we have only 56 tickets available and they will go quickly. Forms for the golf outing and the Fireside Theater are in this newsletter, so think about signing up soon.

We were fortunate to have a 'free lunch' in January thanks to the Bucyrus Foundation. But it doesn't end there...a surprise 'free lunch' will be held sometime in 2025—we're not revealing the date...you have to be there!

Also, please check out our nominees for President and the voting ballot on page 6. You can cast your vote by mail, email or in person at our March 27th luncheon.

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

'Til Next time,

Pat Merkovich

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JOIN US FOR OUR LUNCHEONS & EVENTS

Reservations are greatly appreciated. Call or text Pat Merkovich at (414) 617-2796, Cindy Nettles (414) 254-7923 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 (**\$15.00/person - cash or checks only**)

All luncheons are sit-down meals.



1919 12th Avenue
South Milwaukee



SAVE OUR LUNCHEON DATES:

March 27, April 24, May 29,
June 26 (Picnic), September 25, October 30

EVENTS:

BOGIE - June 5, 2025
Fireside's "A Wonderful Life" - November 14, 2025
Christmas Party/Dinner Dance - December 11, 2025

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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JANUARY 30, 2025 LUNCHEON

What a fantastic turnout for our first luncheon in 2025 with 76 people attending!! WOW! And we all had a great time with an interesting speaker, fantastic food and camaraderie amongst all. Speaking of our guest speaker, we would like to thank Steve Taylor, Executive Director of the ROC Foundation and the current 17th District Milwaukee County Supervisor for giving us a very informative presentation on the Milwaukee Milkmen Baseball Club's 7th season at the ROC in Franklin. He stated that the ROC grounds currently includes 6 diamonds, an Umbrella Park, a ski hill, a golf facility, restaurants and office buildings. And he further informed us that the Milkmen Baseball Club were champions in 2020 along with finishing in the finals in 2 other seasons. As the current 17th District County Supervisor, Steve's area includes the city of Oak Creek and parts of Franklin (from 51st St. down to Lake Michigan). He discussed current affairs in that area including plans for Bender Park. He also mentioned that saving the Domes was an issue of discussion with the county park system at this time.

And even though it's not his district, he was most willing to talk about Grant Park (their situation with bad roads) and the dredging of the Lagoon among other things in South Milwaukee. He answered many questions from the audience and he encouraged everyone to contact their County Supervisor (who is Steven Shea for the South Milwaukee area) with their concerns.

After Steve's presentation he was very generous to gift us 10 Door Prizes for our group! Each Door Prize included two tickets to one of the Milkmen's games at the ROC! How awesome!! Winners were: Dick Janswig, Dave Kieck, Margaret Macek, Judie Parworth, Peggy Ramm, Mark Riese, Bill Sagan, Ken Tangen, Jeff Truettner and Judy Woreck. Congratulations to the 10 winners!!

Along with Steve, Kristin Jastroch, Executive Director of the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce, attended the luncheon as our guest. She (and Cindy Nettles) were instrumental in booking this month's luncheon guest speaker and Kristin is looking forward to working

with our group in obtaining future guest speakers.

Besides this being a "free" lunch (thanks to the Bucyrus Foundation), we celebrated a couple of birthdays—Jean Nelson (who turned 95 years old) along with John Hittman and Bob (Gomer) Povolo. Dave Kieck led the group with a chorus of the "Happy Birthday" song to celebrate the Birthday Girl and Boys!

This month our deliciously prepared meal consisted of a bread basket, a choice of two soups—Chicken Dumpling or Turkey Gumbo, Beef Stroganoff over Egg Noodles, and Green Beans. Ending our meal we were lucky to have an array of tasty desserts baked and donated by the following: Cindy Zastrow (Raspberry Kringle & Pecan Kringle), Terri Truettner (Pumpkin Cake), Debbie Polzin (Cherry Pineapple Cake with ice Cream), Jean Nelson & son Chuck (Assorted Donuts), Cindy Nettles (Assorted Cookies), and Pat Merkovich (Back Forest Poke Cake). A Big Shout Out of "Thank You" goes to each and everyone of those gals and guy! It was much appreciated.



