



HIT & MISS

Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

President's Message by Bob Smith

I am currently on a month long road trip across the country, so I will pass on a little poem I acquired from the Bob Helm estate.

*A fellow stopped by my house the other day,
And said, is it true what the neighbors say,*

*That your garage is all filled from back to door,
And you've got so much junk you can't see the floor.*

*And the shed out back has a similar fate,
And your yard's full of cast iron clean up to the gate.*

*And you've got engines and tractors that really are rusted,
And some of them run, but others are busted.*

*Well, I invited him in so he could look around,
But when he saw it he just stood there and frowned.*

*'Cause he didn't understand this disease that we've got,
That we can't leave them out there, to ruin and rot.*

*We've got to pickup all the old iron we see,
And some that we find we take home with glee.*

*We clean it and paint it, and get it to run,
And all of the time, we think it's such fun.*

*But sometimes we acquire much more than our needs,
And it lands in the backyard, out there in the weeds.*

*So, if you've got more than you'll ever restore,
Get rid of it soon, before the neighbors get sore.*

*Your heirs will just sell it, they couldn't care less,
About all your treasures, they think it's a mess.*

*They'll settle the estate that you carefully built,
And get rid of it all, with no trace of guilt.*

My View Article taken from the March 2013 Hit & Miss by Tom Millett (former member)

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 through 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 out building 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.

Next WAPA Board Meeting

June 3, 2023

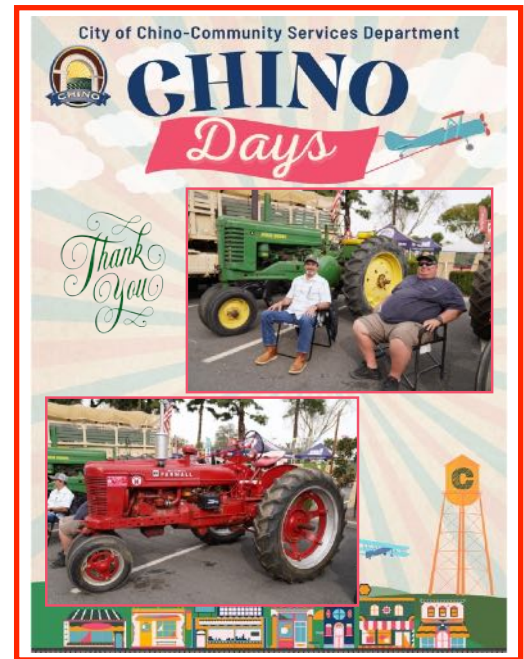
9:00am at Cal Poly

Chino Corn Feed Run by Paul Montgomery

This year's Chino Corn Feed Run was close to double the size of the previous year's events. WAPA had their usual spot and it was packed with all kinds of great displays.

A highlight of the show was Jose Carrillo with his massive 1909 Stover 6hp engine. The engine was mounted on skids and was moved around on rollers. Bill Karp was there with a Cushman Cub engine he bought at the recent WAPA Fun Day Swap meet. It was a non-runner he bought really cheap and with a little tinkering had it running like a watch.

We also had a great showing of restored tractors and drivers were welcome to drive them around the car show route. Make sure to attend next year's event with an engine or tractor!!



Southern California Railroad Museum by Ron Haskell

Once again the Antique Truck Club invited us to participate in their show at the Southern California Railroad Museum. It was a nice day; started out a little cold as usual and warmed up to be pleasant. The participation of trucks, the public and WAPA was down from the average of previous years. Our display consisted of: Lance Wilson with a 1928 Briggs and Stratton; Dave Foley with a 1 1/2 hp 1923 Fairbanks Morse; Mitchell Reichwein with a 1919 International M; Jerry Wyatt and his 1916 3 hp Hercules; Bill Karp Sr. and Jr. with a 1909 2 1/2 hp International; Clay Wilson and his 2hp headless Witte; Wayne Eastman with a 1hp New Holland; and Ron Haskell with a 7hp Economy. Also joining us was Sparkey.

Engines ran well and we got lots of great comments from the spectators. A good time was had by all.



**Upcoming Events
by Mitchell Reichwein**

- Sunday, June 4 Steve McQueen (Magnificent Seven), at The Boys Republic. 1907 Boys Republic Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709
We should be there by 6AM to set up, the show is from 8AM to 3PM. If you are coming, it will help them if you pre register from the link Rob sent out in the WAPA mail.
To get there: take 71 freeway south, to Grand Ave and turn west, then turn south on Boys Republic and east into the drive lined with flags.
- Sunday, June 18 L A Live Steamers, 5202 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. More info coming soon.
To get there, take the 134 freeway, then Forest Lawn Drive off-ramp. Turn left on Zoo Drive, veer left past Travel Town a ways and turn right into their parking entrance.
- Sunday, July 23 Marina del Rey

June Birthdays

- Bill Bains
- Wane Eastman
- Randy Fewins
- William Karp
- Kay Lalicker
- Larry Madole
- Merle Morse
- Ellen Morse
- Carl Pfetzing
- Lance Wilson



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