

From Pat's Desk...

Happy Fall y'all! I hope that you had a healthy and enjoyable summer! The leaves are starting to turn colors, the days are getting shorter and the weather is getting crisp, especially at night. Baseball season is winding down and it's time for football! It's also the favorite season for many. Before we know it, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here! But for now, it's a time for picking juicy ripe apples and for tasting hot apple cider, or to venture out to the pumpkin patch with your Grandkids. But most of all it's time to enjoy the beautiful scenery that Mother Nature has given us!

Just a little reminder that there are only 2 scheduled luncheons left in 2026—September 24th & October 29th. September will bring us representatives from the Greendale Historical Society with their presentation on the history of their village. Our October luncheon is another "free" lunch with a donation of \$10.00 or more to the South Milwaukee Fire Department's "Project Warm—Coats for Children" annual fundraiser.

Our Fireside outing to see "A Christmas Story" is currently filled. If you are interested in being placed on a "wait list" please contact me (see page 6).

Also in this newsletter is the reservation form for our Christmas Gala on page 7. As in last year, appetizers will be served prior to the dinner. You will have a choice between 3 entrées along with many door prizes. It's always a fun time and a great way to start off the Holiday Season!

Lastly, we would love to hear from you about your time at BE, whether it's an article or short story. I know members enjoy reading about their former co-workers, so why not share your story. Contact me with your submission by mail or email.

'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 Zastrow (414) 640-4813 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:

September 24 • October 29



EVENTS:

Fireside's "A Christmas Story" - November 20, 2026

Christmas Gala - December 10, 2026

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. 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.

GOOD FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS AND FEATURED SPEAKERS

MAY 28, 2026 LUNCHEON

If you live in Oak Creek, WI or the surrounding area, then the May 28th Luncheon speakers' presentations were just the thing to hear about the current happenings in that city. Marcia Wayer, Marketing & Public Relations Director for the City of Oak Creek and her associate Alex Hayes, Tourism & Event Co-ordinator gave us a general look into their city's events. Drexel Town Square hosted several events this summer and fall including a Movie Night, Summer Solstice Music Festival, Dog Days, America's 250th Classic Car Show, Community Cookout and a weekly Farmers Market with more than 60 vendors to name just a few. We were also informed about new businesses to the city that included Carpetland USA, Better Days Barber Co., Buona Beef, Rainbow Cone and Life-point Rehab Hospital amongst others. All in all our attendees walked away knowing that there were many activities to attend during the summer and fall months along with more businesses to shop or to seek healthcare in the City of Oak Creek. Thank you Marcia and Alex for the awesome presentation.

Our luncheon menu for May did not disappoint. It consisted of Chicken Dumpling Soup & Cheesy Ham Chow-

der, a Bread Basket, Tuscan Chicken along with Broccoli-Cauliflower-Carrots Medley. Ending our delicious meal were five miscellaneous cakes and three containers of cookies that were purchased from the "dessert funds" a/k/a "the kitty". Many thanks to those who donated

their extra change at the luncheons to maintain our dessert "kitty".

Last but not least, two lucky people won door prizes—a "free" lunch to an upcoming luncheon. They were Marge Miller and Lois Champagne. Congratulations ladies!



Marcia Wayer, Guest Speaker



Alex Hayes, Guest Speaker



Marge Miller - Door Prize Winner



Lois Champagne - Door Prize Winner

JUNE 25, 2026 LUNCHEON

Our June 25th picnic luncheon (sponsored by the Bucyrus Foundation) was not only a huge success with our annual fundraiser for South Milwaukee Human Concerns, but it was oh-so-enjoyable for the 62 people attending. Our guest speaker, Peggy Bartelt, A Board of Directors member at SMHC, spoke about their work of helping those in need in the South Milwaukee area. They feed 900-1,000 people and also provide clothing, household items and medical equipment. For the holidays, they provide hams and turkeys and Christmas gifts for children. Bucyrus Oldtimers' members have always been generous in supporting a community group, so our picnic lunch event was no exception. Between our members, friends, Skyline Catering and the Bucyrus Foundation matching

the donations, a grand total of \$8,660 was given to South Milwaukee Human Concerns!! We are so grateful for your generosity! THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

We also celebrated Ken Patnode Sr.'s 102nd Birthday even though he was unable to make this luncheon as planned. His son, Ken Jr. stopped by in his place and received a Birthday Cake for his Dad, along with a proclamation of an "Honorary Museum Docent", a framed photo of the Museum's Docents when he was serving at the Heritage Building—Bucyrus Campus back in the day and a Museum T-Shirt. We also wished Ken Sr. a "Happy 102nd" by singing "Happy Birthday" via a video for him to view.

