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WINGS, WHEELS & ROTORS

A contingent of hearty WAPA members once again attended this year's expo at the Los Alamitos Army Airfield, on the Joint Forces Training Base. The morning started off so foggy that the base was temporarily closed, but by the time the show opened, those who persevered were rewarded with a sunny autumn day.

The Expo offers a variety of attractions to both the exhibitors and the visitors to the base. Helicopters of different vintages are on display: sheriffs' department, search and rescue, small privately owned craft, a Cobra, and several Blackhawks could all be seen up close.

There were fixed wing aircraft ranging from bi-wing replicas, WWII vintage craft, to a modern F16.

The largest group was from the car and motorcycle collectors. More than 650 antiques, classics and hotrods were on display.

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Clockwise top left: Leroy Overstreet, Bob Smith, Tom Millett with the club's 15 h.p. Fairbanks Morse; Joe Siddons with his Model M; girls enjoying a cool drink from the well; Bob Smith with his Rider Ericsson; Bob Smith and Gus Lukrofka; Cadets Talavera, Umana, Martinez; blimp aerobatics.

WINGS, WHEELS & ROTORS CONTINUED

WAPA was well received by the other Expo attendees. That doesn't come as much of a surprise, as the type of people who enjoy cars and planes, also tend to enjoy old engines and machinery. Our display was continuously busy with interested onlookers. It was estimated that there were 30,000 visitors in attendance.

The Expo is a very important event for the base and for the community. Proceeds from the event benefit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation program at the base, and the Los Alamitos Chamber of Commerce.

-Rob Skinner



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2008

BY TOM MILLETT

Board Members Present:

Wayne Mabb, Tom Millett, Bob Smith, Jack Johnson, Leroy Overstreet.

Board Members Excused:

Craig Maxwell, Joe Siddons, Kelley Garcia, Bob Swan.

WAPA Members Present:

Jim Davis, David Ruhland, Gus Lukrofka, Slats Seeley, Marissa Smith.

Guest Present:

Manishka Santos.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Wayne Mabb.

Flag Salute was led by Tom Millett.

President: Wayne Mabb stated that he went back to the state of Missouri to pick up a 1949 John Deere model MD. This model has a hand clutch and vertical engine.

Vice President: Bob Swan absent.

Secretary: Tom Millett moved to approve the minutes of the October 2008 Board meeting. Jack Johnson seconded. There were no objection or additions and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Kelley Garcia absent.

Special Action: At this time, Secretary Tom Millett recited the oath of office to incoming Membership Director Jim Davis. Jim's term is effective January 1, 2009.

Membership: Jack Johnson had nothing to report. There are no new members.

Purchasing: Leroy had nothing to report.

Safety: Joe Siddons absent.

Shows: Bob Smith reviewed the Los Alamitos show. The Victorian Christmas will be on Saturday, December 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Much discussion ensued over whether to grind corn at the show. In the end it was agreed that we would not buy more corn since this is the last show of the year, but would grind the 1 1/2 bags we have on hand and sell corn meal until we run out.

Bob brought up the Gunther Show being held on Sunday, December 7 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. This show is being held by the wife and son of, and in memory of, George Gunther.

Gus brought up a show in Riverside that we have been advised of before. Bob Smith will place it on the WAPA calendar.

Jim Davis complimented our Editor Rob Skinner for getting our club advertised in the Antique Trader magazine. It was a quarter page ad and done very well.

Break from 7:35 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.

Editor: Rob Skinner absent.

Prado Park: Craig Maxwell absent. Tom Millett read an email from Craig. Nothing has progressed. He has not heard from the county or Tom Dodson. He will call one of them soon.

New Business: Dave Ruhland asked about whether it would be possible to once again publish member birthdays in the Hit & Miss. Nothing resolved as Editor Rob absent.

Unfinished Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Book Review

The Steam Tractor Encyclopedia - Glory Days of the Invention that Changed Farming Forever

by John F. Spalding & Robert T. Rhode

I was with a little apprehension that I agreed to take a gander at this book. After all, the theme has not been unexplored and my bookcase shelves all already overflowing with books of the genre. In other words, "ho hum."

