



HIT 'N' MISS

Newsletter of the
Western Antique Power Associates

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President's Report

By Bob Smith

Some have asked me how the Ag Dinner at Cal Poly went. For those of you that do not know what I am talking about I will give you a rundown. The School of Agriculture at Cal Poly had a 75th anniversary dinner for alumni and staff of the College. Our contact at the school asked if WAPA could make a presence at the event. I picked 3 other members along with myself to attend. Larry Madole, Tom Millett, Ron Haskell and myself attended the dinner with a purpose of introducing ourselves and to rub elbows with some of the important alumni donors and the college staff.

It was very interesting that most of them knew who we were. All we needed to do was to reiterate WAPA's intentions to form a partnership with Cal Poly. Dan Hostetler, director of farming, told me later that he sat down with the president, Dr. Ortiz, and discussed the future of agriculture at Cal Poly. Dan is trying to have WAPA part of the historical part of the agricultural department. He has told us that he has been talking to key people at the college about WAPA and still has some to talk to. He should know something within a couple of months. I know all of you have been patiently waiting for news of a WAPA museum and all I can say is to be patient a little longer. Your museum director and committee are drafting proposals and keeping in close contact with Dan Hostetler and Kristen Daily at Cal Poly. As soon as we have some news we will pass it on to the membership.

My View

By Tom Millett

If I am repeating myself at my old age, please humor me and act as though this is new material. So here it goes:

Many of our newer members rightly ask the question, "When are we going to get a museum off the ground"? Well, I'm here to give you a little history on that subject.

Years ago, our late WAPA President Bob Swan, joined other members in convincing the Board of Directors that a quarter of our revenue from all sources be set aside in a special account for establishment of a museum. That set the wheels in motion for finding a suitable environment with land and buildings. The natural search centered on city, county or state leased sites.

Our search went from the Whittier Narrows Recreation Park in El Monte, to Chino Airport owned DeFreeze Dairy property, to three Chino Prado Park land sites (a venture too complicated to describe in this short space), to a dairy site on Chino-Corona Rd in Chino to Guasti Regional Park in Ontario, to Spadra property at Cal Poly Pomona where negotiations are intensifying under the very capable hands of our Museum Director, Ron Haskell. As most can imagine, this is a very delicate maneuver as, although it is in an agricultural setting, it is State College property. Ultimately, many layers of red tape have to be addressed. With the determination of our very ambitious president Bob Smith supporting Ron in this endeavor, I see great hope.

So, there you have it folks. Did I miss any sites? The wheels have been constantly turning for years. I always try to look at all situations with optimism. So, I say, "Hang in there".

**WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SATURDAY, JUNE 14,
9:00 A.M.
AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT
CAL POLY
(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)**

Bill Bains
Wayne Eastman
Dorothy Groce
Jim Guptil
Kay Lalicker
Larry Madole
Barbara Moody
Merle Morse
Joe Mueller
Nan Nelson

**JUNE
BIRTHDAYS**



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Upcoming Events

Steve McQueen Car Show

June 7, Saturday

Setup begins at 6:30

Showtime 8:00 until 3:00

The Friends of Steve McQueen host this annual event in support of the Boys' Republic, a school for troubled teens, in Chino Hills. There will be a lot of nice cars and engines to see. In the field adjacent to us, gliders will be launching so spectators can get a bird's eye view of the area.

WAPA will set up in the same location as last year. Since last year was such a success, we will have more participants this time, and we will continue our area into the baseball diamond. Let's have a HUGE turnout, this is sure to be a FUN show.

Directions: From the 71 and Grand, go west on Grand. Turn left on Peyton, and go south. Turn left on Eucalyptus and go east. You'll see a tree-lined field on your left. At a break in the trees is a fire road. Turn onto this. It's a legitimate road, not a couple tracks leading into the dirt field. If you want to see it on a map, type this into your browser: <http://goo.gl/XZcyFi>

The chairman of this event is Rob Skinner. If you have any questions, ask on the WAPA Email List, or contact Rob directly at 562-694-2301.