At this luncheon we enjoyed a fantastic spread of picnic fare food consisting

of grilled Hamburgers with toppings, Brats & Sauerkraut, Broccoli-Cauliflower Salad, American Potato Salad, Mediterranean Pasta Salad, Skyline's Special Baked Beans, Watermelon Slices, Pickle Slices and Potato Chips. We also appreciated the dessert donations homemade by Julia Dekker who made Choco-



Peggy Bartelt - Guest Speaker

late Peanut Butter Bars, Pat Merkovich who made Chocolate Chip Ice Cream Sandwiches, S'More Bars & Rice Krispie Treats and Cindy Zastrow who brought an assortment of cookies. Thank you ladies for the yummy dessert donations!

We had 4 Door Prize Winners at our luncheon. Two prizes were Gift Certificates for a free scheduled Oldtimers luncheon and two prizes were \$25.00 Gift Cards to either Walmart or Kwik Trip. Lucky winners were Ken Bonchek, Rod Lundell, Harry Maass and Jeff Arndt.

Just a reminder that there are only two remaining luncheons for 2026 which will be held on September 24th and October 29th. It is always appreciated when you make your reservations in advance by calling or texting Pat (414) 617-2796, Cindy (414) 640-4813 or emailing oldtimers.newsletter@gmail.com. Hope to see you at one or both of these luncheons!!



Ken Bonchek - Door Prize Winner



Rod Lundell - Door Prize Winner



Jeff Arndt - Door Prize Winner



Harry Maass - Door Prize Winner



Ken Patnode Sr.

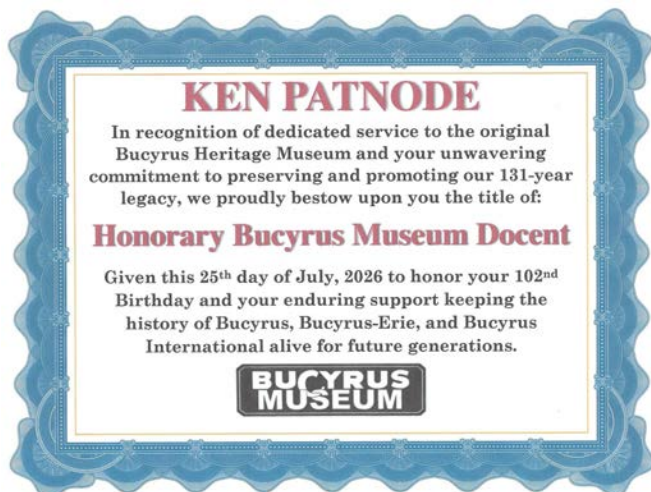
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We are deeply saddened to share the news that Ken Patnode Sr. has passed away in August. Our good friend, who was our oldest member will be sadly missed by the Bucyrus Oldtimers and the docents of the Bucyrus Museum. Our condolences to his family and close friends.

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Ken Patnode Jr.



Founding Docents (Ken 2nd from left)

2026 OLDTIMERS ANNUAL “BOGIE” GOLF EVENT



2026 BOGIE Golfers

The 2026 Bucyrus Oldtimers Golf Independent Event (BOGIE) teed off on June 9th at the New Berlin Hills Golf Club in Waukesha County, delivering exactly what everyone hopes for in a reunion round—perfect weather, great golf, and even better company. The four person scramble format paired with a shotgun start kept the pace smooth and allowed all teams to finish together for a shared luncheon and awards ceremony in the clubhouse banquet room.

