

Next Meeting-Spring  
May 8, 2010  
Wabeno, WI



Tomorrow-your reward  
for working safely today

## Spring Newsletter 2010

With spring just around the corner now is a perfect time to get your engines ready for the upcoming steam season.

The Spring Start-Up article below is an excerpt from the Wisconsin Historical Steam Engine Association 2009 class manual.

### Spring Start-Up

Install grates and ash pan bottom.

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Flush boiler-this is necessary to remove scale that has flaked off during storage as a result of the expansion and contraction of the metal due to temperature changes.

Clean hand-hole plate gasket surfaces (both boiler and hand-hole plate) these surfaces must be flat and free of scale, rust and dirt in order to seal.

Clean washout plugs and holes.

Install washout plugs-use thread sealant.

Inspect feedwater inlet connection to boiler: there should be a tee at each inlet, remove plug and inspect for lime deposits and clean if necessary. This should be done once a year, more often if conditions warrant it.

Remove gauge glass and valves and inspect these connections for the same condition.

After inspection, replace glass (clean if necessary) also inspect gauge glass sealing washers and replace if necessary.

Remove and inspect/clean fuse plug, replace every 3 years with ASME approved/stamp plug.

**Note:** Above steps can be done at any time between winter lay-up and spring startup. It would be ideal to do it at the time of boiler inspection.

**Note:** When installing hand-hole plates always use new gaskets. Ensure clean smooth gasket surfaces. Gaskets can be purchased precut to the size of your hand-hole plate. Ensure that gasket fits plate properly (not loose or wrinkled) install in hand-hole. (Do not use any sealants or lubricants) install claw or block and turn nut up loosely.

Center plate in opening and turn nut up finger tight, and then snug lightly with wrench. Do not over tighten! Snug nuts up a little at a time during the initial steam up and checked each time you steam up thereafter.

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### Next Meeting

The spring meeting is on Saturday, May 8, 2010 in Wabeno, WI, and will be hosted by the Wabeno Antique Power Association.

Please see the back of this newsletter for directions/map.

This is the annual meeting. Membership renewals (\$20) are due and elections will take place.

Meeting Topics include a demonstration of the Phoenix log hauler, tour of the logging museum in Wabeno, WI, and viewing of the Camp 5 farm in Laona, WI.

Lunch will be provided. Please contact Vicky Mayer as soon as possible if you/your guests plan to eat.

General Membership meeting is at 1:00 p.m.

### The Last Meeting

The last meeting was held on January 23, 2010 at the Jerry Sanders Homestead in Fairwater, WI.

Approximately 37 members were present.

Treasures Report dated January 23, 2010 showed a balance on hand as of \$6955.26.

Mike talked about the NBCI and went into more detail at the presentation.

Mike stated that the WHSEA will apply for 501C4 tax status which will be beneficial for us financially. Cost to do this is \$650-\$750.

The club offered Jerry and Debbie Sanders a donation for hosting the meeting. They refused the donation and the club decided to name a second youth scholarship in the name of Harry Kline.

Mike Flood was reimbursed for photocopy expenses of \$137.55.

Jim Connor stated that the possible November meeting dates may conflict with Mid-Continent Railway events.

Discussion took place regarding fall meeting possibilities; Dean Meissner will look into the possibility of having a meeting in the Eau Claire, WI area. The auto museum in Hartford was also mentioned. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

### Future Meetings

If you have ideas for future meeting locations, tours and/or presentations please let me know.

### Club Membership

We currently have 73 paid/renewed members in the club. If you have not renewed your annual membership (\$20) yet please do so. Dues can be given to Vicky Mayer at the next meeting or sent to her anytime at: Please make checks payable to the Wisconsin Historical Steam Engine Association or WHSEA.

### Club Patches

To purchase club patches please contact Dennis/Betsy Lauer at 608-325-2248 or [betsylauer@yahoo.com](mailto:betsylauer@yahoo.com). Patches are available in 2 1/2" or 4" and are \$3 each or \$5 for both.



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### Website

This newsletter, pictures, steam links and more is on our website at [www.whsea.org](http://www.whsea.org).

### Members Input

Remember, before you fire up your boiler/engine the first time for this season; make sure you have insurance on your machine(s).

Jim Stein

### Classified Ads

**For Sale:** Sawmill Hill & Curtis 4 block 15' carriage, 34 track, 52" blade, refurbished. \$3,900. (262) 644-5662

**For Sale:** 1907 9 hp Case traction engine number 18630. Current WI inspection for 125 psi, and has been for the past couple of decades. Has also passed IL & MN state boiler inspections. The engine is mounted on a very unique, one-of-a-kind, 1904 Case, "high pressure" boiler that had originally been built for engine number 14809. This boiler was built stronger than Case's standard boiler of that time period, and has features not known on any other surviving small case boiler. Please contact:

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**Spring Meeting May 8, 2010**

When coming from the south on Hwy 32 (also N. Branch Rd.) turn **right on Fairview Rd.** the fairgrounds will be on the right shortly there afterward. The meeting will be in the new red metal building.