GUEST SPEAKER: Steve Taylor



Jean Nelson



Dick Janswig - Door Prize Winner



Dave Kieck - Door Prize Winner



Margaret Macek - Door Prize Winner



Judie Parworth - Door Prize Winner



Peggy Ramm - Door Prize Winner



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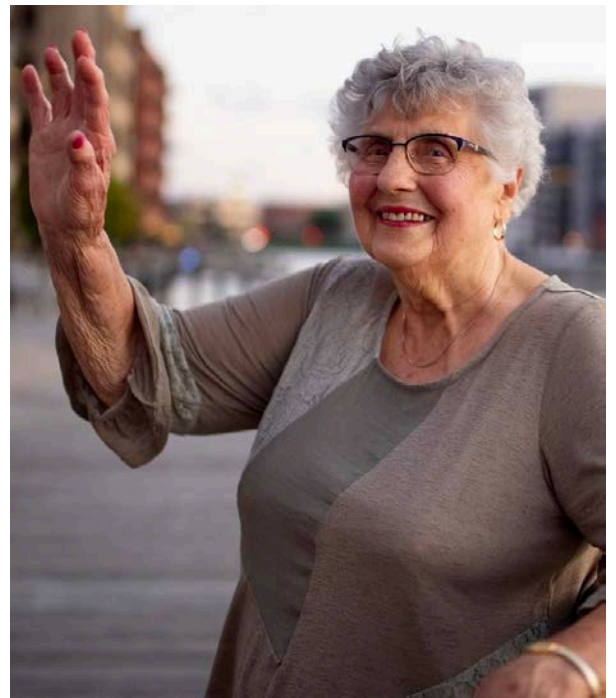
WE SAY GOODBYE TO DOLORES PAGE

With sad and heavy hearts, we said Goodbye to our past President, Dolores Page, who passed away peacefully on December 31, 2024. She served on the Bucyrus Oldtimers Association's Board since 2004, becoming Vice-President in 2007, and elected President in 2023. She officially retired from that position in late November 2024. Her involvement with Oldtimers was endless. She not only attended the monthly Board Meetings (chairing them when she was President) but she also helped with the monthly luncheons by taking phone reservations and checking people in at the entrance table. She baked and donated countless desserts through the years for everyone to enjoy. She always attended the Fireside Theater outings and was involved in making our Christmas parties enjoyable. She was the 'secret Santa' who quietly donated the candies, chips, and snack treats on the tables at the annual Christmas party. The list of all that she did for the Oldtimers goes on and on.

Dolores had a great career working at Bucyrus for a combined total of 36 years. She started in Parts Sales in 1966 and

retired in 1995. At that time, she served as the Parts Sales Representative for the overseas accounts. If you knew her from work, you know she had a large personality and was a no-nonsense, get-it-done now type of worker. However, 1995 was not the end of her career at Bucyrus! After her 'official' retirement, she was asked to return part-time to assist in the Manufacturing, Treasury, Sales, and Service Departments for another 7 years!

Dolores was a cherished member not only of her family and her community, but also with our Oldtimers. She had 7 children, 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Besides keeping busy with her family and the Oldtimers Association, she was active in her church, the South Shore Noon Lions and the South Milwaukee Lions Club. She received many accolades during her tenure as a Lion—in 2011 Melvin Jones, 2013 Outstanding Lion and 2018 Life Mem-



Dolores Page

February 5, 1930 - December 31, 2024

bership. She also serviced the city by being involved with South Milwaukee's Old-Fashioned Christmas for 20 years. Dolores was a very kind and giving person who will be deeply missed—she was our friend and will always be fondly remembered. Rest in peace Dolores.



