



# HIT 'N' MISS

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## President's Report

By Bob Smith

As I had mentioned in the last newsletter, WAPA is now discussing a partnership with Cal Poly regarding a farm museum. This has just escalated in the past 2 months so we must move swiftly to keep the momentum going. With that, I have selected 4 WAPA members to sit on a museum committee along with the chair Craig Maxwell, and myself as an ex-officio. The four members are Ron Haskell, Kelley Garcia, Leroy Overstreet, and Dale Linn. I have called upon these members because of their wide scope and vision on what this organization could accomplish. This will require dedication on their part but the outcome will be rewarding.

I am sure many of you remember back in 2002 when WAPA signed a lease with the San Bernardino County Regional Parks for land at Prado in Chino. Many worked very hard to only have the rug pulled out from under WAPA by the Army Corps of Engineers. Time has passed and those wounds have healed and now it's time to start thinking in a new direction.

WAPA has proven itself as a quality organization to the good folks of Cal Poly. We have worked safely on their campus for several years and displayed in their tractor event with the highest professionalism. We have made the WAPA name known around the campus and all the way to the Dean's office. I feel we are positioned to achieve great things for WAPA's future. I ask all members to support the committee and come to a board meeting to stay abreast of the progress.

The committee will be reporting at each meeting. That is where you can voice your ideas and comments regarding committee activity.

## My View

By Tom Millett

We have all heard the phrase, "If they can land a man on the moon, why can't they----?". Well, here is one that has been under my skin for ages. You know, that old familiar dead give away that you are driving behind an old fogey when you see the left turn signal flashing for a mile or so, at which time it goes off and you know the "Shut off The Signal, Dummy" alarm just sounded.

You ask, where am I going with this; well, I have reached the age of that old coot and the hearing has taken a dump. I no longer hear that faint click under the dash. So, when you pass me up, please wave with all five digits. Now, if they can make a car come to life by the push of a button, why can't they place a turn signal volume dial by the light switch that will let me turn up that clicking sound? If need be, add the feature as an accessory cost.

While driving in Maine a few years back, I hit and killed a Bambi with a rental car. My exchange vehicle was an upgrade to a high end Saturn. While driving, I noticed that as I increased speed, the radio volume increased proportionately. "What a marvelous invention", I thought. So there, I rest my case.



**WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL  
MEET SATURDAY, JULY 6, 9:00 A.M.  
AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY  
(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)**

## MEMBER PROFILE: Ed & Nan Nelson By Tom Millett

Now here are two WAPA members who seriously take the sanctity of marriage to heart. Celebrating their 71<sup>st</sup> year after taking the vows, this great couple got hitched up in 1942. Now, with a daughter and two sons, they have three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Ed was born in San Diego in 1920 and Nan came into this world in 1924 in a nice little town of Nevada, Missouri. As a small child, her folks moved to California after a stop or two along the way. She attended and graduated from schools in Southgate, then went on to get her degree at Whittier College. She then taught school in Montebello. After they were married, Ed got dragged off to WWII and served in the Army Air Corps as a ground crew camera repairman. After the war, Ed continued his trade by working for a camera design firm. By 1970 they were in Viroqua, Wisconsin where Nan was the Deputy County Treasurer for nine years. Ed eventually got into the printing business and for 22 years he worked for NCR until his retirement. In 1983 the couple came back to California and settled down in Big Bear City where they reside today.

Ed's accomplishments are never ending. In the late 1970's, he was a founding member of the Coulee, Wisconsin Antique Club. He got into railroading and went to night school to learn how to build his first HO railroad engine and went on to have a huge collection and become President of the Live Steamers from 1960 to '65. He is a Mason and held office in the Shriners. Nan is a member of The Daughters of the Confederacy, and was Chapter President for eight years. Both have been active with the Big Bear Valley Historical Society. Back in the days of living in Montebello, they designed and did the major building of their Dream Home. Ed got introduced to WAPA when he went looking for piston rings for a newly acquired engine. At a business counter, the man told him he should go to a lawn mower shop nearby and see a man named Dan. It turned out to be Dan Kato who invited him to the WAPA meeting. That's where he met Bill Baldwin. The rest is history because over the years they were side by side at most WAPA events and a delight to be around.

Ed and Nan don't travel off the hill much anymore, but Nan made it very clear that they both cherish the friendships they have made through WAPA, and now enjoy the honor of the Senior Membership. Her parting words were, "Thank You - WAPA".



## Upcoming Shows Show Director Rob Skinner

### Marina del Rey show Show Chairman: Ken Evans

July 28, Classic Yacht Association show, Old Fashioned Day in the Park, with cars and old boats. Located at Burton Chase Park. Set up at 7:30, be parked by 8:30, very limited parking, no trailers.

Go west on the Marina Freeway, Cal 90, from the 405, and turn left on Mindanao Way. Go to the end, at the turnaround there is a gate and there should be someone from the yacht club there to let you in. Follow the grass covered road through the park to the paved section and then to the south west corner of the park. There is a grass knoll with a statue of a Helmsman. This is where we set up, bring your own supplies.

For further information, call Ken Evans 626-683-8372.

## La Habra Valley Community Fair Car Show By Rob Skinner



On June 8, WAPA members brought out antique engines and machinery in support of the tenth annual car show at Sonora High School. The event was started years ago to raise money for the school's FFA program. From its modest beginning, the event has now expanded to three days and includes students from other

schools who bring their animals for judging and for auction.

The morning of the show, WAPA members found that our display area had been overrun by giant, inflatable carnival attractions. Our display area was pushed back to what seemed like the parking area. Your show director was not at all pleased. However, as the show got underway, it turned out that the WAPA area was better than ever. Spectator traffic was not negatively impacted, PLUS, we were right across from the judging tent. We got to watch the endless parade of students walking their animals and preparing them for judging.

We learned that showing animals is not much different than showing engines. No amount of prior preparation promises the prevention of a persnickety engine-- or animal. More than a couple of steers and goats got their own ideas throughout the day, and could be seen trotting across the grassy field, with kids in hot pursuit.



Overall, it was a fun day: we got to hang out with friends, play with engines, see some wonderful cars, and watch kids work with their prized animals.



## Steve McQueen Car and Motorcycle Show

By Bob Smith

Tom Millett went to the initial planning meeting for this event and when he saw there was over 20 members on the committee, he sensed confusion. When the WAPA members arrived at 6:30 a.m. for setup we all had that same feeling. Cars and trucks were coming from all directions.

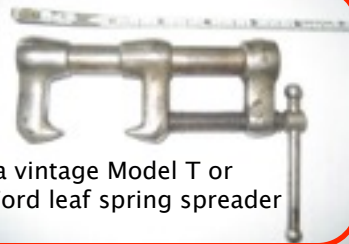
We asked who was in charge and we got this "I am not sure" answer. Through all of that we managed to unload and park our trucks a little closer than they told us but it didn't matter. We actually ended up with a prime location where the public entered the event past us and exited past us also. The only problem was they allowed vehicles on the road in front of our display and the spectators had to hug the ropes the same way as LA County Fair when we were up next to the farm animals and the tram came in front of our display. Other than that and the high temperatures, we all had a good time.



A big thanks to Garrett Mindham and his Associated, Ron Haskell with his Witte, Rob & Kelley with their Crossley, Merle Morse with his Sandwich and ¼ pounder, Tom Millett with the Economy, Joe Siddons with his Gray, Bob Smith with his Rex mixer, Don Young with the General Tractor, Rick Crawford with an Associated, Frisco Standard, and Oil Pull, and Mike Melvin with his award winning O-4 McCormick tractor. This was our first time doing this show so I sent a letter of thanks to the organizers, hoping they invite us back next year.



What is it?.



Answer: a vintage Model T or Model A Ford leaf spring spreader

## July Birthdays

Bill Baldwin  
Jim Cook  
Paris Fish  
Charles Garrigues  
Barbara Hale  
Jon Harting  
Gerald Hosterman  
David Reid



## Gerald Brown Chicken Ranch Move

By Bob Smith

We all met at 7:00 a.m. with 9 trucks ready to move some metal. The Vanderbilt's treated the WAPA gang with coffee and donuts to get us going. The loading went well with all trucks loaded by 9:01 a.m. After a group photo and the formal presentation of the donation form to Alan Vanderbilt, we were on the road to Cal Poly. The trucks backed up to the door of the storage building one after another and were totally unloaded by 10:10 a.m. The BBQ's were fired up and Dale Linn did the honors of flipping burgers and making some gourmet with sautéed mushrooms, onions, and peppers. We were done and out of there by 11:15 a.m. I need to give a big thank you to the crew: Joe Siddons, Ron Haskell, Tom Millett, Dick Bouma, Leroy Overstreet, Phil Sigmon, Richard Taylor, David Gregg, Dale Linn, Gus Lukrofka, Jack Johnson, and myself Bob Smith.

This is only the start of hopefully something big. All of you have waited many years for a museum and I do feel in my heart that the wait is over. All we need now is some hard work and donated time from all the membership.



## This Old Iron--Merle Morse

By Bob Smith

It all started in a small town west of Chicago called Sandwich, Illinois. Augustus Adams founded the Sandwich Manufacturing Company and began building gasoline engines. It was 1915 when a tulip hopper 6HP, serial number 10189, was completing its assembly process and off to the paint shop for its final color and pin striping. This engine saw much use in its life until it found a home in Riverside, California. Merle Morse purchased this engine from the Blain Knox sale and did minor repairs such as repairing the loose linkage, magneto, and fixing a missing tooth in the cam gear. Surprisingly the engine had the original rings but the head needed rebuilding so Caterpillar diesel valves were used. Merle made a new cart and wheels based on literature from the period. He also painted the engine and had it pin striped based on original photographs from that time period. Merle became so intrigued with the large Sandwich that he purchased a smaller 1½ HP 1921 version from Dutch Bankston who acquired it from Jim Knox, