



# HIT 'N' MISS

Newsletter of the  
Western Antique Power Associates

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## **Hello everyone!**

**By Dan Kato**

Can you believe this heat?? It must be 200 degrees outside. As Rob Skinner stated in his welcomed E-M, STAY HYDRATED!!!! I have to be reminded of this all the time. So I am told.

Speaking of old folks, I spoke to Gus Lukrofka the other day. He sounded fine and couldn't wait to go home, it's only 2 blocks from the rehab facility. He can't get any sleep due to the new construction going on. It's daytime, who sleeps???

On to the interesting stuff. Folks, it is election time for the club. Our annual meeting is coming up, but first, we must have an election. At the last board meeting no one eagerly held up their hand to do the calling of interested persons for board seats. All seats are up for grabs, each office is to be held for (1) yr. The president should not hold the office for more than 2 successive 1 yr. terms. Unless there are no nominees for the position and he is drafted at the annual membership meeting to seek reelection. This holds true for all directors. On a quick canvassing of the current board only one has asked step down, Joe Siddons, Jr. our current Safety Director. Joe has done one heck of a job. Off and on for twenty years. He needs a rest and time to bring some IRON to a show. Thanks Joe for all your dedicated work.

If anyone wishes to take a position on the W.A.P.A. Board of Directors, please call me at my home and leave a message # 562-696-4507. My cell is in operation but I am back to work, YAAAh!!!! So call me after 5:00pm.

## **My View**

**By Tom Millett**

At the last Board of Directors meeting, after receiving the very well detailed financial report from our treasurer Kelley, I posed a challenging question to the Board, to wit: "How does the board plan to deal with the deficit spending"? Now I realize that a negative \$600 plus to date is chump change, but I have been on various non-profit boards for many years and have either seen some fall in the hole of no return, or claw their way back by some aggressive measures enacted by creative minds.

Now, let me clarify that we have a Board composed of very, very capable and alert members. They currently are lacking the advantage we had during the many years I was a sitting member. They don't have the Knott's Berry Farm and L.A. County Fair revenue we reaped in.

Anyway, on the evening after the meeting, I got a call from our Show Director Bob Smith, who had obviously been pondering over this problem all day. He came up with one of those suggested solutions that I wish I had thought of. I'm sure he will bring it to the next board meeting, so I'm not going to steal his thunder. All I can say is, the key word is "RUST". Meanwhile, be a part of the WAPA team and come up with your own solution. While you're doing that, I'm getting ready for the Chino Corn Feed Run, and will see you in South Pasadena on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Do you remember this day?



**WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WILL MEET  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1  
9:00 A.M.  
AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY  
(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)**

# 2012 WAPA SHOWS



September 16 South Pasadena Car Show  
 September 22 Duarte Founders Day Show  
 October 13 Aliso Viejo Founders Day Fair  
 (Paid Show)  
 October 20 Glendora Pumpkin Festival  
 November 10 Flabob Airport Veterans Day  
 December 1 Victorian Christmas (Paid Show)

## September Birthdays:

Daniel Bennett  
 Jerry Burak  
 John Konwiser  
 Bud Melvin



Ed Moran  
 Phil Sigmon  
 Bob Swan

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## Safety Tips--Crank it up

By Joe Siddons

While it may be a bit easier to use a separate hand crank to start our engines that did not come with cranks built in, it is not recommended that you do so. As it is too easy once the engine starts running or kicks back to have the crank catch on the crank shaft and go flying off or worse come off and hit you or someone else and potentially cause serious damage, as happened some years ago. So if you are having problems with starting your engine at a show ask any club member and they will be glad to help you with pulling on the flywheels.

## FOR SALE

1985 John Deere model 650 Diesel with 11 hours use and a cultivator.  
 Gus Lukrofka 562-698-5659

8 X 4 foot light duty Harbor Freight trailer. Never used. New tires and, yes, the lights work. \$300.00 or best offer.  
 Joe Siddons 626-200-3054

Two Atlas Milling Machines. One with factory table and one without. \$300.00 ea. O.B.O.  
 Dan Kato 562-696-4507

1929 Fairbanks Morse Z styled. Starts and runs good. With starting crank and belt pulley, needs gas cap and check valve. \$275.  
 1935 IH LA #783 3-5 hp. Early, without speed control. Runs good, muffler, valve cover, hopper cover and belt pulley \$325.  
 Contact Ron Haskell 951-233-0551



Gus and the Lukrofka Brothers, before they graduated to putting engines on go-karts and bar stools. (Courtesy of Rob Skinner.)

## Member Profile

By Tom Millett

John Rimpau:

John was born and raised in San Dimas on a citrus orchard farm. He graduated from San Dimas High School and has remained in the area ever since. He is married to wife Lorelei and they have two adult sons and one daughter. Now 55 years of age, he has had a lively career in the working environment. As a young man he worked in a wrecking yard before moving on to eight years in the trade of construction finish work in the development of country clubs. He followed that by going back into the wrecking yard business for five more years. What followed was a sad story of things going bad. As the operator and manager of a warehouse, he had the opportunity to house his personal collection of about fifty engines within the facility. Unfortunately the warehouse burned to the ground wiping out his collection. Some of those engines were eventually salvaged and restored.

John joined WAPA at Larry Madole's first ever "Fun Day" about four years ago. He once belonged to branch 30 in Lancaster. He now owns several engines, the largest of which is a 15 HP Oil City. He has six Farmall Cub tractors; one fully restored which Lorelei loves to drive in parades. He also has an unrestored, but running 1913 Ford Depot Hack. You will see John at the board meetings and shows. By the way, he has a vast knowledge of orchard sprayers from his old farm days.

