



# HIT 'N' MISS

Newsletter of the  
Western Antique Power Associates

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## President's Report

By Bob Smith



### Random acts of Kindness

Random (without pattern, lacking regularity); Act (something done, doing something); Kindness (ability to behave kindly, compassionate act). You see this and hear of it on the news or in the newspaper or you hear about it from a friend or witness it yourself. This is people doing something out of the ordinary to help a fellow human who you either know or don't know. Think for a moment of the many ways that you have reached out to offer something to another person. Maybe it was a kind gesture such as allowing someone ahead of you in the check-out lane, or holding a door open for someone to enter whether they were disabled or not. Maybe it was allowing someone your parking space as you sat waiting for another to back out. It is not just helping the sick, the old, the disabled, or the poor. It is doing a kind deed for anyone when you expect nothing in return. I would like to share a personal random act of kindness. I was leaving the grocery store one day and 3 girl scouts confronted me and asked if I would buy a box of cookies. I really didn't want a box of cookies but it was a good cause. I purchased a box and told the 3 girls to give that box to the next person coming out of the store. I walked away without ever seeing who received that box or the expression on their face as it was presented to them. At the recent show at Flabob, one of our members and his wife were having lunch at the airport restaurant when 2 service members were about to pay for their lunch. They witnessed a total stranger get up and take the bill from the service members and pay for it himself. I read where former president George Bush and his wife Laura went to the Dallas-Fort Worth airport and greeted returning service members from Afghanistan. Just a friendly handshake to show how proud we are of them. The holidays are approaching and it is always a good time to show kindness to others but don't forget to continue that kindness throughout the year.

## My View

By Tom Millett

Last month, Rob Skinner gave us an excellent method of making a low cost replacement gear for an application he was working on. Ironically, the same day, I received my copy of Vintage News, a bi-monthly publication by the Model T Club of America. There before my eyes was an article explaining how to use nickel coins as freeze plugs on a Model T Ford engine block. Those two home spun creative solutions to a problem got my old brain wondering, "How many more of these stories are out there in our WAPA midst?" Now I know I'm not the smartest bear in the woods when it comes to creative thinking, but I look around and see our members coming up with personal ways of problem solving every day. Members like Merle Morse and Ernie Groce make engines from a block of metal. Bob Smith makes wooden wheel spokes for his cement mixer. Al Antonucci configured a trailer such that he secures his engines without ropes, clamps or other tie down devices. I'll bet there are hundreds more little tricks out there that pass us by every day. Newer members may have an engine with no low tension magneto to provide spark to an igniter. I say, "Why not share?"

I'm going to try something that may or may not work. I won't even ask that you write the story about your "fix it" to a problem. You send me an e-mail or phone message that you have one to share and I'll look you up, write a piece and give you credit. I don't care how sophisticated it is. It could be just a simple spring that solved the nagging problem. Don't be bashful. I haven't found a title yet that I like, but that comes later. So, let's get with it.

## December Birthdays

Al Antonucci	H	B
Ken Evans	A	I
Ron Haskell	P	R
Jim Kirkes	P	T
Terry Klenske	Y	H
Larry Mindham		D
Jerry Nichols		A
Was Wasemiller		Y
Greg Young		
Jerry Wood		

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

## Western Antique Power Associates Election Results for 2014

Ballots Sent: 151 Ballots      Returned: 84

### PRESIDENT:

Bob Smith                      84 votes

### VICE-PRESIDENT:

Leroy Overstreet            84 votes

### TREASURER:

Kelley Garcia                84 votes

### SECRETARY:

Tom Millett                  84 votes

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:

Jim Davis                    52 votes

Chuck Mayernick            27 votes

Invalid Votes                3

Blank                         2

### SAFETY DIRECTOR:

Don Young                  83 votes

Invalid Vote                 1

### PURCHASING DIRECTOR:

Dave Ruhland                10 votes

Ron Haskell                 7 votes

Jim Davis                    2 votes

Chuck Mayernick            2 votes

Jim Cook                    1 vote

Ken Evans                    1 vote

Dale Linn                    1 vote

Craig Maxwell              1 vote

Rob Skinner                 1 vote

Blank                        58

### LIBRARIAN:

Joe Siddons                 82 votes

Phil Sigmon                 1 vote

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### SHOW DIRECTOR:

