

# President's Message By Dan Kato

Hello fellow WAPA members,

First, I must apologize for not attending the first Cal Poly Saturday morning board meeting. I am informed it was a great success. I have a valid excuse with a slip. I was attending the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Class #20 Volunteer On Patrol, V.O.P. Yes, I am now a member of this group. One must go through an initial six-week course of LASD policies and procedures, self defense, defensive driving (knowing how to drive a dump truck helped) and radio code jargon. Of course, "CODE 7", out of service or BREAK TIME is popular. The list goes on and the training also. It is all very worthwhile. This program is available in most, if not all, cities. I have joined for the county contract cities, and I have been directed to Pico Rivera. Check it out. It's all about giving back to the community.

On a sad note, I have been informed that we will not be doing Knott's Berry Farm this year due to a management change. What a great show for us to educate the public. In the future, get ready for Highland in the County of San Bernardino on March 31. It's a great community show; with a real down-home feel.

That's it for now. See you at the Saturday AM meetings, and remember, "this is your club", so be involved and give your board input, good or bad.

WAPA Board of Directors will meet Saturday, March 3 9:00 a.m. Agriscape building at Cal Poly which is next to the Farm Store

# What A Change!!! By Tom Millett

On Saturday, February 11, the WAPA Board of Directors held their first meeting at the Cal Poly campus in the Agriscape conference room.

Our *Hit'N'Miss* editor, Carol Haskell, put the big eyecatching notice on the front page and boy did we get a turnout. Attending were fifteen club members and 7 board members, including our three new ones. They filled the room and for those who remember the days of the membership meetings held at the Pasadena bank building, it brought back memories and a couple of tears.

There was interaction, the likes of which I haven't seen in ages. I haven't seen Ernie and Dorothy Groce at a board meeting since the Pasadena days. Welcome back, kids. It just goes to prove, "change is good for any organization". Once in a while you have to ask the old fogies to step aside and bring in some new energy.

Yes, WAPA is in good hands.



#### **New Members**

#### Jim Gilliland

Jim is a 72 year old retiree from Alcoa in 1998. He has gone on to establish a forging business in Montebello where his operation forges out engine pistons for a variety of applications, but especially racing engines, they also make vehicle wheel centers. He heard about WAPA through a friend of a friend and learned of Larry's "Fun Day" in January where he found the membership table. He has lived in Yorba Linda for several years and is married with 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Jim was looking for a hit-miss engine and found a one and a half H.P. Sattley with igniter along with another engine with no tag. Neither run but he will welcome help. Look for him at a show with some static art in a pickup truck needing help. Great to have you aboard, Jim!! (continued on page 4)

#### WEB GEMS



The late
Jack Thorp at
Knott's Berry
Farm,
remembered
for his great
rope making
talent.



PLEASE NOTE!! THERE IS A CHANGE OF MEETING DAYS FOR THE WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
WE WILL MEET THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

# TPCOMING EVENT

# 16TH ANNUAL HIGHLAND CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 31 Showtime: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Directions: From 10 Fwy in Redlands take 210 North. Exit Baseline Street and turn left. Turn right on Church Ave. Take Church to the end and turn left onto Pacific Street. Go 1 Block to Center Street. Turn left and set up on either side of the street.

There is plenty of room to display and plenty of close parking for your trucks and trailers.

Bring your own water, shade, and lunch if you don't want to partake in the many food vendors available.



#### **BUSINESS GEMS**

Monarch Bearing Company, bearings & seals, Santa Fe Springs, CA (562) 945-1288
Olson's Gaskets, custom made gaskets, Port
Orchard, WA (360) 871-1207
Smog Pumps Unlimited Inc, alternators, starters, & gear boxes, Santa Fe Springs, CA (562) 944-3221
S&A Engine Inc, industrial air-cooled engines,
Montebello, CA (323) 722-6066
Koch's Steering Wheel Restoration, Acton, CA (661) 268-1341

The Western Antique Power Associates is a 501(c)3 organization comprised of individuals who are dedicated to the preservation of antique engines, agricultural equipment, industrial tools, and other machinery that is part of our heritage.

For more information, please visit us at www.wapa.us.

## Western Antique Power Associates Minutes of the Board of Directors February 11, 2012 Agriscape Building, Cal Poly, Pomona

Rick Racette, Bob Smith, Kelley Garcia, Joe Siddons, Chuck Mayernick, Leroy Overstreet, Board member present:

Ernie Harmon

Board members excused: Dan Kato, Craig Maxwell

Members present: Tom Millett, Tom Fee, Jack Johnson, Ernest Groce, Dorothy Groce, Dave Ruhland, Dick Bouma,

Jerry Nicols, Greg Stires, Phil Sigmon, Dale Linn, Ron Haskell, Gus Lukrofka

Visitors: None

Meeting called to order: Vice President Rick Racette called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Flag Salute: Led by Jack Johnson.

**REPORTS:** 

President: Dan Kato was absent.

Vice President: Rick Racette welcomed everyone to the clubs first Saturday morning meeting at Cal Poly.

