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## ALISO VIEJO FOUNDERS DAY

By Rob Skinner

Nestled in a small valley, not far off Interstate 5, is the Aliso Viejo Ranch, where the city hosts its annual Founders Day celebration. This was the third year of the event and the first in which WAPA was able to participate.

The six hour event featured food from local restaurants, games and activities sponsored by children's organizations, blacksmithing, gold panning, a petting zoo, BMX shows, a climbing wall, and of course, WAPA.

Displaying in our area were Joe Siddons, Kelley Garcia and Rob Skinner. Klaus Duebber was beating on hot metal across the road from us.

Although we're primarily engine collectors, we thought it would be nice to bring some

hands-on machinery in light of the young demographic of Aliso Viejo.

Joe brought a vertical Maytag engine, a Stirling fan built by his father, and a magnificent assortment of hand-powered grinders. Joe brings two sets of grinders. His rarer and more delicate grinders stay behind the rope barrier, and the more durable grinders are mounted to a table and are placed where they can be used by the spectators. Joe brings some large steel bits on which the kids can grind to their hearts' content.

Kelley and Rob brought a Richard Hornsby engine, a corn sheller built in 1865, and a hand-powered corn grinder.

Our display was directly in front of the entrance to the ranch, and we couldn't have had a better location.

Interest from both adults and kids was overwhelming. I don't think any of us had time to sit down for lunch--we were kept that busy.

Many thanks are owed to Linda and Helen, from the city, for inviting us; to the Affentranger family for helping with our display; and to the people of Aliso Viejo for making this a memorable event.



## **SOUTH PASADENA CAR SHOW**

By Ken Evans

Pictures by Larry Evans

To help celebrate South Pasadena's Fourth Annual "Cruz'n for Roses" Hot Rod and Classic Car Show, WAPA put on another great show with our engines and equipment. The event took place on Sunday, September 14, 2008 on Mission Street. All our folks did a great job of talking to the large crowd and explaining what we are about. Tom Millett

was there with an Economy 2 hp pumping water. Next we had Joe Giocomarra running a 1 ½ hp Fairbanks-Morse. Leroy Overstreet exhibited a 1 ½ hp Economy powering a hack saw. All the way from Riverside were Merle Morse with a beautiful Galloway Masterpiece 6 hp, and Ron Haskell with a 7 hp Economy. Joe Siddons tried to run his McCormick-Deering 1 ½ hp manufactured by International Harvester but a governor spring broke early in the day. Tom Fee had his 1 ½ John Deere belted to a floor mount grinder/buffer.

Jim Davis was there, too, with a Fuller-Johnson pump jack engine with pump. And Larry and Ken Evans brought a United 1¾ air cooled engine running the Duro mystery water pump with a bucket the never fills or empties. In addition, Beverly Helm came by with some cookies. Gary, Diane and Gene Cervený stopped by also. Thanks to all of you and we had a very good show. The car show is to raise money for the City's self built Rose Parade float.



## **NEFF PARK SHOW**

By Tom Millett

It was a cool and cloudy day with an occasional smattering of mist, but nothing to pack up and go home about. We had a great group of members and most everything went as usual. One of the vendors had good bratwurst, so I didn't worry about anything else. Leroy Overstreet and I read the notice wrong (or perhaps didn't read it at all) and were on the road at 6:30 a.m. Well, we drank lots of coffee at McDonalds across the street before going over to the park only to be checked out by a wanna-be cop stopping everyone entering to lay down his rules about parking. Funny thing is; they never did hang any paper on any vehicles.

Bob & Margaret Swan, Leroy and I ground corn all day. Merle Morse and Tom Denson brought great machines, Bob Swan

brought a Fairbanks Morse and Joe Siddons had a table of hand corn grinders. Bruce and Sandy Byram and John McFarland had garden tractors on display. Gus Lukrofka had an engine, as did Tom Fee. I had the old faithful water pump jack. Member Fred Biggers stopped by to chat while his wife explored all the vendors.

