



HIT & MISS

Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

This Old Iron—Francine Rippy by Dave Ruhland

This month I am able to write about another long time member who answered my request for article information in the newsletter.

Francine Hathaway Rippy has been a member for a long time due to WAPA's involvement with the Hathaway Ranch Museum in Santa Fe Springs. Francine, although she doesn't bring an engine or tractor out to a show for display, has many times helped at Orange County Fair and L.A. County Fair grinding and selling corn meal at our display when we were involved with the fairs.

Francine grew up around farming and as a little girl she would ride on the tool box of a Caterpillar model 30 that was preparing the field for planting barley, oats, or wheat that was grown for cattle feed, making sure she kept her feet up off the rotating tracks below. At harvest time she was allowed to ride in the grain hopper of the combine as they went around the field harvesting; try that today and see how well that is accepted. Both the Caterpillar 30 and the combine are on display at the H.R. Museum in Santa Fe Springs. (Make plans to visit there someday.) In the late 50's she used a John Deere tractor to cut and rake a neighbors oat field to get the oat hay to feed her horse. She put the hay up loose because she didn't know how to operate the baler or she would have baled it.

Francine is still very active at the H.R. Museum, when I called her for some information, she was busy pulling weeds to feed her chickens. Members of WAPA that are active at the work parties on Tuesdays will be familiar some of the racks and shelving that Francine donated when her husband closed his machine shop.

Thank you Francine for taking the time to respond and letting us get a chance to know you better.



Big Bear Lake Show by Bob Smith

It was a beautiful day in Big Bear on Saturday, June 15, with clear skies, temperatures around 80, and a nice breeze. A handful of WAPA members were invited by Bob Holman to show at the Bear Valley Frontier Town and History Museum. Setup was around 9:00am with the museum opening to the public at 10:00am. There was a moderate crowd coming and going all day.

Bob gave us a tour of the grounds which was well maintained and nicely laid out. Hats off to the members of the museum for creating a wonderful experience. The highlight of the day was when Bob fired up the old stamp mill. What a site to see. If you are ever in the area, stop by and check the place out. They are open Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, from 10:00am to 4:00pm.



**Next WAPA
Board Meeting
August 3, 2024
9:00 am at Cal Poly**

A Little WAPA Excitement by Dave Ruhland

The work party at Cal Poly on July 8 started normal as usual. Sparky and I were finishing the carb rebuild for the John Deere A and installing it. We put fuel in it and checked for leaks, noting none. I went and got a battery for it and gave the starter a bump. Nothing. I mean no movement of the flywheel or the fan. We decided to pull the center cover off the sheet metal housing around the flywheel and put a bar or wrench on the flywheel to try to turn the engine over, no luck. Time for more force, we got a Farmall cub, too small and too lightweight. We move the A but that was about it. Got to have something bigger, so the Minneapolis Moline U was the choice for us. I went and turned the fuel on and hit the starter button and after sitting for some time with no activity, it fired right up and ran good. I gave Sparky the required whirlwind operating instructions. We hooked it to the A and we were off and running, expecting to get the A cranked over and going. That was not to be, as the wheels of the A skidded along in the dirt and then skidded on the asphalt as Sparky towed me along. Now the realization set in that the engine is stuck more than a little bit. We towed the A back to the shop and parked it by the concrete slab out front so we could work on that problem. But, oh darn, it was lunch time, and we didn't want to miss Lance's cooking. We shut everything down and went to eat and enjoy the camaraderie.

After lunch I decided to move the MM back to the wagon to which it was hooked to be ready for other duties. I climbed on, turned the ignition on and hit the starter button, we had left the fuel on knowing full well that we would be moving it soon. Just as soon as the solenoid put current to the starter, fuel ignited. I killed the engine and jumped off, calling for a fire extinguisher, I was able to close the fuel valve, and two people with extinguishers put out the flames. The end result was that nothing was seriously damaged. What happened is the plastic fuel filter cracked or somehow got a hole in it and leaked fuel down and over the starter, also on the ground without us knowing. I climbed on from the back and did not see the wet soil under the tractor or the fuel leak on the right side. As soon as the starter brushes arced the fire was on. I replaced the fuel filter with, you guessed it, a plastic one, to get the tractor moved and washed off all the powder from the extinguisher. A good fuel filter will replace the plastic one as soon as possible to make the MM usable.