Rob Skinner                 84 votes

### MUSEUM DIRECTOR:

Ron Haskell                 71 votes

Craig Maxwell              7 votes

Invalid Votes                4

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November 16, 2013

Ken Evans, Election Committee Chair

Larry Evans, Election Committee Member

## Gunther's Yard Event

By Rob Skinner

The Gunther family will be hosting their Gunther's Yard event on December 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be some old cars, old trucks, perhaps some military vehicles, and even some engines. Their yard is at 2380 Curry Street in Long Beach, about half a mile south of the 91 off of Cherry Ave.

## Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch & Garden Show

By Bob Smith



Nestled on a hilltop in Long Beach surrounded by a gated community of lush housing is the "Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens" owned by the city of Long Beach but operated by the Bixby foundation. The event that WAPA attended was the "Children's Fall Harvest Festival". As



Rob mentioned in his message to the WAPA Mail members, it was a well attended event with the most gracious hosts and well mannered spectators you will ever come across. Member Jack Robinson was surprised when he could not find the place and a



limo driver told him to follow him through the guard gate and beautiful estates and up to the Rancho. This is the third time I have been to this event and I must tell you, I love it more and more each time. We had a small contingent of Rob Skinner, Kelley Garcia, Tom Millett, Jack Robinson, and myself with a visit by Bill Ward. The hosts awarded WAPA enough room to show 10 engines or more. I asked the

coordinator how much of the lawn in front of the old ranch house we had and who was going to be in the 10 x 20 pop up with tables and chairs. She said that it was for us. Another gentleman who was part of the event said that he would be in charge of crowd control in front of our display and would get us anything we wanted. We were all rather spoiled that day. Tom made use of the table and chairs under the tent to enjoy his free lunch of croissant sandwich with chips, banana, and carrots. This was a paid show so if we are invited next year I would like to see at minimum, 10 members in attendance. Thank you Rob for reestablishing a relationship with WAPA and this event.

## Fun With Vinegar

by Mike Royster

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Submitted by Rob Skinner

After experiencing trouble with the twin New Way engine not getting gas, it turned out the whole cast iron base was full of rust and had clogged up the strainer. I went on the internet and looked at all the YouTube videos of how people got rid of the rust, and the simplest and cheapest (like I had to say that) was to fill it up with distilled white vinegar 5% and let it do the magic.



Bubbling away after four days.

After six days. As you can see from the pictures the bottom and sides were clean and rust free, but right near the top a little rust sheen was left. Maybe that would have been removed had I left it a few more days. The brass inlet screen was totally crusted up, and now is excellent after draining it all out, washing it out repeatedly, then soaking it in a solution of baking soda and water to stop the acid action. Then I rinsed that out, dried it and fogged it with WD-40. So, if you don't want to grind and sand and you don't want to sandblast, this process works really well.

**Bonus tip:** Fill the bleach dispenser in your washing machine with vinegar. Your clothes will come out soft and smelling fresh. Rob

## Flabob Show

By Bob Smith

We had to have set an all time record at the Flabob Airport Show. Twenty five members showing 47 engines and 4 tractors. We also had at least 4 other members stop by and visit our display. Are you ready for the long list of members present? In no particular order Rob Skinner, Kelley Garcia, Gus Lukrofka, Bob "tall one" Smith, Tom Millett, Phil Sigmon, Al Antonucci, Dave Stockton, Jack Robinson, Joe Siddons, LeRoy Overstreet, Bob Smith, Dick Bouma, Ron Haskell, Merle Morse, Larry Mindham, Garrett Mindham, Chris Baldwin, Carey Stockton, Danny Ponce, Ernie & Dorothy Groce, Roger Hann, Dave Ruhland, and Don Young. Thank you all for attending this Veteran's Day celebration for our fine men and women of the armed forces of this great country.

