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Flabob Show Report, November 10

By Bob Smith

The weather man was making us all very nervous about rain on Saturday. I was bound and determined to go rain or shine. I woke Saturday morning to clear skies and I am sure the rest of the WAPA crew saw the same thing. The show was attended by 21 WAPA members with over 30 engines on display. There were tractors from the high desert along with a car show and planes on display. All kinds of things to do and see and even ride in a bi-plane for \$40. This show was a tribute to veterans so all branches of the service were present, active



duty and former service members. David Paul even portrayed a Confederate General in a Civil War reenactment. This show gets bigger and better every year. If you missed it, please try to make it next year. Let me give thanks to the long list of attendees: Mark

Panzone, Merle Morse, Tom Denson, Ron Haskell, Ernie & Dorothy Groce, Joe Siddons, Bob Smith, Gus Lukrofka, Tom Millett, Richard Taylor, Craig Maxwell, Leroy Overstreet, Craig Mathews, Phil Sigmon, Al Antonucci, Dale Lynn, Jerry Nichols, Tom Fee, Don Young, and Roger Hahn.

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

My View

By Tom Millett

Well, this issue completes a year since Carol Haskell started using her talent to make us a newsletter that encompasses our members engaged in activities and at the same time provide members with needy information. My role as associate has been to prod where needed and seek out timely items of interest. Unfortunately, we lost two WAPA members this year. Helen Stuber, who was preceded in death by husband Bill, passed on after many years of faithful membership. John Madole, a Viet Nam veteran and brother to Larry, succumbed after a long illness.

We were there for the donation of the Stuber family Gleaner to WAPA and watched Gregg Stires' driver load it in blinding rain and drive it to its new shelter at Cal Poly. We had the pleasure of putting in print Gus Lukrofka's Gibson tractor collection as featured in Vintage Tractor Digest.

We have also had the pleasure of members submitting articles and feature stories, which help out tremendously. I can only add that with our increasingly energetic membership, we will do great things as a club in the coming year. With that, I thank all of you for sending those vintage photos and other filler material this past year. I especially thank Jim Davis for his continual contribution of yesteryear photos, Rob Skinner for his feature stories, and Bob Smith for "This Old Iron". It's been a fun ride.



FRIENDS!

Larry Madole's Fun Day January 12

FUN! Mark your calendar. Plan now!

Bring your unwanted items for the silent auction.

BIG SWAP MEET!!

FOOD!

It's getting closer!

President's Message

By Dan Kato

I am writing to you from Cullican, Sinaloa, Mexico. If you were in Los Cabos, Baja, it would be straight across the Gulf. Being a coastal state the weather is usually mild, but the temps can get to 120 degrees on the inlands. This is the agricultural state. The baseball team name is TOMATEROES. Pronounced "To-MOE-TER-OES".

As you drive across the state you see vast acres of chiles, corn, tomatoes, all sorts of vegetables and grain. This is where many of our veggies and fruit come from. I also met a student who had attended Cal-Poly Pomona to learn proper farming techniques of today; what a kick. He remembered our show for "Strawberry Festival".

I will be back for the December meeting as this will be my last message as President of Western Antique Power Associates. I must thank all who voted for and supported me as your President during this term, especially your Board of Directors.

Without them we would not be at Cal-Poly and furthering our dream of having a "Museum of Agriculture". I do think we should: 1) keep searching out prospective gifts; and 2) start thinking of a master plan. This is a very timely process. We have some very excited people in the U. C. system who are very much in favor of our efforts. This happened by chance with a conversation by Larry Madole, also a grad of Cal-Poly Pomona, and a fellow friend. One thing led to another and here we are.

We must be doing the right thing because I get questions as to how we are doing.

As I leave this position, I am taking on another. I have been asked to be on the Board of Directors of the Hathaway Ranch Museum. I became a friend of the family many years ago. During that time it not only raised my interests in mechanics, but how life was in The Old Days. Having lived some time on a chicken ranch in Riverside, Ca., it has brought back many memories.

FOR SALE

Eight foot ornamental windmills all assembled.
\$75 each. Jack Johnson 714-630-2912

1953 John Deere D Styled, electric start, turning brakes & PTO, good sheet metal, and rubber, dual exhaust runs well \$5,000.

