



HIT 'N' MISS

Newsletter of the
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President's Report

By Bob Smith

I just read a draft of the minutes of the last board meeting and it looked to be well attended and very informative. I am very disappointed I couldn't be there but family matters came first. It sounded like Leroy did a very good job as vice-president in my absence. Speaking of Leroy, did any of you attend the Greg Stires event on Saturday? Leroy is trying to put together some very interesting events for WAPA members to attend. Well if you attended, you will agree with me that this was very interesting. Greg has a nice collection of engines, tractors, motor scooters, and wild game trophies. The Stires family graciously opened their business and personal collection to WAPA members and the public for their viewing pleasure, and what a pleasure it was.

I also read in the minutes of the shows scheduled for March. Rob is doing a fantastic job in scheduling new events for WAPA to attend. The more we spread our wings, the more people become aware of our great hobby.

I see we picked up 11 new members from the wonderful event at Larry Madole's fun day, car show, and swap meet. That is what we need to sustain this great organization. We need new blood and more exposure. Rob is handling the exposure. I want to thank all of you for your hard work and making WAPA an organization that others want to be a part of. Keep up the good work.

My View

By Tom Millett

As one ages, there is apparently a fervent yearning to reflect on past times and historical artifacts. So it goes with me, and that may be why I have a passion for old mechanical machines and devices.

I was obviously observed admiring the smudge pots at Larry Madole's "Fun Day/Swap Meet" and the capability of them to generate great amounts of heat which I was enjoying. At the February Board meeting, I was handed a copy of The Hometown Spirit, a local paper covering the west end of San Bernardino County. I'm embarrassed not to remember the donor's name, but on the front page was an article that walks through the history of smudge pots and their introduction to saving the fruit industry. Pretty scary freeze conditions were rather prevalent in that region of giant orchards from the first recorded freeze back in 1888 though the 1940's. Coal baskets were the most popular anti-freeze measures because they were clean. However, as unpopular as they were even back in those days, smudge pots were the most effective because they covered the entire area with warm, smoke-laden air.

Finally, a year after the great freeze in 1949, smudging was no longer permitted in residential and commercial zones. What a history for a device that saved the day for so many fruit growers and still can be seen peeking out from behind an outbuilding or sitting idle in a historical park waiting to have some young person ask, "What's that?" I look forward to the next event at the Madole Yard where I can roast my old bones and reflect on how important that pot with a chimney was in saving our fruit industry.

Safety Tips

By Don Young

- Avoid loose clothing
- Wear proper shoes
- Avoid heavy lifting and get help
- Maintain a clutter free area
- Use a pan with cat litter if your engine leaks oil
- Clean up spills immediately
- Do not leave a running engine unattended
- Have a fire extinguisher within reach

WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MEET

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 A.M.

**AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY
(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)**

March Birthdays

Palmer Bochow
John DeLazzaro
Valerie De Lazzaro
Tom Denson
Kathy Garrigues
James Lesovsky
Jerry Logan
John Rimpau
Sunny Rowlands
Dave Ruhland
Donald Sedam



*Happy
Birthday!*

CLASSIFIED

Do you need items hauled from/to Southern California and the midwest? I will leave May 5 and return later in May or early June.

If you need something delivered or picked up, I can transport it reasonably cheap.
David Ruhland 714-745-7572

Correction

In last month's issue under "Member Profile", I erroneously stated that Dave Ruhland had been president of the Vista organization, which I now know was incorrect. I apologize, Tom Millett

FOR SALE

"Texas Blaster" sand blaster
(pressure pot style, not a cabinet)
\$200.00 or good offer

Jack Johnson pd6pro@aol.com
or 714-350-5635 cell phone
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Upcoming Shows By Rob Skinner

Hayden Child Care Center March 9, Saturday

The Hayden Child Care Center will be hosting its Fifth Annual 5k Run and Family Festival, and would like WAPA to join in the fun. The run begins at 8:00 a.m. Following the run will be the festival, food, entertainment, and a vendor fair. Attendance is expected to be about 1,000, with current students, alumni, parents, and the surrounding community. Hands-on equipment is welcome, along with engines and tractors.

Setup begins as early as 6:00 a.m. Dan Kato is the chairman of this show; you can reach Dan at (562) 569-5863. It is Dan's soon-to-be daughter-in-law who is promoting this show, so let's make it a good one.

