



HIT 'N' MISS

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President's Report

By Bob Smith

We are over the hump for 2013. We have enjoyed some great shows the first part of the year and look forward to some great ones for the last part. Keep an eye on the calendar and plan on attending 1, 2, or all of them. Each show has its own characteristics. The people seem to be the main part of a show. I had a reporter comment to me at the Steve McQueen car show that WAPA members do not just come to a show, set up their equipment and run it, but they actually interact with the public and educate them on what they are showing and what it was used for. That is a comment all of you should be proud of, and I feel that is what makes our club stand out from all the rest. I can speak from experience that when I come home from a show my feet are sore and my jaws are tired. I am standing and talking to the public or talking to other WAPA members.

We are also at that point in time where we must start thinking about who we would like to guide WAPA for 2014. Elections will be in September so I have selected Dick Bouma to chair the nominating committee. I don't expect Dick to beg anyone to run for a board position next year. We are all old enough to make those decisions on our own. If you would like to be a part of the decision process then let Dick know so he can put your name in for nomination. We have gone several years without a true ballot election, and I think as a democratic society, we should have more than one person running for each office. There are some very exciting things happening now and it is a pleasure being a part of it. Don't sit on the sidelines, do your part for WAPA.

My View

By Tom Millett

I don't want to steal President Bob's thunder, but I thought it time to expand on his President's Report as he encourages members to get involved in a leadership role of this great club. For the last few years we have seen a great interest in our business of smoke and noise. It's been exciting to see our newer members turn out at shows and enjoy a morning of relaxing fun as the Board of Directors toil with agenda items on meeting day. However, as Bob notes, there are exciting times on the horizon. Our very limited Saturday mornings of getting a few old Cal Poly machines back to life is being recognized by powers in high places.

That brings me to my point. As Bob said, we haven't had a rip roaring election in several years. That tells me it means one of two things: "total apathy" or "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". Neither of these thoughts is acceptable to me. Fresh minds with thought provoking ideas always keep organizations at top performance. It's time to get back to a selection of candidates on a ballot form elegantly prepared by the Evans brothers. It's time for an annual membership meeting that fills the room to nominate candidates for office. It's time to get back to the five minute campaign speech by each candidate. There are three and a half pages in our by-laws dealing with elections. It's been so long since they have been used that even I had to review them for this little soap box speech.

So, don't disappoint this old man! Put on your "Take Charge" hat and throw your name in nomination. I'm reasonably sure no member of the board has an ego problem, so cast aside all fears that you might offend someone. Go ahead, offend me. I'd love it. **Call Dick Bouma TODAY.**

August Birthdays

- Fred Biggers
- Dick Bouma
- Dan Kato
- Garrett Mindham
- Craig Rich
- Margaret Swan



Happy Birthday!

**WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MEET
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 9:00 A.M.
AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY
(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)**

MEMBER PROFILE: Jim Davis

By Tom Millett

You are on a commercial airline flight and approaching your destination. You feel the plane descending and the pilot announces that you will be at the gate in 10 minutes. You look out the window and see nothing but fog. Your fingers grip the arm rest until your fingers turn white. Why is it that the pilot can see the runway, but you can't even see the wing tips of the plane? Thank the man who worked for 31½ years helping perfect that device that lands you safely. That device is called Ground Approach Radar and Jim Davis is that man who started out working for ITT as a young 1968 graduate of Electric Tech School which incidentally was owned by that company.



Jim was born and raised in Alquina, Indiana. His first 10 years of school were in a public school that had shop training classes which included building hog houses and corn cribs. He then was enrolled in a finishing school that had more variety of tech training and graduated in 1966. That's when he went to Indianapolis to enroll in Electric Tech. ITT saw more need for Jim in Los Angeles, and that's what drove him west.

Jim married wife Nancy in 1971 after meeting her at a Spanish night class. She remains employed with Citizen Business Bank after 30 plus years. Jim retired in 1998. They have raised two daughters and a son.

Jim joined WAPA in the late 1980s during one of Bob Swan's terms as president. He also is a member of Early Times Gas Engine and Tractor Assn., branch 30, as well as branch 183 of Valley Fly Wheelers. Jim boasts possessing about seven engines and has always been a loyal supporter of keeping the early farm machine history alive. Whenever there is need for WAPA related photos, Jim's the man to call. Thanks Jim for your years as a faithful WAPA member.