LETTERS TO 'BIG MUSKIE' FROM FELLOW OLDTIMERS

January 7, 2025

I hope to be able to join a luncheon when I visit later this year. Wishing all a prosperous and healthy 2025!

Julia Dekker

January 22, 2025

Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Family of Dolores Page

January 30, 2025

I would like to make this donation to the club in memory of Delores Page and Dorothy Moriarty Radical. May they rest in peace, Dear Friends.

Geri Harris

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR MAILING ADDRESS... OR YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?



If you have moved to a new address or changed your email address and still want to continue receiving the quarterly Alumni Newsletter, please let us know by contacting Ken at bigmuskie@beoldtimers.org or Pat at oldtimers.newsletter@gmail.com. No computer? No problem...you can write us at Bucyrus Oldtimers Association, P.O. Box 563, Oak Creek, WI 53154-0564. We would hate for you to miss a single issue!





Bucyrus Oldtimers Golf Independent Event – JUNE 5th, 2025

The 9th annual Oldtimers Golf Outing, or “**BOGIE**”, will be held on Thursday, **June 5, 2025** 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, buffet luncheon, beer, soda, individual hole, and door prizes. Singles, twosomes, threesomes, foursomes 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 19th, 2025**. 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 19th**.



“**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 5th, 2025**

☐ Check here if lunch only

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4 _____

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

Happy Birthday!

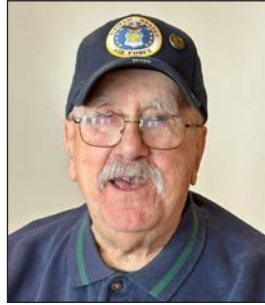
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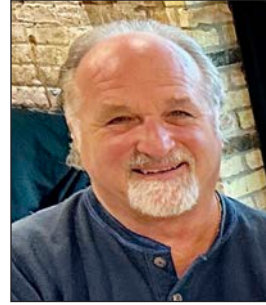
Francis Gross - 76



John Hittman - 83



Bob "Gomer" Povolo - 84



Scott Streich - 67



Mark Riese - 83

March



Mark Erickson - 68



Dave Kieck - 72



Jim Shelenske - 69



Harry Maass - 93

May

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• UPCOMING LUNCHEONS •

Save the dates and join us for our upcoming luncheons! We have interesting speakers lined up for our spring luncheons thanks to the efforts of Bob Jelinek and Cindy Nettles.

March 27th — Kaitlin Kelly plans on giving a presentation on exercise for older adults. She has education in sports medicine, gerontology and exercise science. Also, 'Meet & Greet' our two candidates for President of the Bucyrus Oldtimers—Cindy Page Zastrow and Ken Tangen. They will each give a short Bio of themselves prior to our voting at this luncheon.

April 24th — Beth Stone, Community Outreach and Event Coordinator for the Oak Creek Community

Center will incorporate a 50's Sock Hop Bingo Theme in her presentation.

May 29th — Steph Crosley, VP Marketing for developer Scott Crawford will present the housing and retail shop transformation plans for the old Bucyrus SM Campus. Don't miss this one!

June 26th is our Annual Picnic Luncheon. And we will again have Deb DeBoer, Director of the South Milwaukee Human Concerns as our guest speaker. Because of the buying power that SMHC has, we strongly suggest a 'monetary donation' of \$10.00 or more per person (no items this year). Amount collected will be matched by the Bucyrus Foundation.

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MEET OUR CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



CINDY PAGE ZASTROW worked at Bucyrus/Caterpillar for approximately 12 years. She started her career out in the Warehouse as a Traffic Coordinator, working for Ralph Perry. Then she became a Logistics Analyst/Operations Coordinator, working for Tom Blawat. Her last stop was a transfer to the Accounting Department, where she took over Sandy Leannais' job as Invoicing Coordinator. Cindy had many family members who also worked for Bucyrus - her Mom (Dolores Page) who she hopes to carry on the legacy of her Presidency before her passing, two uncles, one aunt, her sister (Debbie Polzin) and her daughter (Jenny), who started at Bucyrus when she was in High School, working in the Parts Sales Department with her Grandma. Cindy retired in September 2021 and is now working Part-Time at Erv's Mug, helping out with the accounting/office duties. She also enjoys walking outside, bowling, and traveling.