There were lots of spectators and corn meal was an exceptional hit. Thanks to all the members who came out. You were great.

## **WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

By Tom Millett

This event is the annual VIP day hosted by the school PTA. Parents and grandparents bring a box lunch and enjoy spending the lunch break with their children. Our activity there is focused on hands-on items that the youngsters can participate in and enjoy during lunch.

Leroy Overstreet kept everyone supplied with corn, rope, etc. Ken Evans worked the rope maker with kids lined up waiting their turn to help. Tom Millett supervised the hand corn grinding. Jim Davis played a video tape of large engine activity in a show setting. He also displayed a model steam tractor operating on air and belted to a threshing machine. Tom Fee ran his Beautiful John Deere G engine to the delight of the kids. Tom Millett's hand water pump got lots of activity. The teachers always come around and show their appreciation for our activity. The school PTA provided a generous contribution to WAPA. Thanks WAPA members for being there.

**Board Members Present:**

Bob Swan, Tom Millett, Kelley Garcia, Craig Maxwell, Bob Smith, Jack Johnson, Joe Siddons, Leroy Overstreet.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD OCTOBER 10, 2008

BY TOM MILLETT

**Board Members Excused:**

President Wayne Mabb.

**WAPA Members Present:**

Jim Davis, Margaret Swan, David Ruhland, Carl Sharp, Slats Seeley, Dan Kato, Gus Lukrofka, Rob Skinner, Dick Bouma.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Bob Swan. Flag Salute was led by Slats Seeley.

**Vice President:** Bob Swan turned the meeting over to Secretary Tom Millett who would officiate the nomination of officers and directors.

**Secretary:** Tom Millett moved to approve the minutes of the September 2008 Board meeting. Bob Smith seconded. There were no objection or additions and the minutes were approved as taken by Bob Smith.

Millett announced that there was a business matter that he wished to do before the nominations got under way, at which time he made a motion to increase the number of board members from nine to ten, and give it a title of Museum Site Director. Jack Johnson seconded. Discussion centered around the need and whether we were bound to keep that position if there were no longer a need. Bob Swan verified that the Board of Directors can change the number of directors, not to exceed twelve. A show of hands vote was taken. The vote was 6 for, 0 against and 1 abstain.

Millett introduced Jim Davis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Jim presented a slate of nominees whom he stated have all agreed to accept the nomination, and serve. The slate follows: President, Wayne Mabb; Vice President, Bob Swan; Secretary, Tom Millett; Treasurer,

Kelley Garcia; Membership, Jim Davis; Purchasing, Leroy Overstreet; Library, Jack Johnson; Shows, Bob Smith; Safety, Joe Siddons; Museum Site Director, Craig Maxwell.

Millett asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. There will be no election because there were no more than one nominee for each office. Tom Millett announced that Jim Davis will be sworn in at the next board meeting.

Millett asked Carl Sharp to give the members a briefing on the "Play Day" he will be hosting on Saturday, November 1st. In Chino Hills. Carl handed out fliers for the event. Everyone welcomed, but it would be very much appreciated if you will let Carl know that you will attend so they know how many to accommodate for lunch. Carl also offered his place for a WAPA Fun Day.

**Treasurer:** Kelley Garcia presented the accounts status report. As of October 10, 2008, The two Money Markets total \$6,062.62, Checking 8927.96, Classic CD \$17,422.52, Escrow Account \$1022.39, Morgan Stanley \$12,380.64, Prado Museum \$2923.60, Smith Barney (WAPA Museum) \$110,344.01. Total monetary assets \$159,083.74.

**Membership:** Jack Johnson had nothing. There are no new members.

**Purchasing:** Leroy had nothing to report. Jim Davis asked about getting some corn on the cob for shelling. After much discussion, there was no solution. All agreed to keep looking.

**Break: 7:48 p.m.**

**Reconvene: 8:00 p.m.**

Millett returned to Membership to discuss placing ads in other organization newsletters. Carl Sharp asked if had ever been done and whether it would reap

members for us. Rob brought up that the Western Antique Iron Trader as a good source if we subscribe on-line rather than the hard copy. Rob will seek some exchange subscriptions and report back.