Secretary: Bob Smith made a motion to approve minutes of the January 13, 2012, board meeting. Second by

Joe Siddons. All in favor

Treasurer: Treasurer Kelley Garcia presented the final treasurer's summary report from 1-1-11 through

12-31-11. Total expenses were \$7,101.52 and total income was \$14,050.95. Also, presented, were the account totals as of 2/11/12. Cash Accounts \$32,711.99. Smith Barney Accounts \$163,471.94. She did not have the final figures on the Fun Day

at Larry's.

Membership: Chuck Mayernick announced that 60% of membership has renewed thus far. Chuck made a motion to accept 6 new members into WAPA. David Gregg, Max Steele, Jim Gilliland, Chris Baldwin, Bill McCormick, and Mike Andrews: 2nd by Kelley. Chuck made a motion to accept a Junior member into WAPA. Garrett Mindham; 2nd by Kelley. Since Garrett is under 16, it is the board's discretion to send Garrett through safety training. Ron Haskell gave the board a good

review of the safety that Garrett possesses so the board ruled to waive the safety training.

**Purchasing:** Leroy Overstreet needs a list of all WAPA equipment stored at members homes.

Shows: Bob Smith announced that Knott's Berry Farm has a new general manager and he decided not to do a

Country Fair this year. Greg Stires offered to check with the LA County Fair folks to see if they have

any desire to have us do a show for them.

Ernie Harmon accepted a donation by Don Hunter of truck manuals, and diesel books from Kelley Library:

Garcia.

Safety: Joe Siddons reported that all is safe in WAPA.

Craig Maxwell was absent. Bob Smith mentioned that Dan Kato, Craig Maxwell, Tom Millett, and Museum: Bob Smith met with Dan Hostetler and Kristen Daley of Cal Poly. Kristen Daley is part of the Ag advancement group to promote the agricultural program at Cal Poly. Kristen will take our information to the proper folks at Cal Poly and report on findings.

**Editor:** Tom Millett encouraged the submission of articles, webgems, and classifieds.

Glendora Castle: No report

**Cal Poly Restoration** 

**Project:** Allis Chalmers G is finished and ready for the field. John Deere 50 broke a cam shaft gear. 1948 John

Deere A is running but needs some minor parts and it should be ready for the field.

**Property Disposition** 

Committee: All that is left is a Wolf stove so it was suggested that the committee be disbanded. All were in

agreement.

**Unfinished Business:** Club purchase of Frank Moody's John Deere engine. Tom Millett would call Frank's son to see if the

engine is still available and what a reasonable offer would be.

**New Business:** Larry Nelson's wife, Pattie, donated some items of Larry's to WAPA. Leroy will inventory with Ron Haskell and report at next board meeting. Bill & Helen Stuber's daughter, Janice Haynes, raised the possibility of donating a Fordson Gleaner to WAPA. If donated, WAPA would be responsible to move it and we would need a place to store it. Greg Stires offered to help move it and we are asking Cal Poly if there is a place for storage. Will report at next meeting.

Announcements: None 10:45am Adjournment:

Bob Smith, Secretary

### New Members (continued from page 2)

#### Christopher Baldwin

"Chris" joined WAPA while at Larry Madole's "Fun Day" in January. He and a friend, Max, had been at our "Fun Day" last year and he had a great time. He has been a member of the Vista club for a couple of years, and because he has lived in Vista for about 21 years, he is active there. Chris prefers one day shows. He is a systems tech for the Motorola Corp. and services radios in emergency vehicles. He is a veteran of ham radio for 15 years. Welcome aboard Chris!

#### **David Gregg**

David was at Larry's "Fun Day" this year and picked up an application for membership. He delayed joining WAPA until his Pomona neighbor, Dale Linn, persuaded him to get his application and money to our membership director. His day at Larry's convinced him that this was a fun and super friendly group. His two sons have begun a search for a machine that will fit Dad's thirst for old iron. He already has a 1955 Chevrolet pickup and has eyed a vintage Ford tractor. David is in the trucking industry hauling hazardous materials.

WAPA is pleased to have you David. Enjoy the ride!!

#### Max Steele

Max is a retired mechanical engineer from Convair, having come to California to seek the American Dream after finishing college in the mid-west. He has been collecting and meticulously restoring engines since he was in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade in school when he restored and mounted a B/S engine on a bicycle. He has at least 25 impeccably restored engines, mostly Hit-Miss, and mostly models of Hercules, including a very rare Arco. He also has at least 100 small engines of the B/S variety and model airplane type. At age 74, he has three children and 10 grandchildren. He is a member of the Vista Club and learned of WAPA when he and friend Chris Baldwin came to Larry's "Fun Day" two years ago where he had loads of fun and knew immediately he had found the group he liked. He may be somewhat limited on show attendance, not wanting to drive long distances. Come when you can Max, and enjoy the friendship.



#### 2012 WAPA Officers

Dan Kato President Rick Racette Vice President Secretary, Bob Smith Show Director Kelley Garcia Treasurer Ernie Harmon Librarian Chuck Mayernick Membership Leroy Overstreet Purchasing Joe Siddons Safety Carol Haskell Editor Craig Maxwell Museum Director