



# HIT 'N' MISS

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## This old iron

By Bob Smith

1909 Aermotor  
owned by  
Ken Evans

This engine was built by the Aermotor Company of Chicago, Illinois, and was mainly used as a backup on their windmills they sold. This was a unique 8 cycle model where it fired once on the first four strokes and then coasts for the other four. Ken heard of this rare engine in Northern California from a friend in Saugus. Ken contacted the owner and bought the engine sight unseen. What makes the engine rare is the fly ball governor off the cam shaft. The owner agreed to bring the engine to a show in Sacramento where he met a man who took it home to Bakersfield where Ken went to pick it up. If you have ever seen this magnificently restored engine you would not believe the condition it was in when he bought it. The engine was totally rusted, piston stuck, and all shafts were frozen. The mixer, gas tank, and exhaust were missing. Ken bought the mixer and exhaust through an add in Gas Engine Magazine. To remove the piston, Ken made a cover plate and used hydraulic fluid to apply pressure to the top of the piston. Once totally disassembled and cleaned, Ken began to reassemble the engine only to find the crankshaft was bent. With much frustration, Ken put the engine away for 1 year.

Ken finally found someone to straighten the crank shaft and finished reassembling the engine. Since it was originally designed for pumping water, Ken made a wood water pump with a plexiglas front so you can see the actual inner workings of the pump. The first time Ken ran the engine was at the 1989 George Cross show and used a rubber band as a governor spring. In 1992 Ken bought a limited edition casting kit and machined and built a 3/8 scale of the same engine. The major machining was done by Dave Holzberger.



## WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WILL MEET  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 A.M.  
AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY  
(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)

## My View

By Tom Millett

Well, by darn, we may have just set a record. I have been a WAPA member since January 1989. During those many years I have seen the leadership of this great organization change many times, and interest in being a part of the leadership swing with some noticeable ups and downs. There were periods whereby candidates nominated for office gave competing five minute speeches. As I mentioned last month, there were tempers flaring and in the end, election vote counting required witnesses.

Our October meeting was well published as the annual membership meeting for the sole purpose of placing in nomination the leaders for the ensuing year. At the posted meeting time of 9:00am, only nine faithful members were present in the room, including one member recovering from a serious health issue. Nearly one half hour went by before the Nominating Committee could present a slate for ratification. Even then, three offices were devoid of a candidate.

This leads me to wonder what has gone wrong. Have we lost our esprit de corps? That doesn't seem to be the case when it's "Show Time", but one has to wonder what the underlying cause may be when it's time to select who takes the reins. I'd love to get some REAL CRITICAL e-mails at [tom535millett@gmail.com](mailto:tom535millett@gmail.com).



Larry Madole's  
Fun Day

Mark your calendar  
January 12  
Plan now!  
Bring your unwanted  
items for the silent  
auction.

# 2012 WAPA SHOWS



November 10 Flabob Airport Veterans Day  
December 1 Victorian Christmas (Paid Show)

## November Birthdays:

Randy Bohse  
Bruce Byram  
Kim Eastman  
Paul Hofer  
Jack Johnson  
Mike Jones



Sue Kiyomura  
Gus Lukrofka  
Craig Matthews  
Teri Moran  
Philip Reed  
Joe Siddons

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## Campaign Statement

My name is Bob Smith and I am running for the position of President of WAPA. I am aware that there is no other person running against me but I still feel obligated to send this statement to the general membership of WAPA. As your president for 2013 I vow to lead this great organization into the future with a balanced budget, preserving the individual shows, and work very hard to attain a permanent home for WAPA. Throughout the year I may call on you the membership to help by serving on a committee in order to accomplish these goals. My number is published in the mailing list so I welcome any member to call and give their suggestions or concerns regarding this organization. I also encourage all members to attend the board meetings to observe and comment on the issues presented to the board. Thank you all so much.

## Safety Tips--Loading tractors

**By Dick Bouma**

I am in Lincoln, Nebraska heading for Mt Pleasant Iowa, picked up today's paper which is Monday and found an article about a Kansas man killed loading his tractor at the Nebraska State Fair Show. I am forwarding this information to all of you fellas with tractors. The gentleman was driving a 1936 John Deere up a ramp onto a bed of a semi truck, rear wheel slipped off and flipped over on top of him, killing him. This is a reminder to all of you members trying to load tractors onto trailers which aren't too high and those trying to load tractors up on to semi or flatbed trucks, how dangerous it can be. It may be a little more inconvenient or costly to pull them up BUT???

## Glendora Pumpkin Festival

**By Tom Millett**

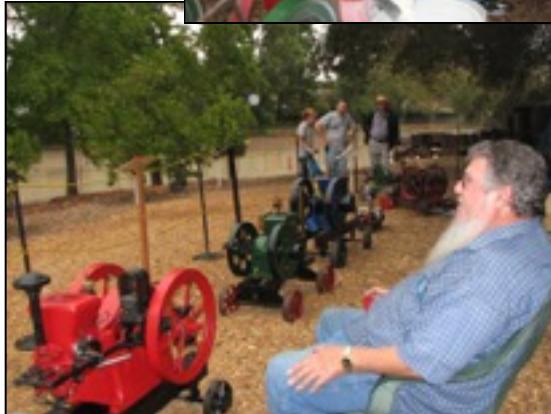
What started out to be a rather gloomy and misty morning in Glendora turned out to be perfect for all those kiddies to come to Centennial Park and see the sights, smoke and sounds of WAPA machines and buy their favorite pumpkin to carve.

