



# HIT & MISS

Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

## LA Live Steamers Annual Open House by Paul Montgomery

After a couple of years of absence, WAPA was invited back to the LA Live Steamers annual Open House. For anyone not familiar with the LA Live Steamers organization, they run the scale model railroad located in Griffith Park next to Travel Town. Their rail yard was a great location for our engines, right in the middle of everything with plenty of shade.



The train guys were very interested in our old engines, and WAPA members got to go on some lengthy train rides. The event highlight was Clay Wilson getting his very rare Witte headless engine assembled and running. A big thanks to Bill Karp for pouring and machining a new rod bearing for the Witte.

WAPA members are encouraged to bring out an engine for next year's LA Live Steamers open house event.

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## President's Message by Bob Smith

It is that time of year again when you need to think about supporting the organization by throwing your name in the hat to run for a board position. All positions are up for grabs so give Lance Wilson, nominating committee chairman, a call (909-856-5500) to add your name to the list.

The annual meeting will be September 2 where nominations will be announced and the ballot filled for the 2024 board.

Don't miss out on a fantastic opportunity to lead WAPA through the next year. New faces and new ideas are always welcome, so come and join us.

For me, it has been an honor to serve WAPA for the past 4 years as president. It is time for new leadership. We have a good start on our building at Cal Poly so step up and serve as a leader for the next year. WAPA needs you!

Next WAPA Board Meeting  
**September 2, 2023**  
9:00am at Cal Poly



**Sexy Sadie: A story of Love, Loss and Reconnection  
by Otto von Gasmotoren (a.k.a. Rob Skinner)**

Sadie is one of WAPA's original members from back in the late 70's. She was initially with Mel Smith, a key member of the organization. Sadie and Mel attended shows together for many years. Somewhere along the line, Sadie and Mel parted ways. After Mel passed, no one ever heard from Sadie again. Some said she might have joined up with D.B. Cooper. Years went by. Eventually Mel's son, Bob Smith, worked his way up through the ranks and became President of WAPA, sort of like George Bush and George W. Bush. Soon after becoming president, Bob opened an investigation into the whereabouts of Sadie. It was discovered that she had been staying in the shed of another collector down in Capistrano. Bob traveled down south and had a face-to-face with Sadie's new benefactor. Bob made him an offer he couldn't refuse, and Sadie came home with Bob. She currently resides in Bob's garage and enjoys coming with him to many WAPA events.



**LA Live Steamers Annual Open House  
Photos**



**WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 5, 2023 9:00am**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Smith, Dave Foley, Kelly Garcia, Ron Haskell, Tim Neely, Mitchell Reichwein, Lance Wilson.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Montgomery, Brian Stoops.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sue Bradley, John DeLazzaro, Mike Eubanks, Carol Haskell, Dan Kato, Larry Madole, Steven Mandell, Roger Meeker, Merle Morse, Carl Pfetling, Danny Ponce, Gary Provansal, John Rimpau, Dave Ruhland, Frank Sealy, Joe Siddons, Don Stocker, Becky Stockton, Sue Stockton, Jim Treadwell, Kathleen Treadwell, Clay Wilson, and Brent Zousel.

**VISITORS:** Sandra Moody and Paul Dalglish.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bob Smith at 9:00 am.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Merle Morse.

**WELCOME:** President Bob Smith welcomes members and reminds them they may speak on any subject brought before the board.

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS REMARKS/REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT:** Bob Smith. Dave Ruhland introduced his friend Paul Dalglish from New Zealand. Would like to give a health update on some of our members. Phil Sigmon still in the VA Hospital but doing better. Dale Linn doing good after his cancer surgery. Jack Hassler is at home doing great after his heart attack. Gordon Morse not feeling well and going through tests.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Dave Foley gave a recap of his trip to Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. 19 days and 3000 miles.

**SECRETARY:** Lance Wilson made a motion to approve minutes of Board Meeting held July 1. Second by Dave Foley.

**TREASURER:** Kelley Garcia presented the financial report. Savings acct.: \$32,345.46, WAPA Museum: 167,832.80, Checking acct.: \$6,250.01.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Brian Stoops reported that total membership is 107. Active dues paying members is 74. Life members are 28. Honorary members are 4 Complimentary members is 1.

**PURCHASING:** Paul Montgomery was absent. WAPA apparel for sale. New shirts are great in the summer heat.

**SAFETY:** Tim Neely. Bob Smith recapped a safety issue that happened to him at the LA Live Steamers show.

**SHOWS:** Mitchell Reichwein gave update on the Marina del Rey show held on July 23. Mitchell gave an update on the LA Live Steamers show held on July 29. WAPA Day on the Farm to be on August 19. Mitchell informed us that we will not be participating in the Calico show this year. Arrangements are underway for a Fort MacArther show in September. Cal Poly tractor and engine show will be October 7 & 8. Flabob show is scheduled for November 11.

**MUSEUM:** Ron Haskell gave an update on the building improvements.

**EDITOR:** Carol Haskell and Ellen Morse: Deadline for articles for the newsletter is the 20th of each month. There are issues with the WAPA mail. Members with gmail accounts are not receiving emails.

**CAL POLY:** Bob Smith gave an update on tractor repairs.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Need volunteers to sign for Octoberfest—tractor drivers and engine display.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lance Wilson volunteered to head the nominating committee.

Next meeting: September 2, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Lance Wilson, Secretary.

**Upcoming Events  
by Mitchell Reichwein**

We have no shows for the month of September. Calico Ghost Town is canceled.

For those of you that can come out to play on Tuesdays, we are at the clubhouse and can use help to get things ready for the Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival. Think about volunteering to drive hay wagons or cow train tractors or be an attendant for the engine displays.



Also, it would be nice for a few folks to be able to display at the Glendora Pumpkin Festival on October 21.

**September Birthdays**

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| <b>Jerry Burak</b>   | <b>Mitchell Reichwein</b> |
| <b>Jan Denson</b>    | <b>Mark Rottmann</b>      |
| <b>Jim Gilliland</b> | <b>Julius Schnell</b>     |
| <b>Colleen Karp</b>  | <b>Phil Sigmon</b>        |
| <b>Gordon Morse</b>  | <b>Becky Stockton</b>     |
| <b>Hunter Pack</b>   | <b>Brian Stoops</b>       |
| <b>Fran Pfetzing</b> | <b>Jim Treadwell</b>      |
| <b>Danny Ponce</b>   | <b>Craig Walters</b>      |



<b>2023 WAPA Officers</b>	
President	Bob Smith
Vice President	Dave Foley
Secretary	Lance Wilson
Treasurer	Kelley Garcia
Show Director	Mitchell Reichwein
Membership	Brian Stoops
Museum Director	Ron Haskell
Safety	Tim Neely
Purchasing	Paul Montgomery
Editors	Carol Haskell & Ellen Morse



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