



HIT 'N' MISS

Newsletter of the
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President's Report

By Bob Smith

At the July board meeting I asked for a volunteer to head the nominating committee to gather names for the 2015 board for WAPA. One gentleman offered the challenge and accepted the position with enthusiasm. Roger Hahn is the chair of the nominating committee. His task will be to contact members to add their name on the ballot for elections for the 2015 board of directors. Let's give Roger and WAPA your support. If he calls you, either have him put your name on the ballot or come up with some good excuse as to why you cannot run.

If you would like to help Roger collect names then give him a call and tell him how you can help. The attendance at board meetings has increased and participation at shows has also increased so that is an indicator to me that more WAPA members are getting involved. To contact Roger call him at 626.857.9490 or e-mail him at roger.hahn2@verizon.net Thank you for your support.

My View

By Tom Millett

The guys that play with me at the Cal Poly tractor shop have heard this story before; perhaps many times depending on how many times I have repeated myself.

Back in the 30's, 40's and 50's farm tractor companies went to great lengths wooing farmers to buy red, green or orange. Most makes by then had battery operated starters, power take-off and belt pulley attachments. So, it pretty much depended on which color you preferred. Farmers chose sides as fiercely as armed soldiers in battle. For instance, in my part of the country, as a youngster, it was either red or green. Well, my father only bought red machines with a McCormick Deering logo and my uncle Oscar only permitted John Deere green on his land. So, growing up in that environment I was never exposed to the inner working of the Deere. Well, perhaps my Dad knew something that he kept hidden from us boys as we toiled in the fields riding Farmall tractors.

A few weeks ago, our little group of Cal Poly tinkerers were preparing a John Deere "A" for painting. As we were stripping it of all the sheet metal and taking it down to its basics, we were at the point of removing the cowl sheet metal cover. However, the steering wheel shaft goes through the sheet metal and into the sector shaft box. What now? Call our trusty consultant, Ron Haskell for advice. "Ron, how do we get this thing off?" "Oh", says Ron, "You have to pull off the steering wheel, then unbolt the sector front plate and pull the steering shaft and worm gear out the front. Then, since the gas tank is attached to the cowl and difficult to undo, you had best take it off with the cowl". I'm flabbergasted, to say the least.

Now, let's get back to my Dad and his fetish for owning only Farmalls. Did he know about this complicated and idiotic way of removing a piece of sheet metal from a John Deere? I don't think so. I only know that on all models of Farmall tractors of that vintage, you loosen the two muffler bolts and lift it off, pull down on cowl attachment clips on each corner of the cowl, and guess what? The cowl is ready to lift off; a task that takes three minutes. I have never expressed my view of Deere placing the engine over the rear axle to act as rear wheel ballast instead of at the very front of the tractor to keep the front wheels on the ground under heavy load. That, too, always seemed a little strange since wheel weights had to be attached up front instead to do the job. Well, that's it folks. Now, go select your color and perhaps I'll see you sometime at the tractor shop.

WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

AND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 A.M.

AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT

CAL POLY

(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)

Upcoming Events

Fort McArthur Engine Show & Picnic

August 16, Saturday

Starts at 8:00

Who is coming to Fort McArthur? We need to know.

Fort McArthur was an Army post from 1914 until 1974. It's a museum today, located at the site of one of the gun batteries. At this location there were two 14" guns protecting our coastline.

The museum would like us to come out and display our engines and machinery. They will open all their collections, which include vehicles, artillery, giant spotlights, and even their power generation facility. For us, they'll fire up the engines that were used to make power to run the big guns. To show their appreciation, the museum will provide lunch to those of us who bring engines and equipment.

Fort McArthur is in San Pedro, high above the ocean. On a clear day, you can see Catalina. When the weather will be sweltering in August, our area under the trees will be the coolest spot in SoCal. We will be on grass and we can park our trucks nearby. This will be a great opportunity to share our engines and tractors, and to visit a historically significant museum.

The chairman of this event is Rob Skinner. **Please call or email if you plan on showing, so we can have enough food available.** Email rob@wapa.us or call 562-694-2301.

Take the 110 to the end in San Pedro, and then Gaffey almost to the end. The nearest cross street is 36th. There will be signs just after, instructing you to turn right into the museum. Follow the signs. If you want to find it on Google Maps, look for the intersection of Osgood Farley Road and Leavenworth Drive.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Fred Biggers

Dick Bouma

Dan Kato

Garrett Mindham

Craig Rich

Margaret Swan



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Nominating Committee

By Roger Hahn, Chair

Time is running out! Call or e-mail me to place your name on the ballot for a position on the 2015 WAPA board of directors. Time is running out. Nominations must be to me by the September board meeting. Call 626-857-9490 or e-mail at roger.hahn2@verizon.net

Safety Tip by Don Young

In this hot weather use extreme caution when refueling your engine. If your cell phone rings while refueling it has been known to cause a disaster.

Wanted

Cylinder head for a 1929 Fairbanks Morse Model ZC, 1 1/2-2 HP.