The address is 819 Buena Vista Street, Duarte, CA 91010. See you there!

Brea Baptist Church Car Show

Sorry folks. WAPA's participation in this event has been cancelled. The promotor couldn't put us in a good location, so we pulled the plug.

Highland Citrus Harvest Festival March 30, Saturday

Highland is always a fun show, with plenty of cars, vendors and participation from the community. To avoid the congestion from the other vendors, take Church Street north, all the way to the end; turn left on Pacific, then left on Center. We take up all of Center Street.

Setup begins at 7:30 a.m., the show runs from 10:00 until 3:30. Rob Skinner is the chairman of this show. If you have any questions, contact Rob at rob@wapa.us.

Riverside Air Show April 6, Saturday

This is NOT a WAPA show, but we are all invited.

We have been invited by Merle Morse to display antique machinery with him and his crew at the Riverside Municipal Airport. The air show is a spectacular event, with all sorts of modern aircraft, warbirds, helicopters, aeronautics and over 80,000 spectators. We will be located on grass, adjacent to the runway.

Directions on how to get into the airport will not be published. You MUST call Merle Morse to be put on the list and to obtain directions. Merle's number is (951) 687-7445.

**Western Antique Power Associates
Minutes of the Board of Directors
February 2, 2012**

Board Members Present Leroy Overstreet, Tom Millett, Joe Siddons, Kelley Garcia, Rob Skinner, Ron Haskell & Don Young.
Board Members excused Bob Smith, Craig Maxwell & Chuck Mayernick.
Members present Tom Fee, Gus Lukrofka, John Rimpau, Garrett Mindham, Greg Stires, Dick Bouma, Jack Johnson, Roger Hahn, Dave Ruhland, Jerry Nichols, Phil Sigmon, Dale Linn, David Gregg, Al Antonucci & Larry Madole.

Visitors Tom Reifer

Oath of Office Secretary Tom Millett conducted the oath as recited by newly elected Show Director Rob Skinner.

REPORTS:

President Bob Smith absent due to death in family back East.

Vice President Officiating Vice President Leroy Overstreet welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone in putting their trust in his appointment and promising to have some exciting events for the year.

Secretary Tom Millett made a motion to approve minutes of the January 5, 2013 board meeting. Second by Kelley Garcia. Approved.

Treasurer Treasurer Kelley Garcia presented the treasurer's report as of 2-1-13 Total assets were \$240,844.72. Cash Accounts \$27,768.14 Smith Barney Accounts \$180,436.58. Treasurer Kelley recommended moving the maturing \$18,362.75 Classic CD to the investment savings account. Millett made motion and seconded by Siddons. Approved by Board.

At this time Kelley introduced Charles Frieda and Charlie Lynch, financial advisers for Well Fargo Investments. They gave a great detailed synopsis of the investment strategies they are doing with WAPA investments.

Membership Chuck Mayernick absent. Secretary Millett presented his report. Paid members – 62. Life members including newly named Gus Lukrofka, Dean Hale & Jack Johnson – 28. Leroy Overstreet moved to accept 11 new members and Kelley Garcia seconded. Unanimously approved. The new members are: Paul Dunn, Jess Garrigues, Larry "Cigar" McCullah, Larry Mindham, Craig Rich, Robby Robinson, Francis "Sonny" Rowlands, Bob "Tall One" Smith, William Lenox, Stephanie Wilson & Jerry Wood.

At this time Tom Fee introduced guest Tom Reifer who stated he was a member of WAPA many years ago when there were only about 12-15 members.

Purchasing Ron Haskell stated he has a number of hats and shirts. The hats are grey and the shirts are blue with pockets. The shirt sizes are medium, large and extra large. He also has lots of club decals for windows, etc. He has both inside and outside types.

