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WAPA FUN DAY

WAPA started off the new year with what has become an annual event at Larry Madole's yard in Chino. Engine collectors and Model A collectors got together to show off their iron, chat, chow down, and have a good time.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Directors Meeting
March 12, Friday
7:00 p.m.

The WAPA Board of Directors meeting is held at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have ideas on how WAPA can become a better club, or if you just want to come and join in the festivities, please join us.

Heritage Park Rd. is located just south of Telegraph Road just west of Norwalk Boulevard. The meeting is held in the train depot next to the steam locomotive.

Highland Citrus Festival
March 27, Saturday
Show 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Our display area is on Center Street. There is plenty of room for displays, and there is ample parking for trucks and trailers. Bring your own water and shade.

Tulare
April 16, 17, 18

Be sure to send in your sign up sheets so we get all the area we need. Beginning this year, the show officially starts on Friday.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 2010

Board Members Present: Dan Kato, Tom Millett, Jack Johnson, Jim Davis, Bob Smith, Joe Siddons, Leroy Overstreet, Bob Swan and Craig Maxwell.

Board Members excused: Kelley Garcia

Members present: Wayne Mabb and David Paul.

Visitors: None

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Outgoing President Wayne Mabb.

Flag Salute led by Dan Kato.

New President Oath of Office: Tom Millett, Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to incoming President Dan Kato. Outgoing President Wayne Mabb turned over the gavel to incoming President Dan Kato who took over conducting the meeting.

REPORTS:

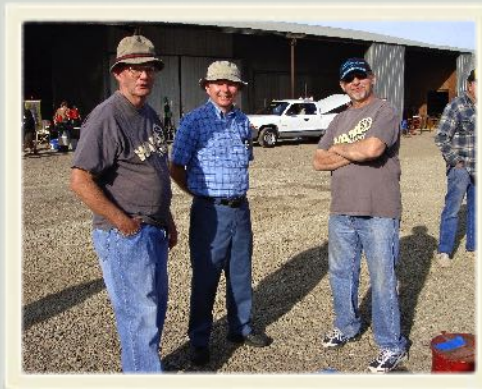
President: Dan Kato welcomed everyone to the meeting and spoke on some of the things that will be important during the ensuing year.

Vice President: Bob Swan reported that George Doden is at a La Habra Rehabilitation Care facility. George states that he has his appetite back and feeling better.

Secretary: On a motion by Tom Millett and seconded by Bob Smith, the minutes of the November 13, 2009 Board of Directors meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer: Treasurer Kelley Garcia absent. No treasurers report.

Membership: Jim Davis advised that 2010 dues are being accepted.



Members can pay by PayPal, and Jim will be set up to collect dues at the Madole "Fun Day" on January 9th. On motion by Bob Smith and seconded by Jack Johnson, new members Rick Racette and Evan Chapman were approved by the Board. Evan is a former member of WAPA. Jim reports the total membership is now at 117.

Purchasing: Leroy Overstreet had nothing to report.

Library: Jack Johnson reports nothing.

Museum: Craig Maxwell had nothing to report on museum possibilities.

Shows: Bob Smith reported that the last show for the year was Victorian Christmas at Lake Forest

on December 5th. He reported that it was a very good show this year with lots of WAPA member participation. He accepted a donation check in the amount of \$350 for our participation. The first show for the New Year will be at Highland on March 27th. Show was sanctioned on motion by Bob Smith and seconded by



Tom Millett. There will be no corn grinding at that show because of health department requirements.

Safety: Joe Siddons discussed fire extinguishers and the need to get two of them charged and certified.

Editor Report: No report. Rob Skinner absent.

Unfinished Business: Bob Smith had nothing new to report about an agreement with Cal Poly Pomona.

Tom Millett reported that the Glendora Castle crew is still working on machines. One team is now working on an International M engine.

New Business: Tom Millett suggested that WAPA pick up the tab for some, if not all, food expenses for the Larry Madole "FUN DAY". Tom will bring receipts to next meeting, at which time decision will be made to pay bills.