Pilot Chuck Mayernick



Merle Morse & Chris Baldwin



Jack Robinson & Grandson



WAPA members enjoying the day

## This Old Iron--Two Sadies

By Bob Smith

I call this article the two Sadie's. You may remember the article I did in the February, 2013 issue of the Hit-N-Miss on my dad's creation of an engine, a well pump, and a mannequin he named Sadie. As a tribute to that setup, Ernie Groce came up with his own version in 1/8 scale. Since Ernie and Dorothy were very close friends with my dad and mom, he found it fitting to create another version of Sadie.



Ernie used a doll he picked up at the second hand store but had to purchase a second one to get the clothes he felt were appropriate. Ernie brought it out for the first time at the Fun Day in Glendora this past October. You may have also seen it at Flabob. Thank you Ernie for amusing us all with your creative inventions.

- 2013 WAPA Officers
- President Bob Smith
  - Vice President Leroy Overstreet
  - Secretary Tom Millett
  - Show Director Rob Skinner
  - Treasurer Kelley Garcia
  - Librarian Joe Siddons
  - Membership Chuck Mayernick
  - Purchasing Ron Haskell
  - Safety Don Young
  - Museum Director Craig Maxwell
  - Editor Carol Haskell

Merry Christmas



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**Western Antique Power Associates  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
November 2, 2013**

**Board Members present** Bob Smith, Tom Millett, Joe Siddons, Craig Maxwell, Chuck Mayernick, Kelley Garcia, Leroy Overstreet & Rob Skinner.

**Board Members excused** Ron Haskell & Rob Skinner.

**Members present** Roger Hahn, Dale Linn, Ernie and Dorothy Groce, Lance Wilson, David Gregg, Jack Robinson, Danny Ponce, Gus Lukrofka, Phil Sigmon, Jerry Nichols, Al Antonucci, Tim Neely, Joe Mueller & Carey Stockton.

**Visitors** None.

**Call To Order** President Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

**Flag Salute** Led by Al Antonucci.

**REPORTS:**

**President** Bob Smith welcomed everyone and reminded members that this is their meeting and to feel free to speak on any issue at any time. Bob announced that there would be two items raffled off at this meeting. Bob got a card from Kay McMoran, widow of deceased member Bill McMoran thanking WAPA for the kind donation to the Cancer Society.

**Vice President** Leroy commented on the nice Fun Day in Glendora. He has talked to Klaus Duebbert about having a future "Fun Day" at the Calico Ghost Town. He will announce date when it's firmed up.

**Secretary** On motion by Millett and seconded by Kelley Garcia, the Board meeting minutes of 10-19-13 were approved.

**Treasurer** Kelley Garcia shared a detailed financial report of the club. As of October 31, 2013, the total investments were \$238,106.42. Total assets, which include all WAPA owned property, are \$316,499.58.

**Membership** Chuck Mayernick submitted a written report as follows: paid members as of 11-2-13 is (127), life members (26), Honorary members (4), Charter members (1).

**Purchasing** Ron Haskell absent. Millett displayed a photo of a Swan collector item which is a hand operated irrigation pump with attached pulley set up for running with an engine. The board was asked if WAPA has an interest in it as a future permanent display item. On motion by Overstreet and seconded by Don Young, vote to purchase for a price of \$125 was unanimous.

**Shows** Rob Skinner absent. Don Young gave an update on the Flabob Airport show on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Setup by 7am.

**Library** Joe Siddons had nothing to report.

**Safety** Don Young reminded all members to be cognizant of small children when machines are running. Discussion ensued about examples that members have had with need to be aware of the surroundings.

**Museum** Craig Maxwell had nothing to report.

**Editor** Tom Millett reported that he is always interested in classified material as well as articles submitted by members.

**Glendora Castle** A work crew has not been established as yet.

**Cal Poly Restoration Project** Bob Smith reported that we have completed installing the cutter bar elevator balancing springs on the Gleaner. Only item left to do is installing rubber on the left front wheel. **Unfinished Business** The possible gifting of the club trailer is put on hold indefinitely. There is no present place to store its contents.

