



HIT 'N' MISS

Newsletter of the
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President's Report

By Bob Smith

I need to start this by apologizing for what happened at the March Board Meeting. First off, we had a great turnout of over 26 members. I only bought a dozen and a half donuts so we had to share. The meeting room we normally use was being used by the Farm Store for their annual tasting room. We moved to the large Ag Center room where we put the tables in a square and started the meeting only to be interrupted by Cal Poly staff stating that they were going to use the room for a bug show. We moved into a storage area and circled the chairs to have a meeting. We get all of this for free but it is rather an embarrassment to be shuffled around.

This year I will be seriously pursuing a permanent meeting room where we can meet anytime we wish without interruption.

My next topic is on the recent Hayden school show in Duarte. There were only 6 members present but we did put on quite a show. We are thinking for next year we open it up to engines so we can draw more members. Check out the show report and pictures in this issue.

Play safe and I hope to see you all at one of our many shows throughout the year.

My View

By Tom Millett

As I was pondering about a good topic for this issue, the thought came to me about board meeting attendance. Back in my early days as a WAPA member, I remember going to our monthly membership meetings at the lower level of a Savings and Loan building along Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena. Ken Evans was the facilitator for our use of that meeting room, and I remember so well his announcement to everyone to bring your own chair if you want to sit because our attendance was so immense. Probably attendance was helped a little due to the fact that one member at the time owned a donut shop and kept us well supplied at those meetings. But, more than that,

there was enthusiasm in those days by members wanting to be involved in board matters.

Well folks, we may be on our way to a rebirth of those times. I recorded in the minutes of the March meeting a total of 27 attendees which included the board members and two visitors. A nice sized meeting room helps, I'm sure, but there is participation in discussions on topics like I haven't heard in a long time. There seems to be a lot

of that old comradely spirit that seems to have been lacking in the not too distant past. Keep up that spirit folks. That's the way we progress to new heights. Meanwhile, check our web site calendar at www.wapa.us for all the shows coming up this summer. Play safe.



**DUE TO THE INTEREST IN THE APRIL 6
RIVERSIDE AIRPORT SHOW IT IS NECESSARY TO
CHANGE THE DATE OF THE APRIL
WAPA BOARD MEETING.**

**THE NEW DATE WILL BE
SATURDAY, APRIL 13
9:00 A.M.
AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY
(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)**

MEMBER PROFILE--Gus Lukrofka

By Tom Millett

He's known around WAPA circles as the man who invented the motorized bar stool. In addition to that, he's the one that can be counted on to do a little "Show & Tell" at a Board meeting. He won't admit it but he may have inherited it from his dad, who could come up with unique and sometimes rather unconventional mechanical devices, a practice that was common in the 20's, 30's and 40's.

Gus was born and schooled through his teen years in Rolla, Missouri. At around age 15, his family carted him off to Colorado where he finished school. His first job was working in a gas station, and at the ripe old age of 17 he married Ella Jean. He got the courage to ask his gas station boss for a raise and had to admit to him that he needed it because he got married. Surprisingly, he got the raise. He's a little vague when asked how old Ella Jean was, saying she was about the same age. Don't tell him those marriages don't last. Ella Jean was his life long love until her passing in 2001, working much of her adult life business managing for school districts after starting out as a bus driver.

Gus and family moved to California where he got work cleaning windows while raising two sons. As time went on, his entrepreneurial blood kicked in and he formed his own company, East Whittier Window Cleaning. That company is still alive and operated by one of his sons.

Gus got the WAPA fever after he and Ella Jean went to the mountains for apples. There he met a man with a trailer loaded with gas engines who told him about Vista. Well, he found a 1 ½ HP John Deere and saw the Pomona George Cross show bunch of guys from WAPA. Thinking this was a Vista display he planted himself in their gathering and met Ken Evans. Ken set him straight, and before he knew what happened, Palmer Bochow had him signed up. Today, besides engines and bar stools, Gus has four Gibson tractors. He is indeed a WAPA fixture and always there whenever there is something he can do for the club, having served several years on the Board of Directors.

April Birthdays

Robert DeVoe
Klaus Duebbert
Kelley Garcia
Ernie Harmon
Chuck Mayernick
Rex McCleary
Larry McCullah
Tom Millett
Robert Smith



Happy Birthday!