KEN TANGEN worked for Bucyrus 49 years and retired in 2009. He started out as a Journeyman Machinist, then moved to maintenance and eventually became the Maintenance Supervisor. He has been on the Board of Directors since 2011 and also a Board Member for the So. Milw. Industrial Museum (Bucyrus Museum). After Caterpillar purchased Bucyrus, he worked with the Vice-President of Legal Services to receive a waiver for the Oldtimers to use the word Bucyrus and its subsidiaries. He purchased and maintains the beoldtimers.org website in which the newsletters and other Oldtimers functions are posted. He was the editor of the newsletter for a short time and renamed it "Retiree Newsletter." He maintains the Legacy List by recording all employees who worked at Bucyrus for the Bucyrus Museum and Oldtimers. He was one of the first docents for the Bucyrus Museum at the Bucyrus Campus (Heritage Building). He currently volunteers as a docent for the Bucyrus Museum at the Bucyrus Club.

OFFICIAL VOTING BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT

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, P.O. Box 563, Oak Creek, WI 53154 OR email your vote to oldtimers.newsletter@gmail.com. Must be received by March 20, 2025. In-person voting will be held at the luncheon on March 27, 2025.

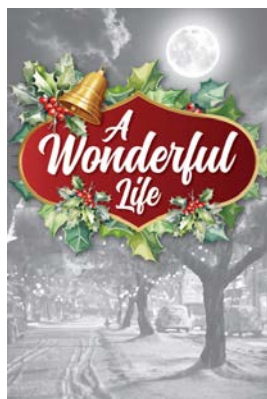
PRESIDENT:

☐ Cindy Page Zastrow

☐ Ken Tangen

☐ Write in: _____

VOTING MEMBER'S NAME (Please Print)



FIRESIDE THEATER'S "A WONDERFUL LIFE"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

The story of George Bailey and his wonderful life in Bedford Falls has brought hope and inspiration to every heart with its celebration of the goodness in all of us. The Fireside is proud to bring you this stunning, live stage version of Frank Capra's beloved film. Written by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning lyricist Sheldon Harnick, one of the creators of "Fiddler on the Roof", and Grammy and Emmy Award winner Joe Raposo whose music from "Sesame Street" inspired generations of young people, A WONDERFUL LIFE captures all the magic of the film as it shines with the spirit of Christmas.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY! There are only a limited number of seats available for members and friends of The Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA (First come, first served).

Prior to our arrival at the Fireside, 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 "A Wonderful Life".

DATE: FRIDAY, November 14, 2025

COST: \$75.00 per person. Gratuities are included for the meal and the bus driver. Does not include alcoholic Beverages. Payment in full is due at time of reservation.

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 Monterey (Lightly breaded Chicken Breast, topped with a blend of Spinach, Artichoke, Parmesan, Monterey Jack & Cream Cheese, finished with Havarti Cheese on a Sun Dried Tomato Cream Sauce), Grilled Salmon (Served with Citrus Beurre Blanc Sauce), Sliced Roast Beef Tenderloin (Carved Medallions with a Peppercorn Sauce) or Vegetarian Tofu Skewers.

Please send your reservations and payment to:

Bucyrus® Oldtimers Association UA
"A Wonderful Life" Reservations
P.O. Box 563
Oak Creek, WI 53154-0564

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

RESERVATION FORM FOR "A WONDERFUL LIFE" - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

(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 updating information only)

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



The New South Milwaukee Shops of The Bucyrus Company – 1893

When the Bucyrus Foundry and Manufacturing Company of Ohio decided to relocate to Wisconsin, the executives were excited to be able to have an opportunity to have a brand-new purpose-built factory to make their equipment in. They envisioned a modern factory with plenty of room to grow, one that had its own power generation station, and cranes with far more capacity than the current products demanded. The new foundry would have the capacity to make larger dredge parts, something they lacked in the Ohio plant.