Shows Rob Skinner presented several upcoming shows.
3-9-13 Hayden Child Care Center, Duarte. Hands on for small children. Sanctioned. 1st by Rob, 2nd by Joe.
3-23-13 Brea Baptist Church Car Show. Sanctioned. 1st by Rob, 2nd by Joe.
3-30-13 Highland Citrus Festival Show. Sanctioned. 1st by Tom, 2nd by Kelley.
4-6-13 Riverside Airport. Not a WAPA event. Contact Merle Morse. Great crowd of spectators. The Highland Citrus Festival/Car Show is on March 30th.
There was lengthy discussion about whether to require events pay for insurance riders. Our insurance covers six shows for the year, and any additional shows require us to pay for a rider on the policy. Motion was made by Tom, seconded by Kelley to use discretion whether to get reimbursement to offset set costs for any additional costs of insurance to put on the show. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Joe Siddons announced that he is still taking an inventory of items in the library building at the Madole yard as time permits when he is not working. He will prepare the inventory for publishing in the Hit"N"Miss.

Safety Don Young had two concerns for shows. One is leaving running engines unattended, and second is making sure we clean up any oil dripping. He encouraged a drip pan under leaking engines.

Museum Craig Maxwell absent.

Editor Tom Millett stated he will be doing member profiles on the newly accepted members.

Glendora Castle No report

Cal Poly Restoration Project The John Deere 50 that broke a cam shaft gear is back together and was started up and ran well.

Unfinished Business Larry Madole presented bills for the Fun Day on January 12, 2013. Much discussion centered on future costs of that Fun Day. In the interest of WAPA promoting itself at this great annual event the overwhelming feeling of everyone was that WAPA should consider it a WAPA event and pick up all costs, including the lunch. It would be a joint effort by the property owner, Larry Madole and the WAPA Board. On motion by Millett, seconded by Kelley Garcia, the motion to approve was unanimous.

New Business None.

Announcements Dave Ruhland announced that the first part of May he will be going east across the country and that if any member has anything they want delivered or picked up, he will do it if it's not too far out of his way. Anyone interested should call Dave right away.

Adjournment 10:55am
Tom Millett, Secretary

This Old Iron--Gus Lukrofka

By Bob Smith

Gus Lukrofka's Haf-A-Hors

Back in late 2002 when Gus was in his prime at age 69 he acquired a rather unique and somewhat rare engine. It was an Elgin Haf-A-Hors. This little gas engine could be belted to small appliances such as butter churns, cream separators, washing machines or small power tools such as a drill press. Gus's engine required little restoration except a good cleaning and paint job. The shroud had a hole in it so Gus had a friend make a new one out of aluminum.

Gus also needed a decal so he had a friend of his son's make one for him. He had him make extra and sold the excess in GEM (Gas Engine Magazine). Gus no longer has this engine but it did find a good home with a new WAPA member. Bob Smith bought it from Gus last year. Maybe we will see it at one of our shows sometime.



2013 WAPA Officers
President Bob Smith
Vice President Leroy Overstreet
Secretary Tom Millett
Show Director Rob Skinner
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Founding WAPA Member Palmer E Bochow Dies At Age 85

By Tom Millett

Born March 23, 1927 and passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2013.

While living in Pasadena, Palmer was one of the founding members that started WAPA in 1975. He was the driving force behind WAPA involvement at the George Cross Pomona Swap Meets. Palmer was show chairman of that event from 1975 to 1996. In the beginning, George Cross needed an attraction to draw the public to his then fledgling Sunday swap meets, featuring Corvettes and Porsches. Palmer convinced him an old engine display with smoke and noise was his ticket, and from then on WAPA had center stage appearance at every swap meet.

In 1996 Palmer's doctor recommended he move from the smog of the Los Angeles area. That's when he and wife Margaret relocated to Carlsbad, California.

From 1996 to his death Palmer was the remote phone editor of the "Hit'N'Miss". Many of us WAPA members received calls from Palmer as to his likes and dislikes of a current month's newsletter. His patriotism to his country prompted him to insist that the American flag be depicted on the front cover of every issue, as it is today. Rest in Peace, Palmer.

Member Profile: Jack and Kay Johnson

By Tom Millett

Jack and Kay joined WAPA in about 1988 and have never missed a beat in all those years. But let's go back and trace what brought them to be such dedicated members.

Jack was born in the small town of Hills, Minnesota, but at the age of two was carted off to California by his parents who were riding out the great depression. Health reasons forced the family back to their roots and Jack, after finishing high school, entered the army to serve out his obligation. Once out of the military, Jack landed a job in Compton with J.C. Penney's and found his lovely future wife to be, Kay.