1948 Schramm Tractor/compressor, runs well, fair rubber \$2,500.

Stover CT2, on cart EK mag, runs well, \$400.

Fairbanks Morse Z, 2 hp, disk flywheels, on cart, runs well, missing crank shield \$375.

1927 Chevrolet engine, with transmission \$275.

5 items above call **Gus Lukrofka** 562-698-5659

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.

Member Profile

Ernie & Dorothy Groce

By Tom Millett

You won't go to many WAPA displays and not see this marvelous couple. Married for just a few months short of 60 years, they have been best friends since pre-teen years. Dorothy was raised on a farm in Oldham, South Dakota and attended a one room country school while Ernie was an in-town school kid after the family moved to Oldham. Ernie's Dad was a blacksmith and Ernie, one of six boys, took up the trade with his Dad. Dorothy became a telephone operator (before dial phones) and did so until after their marriage in 1953 and a move to Sunny California in 1959, after which Ernie became a welder at Wayne Sweeper Co. Dorothy jumped into a position with Pomona First Federal Bank and other work until Ernie's retirement in 1991. Having raised two boys and two girls, they are now blessed with 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ernie and Dorothy, after retirement, met up with Ken and Doris Byers when they were looking for a retirement hobby and saw Ken's display of models. Ken drew them in like he could do so well and steered them toward rusty iron. They got an engine that was a basket case, but with Ernie's determination got the thing close to a runner but was needing a couple of parts. They stumbled into Mel Smith (Bob's Dad) who had an exact same model engine. Good old Mel, not even knowing them, loaned Ernie the parts he needed as foundry patterns. Thus began a great life after retirement. Dorothy confided that WAPA has been a great 22 years of retirement pleasure for them both. When you see them at a show, and you can't miss that table full of models, give them a friendly greeting and ask Ernie about his recognition for a patent from his former employment, for which he can understandably be very proud.

Safety Tips--That's the Breaks

By Joe Siddons

How many of us use the nylon ratchet straps and check the straps for fraying but not where they are sewn together. I went to use one the day after the Flabob show and as I was tightening it down the sewing at one of the hooks broke. Fortunately it did not happen when I was driving with something heavy.

Thank you for putting up with me all these years as the safety director, I am sure the new safety director will do a very good job. Merry Christmas.

December Birthdays

Al Antonucci

Terry Klenske

Ken Evans

Jerry Nichols

Ron Haskell

Was Wasemiller

Jim Kirkes

Greg Young

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

**Western Antique Power Associates
Minutes of the Board of Directors
November 3, 2012**

Board Members Present Dan Kato, Bob Smith, Kelley Garcia, Joe Siddons, Leroy Overstreet, Craig Maxwell
Board Members Excused Rick Racette, Chuck Mayernick, Ernie Harmon
Members Present Tom Millett, Tom Fee, Dale Linn, David Gregg, Gus Lukrofka, Jack Johnson, Don Young, Phil Sigmon, Jerry Nichols, Roger Hahn, Dick Bouma, Rob Skinner, Al Antonucci

Visitors

Call to Order President Dan Kato called the meeting to order at 9:01am in the Botanical training room at Cal Poly, Flag Salute led by Dan Kato

REPORTS

President Dan Kato reminded us all that he was on his 2nd year as president and his 3rd time. It was about time to turn the gavel over to another. He thanked everyone for his support throughout the years and is confident that the future of WAPA will be in good hands.

Vice President Rick Racette Absent

Secretary Bob Smith made a motion to approve minutes of annual meeting and special meeting held on October 6, 2012. Second by Joe Siddons. All in favor.
In accordance with Article VII Section 3 of the Bylaws, Bob Smith cast 1 vote for each board position unopposed for the 2013 board.

Treasurer Treasurer Kelley Garcia presented the summary report from 1-1-12 through 11-3-12. Total expenses were \$6,544.30 and total income was \$4,482.63. Account totals as of 11/3/12. Cash Accounts \$25,638.39. Smith Barney Accounts \$172,616.25. Kelley presented another report showing WAPA investments have a gain in 2012 of \$22,387.69. Subtract the overall deficit from income to expense of \$-2,061.67, we are at a \$20,326.02 surplus for the year. There was much discussion regarding our personal advisors moving from Smith Barney to Wells Fargo Advisors. It was the consensus of the board and the members present that the personal attention given by our advisors was very important in WAPA's investments. Since the fees were about the same and the investments offered were comparable, it was decided that Kelley move the investment from Smith Barney to Wells Fargo Advisors.