The deal that the company made with the South Milwaukee Company to start building here included free land and \$50,000 to help offset building and moving costs. It was a 'no-brainer' that afforded them growth opportunities and close access to waterway shipping resources for machines destined to international locations.

Most overhead drives for machine tools back in the day were steam powered. With the rapidly developing electric motor and welding technologies, senior managers wanted to embrace both and focused on an all-electric plant, something that was fairly new. The heat for the building remained a steam provided platform since it was a readily available by-product of the electric generator system being planned. In fact, some of the steam heat resources that were installed in the south of Rawson buildings in 1893 worked well into the 2000's!



Early view of the New Factory

Article From: *The Engineering & Mining Journal* - November 11, 1893

The Bucyrus Steam Shovel and Dredge Company was established at Bucyrus, O., about 10 years ago,

and from small beginnings it grew and increased, until the original works became so crowded that new establishments became necessary for carrying on and developing the business. The work executed by this company includes steam shovels, light dredging machinery, heavy dredging machinery, railroad and locomotive cranes and wrecking cars, placer mining machinery on the Bucyrus amalgamator system. Under these headings are included a great variety of auxiliary appliances and machines connected with similar work, such as centrifugal pumps, ballast unloaders, pile-drivers, etc.

The new plant is located at South Milwaukee, Wis., on the line of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, 10 miles south of the city of Milwaukee, and it is planned on an extensive scale. The ground occupied comprises 15 acres, divided into the main establishment and the shipyard located on the harbor on the lake shore, three-quarters of a mile distant. The latter has ample dock facilities, and is connected with the main works by a belt line railroad.

The general plan of the main buildings and a cross-section of the machine and erecting shops are shown in the accompanying cuts. The buildings are of steel, brick and glass, and comprise the following: Offices, 40 x 60 ft., three stories; main building, 120 x 240 ft., with overhead traveling electric crane the entire length; smith shop; plate and structural iron shop; foundry, with overhead traveling electric crane; pattern shop; carpenter and wood shop; pattern store house; general store house, and power house. It will be seen from the plan that the works are arranged with a view to systematic extension, so that the capacity can be more than doubled as future requirements demand, and the works still be a complete and systematic whole. The defects which are so manifest in nearly all great establishments which are the result of growth will thus be obviated.

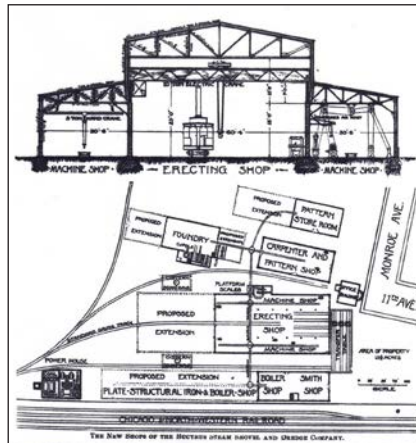
The buildings are heated by the hot-blast ventilating system. A complete system of standard-gauge tracks connects all the buildings with each other, and there is also a narrow-gauge track for hand tracks as indicated on the plan; a transfer table provides access to the construction tracks in main building. The distinguishing features of the plan are that all the buildings, with the exception of the offices, are ground floor only, and that



electricity furnishes the sole means of distributing power throughout the entire plant. The reasons for adopting electric distribution of power were that it permits a complete isolation of the boiler and power plant from all of the buildings; it gives a ready and convenient distribution of any desired amount of power to any desired place and at any desired speed; it avoids the wear and loss of power on machines that are used occasionally or intermittently; the system lends itself to a variety of subsidiary uses such as electric light, electric welding, electric traveling cranes, electric portable drills, etc. The power is distributed from a central power house to various localities where power is required, 15 motors from 4 to 15 H. P. each, or 166 H. P. total, being placed in the various shops, where needed. Two multipolar generators, each of 150 H. P. (one of which is a reserve), driven by a Corliss engine, are employed. The larger motor and generators are of the slow-speed type, so that connection can be made from the motors direct to the line shafts with one belt.