This year's winners were Steve Beh-

rendt, Dale Heuer, and John and Debbie Koepf with a score of 7 under par. One stroke behind them was the team of Mike Lussier, Cindy Nettles, John Bosbous, and Bob Jelinek. Our hole prize winners were Bob Zastrow – longest putt on #4, Paul Leckie – Closest to the pin on #7, Debbie Koepf – Long Drive on #13, and Peggy Wranovsky – Closest to the pin in 2 on #17.

Every golfer took home a logo branded golf umbrella, generously provided by the Bucyrus Museum, along with a door

prize selected from the event prize table. A small but meaningful touch that added to the camaraderie of the day.

The 2026 outing lived up to its reputation and continues to be a highlight for Bucyrus Oldtimers—an annual chance to reconnect, reminisce, and enjoy a friendly competition on the course. A special thanks to Mike Adams for his work in organizing the event.

Mark your calendar for June 3, 2027 and watch for future news about the next BOGIE.



Getting some practice in on the greens.



Ready for the shotgun start.



LETTERS TO 'BIG MUSKIE' FROM FELLOW OLDTIMERS

May 20, 2026

Thank you for the thoughtful cards and generous donations to St. Jude's and the Humane Society in Shirley's memory. She loved spending her time with all of you.

The Family of Shirley Borgie

May 26, 2026

Greetings from Arizona!

You continue to do wonderful work on the Newsletter and I really appreciate you sending it to me.

I am still doing well in Arizona.

Keep up the good work and Thanks again.

Lila Brekke

July 7, 2026

Thank you so much for your generous donation to South Milwaukee Human Concerns. Your support of our mission is greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,
Deb DeBoer
SM Human Concerns

July 16, 2026

Donation to help the newsletter. I am doing fine at 85. I spend the winters in Naples, Florida, summers in Hayward, Wisconsin.

Hi Oldtimers,
Joe Michalski

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

Save the last two dates in 2026 for our remaining luncheons. We have interesting speakers lined up for these fall luncheons thanks to the efforts of Cindy Nettles and Bob Jelinek.

September 24th: It's always a nice idea when you know the history of our surrounding village. That will be the case at this luncheon. The Greendale Historical Society will be our guest speakers and they will be giving a presentation on the history of their village.

October 29th: Chief John Litchford of the South Milwaukee Fire Department will be the guest speaker along with his team. Because the Fire Department collects donations for "Project Warm—Coats for Children" in October, this luncheon will be another "free lunch" with a donation of \$10.00 or more per person. The Bucyrus Foundation will be matching all donations at this luncheon.

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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 we 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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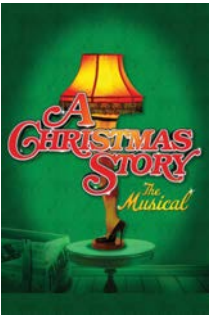
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FIRESIDE'S "A CHRISTMAS STORY" - WAIT LIST - November 20, 2026



Tickets are currently sold out. However, do to certain circumstances of some, we usually have cancellations, so consider joining our 'WAIT LIST'. The \$75.00 ticket cost will be collected after you've received a confirmed reservation.

Please send your 'Wait List' reservation to:
Bucyrus Oldtimers Association
"Christmas Story" Wait List
P.O. Box 563
Oak Creek, WI 53154

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

FIRESIDE'S "A CHRISTMAS STORY" WAIT LIST - Friday, November 20, 2026

NAME: Please Print	ADDRESS:	PHONE:	EMAIL:

Happy Birthday

September



Gerald Miller - 79 yrs

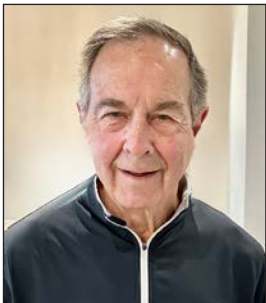
October



Gary Dillon - 81 yrs



Tom Phillips - 81 yrs



Mark Kalinowski - 82 yrs



Tim Smith - 84 yrs

November



Ron Rychwalski - 93 yrs



Joan Lindstrum - 78 yrs

December



Francis Gross - 78 yrs



Richard Burkhardt - 95 yrs

BUCYRUS OLDTIMERS ASSOCIATION

**PROUDLY PRESENTS THEIR
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GALA**

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 10, 2026

AT

THE BUCYRUS CLUB & EVENT CENTER

1919 12TH AVENUE, SOUTH MILWAUKEE

APPETIZERS AND DRINKS: 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

DINNER SERVED: 4:30 p.m.

