



# HIT 'N' MISS

Newsletter of the  
Western Antique Power Associates

JULY, 2012

## President's Message

By Dan Kato

I hope everyone is having a good start for the 2012 summer and have survived the June rush of events. For myself it has been a crazy one.

Our next scheduled show is the July 22 Classic Yacht Association Old Fashioned Day in the Park at Burton Chace Park, Marina Del Rey. If you have never been, what a view of the marina. Beautiful classic boats, cars, and of course W.A.P.A., front and center. Bring your sun block, hat, lunch and usual supplies. As of this note, parking although limited, will be available to those early birds. We must be off the show area by 7:30 am. It makes a long day but worth the effort.

From the marina if you look south towards Palos Verde Estates, you will see the "ROCK". The "ROCK" used to be part of the Getty oil fields. When they moved out, the So Cal Gas Co purchased the land and its holdings. This rock goes down 5,000 plus ft. and several miles across. This little unknown vista is capable of holding enough natural gas for So Cal for 6 months or longer in the event of a disaster. What a thrill to hear the 12 cylinder Bessemer Natural Gas Engines crank up and the giant compressors pumping away.

When the oil company moved they felt the field had done its job. Not so, while the natural gas is pumped in through the porous rock, crude oil is still coming out. Enough of this crude comes up that a small processing plant has been constructed. This waste crude more than pays for the full operation of the pumping plant and then some. While working there I did try to schedule a small tour for us. Sorry, because of 911 security and its importance, no luck.

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## La Habra Valley Community Fair

By Rob Skinner

The La Habra Valley Community Fair, formerly known as the Sonora High School Car Show, was another enjoyable event where WAPA members were able to bring out their toys and have some fun. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the Future Farmers of America program at Sonora High School. The program nurtures the students' potential for leadership and personal growth through agricultural education. The students raise cows, goats, sheep, chickens, turkeys, pigs, rabbits, and fish... and probably some animals that I've overlooked. Regardless, the fair is a lot of fun and it's for a good cause.

Besides engines and animals, there were also plenty of cars on display, booths by a few local businesses, food, and live bands. Also making appearances were Gary Bryan from KRTH radio and Lou Pizzaro from the TV show, Operation Repo.

WAPA members in attendance were LeRoy Overstreet with an Economy engine, sold by Sears; Gus Lukrofka with a Willy's truck, garden tractor, Briggs and Stratton Model WM, and Smith Motor Wheel engine; Joe Siddons with a hand operated plow and hand operated planter; Chuck Mayernick with a Briggs and Stratton engine; Tom Millett with an Economy engine and Bevan pump; and Kelley Garcia and Rob Skinner with a Czechoslovakian Lorenz engine. We

were also joined by Chili, the dog, who enjoyed showing off her butter making skills with her 1895 "dog power," recently acquired from the estate of Bill and Helen Stuber.



More photos from the La Habra Valley Community Fair



On Sunday, the day after WAPA's participation, Kelley and I returned just to see how the auction was going. The tent was filled with bidders, and plenty of observers were watching from outside. One at a time, the kids paraded their animals before the crowd, answering questions from the announcer regarding their experiences in the FFA program. Then bidding commenced—and their animals were gone. It was a little sad, but that's life on the farm.

# 2012 WAPA SHOWS



- July 22 Classic Yacht Show
- August 25 Chino Corn Feed Run
- September 16 South Pasadena Car Show
- October 20 Aliso Viejo Harvest Festival (Paid Show)
- October \* Glendora Pumpkin Festival
- November 10 Flabob Airport Veterans Day
- December \* Victorian Christmas (Paid Show)

\*Dates to be determined.

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## Safety Tips

By Joe Siddons

Do you have any screws loose? It is a good idea to check all the nuts, bolts and screws on your engines, carts, pumps and various other items. It is very easy to put the above mentioned items away after a show and forget to tighten them before the next show, resulting in someone getting hurt or the equipment getting damaged.

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On some sad notes: Margaret Swan has fallen at home and broke her hip and fractured the ball connection. I had a nice visit with Bob and younger daughter Karen the day of surgery. Everything went well. She will be in rehab for a month or so and back to chasing Bob out of the house. Send her your well wishes.

I, on the other hand, will AGAIN not be able to attend another meeting. I have a preplanned trip to Kona, Hawaii. I know, "Ya Right, Kona for engines & tractors" I tried to reschedule but Susan kept persisting. The good part is it is only plane fare and food. Family Ranch, horses to be exact. The elder family member is the one who brought the computer game Tetris to the U.S. Made a bundle selling it and invested it well. So we are off to their Summer Home in the mountains.