Leroy Overstreet: lpwapa@gmail.com
626-382-5120

Note from the Editor

By Carol Haskell

Ron and I will be in the UK from August 7 to September 1. The Hit 'N' Miss will not be published in September. We will resume publishing the Hit 'N' Miss in October, 2014.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Western Antique Power Associates
Minutes of the Board of Directors
July 5, 2014**

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| Board Members Present | Bob Smith, Tom Millett, Joe Siddons, Ron Haskell, Lance Wilson & Don Young. |
| Board Members excused | Leroy Overstreet, Kelley Garcia, Rob Skinner & Jim Davis. |
| Members present | Gus Lukrofka, Roger Hahn, JoAnn Ponce, Danny Ponce, Tom Fee, Dave Stockton, Sue Bradley, Phil Sigmon, Carey Stockton, Ernie & Dorothy Groce, Dean & Barbara Hale, Dick Bouma, Tim Neely, Dale Linn & David Gregg. |
| Visitors | None. |
| Call to Order | President Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. |
| Flag Salute | Led by Roger Hahn. |
| REPORTS: | |
| President | Bob Smith welcomed everyone and announced that there will be one door prize at this meeting. |
| Vice President | Leroy Overstreet absent. He is feeling much better since corrections to his medications have been made. |
| Secretary | Minutes of June 14, 2014 meeting approved on motion by Millett & seconded by L. Wilson. |
| Treasurer | Kelley Garcia submitted a detailed financial report of the club. As of 7-4-14, the total investments were \$280,468.28. Total assets, which include all WAPA owned property, are \$357,739.83. Kelley reported to President Bob that she has communicated with a S.B County employee in response to her invoice letter requesting return of funds paid to them when the county voided our contract for land use. There is one employee still with the county that remembers the transaction and is working on the matter. |
| Membership | Jim Davis submitted a written report as follows: Membership grand total is 164. Paid members are 132, life members (26), Honorary members (5), Charter members (1), Junior members (1). |
| Purchasing | Director Lance Wilson reported that his survey of shirt size and color revealed the favorites in size are 2XL, XL & Large and the color favorites are black, white, grey & blue. |
| Shows | Rob Skinner absent. July 27 is the Marina Del Ray Show. It was sanctioned at the May 3, 2014 board meeting. The Fort MacArthur Military Museum show is still being worked out. |
| Library | Joe Siddons reported that he is still working on content of the museum. |
| Safety | Don Young was absent at last show. He cautioned members to be hydrated with water when out in the sun and wear a cap or other head gear. |
| Editor | Ron Haskell reported that there will be NO September edition of the Hit"N"Miss. He and Editor Carol will be away for the entire month. |
| Glendora Castle | Nothing new. |
| Cal Poly Restoration Project | President Bob reported that two club owned trailers are being rehabilitated for use at the Pumpkin Festival. |
| Riverside Citrus Grove Project | Ron Haskell gave a report on their results of plumbing the 200 HP Western with air and Propane gas. Once a large air start tank was installed with large plumbing, the engine spins over very well. |
| Unfinished Business | Dick Bouma and Bob Smith gave a report on plans to move the 160 HP Western engine since all known Chino Water Co. shareholders have signed off on donating it to WAPA. |
| New Business | President Bob called on all who have not voted on the by-law change to do so immediately. |
| Announcements | None. |
| Adjournment | 10:18 am Tom Millett, Secretary |
| Next Meeting | August 2, 2014. |



**This Old Iron
Mark Panzone, 1909 Union
By Bob Smith**

Shortly after Alaska was purchased by the United States from the Russian Empire in 1867 for \$7.2million, gold was discovered. Between 1896 and 1899 an estimated 100,000 prospectors migrated to Alaska in the Klondike, Yukon, Alaska, Alaska-Yukon, and The Last Great Gold Rush. Along with them a lot of equipment was ferried up to Alaska from San Francisco by boat. Along comes Mark in 2004 with the help of his friends who were out moose hunting and came across this jewel of a find. It was 100 miles outside of Nome, Alaska in an old gold camp where it ran a bipolar dynamo to produce electricity.

Mark found the owner of the land who happened to be native Alaskan, and negotiated the sale and hauled the engine out in 2005. All they found covered in the brush and permafrost disassembled was the base, flywheels, and cylinder. All the rest of the parts had to be reproduced such as the governor, igniter, and all the nuts and bolts. This is quite a rare engine so if you want to get a closer look at it, you should come out to one of our shows. Mark has quite a collection he has brought out of Alaska.

- 2014 WAPA Officers**
- President Bob Smith
 - Vice President Leroy Overstreet
 - Treasurer Kelley Garcia
 - Secretary Tom Millett
 - Membership Jim Davis
 - Safety Don Young
 - Show Director Rob Skinner
 - Librarian Joe Siddons
 - Purchasing Lance Wilson
 - Museum Director Ron Haskell
 - Editor Carol Haskell



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