Upcoming Shows

By Rob Skinner

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.

Set-up begins at 7:30, 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.

La Habra Spring Citrus Fair April 21, Sunday

La Habra's springtime fair has rides, stage shows, food, and lots of vendors. This year there will be an area dedicated to our agricultural heritage. We will be located next to the Old Settlers Historical Museum. Also in our general area will be rock and gem collectors, and it's been rumored that Klaus will be there with the California Experience.

The show starts at 12:00 and runs until 4:00. Setup begins no earlier than 10:00. From Euclid Avenue, go two driveways north of La Habra Boulevard and turn east, between the post office and the police department. If you look at Google Maps, the driveway is labeled W. Erna Avenue. We will be located along the northeast corner of that parking lot in front of City Hall.

If you plan on attending, please contact Rob Skinner (rob@wapa.us or 562-694-2301) so he can set aside parking space for your truck and trailer.

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

Board Members Present Bob Smith, Tom Millett, Joe Siddons, Kelley Garcia, Rob Skinner, Craig Maxwell, Ron Haskell & Don Young.

Board Members excused Leroy Overstreet & Chuck Mayernick.

Members present Gus Lukrofka, Cody Johnson, Paul Dunn, Ernest & Dorothy Groce, 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 Stevie J. Mote & Roger Kindel.

Call To Order President Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Flag Salute Led by Bob Smith

REPORTS:

President Bob Smith welcomed everyone and dedicated the meeting to deceased Founding Member Palmer Bochow.

Vice President Leroy Overstreet absent.

Secretary Tom Millett made a motion to approve minutes of the February 2, 2013, board meeting. Second by Ron Haskell. Approved.

Treasurer Treasurer Kelley Garcia presented the treasurer's report as of 3-1-13. Total assets were \$238,286.46. Cash Accounts \$24,589.10. Smith Barney Accounts \$181,057.36. Treasurer Kelley stated per Board direction, she has moved the maturing \$18,362.75 Classic CD to the investment savings account.

Membership Chuck Mayernick absent.

Purchasing Ron Haskell stated he is soliciting any ideas from members the preferred articles of clothing they would like made up with WAPA logo and for purchase. Tom Millett informed Ron that he will take inventory of cook books so that Ron can decide how to dispose of them.

Shows Rob Skinner presented several upcoming shows.
3-9-13 Hayden Child Care Center in Duarte. Hands on for small children.
3-23-13 Brea Baptist Church Car Show. Rob cancelled that show because of lack of space, parking, etc.
3-30-13 Highland Citrus Festival Show.
4-6-13 Riverside Airport. Not a WAPA event. **Must call Merle Morse if you want to attend.** Great crowd of spectators.
5-5-13 The Antique Truck Show. Sanctioned on motion by Rob and second by Kelley.
5-19-13 Brentwood Magnet School Show. Sanctioned on motion by Rob and seconded by Tom. Details of each show will be written up in detail in the next issue of the Hit 'N' Miss.
Bob's Big Boy in Norco is having a car/truck show on March 23rd in their parking lot. They welcome engines and tractors.

Library Joe Siddons had nothing to report. Jack Johnson presented a book with a listing of every John Deere "B" tractor made which includes serial numbers and delivery dates, etc. It was very well received and very much appreciated.

Safety Don Young introduced visitors Stevie Mote and Roger Kindel from the High Desert. Don cautioned that with our show season coming up, we need to be extra vigilant of small children near the moving machines.

Museum Editor Craig Maxwell absent.
Tom Millett had nothing new to report. Classified ads are always welcomed. Bob Smith encouraged all members to submit interesting articles to the paper.

Glendora Castle No report

Cal Poly Restoration Project Since the college would like to have as many of the antique tractors running as possible at their annual show, we will be concentrating on driving them around in preparation.

Unfinished Business Dick Bouma brought up the matter of the 200HP Twin Western engine belonging to the Chino Valley Water Company. Much discussion ensued about whether it would be a project for WAPA to seek out information on the ownership and removal. President Bob Smith suggested Dick take photos of the engine and building enclosure so we can make some determinations about our interest. Ultimately the matter was put on hold for further consideration.