**Safety:** Joe Siddons warned everyone to watch out for youngsters such as one he encountered at a show who was about to put a rod in the flywheel of his engine. Millett reinforced the regulation requiring that all fire extinguishers are required to be certified every year. We have ours certified for this year.

**Shows:** Bob Smith reviewed the shows that have come and gone. He announced the Glendora Pumpkin Festival on October 18th. Carl Sharp will be there as blacksmith. He also announced the Wings, Wheels & Rotors at Los Alamitos Air Field coming up on October 26th.

**Editor:** Rob Skinner requested that everyone have articles to him immediately after the monthly meeting so he can make his deadline.

**Prado Park:** Craig Maxwell brought up the meeting he and Tom Millett attended at the office of Phil Krause, Regional Park Planning Director for San Bernardino County and Carvel Bass, Senior Ecologist with the Corp of Engineers on October 6th. There will be some consulting on the environmental review of the site located at Prado Park lake site.

New Business: Dan Kato donated various caps that WAPA can sell at show. He also donated magazines for the library.

Unfinished Business: None  
Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



In our recent meeting with the County and the Corp, it was brought to everyone's attention that a new project north-east of property #2 is proposing a large water retention basin. This project shows future water retention basins at our #2 property. While no direct application for this land at property #2 has been received by the county or the Corp, just the fact that they are considering flooding this area is a concern. Accordingly the County and the Corp are now thinking the "best" location for WAPA is property #3, the Euclid site.

Most WAPA members have thought that this site was the best of the three proposed sites, so this is good news. The bad news is the Environmental Assessment (EA) that was done by Tom Dotson & Associates back in 2005, while looking at all 3 sites, did its final report for site #2. Accordingly, for WAPA to move onto the Euclid site, a revised and/or updated EA will be required. The county is checking with Dotson & Associates on the time and cost associated with this update of the EA.

Another item the Corp brought up was that properties in this area are supposed to support recreation activities. On WAPA's 401C3 application we stressed the education aspects that WAPA would be promoting at the site. In the revised EA we will try to discuss the recreational activities proposed by WAPA for the site.

In summary, the good news is we are proceeding with getting approval for WAPA to occupy the Euclid site, the bad news is an updated EA will take many more months for preparation and review before this deal is done.

## MUSEUM REPORT

By Craig Maxwell

Here is an update on our discussions with San Bernardino County regarding the WAPA Museum land lease. A quick review is we have looked at three distinct properties in this adventure. The first one was on Cucamonga, near the entry gate (we had a groundbreaking there many years ago). The second is on Cucamonga, at the end of the road, adjacent to the model airplane fly club. The third is on Euclid next to the county park.

The county has been blaming the Corp of Engineers for delaying the final acceptance for WAPA. We recently had a meeting to see what problems the Corp had and what could be done to expedite the process. In our last discussions we were dealing exclusively in finalizing the details for property #2, the one on Cucamonga adjacent to the fly club.

## Caterpillar Play Day November 1, Saturday

Carl Sharp welcomes all WAPA members to the Second Annual Caterpillar Play Day in Chino Hills.

Bring your tractors, bring your earthmoving equipment, or just come to have a good time.

Lunch will be served, and donations are welcome.

For specific directions to the site, call Carl at 909-322-0714 or email him at [carlsharp@att.net](mailto:carlsharp@att.net).

## From the Editor

By Rob Skinner

To the new Board of Directors for 2009 and to the Board of Directors who are wrapping up their current terms, thank you for your dedication to the club and to its members. Without your help, we wouldn't have WAPA.

Also a big thanks to Tom Millett, Larry Evans, Craig Maxwell and Ken Evans for your articles for this month's Hit & Miss. You've all been a big help.

Lastly, if you have something for the Hit & Miss, email [editor@wapa.us](mailto:editor@wapa.us) or call 562-694-2301.