3 ENTRÉE CHOICES:

6 oz. Steak & 3 Breaded Shrimp - \$30.00

Pan Seared Salmon with Citrus Glaze - \$23.00

Roasted Bourbon Glazed Chicken Breast - \$20.00

Also includes a bread basket, tossed salad, baked potato, a vegetable,
coffee, soda, beer and a dessert

****Please pay at time of reservation no later than Thursday, December 3rd**
so that we can have an accurate count of participants. Friends are also welcome!

Send Reservation Form to:

Bucyrus Oldtimers Association - Christmas Gala

P.O. Box 563, Oak Creek, WI 53154-0564

Checks should be made payable to Bucyrus Oldtimers Association

Questions? Call or text Pat Merkovich 414.617.2796 or email: oldtimers.newsletter@gmail.com

Bucyrus Oldtimers Association 2026 Christmas Dinner Gala Reservation Form

NAME(S): _____ ENTRÉE CHOICE: _____

Contact Person's Phone: (____) _____ email address: _____

Note: If you need reserved seating, please mention on form or contact Pat.



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How the 120-B Sparked the Modern Mining Era

When looking back at the rich engineering heritage of Bucyrus-Erie, it is easy for our attention to be monopolized by monsters. Goliath machines like “Big Muskie” or the legendary “Silver Spade” naturally dominate the history books, their enormous scale captures the public imagination even today. Yet, if you look past those multi-ton titans, you will find that the true foundation of our company’s 20th-century global dominance rested on a far more practical, yet profoundly revolutionary machine: The Bucyrus model 120-B.

Introduced in 1925, the Bucyrus 120-B electric rope shovel did not just break new ground; it fundamentally changed how the world extracted raw materials. It was the world’s first heavy-duty shovel designed from the tracks up specifically for the punishing, high-cycle demands of loading applications in mines and quarries. In doing so, it effectively killed off the steam era and established the South Milwaukee plant as the epicenter of global mining innovation.

The Collapse of Steam Power and the Burden of the Boiler

During the design phase of the 120B, Bucyrus engineers took an in depth look at the immense challenges facing mine operators in the early 1920s. Until this point, heavy excavation was synonymous with steam power. While steam shovels—including the famous Bucyrus machines that dug the Panama Canal—had proven their raw strength, they were logistical nightmares in a fixed mine or quarry setting.

Operating a steam shovel required a constant, unrelenting supply of fuel and water. Whole teams of workers were dedicated just to hauling coal and maintaining water pipelines to prevent boilers from drying out. The water itself was an issue; impurities frequently caused scale buildup in the boilers, leading to unexpected downtime and dangerous maintenance cycles. Furthermore, a steam engine required a lengthy startup routine every morning, wasting valuable hours before the first dipper of rock could even be moved. Some moved on crawlers, but most were fixed to railroad tracks that required even more manpower to build and maintain.

Recognizing that the industry had reached the

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Replacing *two* railroad shovels



For greater tonnage and lower cost

This 4-yard Electric shovel has working ranges that only a full 360 degree swing can give. It digs a 12 foot wider cut and clears an 18 foot wider level floor than the largest of railroad type shovels. It moves greater tonnages because there are no “time-taking” periods for moving up—no “dead-heading” back. The single-track caterpillars make this 4-yard shovel virtually as mobile as the small revolving shovel. It eliminates the track and ties and the men to move them.

The New Bucyrus 120-B 4-yard Full-Revolving Electric Shovel has greater working ranges than any type of railroad shovel—and it is more economical to operate in mine and quarry.

And electric power does away with all the “stand-by” losses common to the old railroad shovel. There is no waiting for steam—no delays for taking on coal and water—and no pipe lines. One throw of the switch swings the 120-B into action. In one quarry the 120-B is replacing two railroad type shovels—and is producing even greater tonnages at much lower costs per ton. The new Rock Revolution booklet tells all about the advantages of electric power and the new method of lowering tonnage costs in mine and quarry. If you are interested send for booklet D102-N. A post card brings it.