New Business Announcements None.
A sale is coming up of items belonging to former member Bernie Sanchez. Details will be forthcoming. WAPA members will have first pickings for the first two hours. Many magnetos, oilers, a few engines and glass jar batteries are among items that will be sold.

Adjournment 10:08am
Tom Millett, Secretary



This Old Iron--Dan Kato

By Bob Smith

This month I am writing about a scale model engine that Dan Kato purchased from the late Larry Nelson collection. Dan did not know much history on this model of an IH Famous 4HP horizontal only that he thought Larry acquired it from Arnold Bohlander and Ernie Groce had something to do with it. I called Ernie and history started to spew from his brain. Ernie remembered that Arnold bought the kit unassembled but fully machined and ready to assemble for \$1,750. The kit came with 2 bases so Arnold gave 1 of the bases to Ernie. After reviewing the magnitude of the assembly process, Arnold decided to send the kit back to the manufacturer for assembly for a mere \$1,150 more. Ernie believes that Gail sold the engine to Larry after the passing of Arnold. If I am wrong Gail, please let me know. Larry would run the engine at shows and after some time the piston would start to bind. Larry asked Ernie for help and Ernie discovered that the o-rings on the piston were not the right type and would swell with oil. Ernie replaced the o-rings with the proper ones and gave the engine back to Larry. Ernie did not want anything for fixing the engine but Larry gave him \$20 for his trouble. Thank you Dan for keeping this piece of history in the WAPA family.

2013 WAPA Officers	
President	Bob Smith
Vice President	Leroy Overstreet
Secretary	Tom Millett
Show Director	Rob Skinner
Treasurer	Kelley Garcia
Librarian	Joe Siddons
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Purchasing	Ron Haskell
Safety	Don Young
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Hayden Child Care Center Show

By Tom Millett

When it comes to a large and interested group of active spectators to our hobby, the Hayden Child Care Center 5K Run and Family Festival was the place to be. Located in the City of Duarte, this was their fifth annual event held on Saturday, March 9th. Although Show Chairman Dan Kato had to relocate us from our intended site, it turned out to be a blessing for us because it placed us on prime land. Jack & Cody Johnson chose a conspicuous spot for their Farmall Cub set up with safety steps for children to have their photo taken on the seat. Dan Kato displayed his miniature International Harvester Famous tractor. Bob Smith set his pair of kitchen pitcher pumps and hand clothes washer next to Joe Siddens, who kept youngsters busy all day hand grinding corn and making rope. Tom Millett had WAPA balloons with hand tire pump, and competed with Joe on the rope making activity, but the little ones stood in line for their turn at both machines. Dan persuaded all the Nuns present to do a photo shoot on the tractor. Talk about a crowd pleaser; everyone took the opportunity to get a snapshot that they might never get again. Dan also arranged for all WAPA members to enjoy pastries, water and a nice lunch at no cost. That always livens the spirit. It was indeed a great day of fun with a great bunch of appreciative folks.



Additional information on the February article for Mel Smith, taken from the GEM, July, 1990, issue No. 7. The engine is a 1½ Hp E Hercules belted to a Blue Star pump jack pumping water with an old Hayes rack-and-pinion pump.



The award was for best engine display and the best restoration from the EDGETA show in Glendale, Arizona in February, 1990.

Safety Tips By Don Young

Take time to be safe
 Maintain a safety attitude
 Safety is everyone's job
 Setup engines with exhaust directed away from the public
 Block wheels if parked on unlevelled area
 Clean up water and oil spills
 Assist children if they are using corn shellers, water pumps, grinders etc.
 Set a good example by following safe work practices

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.



RARE FIND! BY JIM DAVIS

Built in the 1940s, the John Deere Model 101 Tractor was an experimental design which offered unobstructed views of the ground, both in front of and directly to the rear of the operator. It's believed that only five tractors were produced.

WANTED

Two Used Tires for a 1952 Farmall Super C Tractor. Any of these three sizes are OK as long as two of the tires are the same size: 11.2X36, 10X36, 9.5X36

Roger Hahn 626-826-0690



All you old farm hands--do you remember giving treats to your cats?