I wish there was more to report. I have been asleep at the wheel. See you all upon my return.

## My View

By Tom Millett

I consider myself as a rather seasoned member of the WAPA family and have always been intrigued by the variation of machines either acquired or concocted by our members. Everything from the Evans brothers lift pump made by hand and entirely visible on the inside and taking the mystery out of pumping water by hand, to those Leroy Overstreet contraptions that catch the eye of our spectators. That's a part of what we are all about, teaching and entertaining.

Well, I have now witnessed the greatest spectacle of all. Thanks to incredible foresight, Rob and Kelley bought the 1885 "Dogpower" from the Bill & Helen Stuber estate. It showed up at the La Habra Community Festival on June 9th and to everyone's amazement, they had already trained their dog, Chili, to work it. It was the hit of the show.

I grew up on the farm and we had a "Goatpower". I don't know why, because we didn't have any goats. At age 8 or 10, it was something for us kids to exercise on – if you want to call it that. I once saw a Horsepower, but never saw it worked by a horse. So, Rob and Kelley, you have come up with another fantastic way to further our broad range of great exhibits.

## Did you know

Submitted by Jim Davis

You can protect that new or cleaned spare spark plug. Carry it with you in an empty prescription bottle.

## This old iron

By Bob Smith

This is a new section I thought of to add to the Hit-N-Miss--a bio of someone's engine from a show I attended. My lucky pick this month was Leroy Overstreet at the Home School Show in Ontario on May 28.

Leroy is known for some unique contraptions operating on his engines. Well this contraption deserved some recognition. Leroy's neighbor was throwing away a pulley and winch system from a dumb waiter in their house that was not used anymore. Leroy took it and made an ore bucket winch system powered by a 2HP Economy, sold by Sears and Roebuck. The engine also has an interesting history. Leroy found the engine out in the desert near Lucerne Valley. The Overstreet family was camping and it rained that night. The next morning they went out in the wash and saw two flywheels sticking out of the ground. After 2 hours of digging the engine from the bottom of the wash, Leroy took it home to clean it up. Leroy said the cylinder was saved by the piston being at the full open position. He replaced a valve and put a Wico mag on it and it came alive again. Leroy decided not to paint the engine but to use boiled linseed oil and oil to give it an old look.



**Western Antique Power Associates**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**June 2, 2012**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	Bob Smith, Kelley Garcia, Joe Siddons, Leroy Overstreet, Ernie Harmon, Chuck Mayernick, Craig Maxwell.
<b>Board Members Excused</b>	Dan Kato, Rick Racette
<b>Members Present</b>	Tom Millett, Tom Fee, Jerry Nicols, Phil Sigmon, Dale Linn, David Gregg, Gus Lukrofka, Al Antonucci, Ernest Groce, Dorothy Groce, Bill Baldwin, Don Young
<b>Call To Order</b>	Secretary Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Agriscap meeting room at Cal Poly, Flag Salute led by Bill Baldwin
<b>REPORTS</b>	
<b>President</b>	Dan Kato absent, no report.
<b>Vice President</b>	Rick Racette absent, no report.
<b>Secretary</b>	Bob Smith made a motion to approve minutes of the May 5, 2012 board meeting. Second by Joe Siddons. All in favor
<b>Treasurer</b>	Treasurer Kelley Garcia presented the summary report from 1-1-12 through 6-2-12. Since the board meeting was on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> , no statements have been received for May. Total expenses were \$3,879.01 and total income was \$4,162.47. Account totals as of 6/2/12. Cash Accounts \$27,983.52. Smith Barney Accounts \$171,663.03. For tax purposes, Kelley needs all board members to submit hours spent on WAPA business for the year 2011.
<b>Membership</b>	Chuck Mayernick presented the membership report as of June 2. Total paid members 112. Total Life Members 28. 1 Charter member & 3 honorary members. Motion made by Chuck Mayernick to accept new members Tim Neely, Roger Hahn, and Richard Burney, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Kelley Garcia, all in favor. Motion made by Chuck Mayernick to drop unpaid member Evan Chapman, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Leroy Overstreet, all in favor. Bob Smith made a motion to accept Janeen Nedlik as an honorary member. Janeen is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Stuber daughter and has been helpful to WAPA in allowing members first buy of her parents' antiques. 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Kelley Garcia, all in favor.
<b>Purchasing</b>	Leroy Overstreet ordered a new coupon book for new member badges. Chuck received the coupons so should be good for the next 25 new members.
<b>Safety</b>	Joe Siddons announced there were no safety issues.
<b>Shows</b>	Bob Smith made a motion to sanction the classic yacht show on July 22, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Leroy Overstreet, all in favor.
<b>Library</b>	Ernie Harmon nothing new to report.
<b>Museum</b>	Craig Maxwell reported there is no activity at this time regarding Guasti or Cal Poly. Dialog is still open.
<b>Editor</b>	Tom Millett encouraged the submission of webgems.
<b>Glendora Castle</b>	Tom Millett no report
<b>Cal Poly Restoration Project</b>	John Deere A is finished. Second John Deere A is now in progress. All other tractors were moved down to the equipment yard for storage.
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	Greg Stires was absent so no report on LA County Fair. Dan Kato was absent so no update on next safety class.
<b>New Business</b>	
<b>Announcements</b>	Bill Baldwin entertained us all with some stories from the past. It is always nice to hear some tales of the good ole days.
<b>Adjournment</b>	10:30am