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1928 Bucyrus 120-B Advertisement

physical and economic limits of steam, the engineers at the Bucyrus plant in South Milwaukee set to work on a new platform to offer mobility and economy. They did not want to just slap an electric motor onto an existing steam frame. They sought to pioneer an entirely new class of machinery.

When the first 120-B crawled out of the assembly yard in 1925, it was clear that a new standard had been set. Equipped with a rugged 4-cubic-yard bucket, the machine was a compact powerhouse.

The defining breakthrough of the 120-B was its implementation of a robust Ward-Leonard alternating current (AC) electric motor system, fed by a high-voltage trailing cable. This configuration utilized an onboarding



motor-generator set to convert alternating line current into easily controlled direct current (DC) for the individual hoist, crowd, and swing motors.



Bucyrus-Erie 120-B Loading a Euclid Truck in a Quarry

For the operator, the benefits were instantaneous. The electric motors delivered maximum torque at zero speed, providing unparalleled crowd power when pushing the dipper into highly fragmented or unblasted rock faces. If the bucket struck an immovable ledge, the electrical systems inherently protected the machine from burning out—a massive upgrade over the unforgiving mechanical clutches of steam and early internal combustion prototypes.

Crucially, the 120-B was engineered before arc welding became standard practice in heavy manufacturing. Its massive boom, revolutionary revolving frame, and heavy-duty dipper stick were constructed entirely from intricately riveted, heavy-gauge steel plates. It was built like a battleship, designed to withstand decades of violent, concussive loading cycles without fracturing.

A Radical Leap in Mine Economics

The impact of the 120-B on mine balance sheets was nothing short of staggering. Historical field data from mines that adopted the 120-B in the late 1920s highlighted an incredible leap in productivity: a single electric shovel could reliably move 3,300 tons of material in an eight-hour shift. To achieve that exact same output using manual labor would have required an army of roughly 200 men.

By eliminating the need for coal hauling, water piping, boiler treatment, and extensive firemen crews, the 120-B dramatically slashed operating costs. Uptime soared because electric power was instantaneous. Turn a

switch, and the machine was ready to work—24 hours a day, seven days a week, regardless of freezing winter temperatures that would otherwise crack a steam shovel's plumbing.

The Legacy of the Global Breadwinner

The 120-B was an immediate international success. Over its historic production run, which lasted from 1925 until 1951, 303 units were built and shipped from South Milwaukee to every corner of the earth. An additional 30 units of the Ruston Bucyrus version (120-RB) were manufactured in Lincoln, England from 1948 until 1954. These machines dug iron ore in the brutal winters of northern Canada, loaded copper in the high altitudes of the Chilean Andes, and carved out stone in the limestone quarries of the American Midwest.



Bucyrus-Erie 120-B working in Egypt

The machine was so versatile and reliable that many individual 120-Bs operated continuously for over half a century. At Canada's famous Sullivan Mine in Kimberley, British Columbia, a 120-B spent decades loading waste rock, outlasting multiple generations of haul trucks and supporting a mining operation that eventually produced millions of tons of lead and zinc.

While our giant stripping shovels and walking draglines captured the newspaper headlines, it was the mass-produced, relentlessly reliable 120-B that served as the economic engine for Bucyrus-Erie. It proved to the global mining community that electric power was the future, paving the structural and technological path for our later iconic loading shovels like the 150-B, 190-B, 295-B and our 495-B electric rope shovels that still anchor modern surface mining today.

The 120-B wasn't just a machine; it was the blueprint for the modern all-electric mine - designed, manufactured, and shipped from South Milwaukee.