••••• A Bill Stuber Estate Sale will be conducted on September 13, 14, and 15th at the Stuber shop at 13611 Milton Ave., Westminster, CA. This will conclude with all items being sold. This is followup to the on-line auction held on August 25th. Questions? Call Janice at (760) 219-3279. •••••

**Western Antique Power Associates  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
August 4, 2012**

**Board Members Present** Dan Kato, Rick Racette, Bob Smith, Joe Siddons, Leroy Overstreet  
**Board Members Excused** Kelley Garcia, Craig Maxwell, Chuck Mayernick, Ernie Harmon  
**Members Present** Tom Millett, Tom Fee, Ron Haskell, Dale Linn, David Gregg, Gus Lukrofka, Jack Johnson, Don Young, Jim Davis, Phil Sigmon, Jerry Nichols, Roger Hahn

**Call to Order** President Dan Kato called the meeting to order at 9:06am in the Botanical training room at Cal Poly, Flag Salute led by Don Young

**REPORTS:**

**President** Dan Kato back from vacation and looking good.  
**Vice President** Rick Racette had nothing to report  
**Secretary** Bob Smith made a motion to approve minutes of the July 7, 2012 board meeting. Second by Joe Siddons. All in favor

**Treasurer** Treasurer Kelley Garcia was absent so Bob Smith presented the summary report from 1-1-12 through 8-3-12. Total expenses were \$4,950.62 and total income was \$4,307.46. Account totals as of 8/3/12. Cash Accounts \$27,056.90. Smith Barney Accounts \$163,751.65. There was much discussion regarding the deficit of \$643.16 year to date. The members were informed by Show Director Bob Smith that there are 3 paid shows from now until the end of the year. We will make a total of \$400 from these shows. It was also discussed that we would not cut back on the quality of the Hit-N-Miss to save money. Color over Black and White would not make that much difference. We will make up the shortfall somehow by the end of the year.

**Membership** Chuck Mayernick was absent so the membership stands the same as last month. Total paid members 117. Total Life Members 25. 1 Charter member & 4 honorary member. Grand total of 147 members.

**Purchasing** Leroy Overstreet had no new purchases to report.  
**Safety** Joe Siddons had no new safety issues to bring up.  
**Shows** Bob Smith made a motion to sanction the South Pasadena Car Show on September 16, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Racette, all in favor. Bob Smith made a motion to sanction the Duarte Founders Day Show on September 22, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kato, all in favor.

**Library** Ernie Harmon absent no report.  
**Museum** Craig Maxwell absent no report  
**Editor** Tom Millett thanked everyone submitting articles to the Hit-N-Miss.  
**Glendora Castle** Tom Millett reported that Leroy Overstreet, Joe Siddons, and him worked on the old orchard sprayer again for some fine tunings. Tom mentioned there is an old washing machine that is need of repair. Tom volunteered Bob Smith to do the wood repair. Lucky me. When you get older you don't remember volunteering for these things.

**Cal Poly Restoration** The second John Deere 50 is running. It still needs some work but it was driven around the grounds in a test run. The Cat 22 was moved to the tractor shed so it could be worked on. It doesn't need that much work. There is still 1 more John Deere 50 out in the storage yard to be worked on. Bob Smith ordered the parts to repair the other John Deere 50 that broke a cam gear.

**Unfinished Business** No unfinished business  
**New Business** Dan Kato will work on putting together a safety training class conducted by WAPA members. Details to follow. Anyone interested in working at the tractor shop who did not attend the first safety training class is welcome to come out. We will conduct a safety training at that time and you will be required to complete a waiver that Cal Poly requires for all volunteers. It is time to form a nominating committee for new directors and officers for 2013. Dan Kato will ponder the nomination and announce at a later time. Anyone willing to take on this task should contact Dan. It's not that hard, just phone work.

**Announcements**  
**Adjournment** 10:26am

Bob Smith, Secretary

**Business Gems**

Jones Custom Lettering & Pin Striping. Does excellent work. Dennis Jones 562-696-4637

El Monte Plating Co., Will do job plating. Excellent work. Steve Jensen 626-448-3607

The Western Antique Power Associates is a 501(c)3 organization comprised of individuals who are dedicated to the preservation of antique engines, agricultural equipment, industrial tools, and other machinery that is part of our heritage.

For more information, please visit us at [www.wapa.us](http://www.wapa.us).



## This old iron

By Bob Smith

My article this month is on Ron Haskell's 1916 5HP Frisco Standard built by the Standard Gas Engine Co. of San Francisco, CA. The engine was purchased by Mike McKinney from a gentleman in San Francisco who had done major repair work due to salt damage. He had the cylinder re-bored and installed a new piston and new valves. He also had many of the parts nickel plated. Then displayed it for a few years, it then got set aside, dried out and cracked again. He gave up and sold it to Mike. Mike did not fix this damage and sold it to Ron 4 years ago. Ron repaired the cylinder and made a new muffler. The engine ran but was very erratic. Ron replaced the carburetor and it runs great now. Ron has no knowledge as to where the engine originally came from or what boat it operated. I am sure there was some old vessel on dry land that rotted around the engine. The wood is gone but the engine survived.



2012 WAPA Officers	
Dan Kato	President
Rick Racette	Vice President
Bob Smith	Secretary
Kelley Garcia	Show Director
Ernie Harmon	Treasurer
Chuck Mayernick	Librarian
Leroy Overstreet	Membership
Joe Siddons	Purchasing
Craig Maxwell	Safety
Carol Haskell	Museum Director
	Editor