Kay was born in Bakersfield, but the family moved to Compton where she was educated. She received her teacher's credential at Cal State Long Beach, then commenced teaching full time in Downey. 1960 was the year Jack took Kay's hand in marriage. Six years later, they began raising a family at their new home in Cudahy. Jack worked in warehousing and another firm until they moved to Anaheim where he landed a position with the city utilities as an Electrician Test Tech. Many promotions later, Jack retired 1995 as supervisor of a SCADA system.



Kay had stopped teaching full time as the youngsters were born, ending up with two boys and two girls. That extended family has so far grown to eight grandchildren.

Jack, after joining WAPA and Vista, spent much of his pleasure time at the Hathaway Ranch in Santa Fe Springs. Kay did art painting all her life and is very creative with various crafts. Both of these great folks have made a great impact in the management of our club, as he has served for years on the Board of Directors. Thanks to both of you for your dedication.

Stires Fun Day Tour

By Tom Millett

As one drives by it looks like your typical earth moving construction equipment storage lot and a tilt up warehouse with eight work bays and an office. What a surprise as I entered the parking lot of the Gregg Stires facility at precisely 9:00 a.m. (as the directions dictated). Obviously, I got that wrong as I saw familiar WAPA faces already marveling at one of the finest collections and variety of toys I've ever seen. I first spotted the coffee pots, donuts, and Mrs. Stires making popcorn in a beautiful Carnival Popcorn Cart. With coffee in hand, I was now ready to explore.

Two beautiful vintage Chevys, one completely original with only 11,000 mile on it, and a '56 that would take your breath away stood next to a couple of fully restored farm tractors with implements. Flywheel engines, a vintage orchard sprayer and a breathtaking collection of scooters were just a few of the many items to be browsed. To get my attention real fast was the sound of a steam whistle, and there was Gregg in the vast asphalt lot at the controls of a gorgeous 1/2 scale 1906 Reeves steam traction engine towing a cart full of firewood.



At an appointed time, we were led to the second story trophy room. It's not possible to accurately describe the individual trophies, but rather to say the taxidermy work was beyond belief. An Alaska Brown bear standing on its hind legs was threatening, but amazing. On the beautiful white carpet were many, many Cushman scooters, three of which were former military versions with the original military numbers and parachute hooks. There was, I believe, a 1940's era Briggs/Stratton engine that is still encased in the original shipping crate with a tag on it stating the engine has no oil. Print space does not nearly do justice to this collection.

Leroy's assessment was on target when he published in the Hit'N'Miss, IT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND. The Stires' are to be

From the messy desk of Chuck Mayernick Your humble W.A.P.A Membership Director

Well folks, it's that time of year again. Many of you have already sent in your membership renewals and that is much appreciated. For those that haven't yet, this is a friendly reminder to get your dues in as soon as possible. Keep in mind, your dues are what make possible all the great shows, the Fun Days, the Hit 'N' Miss and the support functions that come together to make this just the best engine club going. And, by you sending the payments in a timely manner, you contribute to keeping down some of those support costs, most especially postage.

Now for some "not so pleasant" business. Due to the rising cost of our club badges, the board has reluctantly decided that we need to charge a fee for replacements. \$12.00 is what was decided upon, although this is still less than the club cost. Please keep in mind that this is for lost, stolen, beat up and broken badges. New members still receive the first one as part of the initial membership package.

Speaking of new members, I'd like to welcome all the new faces signed up at Fun Day. What a great day! Young and not so young alike, we had a wonderful response. Each one will be a valued addition to the success of the club with experience, enthusiasm and knowledge to boot. This being said, I encourage you all to help me with the recruiting process of new members. As our Life Membership roles swell, we need to keep the new blood coming. Remember, the "Lifer" (and I use this term with great respect) memberships are subsidized by the club. Thankfully, many have donated their membership monies. This helps greatly.

So, get your renewals in the mail. My heartfelt thanks to those who have already done so and a hope that we all have a successful and happy 2013.

**This is not a WAPA event.
The High Desert Tractor Group
heavily supports it. It's a
quick fun thing to do with your
truck or tractor. Ron Haskell**

**Bob's Big Boy & Chris Meilke
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9:00AM - 12:00PM

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