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# HIT & MISS

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## THE SEQUIM IRRIGATION FESTIVAL

### From the Top Left Corner

By Bill Bains

Greetings to WAPA from the Pacific Northwest! When I retired in 2004, I took my wife Robin and my small engine collection and an old 1928 Farmall Regular away from sunny California and moved to the north Olympic Peninsula, in not quite so sunny Washington. We live next to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, half way between Sequim (pronounced Squim) and Port Angeles.

When we got here I started looking for another group like WAPA and found, to my chagrin, that there were no old engine clubs in Port Angeles. The closest organized group of collectors calls themselves the Olympic Peninsula Antique Tractor and Engine Association, but they meet near Bremerton about 75 miles away. There are also several clubs across the Puget Sound, which looks close on a map, but taking a ferry across the Sound with a trailer carries a round trip fare of about \$80, not to mention \$5.00 diesel fuel.

After we'd been here a while we heard about the Sequim Irrigation Festival (some locals call it the irritation

festival because it clogs the parade, car show, strong man



streets with tourists). Turns out it is the oldest running festival in Washington, with this year marking the 113th annual celebration, put on to remember the building of the first irrigation canals bringing water to the farms on the dry Sequim prairie from the Dungeness River back in 1895.

The festival is a town wide event with activities taking place over an eight-day period. Of course there is a queen and court, and activities including a

contest, logging show, crafts fair, arts show, and a tractor pull and an old engine display. It turns out that there are some engine guys here after all, and since this is a farming area, lots of old tractors as well.

About a year ago, I met an engine collector, Randy Frick, who ironically, lives just down the street from me, and we have become engine and fishing buddies. Last May he said that he was taking a few of

his engines to the Irrigation Economy, a Witte, a Fuller and

Madole's swap meet, and my 1½ horse "Z".

Many people passed by our displays that day and amid the smiles there were lots of questions and words of thanks

for showing off our toys. I have since met a few more engine people on the North Olympic Peninsula and look forward to getting more of these folks not only out to the next Irrigation Festival, but to some of the other local events as well.

By the



Festival and that I should take

mine as well. After we talked about it a while, I agreed, so on Saturday, May 10th I followed him to Carrie Blake Park and we set up our display.

Randy had a trailer full of engines, including an

Johnson and a vertical Ideal. Randy's brother, Mike, was also there with a nice table full of steam engines powered with compressed air and Mike

Evans, a local diesel mechanic, was there with a trailer full of nice engines as well, including a vertical IHC Famous and a Yanmar diesel boat motor. I took along my 1½ horse Novo I have powering an old Wayne compressor I found at Larry

way, if you're ever up in northwest Washington, come on by and I'll share some of the clean cool air and some home made wine and we can swap some engine stories.

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2008

Board members present: Tom Millett, Joe Siddons, Jack Johnson and Leroy Overstreet, Wayne Mabb & Bob Swan, Kelley Garcia & Craig Maxwell.

Board member excused: Bob Smith.

Members present: George Noble & Gus Lukrofka, Jim Davis, John Hampton, Dan Kato & Rob Skinner.

Visitor: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Wayne Mabb.

Flag salute led by Craig Maxwell.

## REPORTS:

President: Wayne Mabb welcomed everyone and went directly into reports from the board members.

Vice President: Bob Swan reported that friends of his, who have been buying corn meal from the club for a long time, reported to him that the last amount that they purchased was a very course grind. Bob stated that his wife, Margaret checked a sample and indeed did find it to be a very course grind. In an attempt to establish at what show the corn meal was ground, it was established that it most likely was the Highland show. Caution was expressed by members that when grinding, use care and not rush the grind.

Secretary: The minutes of the June 13, 2008 board meeting were approved with no corrections on motion by Tom Millett, seconded by Leroy Overstreet.

Treasurer: Treasurer Kelley Garcia distributed a report on the finances. From 1-1-08 through 6-30-08 there was a net inflow/outflow of - 466.89. She also

showed the various account statuses. She reported that there have been three donations to the club in memory of Bob Helm. Rob Skinner turned over \$120 for sale of t-shirts over and above expenses.