Referring to the illustration it will be seen that the roof of the main building is 120 ft. span, divided into one central span of 60 ft. and two central spans of 30 ft. each. One of the side spans is used as a machine shop for the lightest tools, while the heavy tools are placed out along the edge of the central floor so as to be under the field of the overhead traveling crane. The smaller machine tools in which the work to be lifted is beyond hand-power are served by compressed air hoists suspended from light jib cranes attached to the wall, or to the pillars of the building. Compressed air is used for the foundry hoist to the cupola platform, where an air cylinder having a tubular plunger is sunk in the ground and operates the elevator platform by direct lifting. Compressed air is also used for blowing out cylinder castings and for testing small engines in the erecting shop. The compressed air is furnished by a duplex air pump of the American air-brake type, as used on locomotives. This is placed in the engine-room and a receiver kept charged at all times to the requisite pressure. There is no accumulator, and the apparatus is entirely automatic in its action.

The officers of the company—Wm. Hamilton Harris, president; H.P. Eells, vice-president and treasurer; A. B. Stetson, superintendent; W. B. Crittenden, general manager; A. W. Robinson, chief engineer, and J. M. Millman, secretary—have their quarters in a separate building. On the ground floor are the business offices, with the general manager, superintendent and secretary. The whole of the second floor is devoted to the drawing office, with the chief engineer's office, which has accommodation for 14 draughtsman. The high order and a varied description of the work makes necessary a complete system of records. The range of work runs from the lightest sectional steam shovel, capable of being transported on a mule's back, to largest



1893 New Plant Layout

seagoing dredge of 10,000 cu. yds. total capacity. The dredges already built alone number over 20 sizes, running up to some of the most powerful in existence.

The list of accomplishments by Bucyrus and Bucyrus-Erie employees from 1893 to 2011 is long, and many of them helped to change the world and the way we live. The Panama Canal had a huge economic

impact on North and South America, designing the NASA Crawler Transport propelled the 1960's space program into development of new materials and products, many of which we still use today.

Bucyrus played a key role in the development of the modern mining industry. The company introduced innovations such as the first electric mining shovel and advanced drilling equipment, which revolutionized mining operations by improving safety, efficiency, and productivity. The increased capacity of draglines and excavators drove other equipment upgrades and brought efficiencies to mining so that we may enjoy energy and goods at some of the lowest price levels in the world.

The company's legacy extends beyond its machinery, as it has influenced engineering standards and practices across the industry. Bucyrus and Bucyrus Erie's contributions to mining and construction have left an indelible mark on the world, solidifying its place in world history as a pioneer in heavy machinery and engineering.