**New Business** President Smith announced that balloting deadline is Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Ken Evans reports that so far he has received 69 ballots out of 151 sent out to members.

**Communications** Joe Mueller spoke about the fire that destroyed his entire work shop and contents including all machines. It was brought up that this years Corn Feed Run will be in March. Raffle prizes were won by Dorothy Groce and Danny Ponce.

**Adjournment** 10:02 am

**Next Meeting** Tom Millett, Secretary  
December 7, 2013

## **WAPA History**

**By Tom Millett**

**Assisted by: Charter Member Bill Baldwin**

Most current members either have foggy or no knowledge of the founding of our great club. Charter Member Bill Baldwin is the sole survivor of the founding group that gave it a start. Some years before it was an official organization a small group of engine owners that were disenchanted with the atmosphere at the Vista club would meet at Bill Brinkley's house. They would bring their latest engines and Bill would provide a few snacks. Palmer Bochow, John Baldwin & son Bill, and Doug & Bob Vermillion were among the originators. Eventually they began meeting at other homes, including Baldwin's. Brinkley was the first named president, but it wasn't until Bill Baldwin became the second president between 1977 and 1979 that things started happening.

They eventually expanded their group to include Don Riley and his father Allen, Joe and Margaret Mueller. Bill spearheaded a pig roast each year for four or five years at different homes. They would have sand blasting meets. He got the group to display engines at different places that would have them, including the old Corvette and Porsche swap meet (before George Cross) in Pomona. Someone that Bill knew had a contact that got the group to display some engines at Knott's Berry Farm for a week in the spring. That became a regular event each year and led to the purchase of the club trailer in 1981. It was altered for club use by cutting holes for gas cans and power plant anchors, among other things. This was all done in Bill's yard. Corn grinding started with the Knott's shows. A corn grinder with an elevator was found. They powered it with a member's large engine.

On October 5, 1978, also during Bill's term as President, they attained the services of an attorney who prepared the Articles of Incorporation that were filed with the Secretary of State for incorporation as a tax exempt organization called Western Antique Power Associates, Inc. The non-profit status was given section 501(C)4 of the federal tax code. That status is social welfare, civic and political issues. However, all contributions are subject to a gift tax and all income spent is taxable.

It wasn't until many years later that under the leadership of President Bob Swan, research by two members of the board of directors, Kelley Garcia and Rob Skinner, prompted WAPA to apply for and eventually receive 501(C)3 status which is charitable, scientific or educational. Under that status, within reason, contributions or income spending is not taxable. Over the years, some changes have taken place, but not many. Emphasis on revenue sources was important during a long period, largely from multi-week shows at Knott's Berry Farm, Orange County Fair and Los Angeles County Fair. Many hours of prep work and scheduling of volunteer help could wear one thin. Many members simply got "burned out" from working at their employment all day, then working a four hour shift for a WAPA show.

During the mid 1990's, while deceased member Bob Swan was president, and with considerable influence by him, the club Board of Directors sanctioned setting aside a certain percentage of revenue to a special museum fund. That fund has grown over the years to a point that the organization can and should be strongly focusing on establishment of a home, lest we will forever be viewed a group of nomads.

The WAPA organization has been very stable for many years. It was not always that way. During the late 80's and early 90's, and then again in the early turn of the century things were quite vitriolic. Power struggles found many members very disenchanted. In recent years with new, younger members taking an interest in promoting good will, WAPA is now on a very pleasant roll. No longer are we an engine club. We have gladly accepted and encouraged tractor owners to be a large part of our organization. What does the future bring? I say it will be a very educational organization because as older generations die off, the younger population will have no idea what these machines do, or the history of 20<sup>th</sup> century farm life.



### **WAPA T-Shirts**

If you would like a WAPA t-shirt, please contact Ron Haskell, 951-233-0551 or [rdhaskell@juno.com](mailto:rdhaskell@juno.com)

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