



# HIT & MISS

Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

## **This Old Iron—Dave Ruhland by Dave Ruhland**

I was born in Minnesota and lived on a 160 acre farm joining 3 older sisters and one brother (the oldest sister died young). When I was 5, we moved to my grandfather's farm of 320 acres and my father wondered how he could farm that much land, but we did. Us kids had to help out and by the time I was 7, I was driving a tractor for simple jobs like picking up rocks in the field and feeding the milk cows, pigs, chickens, and sheep. After school there were always chores to do and we did what we could to help. It was a good life and I'm glad that I had that opportunity, although I didn't think so at the time. I got to learn a bit of blacksmithing and welding and other necessary skills for later in life. I was just over 13 years old when we moved to Arizona and by this time I had 3 more younger brothers and a younger sister. My oldest sister and brother stayed in Minnesota as they were married and had lives to live there. I didn't like Arizona as it was too hot for me, although I did get odd jobs and did well in school, graduating in June, 1966. I left Arizona that same night for California. I had spent the summer of '65 in California working with an older sister in a silk-screening job getting \$1.15/hour. Arizona only paid \$0.75/hour so you can see the incentive. I did warehouse work for W.T. Grant Co. and Alpha Beta Grocery. I spent '68-'69 in Minnesota working for my older brother plumbing, returning to California just before the moon landing. I got into the electrical trade in late '69, became an apprentice in '70, and retired as a high voltage cable splicer in 2010. I'm sure glad I got my career done back when I had time to do it.

I joined WAPA in 1986 and have had many good friends and good times; and I really enjoy our work parties that we have at Cal Poly. I am a member of Vista having joined there at about the same time. I spent 25 years at Vista signing up people for the parade taking over that job from Bill Baldwin when he couldn't do it.

I have been a member of California Nomads for over 52 years and been president for 30+ years off and on. I got into square dancing in '74 and that's where I met my loving wife, Margaret. We celebrated our 43rd anniversary this February. I have a couple of engines that I enjoy but tractors are what I really like, having a bunch of them. I also enjoy being able to help anyone with one of their projects. Besides my wife, my greatest treasure is all the friends I have made.

## **President's Message by Bob Smith**

Another month has zipped by with quite a bit happening. First, we were successful in moving the 160hp Western engine to Cal Poly so now we can begin the clean-up and mounting it on a foundation. Ron noticed there are some broken parts that can be fixed but the governor is broken and the parts are missing. Dan Kato says that Hathaway's has a Western parts engine so we will check to see if we can get that governor. If not, then we will check the 80hp Western outside the farm store to see if the governor is the same.

Second, we moved the 40' shipping container from Larry Madole's yard to Cal Poly. Now we have more storage and can start clearing the floor in our building. We will start moving more WAPA stuff we have stored at Larry's yard to Cal Poly. When we are done, we will need to see what we can dispose of in a fire sale. It is starting to look a little cluttered around our building and that's not good.

We had a very good show in April at La Verne with many more shows coming up. If you missed the first show then try to make the next one. Mitchell is doing a great job organizing these events so let's support him and the club.



Our 40' container being dropped at Cal Poly.

**Next WAPA  
Board Meeting**

**May 11, 2024**

**9:00 am at Cal Poly**

## La Verne Cool Cruise Car Show by Paul Montgomery

After our Highland show was rained out it was good to have sunny weather for the La Verne Cool Cruise Car Show. We had our usual excellent display area along with a couple of new engines being shown. Bill Karp brought his unrestored 1908 IH Famous hit & miss that ran at an amazing 155 RPM's. Yours truly brought a 1906 Little Giant boat motor that has made the rounds with other WAPA members. There was a lot of wrenching going on and all the WAPA members pulled together to keep things running. A big thanks to Mitchell for organizing this great show and everyone who brought engines to display.



## Upcoming Events by Mitchell Reichwein

### Saturday, April 27 Chino Corn Feed Run

Show runs from 8am – 3pm. Setup is as early as 6am, but you must be in position before 8am. We are in the same place as in past years — the parking lot south of City Hall at Chino and Central Avenues. Trucks and trailers will need to park across the street.

To get there from the east, I would suggest the 60 Freeway to Ramona South, down to Chino Ave, turn left, go to our parking lot and the Explorer Scouts. That should keep you out of the car traffic. Coming from the West, do the same thing.

### Saturday, May 4 Antique Truck Show at Southern California Railway Museum, Perris, CA.

Show hours: 9am–3pm. Get there before 8:30am to set up. I believe they wanted us there at 6 last year but they were not ready.

To get there use the 215 Freeway south to West 4th St. Head west on 4th St. to South A St., head south to Mapes Rd., turn left then turn left.