What a great turnout by WAPA members! When I saw the Phil Sigmon's enclosed trailer enter the grounds, I knew we were in, as always, for a great day. Phil had a Stover and Alamo, Jerry Nichols displayed an Associated, David Gregg had his Fairbanks Morse, Joe Giocomarra ran a John Deere, while Leroy Overstreet showed off his very quiet Maytag with a rotating scary assembly of a bloody arm, chicken with no feathers and spooky characters. Joe Siddons kept the youngsters working, grinding and shelling corn by hand. Ken & Larry Evans puzzled all with their 1915 air cooled United running the famous Duro mystery water pump, a real crowd pleaser. Don Young unloaded a Wheel Horse garden tractor. Never having seen one before, I learned he has a fleet of them in all sizes. Gus Lukrofka came in with his bright yellow Jeep loaded with items for sale. He never got them unloaded before they were sold. What a salesman!

Richard Taylor got introduced to the corn grinding operation and assisted us all day, as did Beverly Helm. Beverly could sell anything you put in front of her. Housewives who didn't even know what corn meal is, were buying five bags at a time. Bob Smith ground all morning and Leroy took over in the afternoon. Carl Sharp was hammering away doing his blacksmithing all day. Great show everyone. Thanks for all the hard work.



Photos by  
Larry Evans



**Western Antique Power Associates**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**October 6, 2012**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	Dan Kato, Bob Smith, Craig Maxwell, Ernie Harmon
<b>Board Members Excused</b>	Kelley Garcia, Rick Racette, Joe Siddons, Leroy Overstreet, Chuck Mayernick
<b>Members Present</b>	Tom Millett, Ron Haskell, Dale Linn, David Gregg, Gus Lukrofka, Jerry Nichols, Roger Hahn, Jerry Logan
<b>Call to Order</b>	President Dan Kato called the meeting to order at 9:30am in the Botanical training room at Cal Poly, Flag Salute led by Bob Smith
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	No other business could be conducted due to the lack of a quorum of the board of directors. Secretary Bob Smith opened the nominations for the 2013 Board of Directors. Nominations from the nominating committee was as follows. <b>Museum:</b> Craig Maxwell <b>Membership:</b> Chuck Mayernick <b>Librarian:</b> Joe Siddons <b>Treasurer:</b> Kelley Garcia <b>Secretary:</b> Tom Millett <b>Vice President:</b> Leroy Overstreet <b>President:</b> Bob Smith Nominations from the floor was as follows. <b>Safety:</b> Don Young <b>Purchasing:</b> Ron Haskell <b>Shows:</b> Rob Skinner Nominations were closed at 9:45pm
<b>Adjournment</b>	9:46am Bob Smith, Secretary

**Minutes of Special Board Meeting--October 6, 2012**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	Dan Kato, Bob Smith, Craig Maxwell, Ernie Harmon, Joe Siddons
<b>Board Members Excused</b>	Kelley Garcia, Rick Racette, Leroy Overstreet, Chuck Mayernick
<b>Members Present</b>	Tom Millett, Ron Haskell, Dale Linn, David Gregg, Gus Lukrofka, Jerry Nichols, Roger Hahn, Jerry Logan
<b>Call to Order</b>	President Dan Kato called the meeting to order at 9:59am in the Botanical training room at Cal Poly.
<b>Order of Business</b>	Bob Smith made a motion to sanction the Aliso Viejo Harvest Festival on October 13, the Glendora Pumpkin Festival on October 20, and Flabob Airport Veterans Day on November 10. All in favor
<b>Adjournment</b>	10:01am Bob Smith, Secretary



Bill Stuber  
Windmill  
Display.

Bill and Helen showed this hand made windmill at several shows during the early 1990s.



This photo was taken by Jose Carrillo and sent to Rob Skinner by Rich Burney. It's Bill Baldwin with his Jack O'Latern made from a submarine net buoy.

## Aliso Viejo report

By Bob Smith

This show is unlike any other show WAPA attends. The good folks of Aliso Viejo do not get started until 1:00pm but do not end until 7:30pm. Our poor WAPA members always like to start early and end early but we did agree to display until 6:00pm. Even then we needed a police escort to drive our trucks out of the display area. All in all we had a wonderful time.

The show area was packed with a wide variety of engines and hands on items. Members present were Ron Haskell, Merle Morse, Joe Siddons, Jack Robinson, Rob Skinner, Kelley Garcia, Joe Giocomarra, LeRoy Overstreet, and Bob Smith. Klaus Duebbert attended to his blacksmith and California Experience display along with providing free coffee and beans with weenies for all WAPA members.

Our display area was right in the heart of the event. Many interested spectators came by to view our engines and take home a free bag of freshly ground corn meal. The kids enjoyed Jack's array of hank pumps and Rob and Kelley's corn sheller. The line started forming at 5:00pm for the free bar-b-que of hamburgers and hotdogs. WAPA folks were tired so we loaded our trucks and headed home because we knew it would be dark by the time we got there.



Photos by Rob Skinner



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.

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