Heritage Park Children's Day

By Bob Smith

It turned out to be a beautiful day for show participants Jim Davis, his wife Nancy, Bob Smith and a visit by Gus Lukrofka. The show was only 4 hours long with plenty of parents, grandparents and many, many kids. Jim and I both brought a pitcher pump and believe me they got quite a workout that day. I also brought a dual wash tub rack with a manual crank wringer. The kids enjoyed washing and wringing out my shirt. When I saw Jim and Nancy enjoying watching the kids feed the goats at the petting zoo directly behind us I asked Jim, "do you remember as a kid growing up in Indiana when a goat licked your hand, was your mother right there to squirt hand sanitizer on them?". My God, these kids will never build up an immune system if you kill 99.9% of the germs. Jim said it was probably some California mandate that the petting zoo supply the stuff. He is probably 100% accurate.



Cal Poly Strawberry Festival

By Tom Millett

I got there at 5:45am thinking I would be the first to get the favorite spot under the big tree. Wrong!!! Danny & JoAnn Ponce, Leroy Overstreet and Joe Giocomarra (who traveled from LaCanada) had already planted their claim stakes. From that time forward, our designated area was filling fast and required the Cal Poly strawberry vendor tents to be moved steadily north. WOW, what a great group. Because there was such enthusiasm, I'm going to stab at an attempt to list everyone. I know I'll miss someone, so come to the next meeting and beat on me. In no order of importance, here goes.



Tom Denson-3HP Fuller/Johnson, Merle Morse - 5HP Economy & 1½ HP John Smyth, Larry Mindham - 2HP Jaeger & 6HP Alamo, Ron Haskell - 12HP Witte, Carrey Stockton - 1½-2½ HP McCormick LB driving a corn grinder & 1950 Farmall Cub tractor, Bob Smith - Rider Erickson, Tom Millett - 2HP Economy driving a jack on a hand water pump, Jim Davis & Nancy Davis - ½ scale New Holland engine driving a



food processor, Ken Evans - 1909 Aeromotor driving a crafted wood demonstration water pump, Rob Skinner & Kelley Garcia - 1911 Allen Bros. oil engine, Gus Lukrofka - beautifully restored Willys Pickup truck, Richard & Nancy Taylor - 1941 Chev. Master Deluxe car, Danny & JoAnn Ponce - 4HP, 1912 Empire & miniature Red Wing engines & miscellaneous solar machines, Jerry Nichols serving as body guard to Phil Sigmon, who displayed a 1927-3HP John Deere, 1 ½ HP Cushman & 1922-1 ½ HP Alamo, Leroy Overstreet - 1 ½ HP Economy, Joe Giocomarra - 2HP Stover, Tom Fee - 1 ½ HP DeLaval, Lance & Stephanie Wilson - 1937 Maytag, 1934 Briggs-Stratton, 1939 Lauson & 1919 IHC, Roger Hahn - Gibson Model A tractor, Al Antonucci - 3 Maytags, 1 McCormick, 1 Fairbanks & 1 John Deere engine, Jeff Holmes - beautifully restored and assembled 3HP John Deere driving a huge irrigation pump, Dean & Barbara Hale - display of early American household clothes irons, waffle iron, misc. wrenches, blow torch, apple peeler, oil can, and many more items. Family friend and neighbor Brandon Walls was assisting.

Foreign visitor Pat Mingo, and friend of Carey Stockton, was enjoying the scenery all day. Member Chuck Mayernick stopped by for a visit. Joe Siddons was busy all day tending to the tractor and engine displays.

The spectator count grew steadily all day long. Throngs of folks jammed the street and visited our displays. There is no argument, this was the biggest and best spectator Cal Poly Festival show yet. And finally, Cal Poly outdid themselves at lunch time. I had been told that each of us exhibitors would get a burger made at the Farm Store for lunch. It turned out to be a full buffet of great food, including a juicy burger or great hot dog. If you weren't there, you missed a great one. Oh well, there's next year.

Western Antique Power Associates
Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 3, 2014

Board Members Present Bob Smith, Tom Millett, Joe Siddons, Ron Haskell, Kelley Garcia, Rob Skinner, Jim Davis, Don Young.

Board Members excused Leroy Overstreet.

Members present Gus Lukrofka, Roger Hahn, Craig Maxwell, Paul Dunn, JoAnn C. Ponce, Danny Ponce, Sue Bradley, Phil Sigmon, Carey Stockton, Lance Wilson, Al Antonucci, Dale Linn, David Gregg, Jack Robinson & Jerry Nichols.