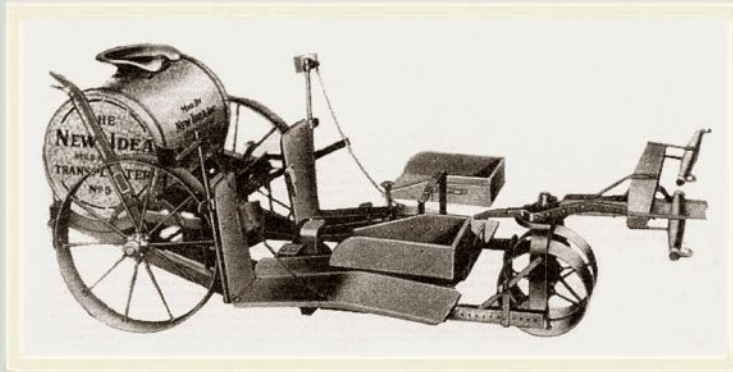
Announcements: None.

Adjournment: 8:15 PM

Tom Millett, Secretary

BOB SMITH'S FAMILY FARMING TOMATOES IN THE EARLY DAYS

My name is Ken Baker. I am Bob Smith's Uncle and Mel Smith's brother-in-law. I always like to tell stories of my past experiences. On my last trip to California last year, I was telling Bob about my remembrance as a lad on the farm planting and picking tomatoes. Through research, my friend Nancy Huffman and Bob found pictures of the planter our family used on our farm in Iowa. The following is my



The 1940 transplanter built by New

plants also. The Baker farm was located N.E. of Morning Sun, Iowa and at the age of 13, Kenneth Baker was performing grown men's work. I would rise

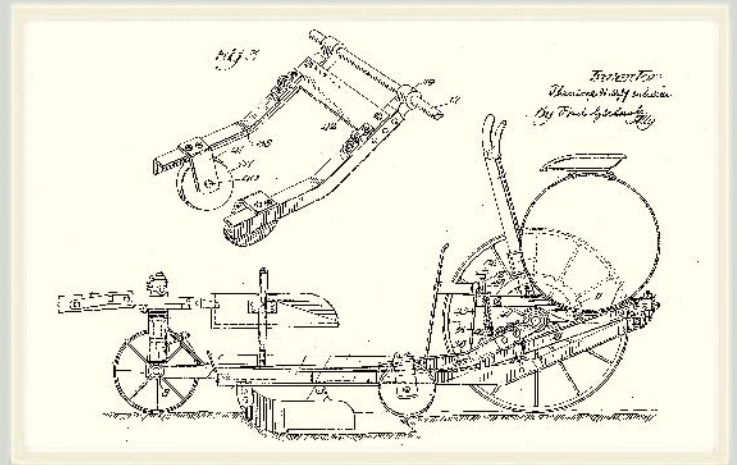
early in the morning during planting season

and help hook up a team of two horses, attach the planter, load plants on the wooden tray and pull the planter over to the fence. The pump for the water needed was inside the fence so one person would hand pump the water into a bucket, hand to the next guy who would pass it over the fence to the third guy to dump it into the holding tank on the planter. Once the water tank was full, the planter would now be ready for the days work.

The planter had metal seats on each side. I would sit on the left side seat and my friend Dave Orwig would sit on the right side. The mechanics of the planter was simple. It would open a furrow, add water (a cup or so) and the boys would set the plant in the water and pack wheels behind the seats would close dirt around the plant.

The Bakers had 5-10 acres each season that they planted and harvested.

I spent at least five seasons helping with the tomatoes before leaving for the service (U.S. Navy) in 1942. I was paid 25 cents per week for planting and worked up to 50 cents per week by the time I left the farm. When the tomatoes were ready to harvest they would be hand picked and also de-stemmed. Tomatoes would be put into hampers



Patent drawing of the Onnenheim

(wooden baskets). It took two hampers to make a bushel. Ken was the fastest at picking and de-stemming tomatoes. Dad Baker had a deal with the other pickers that if they could set out a hamper every time Ken did, they would be paid \$1 an hour. I have to tell you, nobody collected that \$1 and hour. They only got 10 cents per hamper.

When picking was completed, the tomatoes were taken into Morning Sun where they were graded as to size, color, etc. and then they were trucked to the Heinz plant in Muscatine. At the end of the season the planter was returned to H.J. Heinz Company. -Ken Baker



Modern transplanters at work

best recollection of the details of planting and picking tomatoes.