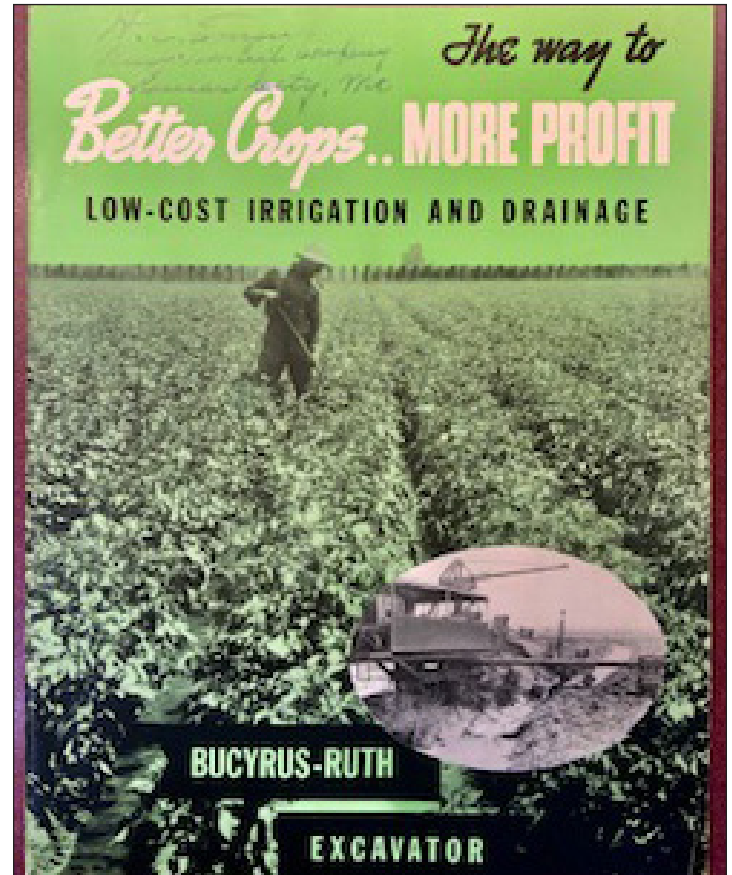
The Bucyrus-Ruth Land Dredge

The development of the west as an agricultural landscape and the industrial boom of the early 20th century allowed innovators to produce some unique specialized machinery. One of those inventors, Charles Ruth patented a highly specialized ditching machine in 1906 known as the Ruth Dredger. It was designed to scoop silt, weeds, loose rock, and debris from the irrigation canals and narrow ditches that were used in commercial farming networks. They were sold and manufactured by The Ruth Dredger Manufacturing Company of California. Initially, it was a somewhat unstable three-wheeled configuration—two wheels sat beneath the engine and operator chassis, while a remote third wheel extended to the far side of the ditch for balance. By the late 1920s, the company abandoned wheels entirely, evolving the dredger into a much more stable two-track crawler configuration.

After its Panama Canal success made Bucyrus-Erie a leader in world mining and excavation sectors, they began to expand their line of machines by acquisitions in order to eliminate niche competitors and diversify its own product portfolio. B-E acquired companies like Monighan and Armstrong Drill, and marketed those adopted machines as Bucyrus Monighan and Bucyrus Armstrong. Bucyrus-Erie purchased the manufacturing rights to the Ruth Dredger in 1939, and followed the naming theme by rebranding the product line under the Bucyrus-Ruth trade name. They redesigned it to add even more stability, and rolled out the updated Model HU. This larger variant was powered by a 32-horsepower Caterpillar engine and had digging speeds ranging from 3 to 80 feet per minute.

However, the Ruth acquisition proved to be a rare commercial and ill-timed misstep for Bucyrus-Erie. Very few Bucyrus-Ruth units were ever sold to the market between 1939 and 1942 when World War II forced B-E to revise product offerings to accommodate the manufacture of military hardware like Dozer-Shovels, 22B

shovels, cranes, and draglines, and Howitzer guns. Bucyrus-Erie suspended the marketing and manufacture of Ruth Dredger, along with several other product lines to support America's war efforts. At the end of WWII, B-E did not include the Ruth Dredger in its



Bucyrus Ruth Brochure Cover



Antique Ruth Dredger Restoration



Bucyrus Ruth Brochure Back Cover



revised post-war machine offerings. The Bucyrus-Ruth Dredger was officially eliminated in late 1945, turning the specialized ditch digger into a rare collector's item of engineering history.