1893 New Machine Shop

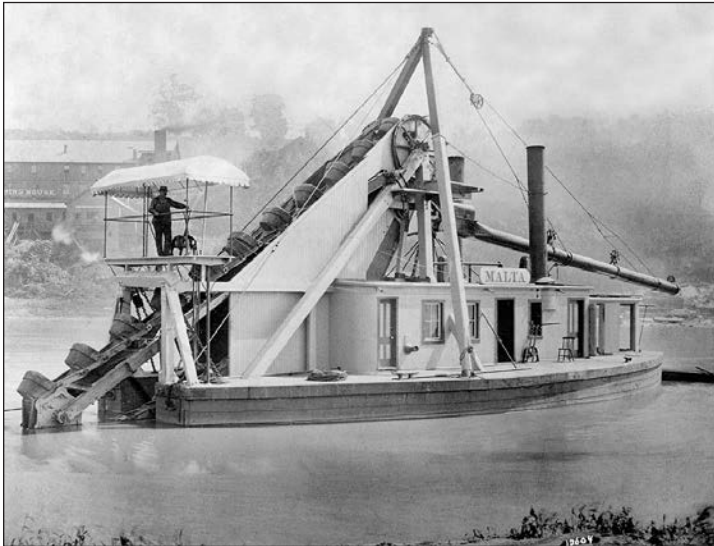


Malta – Bucyrus' First Elevator Dredge

After the start of producing products in Ohio in 1880, the company tried making money in components for many different products. They mainly produced railroad castings for the first two years, then ventured into more sophisticated items and machines as the business grew. One product that started early and easily transferred to the new South Milwaukee plant was dredge machinery that was designed to be mounted on another manufacturer's ship hull.

In 1888, a 37-year-old engineer, A.W. Robinson was appointed as Chief Engineer for the company. After his education in Leamington, England, he started work at age 17 with Sir John Kennedy, Chief Engineer of the Montreal Harbor and St. Lawrence River Ship Canal, where he stayed for 8 years. He was engaged in the design and maintenance of a fleet of 40 dredges. He eventually opened an office as a consulting engineer in 1885, and did work for Bucyrus until he joined the company in 1888.

He developed a highly diversified line of large dredges and made changes to the current company offerings. One of his earliest Bucyrus Dredge designs the Elevator Dredge Malta. The first of this type produced was sold to the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army at Malta, Ohio on the Muskingum River. Ironically, it was launched in the river less than 20 miles from where 'Big Muskie' would operate some 80 years later.

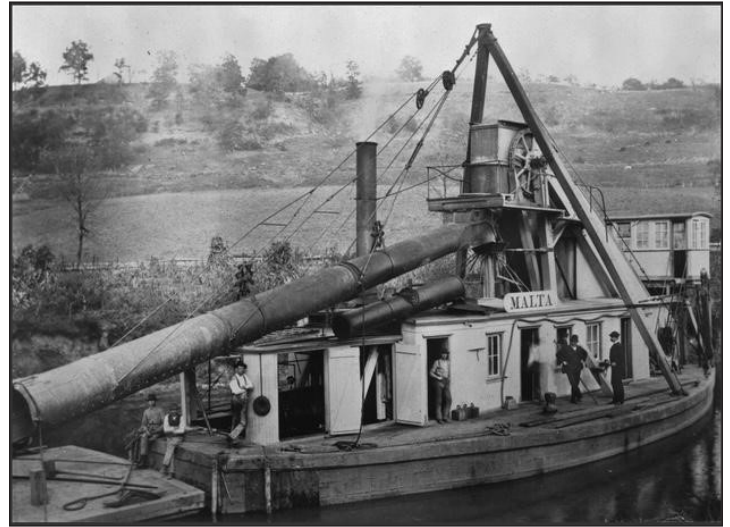


Launch day for the dredge "MALTA" in 1888

The dredge was sold for \$13,000, and delivered complete. The steam operated machine had a digging ladder of 5 cubic feet buckets that excavated at a maximum rate of 250 cubic yards per hour and raised the material about 10 feet above the deck. Here the buckets inverted, emptying the material into a well, where it flowed through a chute and into a mud scow