Nethercutt Museum Tour

By LeRoy Overstreet

- Reservations have been made for a WAPA tour of the
- Sylmar Nethercutt Museum at 15151 Bledsoe St., Sylmar,
- California on Saturday, August 17th. The tour begins
- promptly at 10:00am. For those who have never done the
- tour, it is a tower of beauty. There is a dress code which is
- appropriate casual dress. No overalls. The reservations are
- for 35 attendees, give or take a few. **I need a head count**
- **as soon as you read this.** Call me at 626-334-1639 or
- e-mail at lpwapa@gmail.com.

Need a WAPA T-shirt?

By Ron Haskell

We are trying something different this time. Instead of buying several hundred shirts and warehousing them, I purchased WAPA logo transfers in white and black to put on the shirt, windbreaker or item of your choice.

You can purchase one large and two small (one for a hat) from the club for \$3.00. Or you can put in an order with me, and I will get a shirt for you. Just tell me your size and what type shirt and color you want.

We like to buy USA made shirts, but that is up to you.

Want a pocket? Let your choice be known. Email: rdhaskell@juno.com, or call 951-233-0551.

Drake's Folly

Submitted by Jim Davis



"Drake's Folly", the first well that sought oil and found it! In 1859, with not a penny left to his name, former railroad conductor Edwin Drake borrowed \$500.00 from the bank and drilled down 69.5 feet in Titusville, Pennsylvania. Drake's well, which was successful due to its being lined with lengths of pipe to

prevent it from collapsing, set off the Black Gold Rush! Oil was no longer just an annoying and unwanted by-product of salt-brine wells. Instead, it changed the world forever, and all Drake needed was a little determination and imagination!

**Western Antique Power Associates
Minutes of the Board of Directors
July 6, 2013**

Board members present Bob Smith, Tom Millett, Joe Siddons, Craig Maxwell, Ron Haskell, Chuck Mayernick, Kelley Garcia, Leroy Overstreet, Rob Skinner & Don Young.

Board Members excused None.

Members present Gus Lukrofka, Roger Hahn, Dale Linn, Ernie and Dorothy Groce, David Gregg, Jack Robinson, Larry Madole, Dave Stockton & Tom Fee.

Visitors None

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

Flag Salute Led by Dale Linn.

REPORTS:

President Bob Smith welcomed everyone and announced that there will be two door prizes at this meeting.

Vice President Leroy informed the members that he is putting together a tour of the Nethercutt museum and needs a head count. He will publish his request in the August issue of the Hit"N"Miss.

Secretary Tom Millett made a motion to approve minutes of the May 4, 2013 board meeting. Second by Haskell. Approval vote unanimous.

Treasurer Kelley Garcia shared a detailed financial report of the club. On June 30, 2013, the total investments were \$195,099.72. Total assets, which includes all WAPA owned property, is \$233,793.20.

Membership Chuck Mayernick submitted a written report as follows: paid members as of 7-6-13 is 155, life members (26), Honorary members (4), Charter members (1). On motion by Mayernick and seconded by Millett, the following new member was accepted by the Board: Bill Nichols.

Purchasing Ron Haskell now has transfers and elaborated further on his plans to provide transfers for new shirts. All members can buy their own shirt from any source and place the WAPA transfer on the shirt. They can also place transfers on a hat of choice as long as it has no frontal center seam. Embroidery work is available, but can get a bit pricey.

Shows The Classic Yacht Club show at Marina Del Rey on 7-28-13 was sanctioned on motion by Rob and seconded by Millett. The Chino Corn Feed Run show on 8-24-13 was sanctioned on motion by Rob and seconded by Haskell.

Library Joe Siddons has spent some time arranging things in the museum building.

Safety Don Young cautioned when running engines at shows, we must be ever mindful of small children who can very easily slip under the ropes.

Museum Craig Maxwell stated that we are coming up with a list items we would like in our agreement with Cal Poly so as to prepare for discussion toward a signed agreement of understanding with them.

Editor There will not be any show reports in the August edition of the Hit"N"Miss so everyone was encouraged to send in any articles of interest for publishing. Tom Millett also announced that no member called to identify the "What is it" tool in the July edition. The tool is a model T or model A Ford spring leaf spreader.

Glendora Castle The Glendora Historical Society has made application to place The Rubel Castle on the National Register of Historical Places. They have asked for a letter of support from WAPA. Tom Millett will draft a letter for the President's signature.

Cal Poly Restoration Project President Bob Smith stated that the crew has been mainly working on the Gleaner front wheels and the springs to adjust the elevator cutter bar.

Unfinished Business Dick Bouma was absent so there is no update on the matter of the 200HP Western engine.