Stevie Mote has these engines to sell. Please contact him at 760-885-3823.



Bob Holman painting the WAPA kitchen floor with epoxy floor coating. Thank you, Bob.

Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival by Eric Waltzer

As part of the Cal Poly Pumpkin Fest, WAPA will again have a display area, where we will be demonstrating engines from the group's collection and answering questions from visitors.

We have started to inspect engines and getting them into running order.

The display will be held on Saturdays and Sundays from September 28 to October 27, from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.

We are looking for volunteers who can help out. If you can not attend a full day, half days can be arranged. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Eric Waltzer at ericwaltzer@charter.net or 909 772-7824 and let me know what days you are available.



**WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2024**

MEETING LOCATION: WAPA Museum at Cal Poly Pomona

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Bouma, John and Valerie DeLazzaro, Tom Denson, Mike Eubanks, Randy Fewins, Carol Haskell, Dan Kato, Brian Leach, Steve Mandell, Paul Montgomery, Merle Morse, Tim Neely, Dave Pasillas, Carl Pfetzing, Danny Ponce, John Rimpau, Dave Ruhland, Sparky Sealy, Joe Siddons, Rob Skinner, Kathleen Treadwell, Jane Wangjaya, Clay Wilson, Lance Wilson.

VISITORS: None

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

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Eric Waltzer.

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 loss of power to the museum building due to tripping of a main breaker in the AGRIScapes green houses. Michael Tucker who maintains WAPA's website is in the hospital. Kelley will check on his condition. Bob asked Mike Eubanks to describe the Ontario 4th of July parade which he attended.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dave Foley discussed his attendance at the Lucerne Valley 4th of July parade. Four tractors participated in the parade route. No updates on Gordon Morse who has been admitted to Riverside Community Hospital.

SECRETARY: Eric Waltzer made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 1, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting. Motion seconded by Dave Foley.

TREASURER: Kelley Garcia presented the June 2024 financial report. As of June 30, 2024: checking account balance – \$7,274.67; savings account balance – \$29,714.33; WAPA museum account balance – \$163,888.84.

MEMBERSHIP: Lorelei Rimpau: Total membership – 113. Active dues paying members – 77; Life members – 31; Honorary members – 4; Complimentary members – 1. Lorelei made a motion to accept Brian Leach as a new member. Motion seconded by Mitchell Reichwein. Joe Siddons will receive a recruiter pin for his effort in recruiting Brian.

PURCHASING: Open Position

SAFETY: Jim Treadwell discussed that due to the recent high temperatures, members should drink plenty of water and stay indoors. Bob mentioned that during gas torch cutting work on the new hay wagon, a water hose and fire extinguisher were located close by in case a fire is started.

SHOWS: Mitchell Reichwein: Upcoming shows include: Irwindale Speedway Cal-Rods car show – September 22. Cal-Rods will pay the attendance fee for up to 10 WAPA members. Let Mitchell know if you would like to attend. Mitchell made a motion to sanction this show, Motioned seconded by Kelley Garcia.

Cal Poly Pumpkin Fest – September 28 to October 27, and Flabob Veterans Day Celebration – November 9 (sanctioned).

Rob discussed feedback he heard from the Steve McQueen show. The event brought in \$700,000 in receipts and show personnel thank us for our display. They asked how we liked our display location and if we would like to relocate. Membership response was we liked the spot and have no reason to move to another area. Bob also talked about the Big Bear show. Bob, Lance, Clay, and Dave attended and two engines were displayed. The museum was well organized with a demonstration of the stamp mill.