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 has 2 bags of corn left so will grind at Flabob. WAPA accepted a wooden flag from the Stuber daughters made by Bill Stuber.

Safety Shows Joe Siddons had no new safety issues to bring up.
Bob Smith discussed the contract received for the Victorian Christmas. WAPA would place itself in breach of contract if we signed. After much discussion from the board and all members present it was decided to pass on the event.

Library Museum Ernie Harmon absent no report.
Craig Maxwell nothing new to report. Bob Smith gave a report on a Cal Poly BBQ Dan Kato, Tom Millett, and himself attended on October 9. The lunch was to thank a major donor, Jeff Dexter, of a fully restored John Deere A that he used on his ranch in Apple Valley since the 40's. The lunch was also attended by other important alum and faculty members including Bob Pettis, CCP alum and person who over saw the restoration of the tractor, Lynda Pettis, wife of Bob Pettis, Jim Hicks, friend of CPP College of Agriculture, Larry Emlet, CPP alum based out of Bakersfield, Raymond Watje, CPP alum based out of Riverside, Glen Durrington, friend of CPP College of Agriculture, Les Young, Dean, College of Agriculture, Dan Hostetler, Professor, College of Agriculture, Val Mellano, Chair, College of Agriculture, Ron Simons, CPP alum and retired University Advancement administrator, friend of Bob Pettis, Chad Cleveland, CPP alum and currently part of CPP farming operations, Dave Mathias, CPP alum and current CPP farm manager, Michelle Stoddard, Associate VP, Development, Kristen Daley, Director of Major Gifts, College of Agriculture. This lunch was informal and very much a part of Cal Poly wanting to build a new tractor shop and farming museum, and with WAPA members present, indicates the importance we represent in their future plans.

Editor Tom Millett was soliciting for Sale and Web Gems for the Hit-N-Miss.

Glendora Castle Tom Millett had nothing new to report.

Cal Poly Restoration Project John Deere 50 is being reassembled. Order oil pressure gauge tubing for John Deere A.

Unfinished Business No unfinished business

New Business We need to work on putting rubber on the steel wheels of the club Gleaner. Anyone interested can show up on a Saturday morning at Cal Poly tractor shop.

Adjournment 10:47am
Bob Smith, Secretary



This Old Iron--Mark Panzone By Bob Smith

Mark Panzone's circa 1900 12HP Corliss built by the Corliss Gas Engine Company of San Francisco, California. The Oriental Gas Engine Company was run by Marcellus Graham and Edward Corliss from 1895-1903. They did not sell many engines so they changed the name to Corliss Gas Engine Co. and made 17 known gas models.

This engine was discovered 80 miles outside of Nome, Alaska on the Niukluk River in 2003. It was used to pump water for a bucket line dredge on a gold claim on the banks of the river. The discovery was quite an adventure. Mark and his buddy Greg Johnson, were introduced to a local year-around hunter, fisherman, and trapper who had been in the area since the early '70s. Mark asked him if he had seen any old engines and he knew of one.

It was June and there was no snow on the ground, so they set off up the Niukluk in a boat. When the guide stopped, they got out and climbed a bank. At the top Mark & Greg could not see any sign of an engine but when the guide pulled some willows apart, there it was. The next step was to find the owner of the claim so he could make a deal. The guide found the owner and Mark bought the engine. He went back in August to retrieve the engine, and went to a local rental yard to rent a 1 ton truck. The company gave them a new truck with only 400 miles on it. Mark & Greg looked around and saw a beat up old 1 ton in the back and told the owner that they wanted that one instead. That seemed strange to the owner, but he obliged. Mark, Greg and the guide set out across the tundra and the guide took them to the exact site of the engine. Mark & Greg had to disassemble the engine and haul it out in two trips, loading it with wooden ramps, a big rope, and a come-along. That old truck did the job, and you should come to a show to see this very rare piece of California history. It was well preserved in the Alaskan wilderness.



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Merry Christmas



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