Bob Smith, Secretary

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**Jerry Wyatt:** A native from New Hampshire, Jerry lives close to his family of two children and four grand children in Redlands. He is a Navy vet having served from 1961-67. His career was with the City of Redlands for 34 years as a water dept. employee. Now at 69 years of age he joined the WAPA family while at Larry Madole's first "Fun Day" after having been an early member of the Vista Gas Engine and Steam Museum. He prides himself as a collector of the "Odd" things in life, such as dragon, dinosaur, raptor and "monster". As a former trapper, he collects traps. He has a 1972 Cadillac hearse with an engine tray (formerly for caskets), 40-50 engines ranging from 1HP to a 45 HP Holt 4 cylinder. Jerry belongs to the Phantom Coaches Hearse Club in Long Beach. He enjoys going to shows and can be seen at Vista and Tulare, in addition to WAPA shows.

**Rick Taylor:** At 66 years of age, Rick has been a very active person all his life. He was born and raised in Indio, and somewhere along the way met his sweetheart, Nancy, now on a 23 year marriage. He is a Naval Flight Service vet having served our country from 1962-66. Living in Chino, Rick became employed with General Foods Corp. as an installer and service technician. After 16 years he retired, sold their home and moved to Eugene, Oregon to work for the So.Pac. R.R. When the economy took a dump, he moved back to Chino where he applied his talents with MJB Coffee and managed Youngs Company Liquor for 11 years. Rick was signed up as a WAPA member by Bob Smith. He had sold all his engines; however, we look for him to retain the bug to get more.

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## Brentwood Show

By Bob Smith

If there was just one show you had to pick for the entire year with the most inquisitive kids and parents, it would be the Brentwood show in my opinion. Kids from 6 to 16 seem to be fascinated with the mechanics of our old iron. I saw Larry Evans talking to one man for over 1/2 hour. Tom Millett got real excited when the LAPD showed up with a cruiser and let the kids play with the siren and lights. Joe Siddons spent all day showing the kids and parents the various milking equipment while Jim Davis explained the workings of a Hit-N-Miss engine. To top it off, the school awarded each WAPA member in attendance 10 food tickets to redeem at any of the many food booths. With a hot dog at 2 tickets or burrito at 3 tickets, or corn on the cob at 1 ticket, it was hard to use all 10 tickets. Some bought fruit baskets or fresh bread to take home. All in all it was a wonderful day for a show.



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](http://www.wapa.us).



**WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WILL MEET  
SATURDAY, JULY 7  
9:00 A.M.  
AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY  
(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)**

### 2012 WAPA Officers

Dan Kato	President
Rick Racette	Vice President
Bob Smith	Secretary, Show Director
Kelley Garcia	Treasurer
Ernie Harmon	Librarian
Chuck Mayernick	Membership
Leroy Overstreet	Purchasing
Joe Siddons	Safety
Craig Maxwell	Museum Director
Carol Haskell	Editor

## California Gold Engine Show

By Ron Haskell

If it's the third weekend of May that means it's time for the California Gold engine show. This year the 9th annual show was held at Ken McCarary's ranch in the beautiful redwoods at Davenport, California.

This show is for the display of California built engines only. The featured engine was Standish and other one-of-a-kind.

This year there were 10 Unions, 9 Westerns, 7 Frisco Standards, 5 Sampsons, 2 Doak, 2 Regan, 2 Commercial, with one each Schilling, Stearns, Corliss, Standard Machine, W.T. Garrett & Company, S.F. Hercules, J.L. Hicks, Hunt, and Robbins.

Great food, friends and weather made for a beautiful weekend. Also included was a tour of Ken's redwood sawmill, and a ride on the Swanton Railroad now owned by Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

WAPA was represented by Dick Bouma, Larry Madole, Mark Panzone, Jerry Logan and Ron Haskell.