MUSEUM: Ron Haskell: Thanks go out to the volunteers (we have had up to twenty) attending Tuesday work days. These efforts have resulted in repairs to the Cubs (four are in running condition) and the John Deere A, delivery to the cast iron welder of broken Western 160 parts, spreading of the donated dirt, weed abatement, welding of the new hay wagon frame, repair of the front forklift tire, and organizing the bolt bin. Kitchen work is 100% complete with Bob to apply an epoxy floor coating. To prevent flooding of the parking lot area, culvert pipe has been located and will be purchased. Installation will need to be coordinated.

MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION: Dick Bouma talked about his trip to both the Coolspring Museum in Pennsylvania and Speed Museum in Lincoln Nebraska.

EDITOR: Carol Haskell, Ellen Morse: Deadline for articles July 20th.

CAL POLY: Bob Smith: The Cal Poly Pumpkin Fest has been scheduled for September 28 to October 27. This is a major fundraiser for AGRIScapes which in turn helps WAPA through a monetary donation and use of the museum building and associated land space. We will need tractor drivers to support cow train and hay wagon rides for the following days: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Support of the WAPA engine display by answering questions and maintain engine operation for the following days: Saturdays and Sundays from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. In addition, drivers will be needed to support two cow trains for school field trips on: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Eric will coordinate the engine display and duck race.

A second large (18 ft long x 7 foot wide) hay wagon with improved handicap access is under construction. A third wagon of similar design is planned.

COMMITTEE REPORT: no reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Lance has volunteered to chair the 2025 WAPA Board of Directors Nominating Committee. Craig has asked WAPA to help construct two portable wash stations for the petting farm. Waste water will drain into six buried barrels. No updates on the tractor canopies.

Lance described the coffee mugs he and Stefanie are able to produce with the WAPA logo fused into the outside surface. Small cups are \$6.00. Large cup which can be customized go for \$10.00

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:27 am.

NEXT MEETING: August 3, 2024

Eric Waltzer, Secretary

**Upcoming Events
by Mitchell Reichwein**

Sunday, September 22 Run With a Winner at Irwindale Dragstrip
We were invited to show our engines at this show by Cal-Rods car club. They bought us 10 tickets to enter Irwindale. I have 9 people signed up, who wants the last one? If more people would like to come out you will be responsible for the \$20 entrance fee, please let me know so I can let them know. The venue is Irwindale Dragstrip, 500 Speedway Dr., Irwindale, CA 91016. They would like us there at 7am. We will be directed where to set up and then where to park our trucks. This will be on a parking lot so bring SHADE and cool beverages.
To get there from the South: 605 freeway north to Live Oak Ave exit and head west and a left turn into the track.
To get there from the North: 605 freeway south to Arrow Hwy exit. Head west to Live Oak Ave and make a hard left turn to the track and right into track.

Sept. 27-Oct. 27 October Pumpkin Festival at Cal Poly
There are still opportunities to sign up to drive tractors for the Hay Wagons and Cow Trains, also to help man the engine display booth.

November 9 Flabob Airport Veterans Day Show

August Birthdays

- Dick Bouma
- Donald Jensen
- Dan Kato
- Julius Murphy
- Craig Rich
- Max Steele
- Brent Zousel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
everyone born in the month
AUGUST

**WAPA Mugs
by Paul Montgomery**

Thanks to the talented hands of Lance and Stephanie Wilson, WAPA now has very nice logo coffee mugs. These mugs are hand-crafted one at a time and available for only \$6.00 each. Our interim merchandising director Lance will have mugs for sale at the WAPA monthly meetings. Sorry, no mail order on the mugs and a great reason to attend a monthly meeting.



- 2024 WAPA Officers**
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| President | Bob Smith |
| Vice President | Dave Foley |
| Secretary | Eric Waitzer |
| Treasurer | Kelley Garcia |
| Show Director | Mitchell Reichwein |
| Membership | Lorelei Rimpau |
| Museum Director | Ron Haskell |
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