New Business June is the month that the board members elect a chairman of the Nominating Committee. After considerable discussion, Dick Bouma was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Committee.

Adjournment 10:30am
Tom Millett, Secretary
Next Meeting: August 3, 2013

**Safety Tips
By Don Young**

Hot weather is here: Avoid burns on hot engines
Use caution when refueling
Keep fuel in the shade if possible
Check your trailer
Tires for wear, proper inflation
Coupling devices, safety chains, lights
Tie down straps, chains for wear
Maintain an alert safety attitude

This Old Iron--Mark Panzone

By Bob Smith

When Mark Panzone shows up at an event you are in for a treat with his engine display. This month's article is on his circa 1915 1 1/2HP New Holland side crank manufactured in New Holland, Pennsylvania. The history behind this unique engine is 30 years ago a European collector was in the states and bought this engine. For 25 years he showed this engine all over Europe and was the hit of the show for displaying such a unique American engine. Well, the gentleman started to get up in age so he started to sell off his collection. A dealer in Maine helped Mark buy the engine and prepare it for shipping back to the states in a bug proof crate.

When Mark received the engine he discovered the collector took very good care of it because it needed no work and was in great working condition. Thank you Mark for sharing this engine with us and bringing it back home to America.



2013 WAPA Officers
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Secretary Tom Millett
Show Director Rob Skinner
Treasurer Kelley Garcia
Librarian Joe Siddons
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MEMBER PROFILE: Bob & Margaret Swan

By Tom Millett

Natives of the State of Kentucky, this great couple was married 65 years ago on July 23, 1948. Bob was born close to Louisville on September 6, 1923, and Margaret in Southwestern Kentucky on August 27, 1925. After finishing high school, Bob went off to war serving during World War II in the Naval Air Force as aircraft mechanic, and Margaret worked as “Rosie the Riveter”, building war planes. Because of her small stature, she worked inside the wings of planes.



Sales Executive Vice President. At one stage, he was also co-owner of a small insurance brokerage.

In the early 1980s and while still working, Bob took a small engine repair course and started a small lawnmower and small engine repair business which he continued to do as a hobby after retirement.

That's when his introduction to WAPA member Tony Morales came about. Tony's friendship eventually got Bob to join WAPA. Margaret and Bob, from the start, both became extremely involved in WAPA activities, and corn grinding was their forte. Margaret was the WAPA expert on the correct texture of the corn meal grind and you could always find her seated at the corn meal table at shows (as shown in the photo). Bob served on nearly every directorship position of the WAPA Board of Directors. He served as President of the Board from 1993 through 1996, and from 1998 through 2000. As president, he was the driving force to set aside a portion of revenue to a museum fund. He also strongly believed that corn grinding should be a part of every show.

Such congenial, mild mannered folks are hard to find. Recently, member Jim Davis told me that, as a youth, his daughter Heather told him, “Dad if I didn't have you as a father, I would want Bob Swan”. That about says it all. Bob and Margaret have now retired from the WAPA activities, but they will always be remembered by those of us in the WAPA family who are fortunate enough to have known their great contributions to the club.

Bob was discharged in San Diego, California. Longing to get back home, he bought a motorcycle and headed east only to have it break down forcing him to ride a bus for the remainder of the trip. Taking up driving a city transit bus and street car, one of his fares was a sweet young lady. As a dutiful driver would do, he asked a man to please give her his seat. It turns out that man was his brother. After about six months, he finally got up the nerve to ask her to have a hamburger with him before his work shift. A year later they were married. By then Margaret was employed at Firestone Rubber Co. After six years into the marriage, daughter Cheryl was born and 13 months later daughter Karen was born.

Bob's urge to return to California brought the family here in June 1964 in a 1959 red Mercedes bought for \$1500. Bob entered the insurance sales business and after working for a couple of companies, he settled in with Transamerica Insurance and retired with them as



WAPA fun memories!
By Ron Haskell



Bob Swan



Leroy Overstreet, Tom Fee & Joe Giocomarra having fun



John Hughes



Chili and Rob Skinner making butter



Merle Morse & Ernie Groce



Babysitting with Ron Haskell

An advertisement for shoes. It features a pair of dark leather shoes. The text reads "Time Honored" in a cursive font, "SINCE 1898" in a smaller font, and "Robert, Johnson & Rand" in a cursive font at the bottom. The background is a light color with a framed area around the shoes. The text "56" and "COUNTRY" are visible in the top corners.

August 1944
edition of
Country
Gentleman.
Look at the
price of shoes!