Visitors Nancy Davis, Patrick Mingo, Charlie Lynch & Charles Frieda

Call To Order President Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Flag Salute Led by Don Young.

REPORTS:

President Bob Smith welcomed everyone and announced that there will be two door prizes at this meeting.

Vice President Leroy Overstreet absent.

Secretary Minutes of April 19, 2014 meeting approved on motion by Millett & seconded by Skinner.

Treasurer Kelley Garcia shared a detailed financial report of the club. As of 5-2-14, the total investments were \$254,479.40. Total assets, which include all WAPA owned property, is \$332,835.92.

Membership Jim Davis submitted a written report as follows: Membership grand total, 164, Paid members as of 5-3-14 is (132), life members (26), Honorary members (5), Charter members (1), Junior members (1). On unanimous vote by the Board, New Members JoAnn C. Ponce & Bill Nichols were accepted by the Board.

Purchasing On nomination by President Bob Smith and unanimous vote of approval by the Board, Member Lance Wilson agreed to serve out the term as Purchasing Director. He was immediately given the oath of office by Secretary Tom Millett before he could change his mind.

Shows Rob Skinner announced the Cal Poly Strawberry Festival on 5-10-14. The International Truck Show only contacted us a day ago, so there was no time to get it sanctioned. Any one can go and display as long as they know it is not sanctioned by WAPA. Steve McQueen Car Show at Boys Republic is on 6-7-14. The show was sanctioned on motion by Rob and seconded by Kelley Garcia. Sonora High School show may be on the same day. If so, it will be cancelled as a sanctioned show by WAPA. July 27th is the Marina Del Ray Show. Show was sanctioned on motion by Rob seconded by Jim Davis. Rob is considering a weekend at Orange County Fair if members would like to do it as a two day show. A show of hands indicated there is sufficient interest. Rob will chat with the officials and get their input.

Library Joe Siddons had nothing to report.

Investments? At 9:30am, Financial Advisers Charlie Lynch & Charles Frieda presented an update on the WAPA investments. From their oral report all investments were doing well.

Safety Don Young saw no violations of safety rules and cautioned all members to be vigilant of small children at the upcoming Cal Poly Strawberry Festival.

Museum Ron Haskell stated there may be info from Cal Poly officials later in the day about their views on establishing a WAPA museum.

Editor Ron Haskell reported about the delay on publishing the upcoming Hit"N"Miss. Every one present completely understood that it can happen and encouraged Carol to relax and not to worry.

Glendora Castle Nothing new.

Cal Poly Restoration Project Farmall B tractor restoration completed. No other news.

Riverside Citrus Grove Project Ron Haskell gave a report.

Unfinished Business Noting new on the 160 HP Western being negotiated with the Chino Water Co.

New Business Next meeting will be on June 14, 2014, because there is a conflict with a show on the first Saturday of the month.

Announcements President Bob announced that he will be working on changing the by-laws to not require board approval for a member resignation. He is also studying a revision that deals with reinstatements.

Adjournment 10:28am
Tom Millett, Secretary

Next Meeting: June 14, 2014.

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Stover Hit/Miss type CT2. Good condition.
Price now \$400. Martin Grassel (818)
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This old iron—Dutch Bankston, 1920 Holt 55

By Bob Smith

Before there was a Caterpillar Company in Peoria, Illinois, there were two California tractor companies that were competitors and pioneers in the manufacture of "Tracklayers" as they were called. They were "The Holt Mfg Co" of Stockton and the "CL Best Co" of San Leandro. After years of competing, they merged in 1926 and became the Caterpillar Company.



The name "Caterpillar" was owned by Benjamin Holt and was derived from his photographer filming an early tractor in the field and stating that it looked like a caterpillar as it moved. Holt liked the term and had it registered, which is why it is on this engine. This was a portable power supply, likely used to run a saw mill or pump water. It developed 55 Horsepower at a leisurely 400 RPM. This engine is mounted on Auto Car truck axles which may or may not be the original setup. There is a tag on the base of the engine that reads "LA. CO." which probably means the engine was originally used in the Los Angeles area. This engine has a lot of character running with all the exposed push rods and rocker arms. It also has a very good sound to it but unfortunately can only run for about 2 hours when the water gets hot and needs to be shut down to cool off. I am sure Dutch will come up with some kind of cooling tower to make it look even more interesting.

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