The Bucyrus-Ruth era lasted less than 3 years, and the Bucyrus Museum only has this sales brochure to

document the short-lived and unusual Bucyrus-Ruth product line. The brochure was generously donated recently by Cynthia Lefever of Colorado. Thanks Cynthia, we sincerely appreciate you helping us preserve this rare piece of Bucyrus history!

Bucyrus-Erie Ephemera

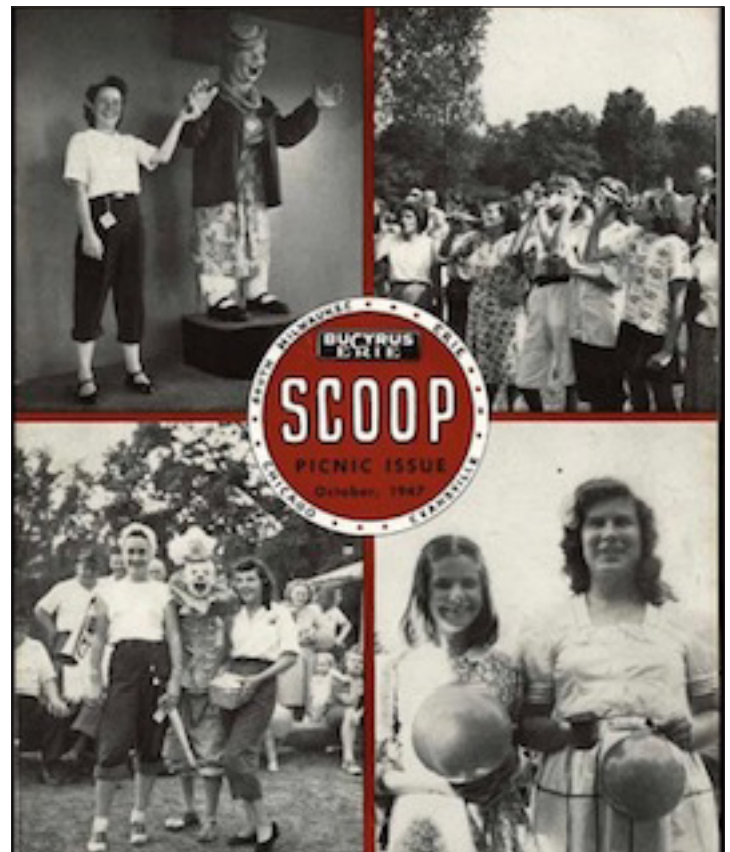
The word ephemera (i-FEM-uh-ruh) refers to items that are meant to last for only a short time and were originally created to be thrown away after a single use. Over time, the word came to describe vintage or collected paper items that people save as souvenirs or scrapbook materials. A big THANK YOU to the South Milwaukee Historical Society for their generous donation of these 1947 paper picnic badges and picnic ticket to the Bucyrus Museum!

This donation from their archives gives us a wonderful glimpse into the social side of life at Bucyrus-Erie almost 80 years ago. The collection includes a Bucyrus-Erie Employee Picnic badge for an adult and a child, along with a "Refreshment Ticket – Women Only" that was only good for ice cream and soft drinks (no beer for the ladies). Of course, that type of disparity between men and women would not fly today!

The picnic was held at Waukesha Beach on Saturday, August 30, 1947 and the cover of SCOOP gives us a little snapshot of how Bucyrus-Erie employees and their families spent a summer day together. You can see the

ticket attached to the belt loop of the young lady holding the clown's hand.

It's easy to focus on the enormous machines Bucyrus-Erie built, but pieces like these remind us that Bucyrus-Erie was also a community of people - employees, families, friends, and neighbors. We're proud to preserve these small but important pieces of South Milwaukee's history and share them with future generations. Thank you to the South Milwaukee Historical Society and to all the former employees and relatives who donate unique items to the museum to help us preserve the story of Bucyrus-Erie and the people who worked here.



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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Joe Michalski



In Loving Memory

With Heavy Hearts we said "Goodbye" to:

Cara R. Rogers - February 3, 2026
William "Bill" P. Marx - February 27, 2026
Oscar M. Christopherson - March 19, 2026
Robert "Gomer" L. Povolo - May 23, 2026
Helen L. (Larsen) Rohland - May 27, 2026
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October 29

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