Back in 1937 the H.J. Heinz Company of Muscatine, Iowa would deliver to area farmers a tomato planter and the

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2010

Board Members Present: Dan Kato, Tom Millett, Jack Johnson, Jim Davis, Kelley Garcia, Joe Siddons, Bob Swan and Craig Maxwell.

Board Members excused: Leroy Overstreet, Bob Smith.

Members present: Wayne Mabb Rex McCleary, Dave Ruhland, Dick Bouma, Larry Madole, Bill Baldwin and David Paul.

Visitors: Cody Johnson, Jose Carillo.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Dan Kato.

Flag Salute led by Wayne Mabb.

REPORTS:

President: Dan Kato welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed everyone that member Henry Lynn was not doing well at all. Jack Johnson had just visited him and agreed that he was gravely ill.

Vice President: Bob Swan had nothing to report.

Secretary: On a motion by Tom Millett and seconded by Jim Davis, the minutes of the January 8 Board of Directors meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer: Treasurer Kelley Garcia distributed the Treasurer's report for year to date. For the year 2009, the inflow was \$4,472.01 and outflow was \$3,666.98. As of 1-1-10, total cash and bank accounts total was \$38,075.98. Total investment total was \$126,823.34. Total assets gain from 1-1-09 to 12-31-09 was \$34,641.84.

Membership: Jim Davis reported that collection of dues at the Madole "Fun Day" on January 9 netted 33% of total members. There are only nine members left to collect. New members voted on: Ross Brock (San Diego), Giles Rowlands (Upland) and Jack Robinson (Santa Ana). All were on motion by Davis and second by Garcia. WAPA welcomes the new members.

Jim Davis announced that Darla Munsinger, Diane Kirkes and Jane Millett are being dropped from membership rolls at their request.

Purchasing: Leroy Overstreet absent.

Library: Jack Johnson reports nothing.

Museum: Craig Maxwell had little to report on museum possibilities. Although he has received a response from the county, there is not any progress on the property being considered.

Glendora Castle: Tom Millett reported that work is being finished up on the International M engine and the tractor crew is now taking on the orchard sprayer and have evaluated the needs to rehab it. Some week days will be added to the schedule if there is enough interest.

Shows: Bob Smith absent. Tom reported that the Bill Leuer yard show in Riverside is tomorrow. Craig Maxwell gave details of the event. The first show for the New Year will be at Highland on March 27. There will be no corn grinding at that show because of health department requirements. The Flabob Airport show will be on November 6.

Dick Bouma stated that the Tulare show will be on April 17-18-19 and he will head up the breakfast if there are sufficient numbers of WAPA members there. He requested that there be at least twenty show up.

Craig Maxwell reported that the Christian Home School show will be on May 31.

Safety: Joe Siddons had nothing to report.

Editor Report: No report. Rob Skinner absent. Kelley noted that Rob has changed printers so there may be a delay for a while in getting the Hit & Miss.

Unfinished Business: Larry Madole said that he will plan on putting together a yearly event and established that the second Saturday in January of each year as the official WAPA "Fun Day". On motion by Dan Kato, seconded by Kelley Garcia, the board unanimously approved reimbursing Larry \$1000 and do so each year toward the event.

The Cal Poly project was discussed in detail. There was serious interest in going further with exploring the volunteer program. Both Larry Madole and Craig Maxwell spoke on the issue. Larry

Madole brought up our past participation incentive of compensating show attendees for their cost of fuel and felt that some sort of recognition program should be adopted. Much discussion on the subject ensued.

New Business: Larry Madole spoke on his views about establishing a museum. He has deep concerns about how the long term will work out. He would like to have activities be fun and not a laboring task for a few dedicated workers. He used as example, the club equipment such as the tractors and club F/M needing upkeep maintenance and in need of a committee to oversee continual maintenance needs. Bill Baldwin cited as example the way members used to take part in periodic maintenance of everything during the days of Knott's Berry Farm.

Program: After the break, Jose Carillo entertained the meeting with his experiences while working on a cruise ship changing out the 28 foot crankshaft on one of the engines while at sea. He brought one of the rod bearing to the meeting for display. Very entertaining.

Adjournment: 8:58 PM

Tom Millett, Secretary

FOR SALE

1925 McCormick Deering 10-20 stuck, partially restored.

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1954 Gard'n Mast'r, small garden tractor, needs intake manifold for Type 23 Briggs & Stratton, comes with original tools.

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