But upon opening the book for the first time, a page of original vintage photographs about knocked my socks off. I flipped to another section of the book, and was met with MORE vintage photos. The entire book is jam packed with photos of tractors in the factory, in the fields, on the road, and performing all the tasks for which these amazing machines were built.

The pictures also show the workers who operated the tractors, the owners, the families--all the people who benefited from the

tireless labor these tractors provided.

The book is divided into sections by manufacturer. There are the manufacturers that we all recognize, Advance, Case, Nichols & Shepard, Reeves, and obscure manufacturers that are sure to be strangers to even the most expert tractor men.

The authors' approach to the stories behind the tractors is both novel, entertaining AND educational. The backgrounds of the founders and principals of the companies are explored, giving insight into the motivation that drove them into the field of tractor manufacturing. The histories of the companies are interspersed with anecdotes that are both entertaining and give the reader a better understanding of the day to day operations.

In addition to steam engines and tractors, there are brief sections on internal combustion engines and tractors.

For the fan of steam tractors and vintage photographs, this book brings it all together in a way that is

sure to both inform and to entertain. I know of no better collection of images.

This book just rolled off the press, so if you can't find it yet in the bookstores, it's available directly from the publisher at <http://www.voyageurpress.com> or (800) 826-6600. -Rob Skinner

WAIT - A Christmas Bonus

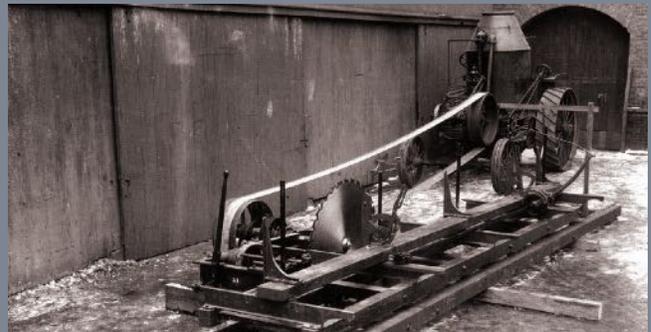
Along with your Hit & Miss, you have received a complimentary copy of the Western Antique Iron Trader. WAIT is a monthly publication for buyers and sellers of engines, tractors, and antique equipment. The primary region of distribution is the Western U.S., but circulation is worldwide.

WAPA thanks George & Kathryn Best for providing this gift to our members.

SELECTION OF PICTURES FROM THE STEAM TRACTOR ENCYCLOPEDIA



The whole family with their C. Aultman Mogul



Westinghouse powered sawmill



Robinson powered drilling rig



Holt hauling lumber

Victorian Christmas December 6, Saturday

Located at the Heritage Hill Historical Park, 25151 Serrano Road, Lake Forest. The show starts at 11:00 a.m. and runs until to 3:00 p.m. Arrive early so you will have plenty of time to set up your engines.

Directions: Take Lake Forest Drive from I-5. Go east to Serrano Road. Turn left on Serrano and immediately right, into a shopping center parking lot. The entrance to the park is at the back of the lot, on the left. Our area is past the house, on the right.

Gunther's Yard December 7, Sunday

Betty Gunther and family would like to invite you to their yard in Long Beach, in memory of George Gunther, who passed away earlier this year.

There will be trucks, tractors, an old rail line with a speeder you can ride, and some very nice engines.

The address is 2380 Curry St., in Long Beach. Curry is off Cherry Avenue, half a mile south of the 91 freeway.

Show times are 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting December 12, Friday, 7 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.

Time to Pay Your Dues!

It's that time of year again, time to get out your checkbook and do your part to keep our organization liquid.

Dues are payable on January 1, 2009. For your convenience, there is an application/renewal form at the bottom of this page. Please return it, along with remittance, to our new Membership Director, Jim Davis.

Another option, which we have just instituted, is an online payment system. It's easy and will takes only minutes of your time. Visit our application/renewal web page at www.wapa.us/join. You can use your credit card or other debit options. The system is run by PayPal, the global leader in online payment solutions.

Even if you are a Life Member, you **MUST** return the attached form to Jim, so that he can keep your record current.

membership application and renewal



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