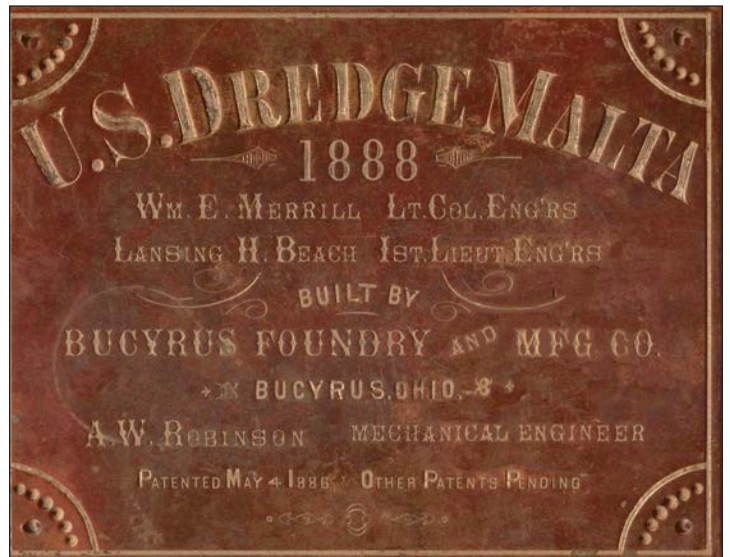
that was pulled alongside. The Malta had many more working parts than any other device constructed by Bucyrus at that time.

Bucyrus went on to make increasingly larger dredges of all sorts. A significant portion of total company revenues was generated between dredges and steam shovels, so much so that the company changed name from Bucyrus Foundry & Manufacturing to Bucyrus Steam Shovel and Dredge Company in 1889, and that's the name it transferred as to Wisconsin in 1893.



"MALTA'S" Chute loading a mud scow

The Bucyrus Museum has the original brass hand etched nameplate from the Malta that can be viewed in person when you visit. It's the starting piece for a very significant shift in products for Bucyrus and helped it to expand into the 'Longest Line on Earth' of excavating machinery by the 1980's.



The "MALTA" Original Hand Etched Brass Name Plate



Ruston Bucyrus Sign Arrives from England

The Museum just acquired a two-piece, 54' long cast iron Ruston Bucyrus sign weighing in at around 100 pounds from England. Guy Cooney of Nottinghamshire brokered the purchase of the sign and shipped it to Wisconsin. We got in touch with him through a Facebook post and after a week of communication, we were able to have him buy it for us.



*Heavy Cast Iron Ruston Bucyrus Boom Sign
Produced by F.H. Lloyd Limited*

Guy runs Cranes & Spares Ltd and has known about the sign for some time. Here's the history behind the sign that Guy sent us:

"A fellow deal with, who is now in his 80s, was born and grew up on a farm near Heathrow Airport (just outside of London). His 17th century Farm is now surrounded by Housing! His Dad was a Plant Dealer who loved Draglines and Shovels. When my friend was in his 50s the old Dad bought two 54RB shovels from South Wales. He Scrapped one and sold the other to Africa. As the second machine was leaving the farm they noticed the signs on the shovel boom and removed them as the lowboy trailer was going up the road. The sign sat in his

barn for the best part of 30 years until it was acquired for you!"

Ruston Bucyrus manufactured the 54RB, a 2½ cubic yard shovel from 1943 until 1973. They produced 586 machines that shipped all over the world. The sign halves were cast at F.H. Lloyd & Company LTD of Wednesbury, who made most of Ruston Bucyrus' castings. They also manufactured dragline bucket chains for the South Milwaukee plant. They operated from 1877 until 1987 when they were taken over by Triplex P.L.C.



*A Ruston Bucyrus 54RB at work in the U.K.
Note the sign on the boom.*

The sign is being mounted to the museum's 'sign wall.' Ruston-Bucyrus Ltd was an engineering company established in 1930 and jointly owned by Ruston & Hornsby based in Lincoln, England, and Bucyrus-Erie. It was a significant part of Bucyrus Erie's success in overseas markets.

Your SCOOP Suggestions Welcome

Do you have an idea for an interesting article or side story related to Bucyrus and Bucyrus-Erie history? Please let us know what that is and we'll do our best to research and publish it in one of our future Scoop issues. We always like to hear about the company's involvement in different projects that were not documented in any of the 3 books about Bucyrus history. Email us at bemuseum@smimllc.org with your story or idea and we'll connect with you to discuss details!

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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*With Heavy Hearts we said
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Opens 11:30 a.m. • Food served at 12 noon

March 27 • April 24
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