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HIT & MISS

Journal of the Western Antique Power Associates

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First I want to thank all the members that helped make the Winter Bash a success. From those who helped set up on Thursday, the helpers at the silent auction on Saturday, those that made the lunch and delicious Ice cream. And finally today Friday for cleaning up and putting things away.

We had a few problems mainly caused by the rain, but over all it went well. The swap meet was as big as usual but once again the rain discouraged participation by the old car guys, can't blame them for not wanting to get those beautiful cars all wet.

The work at the tractor shed is continuing, replacing a blown head gasket on the JD D, clutch brakes, rusted out water pipe, and bent front wheel on one of the 50's. We have decided to purchase a rolling tool chest, and equip it with a full set of tools to make the work easier. We are bringing in a better pedestal grinder/wire wheel to help too. The hydraulic ram on the big engine hoist has been rebuilt, and may be even the heavy duty floor jack. If we are not careful there won't be any excuses to stand around and solve the world's problems.

I want to welcome the three new members who joined at the Winter Bash, hope to see you at the meetings and get better acquainted.

—Ron Haskell

TRACTOR SHOP UPDATE

December and January has been a very busy 2 months at the tractor shop. The hay rides we participated in for 2018 took a toll on the old tractors we were using so it was decided to bring them up to safe and reliable rolling stock. We were to tackle them 1 by 1 and order parts were needed to get them in shape. We started with the 1948 John Deere A that we painted. The magneto cap, rotor, and points were replaced in October. Both brakes were removed and Ron Haskell took them home and cleaned them up with no new parts needed. The clutch was completely removed and rebuilt with new parts. It was a chore getting it back on but Bob Holman finally figured it out. The generator was removed and taken to Phil Sigmon for bench testing and found we needed a new regulator. Ron and Jim Treadwell set the timing and adjusted the valve gap. All we have left is to get the lights working and that tractor is ready to pull happy people. When we started on the JD A we discovered that the 1946 John Deere A with the sickle mower had a bad radiator leak. Joe Siddons, Bob Holman, and Dan Kato disassembled the tractor to remove the radiator. Tom Millett mentioned that was the reason his family had red tractors

rather than green ones. The top and bottom castings were removed from the core and new parts were ordered. I took the shutters home to sand blast them and Ron took over to repair and paint. Ron also took the castings home to remove 3 broken bolts. Not bad considering that this was probably the original radiator and there are close to 35 bolts holding it all together. The new radiator core and bolt kit are here so we

will begin to reassemble the tractor. Next Tom Millett, Dan Kato, and Joe Siddons removed the head on the 1931 John Deere D that had a water leak into number 1 cylinder. The gasket set is on order. The 1953 John Deere 50 that Dave Matias put new rear tires on was gone through and parts were ordered for it. Hay rides start in April so we have plenty of time to get 3 or 4 good running tractors. —Bob Smith



BURGERS & BULLETS

BY FIELD MARSHAL MONTGOMERY

The WAPA militia had another Fun Day and the turn out was bigger than ever. Hosted by Captain Tim Neely and Quartermaster Lance Wilson, it was a perfect day out in the desert. Lead was flying with everything from Gus's 1895 Schmidt-Rubin rifle to John Rimpau's soda can launcher.

Of course we had a delicious BBQ lunch with all the trimming prepared by Lance Wilson. This is a great event. Keep watching the Hit & Miss for our next event.



EDITOR'S NOTE

BY ROB SKINNER

As my first task in adopting the editorship of our club newsletter, I'd like to extend a big Thank You to Carol Haskell. Carol has done a spectacular job over the past seven years in creating, editing, and making sure our newsletter gets out on time. Thanks, Carol.

As you might have guessed, our newsletter is a group effort. Every issue is a compilation of the work of a handful of members. While there might be several regular contributors, articles from all our members are welcome. One of the biggest hurdles in getting out a newsletter is putting on the labels and stamps. We have Kelley Garcia to thank for that chore. If you have something you'd like to share, let me know and I'll set aside space in an upcoming issue.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

FROM CAROL HASKELL

I would like to express a BIG thank you to WAPA for the Amazon gift certificate, in appreciation for working on the Hit N Miss.

And I would like to extend a special thank you to Ellen Morse (Merle's wife) for her support and proof-reading the Hit N Miss. She's been a great help. Thank you Ellen.



FOR SALE

Tom Reifer, San Gabriel, California
626-287-1395

Fairbanks-Morse Type Z, headless rated at 1 1/2 hp @ 500 rpm, ignitor ignition, hit and miss. Tom has run the engine, but it has not been operated in a long time and thus needs some cleaning before trying to operate it. It has an automobile coil and a very old wet cell battery. It comes on a wheel barrow type cart for transportation. Asking \$375.