Membership: Jack Johnson reported a new member has joined. His name is John Rimpau, who lives in San Dimas. Although not present at the meeting, all expressed a welcome to him.

Purchasing: Leroy Overstreet reported that he has sold one shirt and two hats.

Safety: Joe Siddons had nothing to report.

Library: Craig Maxwell had no report.

Shows: Bob Smith absent. Tom Millett stated that Bob had nothing to report except to announce the Marina Del Rey show on July 27th, the Chino Corn Feed Run on August 23rd, and that there would not be a show in San Dimas.

Editor Report: Rob Skinner announced that he has the capability to set up his web site to accept Pay Pal payment of annual member dues or gain new members over the Internet. Discussion that followed centered on this being a more modern approach to joining the club and not require a sponsor on the application. With the click of a button, the new member is immediately on board. The system can be used for the purchase of club items such as hats shirts, etc. On motion by Kelley Garcia, seconded by Jack Johnson, it was approved.

Prado Regional Park: Nothing new to report. Tom & Craig will be meeting with county officials and report back at next meeting.

BREAK: 7:48 p.m. to 8:09 p.m.

Unfinished Business: Jack Johnson asked if we were going to continue work at Rubel Castle. Tom Millett said he would get the teams back to work on the water pump driven by the 30 HP engine when the weather cools, and we also may want to run the engines periodically.

New Business: George Noble asked when we were going to have a Fun Day. In the absence of any other location, Tom Millett volunteered to check with the Glendora Historical Foundation to have one in Centennial Park. August 16th was a favorable date for it.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: 8:27 p.m.

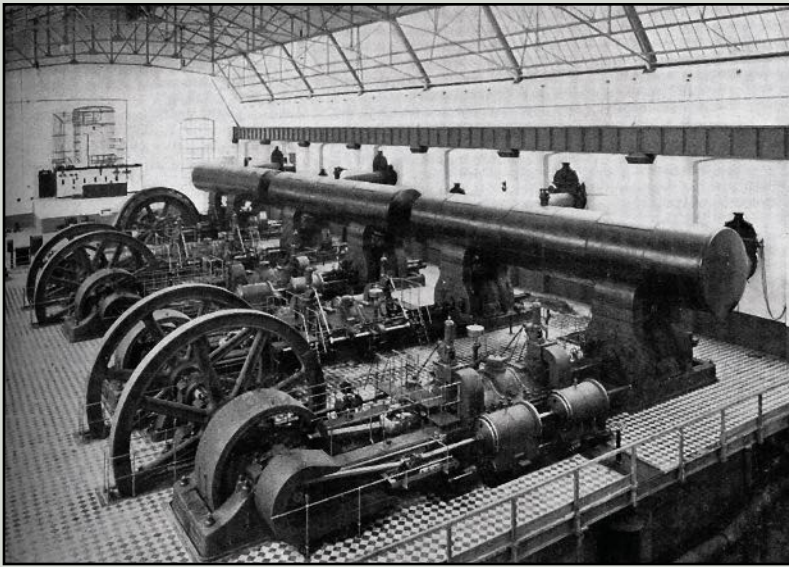
Tom Millett, Secretary

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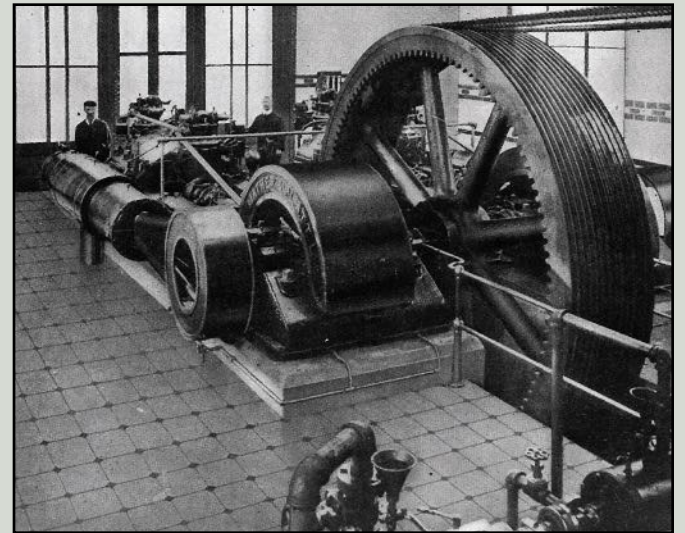
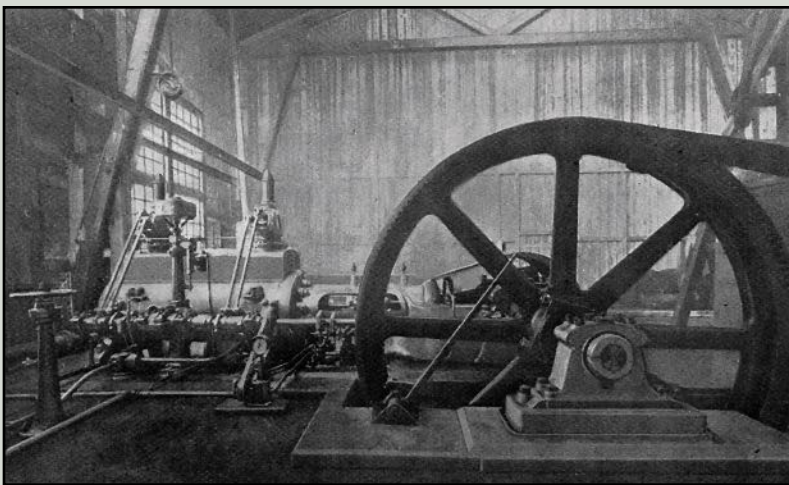
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Top left: A gas-power plant at facility of the Petit Fils de Fois de Wendel, Hayingen, Lorraine. These are four blowing engines running on blast-furnace gas. The engines were built by Klein Bros., Dalbruch.

Bottom left: Experimental two-cycle engine, 250 horsepower, at the Borsig factory located at Tegel, Berlin.

Below: Two-cycle gas engine at the Staley mill. The engine was built by Messrs. Mather & Platt, Ltd., Manchester, England.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 8, Friday**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

The WAPA Board of Directors meeting is held at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs. Heritage Park Rd. is off Telegraph Road just west of Norwalk Boulevard. The meeting is held in the train depot next to the steam locomotive.

**August 16, Saturday**  
**WAPA Fun Day**  
**9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

From about 9:00 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m. with lunch about noon or 1:00 p.m. Bring your latest project and show it off. Bring swap meet items. Come just for the fun of it.

Location: Centennial Park in Glendora. Member John DeLazzaro is President of the Glendora Historic Foundation that maintains the city park property and heritage house there. John may even arrange for members to tour the inside of the house.

Directions: East or west on the 210 Freeway, get off at Grand Ave. Go North on Grand to the second traffic signal, which is Mauna Loa, and turn right (East). Go until you can't go any further. Go through the park gate to the heritage house. For those who attend the Pumpkin Festival each year, that's the spot.

We will have hot dogs, perhaps hamburgers and the usual chips and potato salad, etc., plus whatever any member would like to bring. Bring your own drink. Lots of shade, tables and benches. All members and family invited. President Wayne Mabb will appoint a "Fun Day" Chairperson. Just come and have a few hours of fun.

**August 23, Saturday**  
**Chino Corn Feed Run**  
**7:00 a.m.**

Chino's 6th annual Corn Feed Run car show & cruise presented by Kiwanis Club of Chino. Show times are 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Setup is at 7:00 a.m.

Directions: From the 60 freeway, take the Central Ave. exit and go south to Riverside Dr. Turn right to Sixth St. Turn left. Go South to D St. Turn left. Setup in parking lot across from Seventh St.