### Saturday, May 24th–27th Santa Margarita Best of the West Antique Equipment Show

For more information Visit their website at [bestofthewestshow.com](http://bestofthewestshow.com)

### Saturday, May 24th–26th Live Steamers at Griffith Park

This should be a fun outing, but due to some of their needs and your time distance it might be difficult. On Friday, WAPA members can come from 1:30–4:30pm to set up, I think that might be for anyone that wants to camp as well. They will have a free spaghetti dinner at 6pm and maybe an outdoor movie, and as available, train rides on private trains. On Saturday they get rolling at 7:30am with a pay-for breakfast until 9am and a pay-or lunch 12–1:30pm. They have an Auction at 1:30. They also are setting up Bingo in their small parking lot that blocks any access to our engines if you want to leave before 4:15pm. We are welcome to stay for train rides and the dinner.

To get there, use the 134 Freeway to the Forest Lawn exit, turn left onto Zoo Drive, go to 5202 Zoo Dr. and then past it to the large parking lot, and our entrance is in the back corner.

### Sunday, June 2 Steve McQueen Show at Boys Republic

If you are going please register so they know how many of us to expect. Go to [stevenmcqueenWAPAreistration2024.eventbrite.com](http://stevenmcqueenWAPAreistration2024.eventbrite.com), password: WAPA+Plane2024

### Friday, September 27 Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival Starts

All hands on deck!

### Saturday, November 9 Flabob Airport Veterans Day Show

**WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
April 13, 2024, 9:00am**

**MEETING LOCATION:** WAPA Museum at Cal Poly Pomona.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Smith, Dave Foley, Kelley Garcia, Ron Haskell, Mitchell Reichwein, Lorelei Rimpau, Eric Waltzer.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Treadwell

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Eubanks, Dan Kato, Larry Kliewer, Steve Mandell, Steve Mello, Paul Montgomery, Merle Morse, Tim Neely, David Pasilla, Rick Racette, John Rimpau, Sparky Sealy, Joe Siddons, Jane Wangjaya, Clay Wilson, Lance Wilson.

**VISITORS:** None

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

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Bob Smith.

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

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS REMARKS/REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT:** Bob Smith discussed the inability to administer Jim Treadwell's oath of office due to his absence, museum changes to date, and disbanding the Western 160 move committee.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Dave Foley thanked the membership for their help at the museum and the Cal Poly school field trip tractor drives.

**SECRETARY:** Eric Waltzer made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, board meeting. Motion seconded by Dave Foley.

**TREASURER:** Kelley Garcia presented the March 2024 financial report. As of March 31, 2024: checking account balance – \$3,294.45; savings account balance – \$34,427.37; WAPA museum account balance – \$172,260.27. The club asset report will be presented at the May meeting. Kelley delivered the discounted postage stamps.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Lorelei Rimpau: Total membership – 119. Active dues paying members – 82; Life members – 32; Honorary members – 4; Complimentary members – 1. Lorelei made a motion to accept Steve Mello as a WAPA member, Kelley Garcia seconded the motion.

**PURCHASING:** Open Position

**SAFETY:** Jim Treadwell was absent. Jim was on site at the La Verne Cool Cruise and identified several safety issues. The issues will be identified at a future meeting.

**SHOWS:** Mitchell Reichwein listed the upcoming shows which include: Tulare Antique Farm Show – April 19–21, Chino Corn Feed (sanctioned) – April 27, Perris Antique Truck Show – May 4 (sanctioned), LA Live Steamers – May 25 (sanctioned), Steve McQueen Car and Motorcycle Show – June 2 (sanctioned), Flabob Veterans Day Celebration – November 9 (sanctioned).

**MUSEUM:** Ron Haskell informed the group that John DeLazzaro is nearing completion on the kitchen plumbing, that the Western 160 has been relocated to the museum site with minimal damage, that the 40 ft container along with items stored within (except for two) have been relocated, that various Western 160 items and a Fairbanks Morse generator are still located in Larry's yard and will need to be moved, and additional cement was poured around the library and in front of the museum building. Additional work items include: weed abatement, getting more tractors into an operational state.

**EDITOR:** Carol Haskell and Ellen Morse that articles for the Newsletter be submitted by April 20.

**CAL POLY:** Bob Smith asked for support of the upcoming Cal Poly field trip hay rides with additional drivers.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:** Ron Haskell will head the new Western 160 foundation and placement committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:** None

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 10:05 am.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 11, 2024 (due to conflict with Perris antique truck show)

Eric Waltzer, Secretary

**Moving the big 160 HP Western Engine  
by Paul Montgomery**



**May Birthdays**

Dutch Bankston

Cody Crowley

Jim Davis

Larry Evans

David Foley

Carol Haskell

Jack Hassler

Conrad Lalicker

Steven Mandell

Tim Neely

LeRoy Overstreet

Joan Westgate

Stephanie Wilson



Bob Smith	President
Dave Foley	Vice President
Eric Waitzer	Secretary
Kelley Garcia	Treasurer
Mitchell Reichwein	Show Director
Lorelei Rimpau	Membership
Ron Haskell	Museum Director
Jim Treadwell	Safety
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