14" Walker Turner Band Saw. All cast iron; 3/4 HP, 110 volt motor. Excellent condition. Runs good. Asking \$695.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 5, 2019

Board Members Present: Ron Haskell, Carey Stockton, Dave Stockton, David Pasillas, Roger Hahn, Joe Siddons, Lance Wilson, Bob Smith

Board Members Absent: Kelley Garcia, Don Young

Members Present: Gus Lukrofka, Paul Liverman Jr., Lance Bryant, Tom Millett, LeRoy Overstreet, Danny Ponce, Dick Bouma, Phil Sigmon, John Rimpau, Tim Neeley, Paul Montgomery, Merle Morse, Dan Kato, Bob Holman, Steven Mandell

Visitors: None

Call to Order: President Ron Haskell called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM

President: Ron Haskell welcomed all in attendance and encouraged the membership to participate in discussions. Ron asked Tom Millett to administer the oath of office to incoming 2019 Board members David Pasillas and Roger Hahn, being duly sworn in.

Vice President: Carey Stockton raised the possibility of the Club hosting a few Fun Days and possible tours in the coming year.

Secretary: Dave Stockton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on Dec. 1, 2018, second by Ron Haskell with all in favor, and entered into record without correction.

Treasurer: Kelley Garcia absent; furnished the banking report as

follows: December figures for the investment savings account report a balance at \$39,743.74, museum fund at \$144,067.79, total investments at \$183,811.53, with an adjusted profit/loss of -\$4,954.90. Checking account balance at \$5,095.55. Total income/expenses were \$1,425.42. Per bylaws, Kelley transferred \$3,783.00 into the museum account, from the savings brokerage account.

Membership: David Pasillas is the new Membership Director. Total membership stands at 166 with 128 dues-paying members.

Purchasing: Lance Wilson had new WAPA hats and shirts for sale. He reported that a good time was had by all at the last militia event and that it was the largest crowd yet. Lance had an Amazon gift card for Carol Haskell in the amount of \$100.00 from WAPA for their grateful appreciation for her efforts as the editor of the Hit 'N' Miss club newsletter.

Show Director: Roger Hahn is the new Show Director. Upcoming shows are: Welton, AZ show on Friday thru Sunday, January 18 thru 20 - (non-sanctioned); Highland Citrus Festival on Sat. March 30, with a rain date of Sat, Apr. 6

Library: Joe Siddons had nothing to report.

Safety: Director Don Young absent; a reminder to always use jack stands whenever working underneath a vehicle - NEVER trust a jack.

Museum: Director Bob Smith reported that things ARE happening behind the scenes, however slowly, and to remain patient and optimistic.

Editor: Rob Skinner has agreed to take over the editorial duties from Carol Haskell. Our thanks to Rob and to Carol for all her efforts on the Club's behalf.

Cal Poly: Director Bob Smith reported that the Cal Poly tractors used to pull the hay-wagons are in need of some maintenance work and repair after their recent workouts, including a John Deere A, D, and 50.

Riverside Citrus Grove Project: Ron Haskell reported that little went on thru the holidays, but approval was given to erect the old wind machine.

Unfinished Business: President Haskell reported that there still remains some equipment at Francine Rippy's that needs to be picked up. Gus Lukrofka indicated that he would like to donate a Schramm tractor/air compressor outfit to WAPA.

New Business: Regarding the Cal Poly tractor barn, President Haskell suggested that WAPA purchase a rolling tool box and set of hand tools to keep on-site, with the cost not to exceed \$800.00.

Announcements:

Adjournment: 10:34 AM

Next Meeting:
February 2, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Dave Stockton, secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Directors Meeting

February 2
First Saturday of the Month
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The WAPA Board of Directors meeting is held at the Farm Store at Cal Poly Pomona. 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.



Justice Brothers Racing Museum

February 21
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Justice Brothers are to post WWII racing as Aunt Jemima is to pancakes. If you like race cars and you haven't been, you NEED to see the Justice Brothers collection.

The tour is limited to 12 WAPA members. Members that have never visited will have priority. If there is enough interest, another tour will be scheduled.

2734 Huntington Drive, in Duarte. Call Lance Wilson to get on the list. 909-883-5906 or 909-856-5500.

SAVE THE DATE

February 2
Board of Directors Meeting

February 21
Justice Brothers Tour

March 2
Board of Directors Meeting

March 30
Highland Citrus Harvest Festival

April 12-14
Imaginology at the OC Fairgrounds

April 20
La Verne Car Show

April 28
Los Angeles Live Steamers



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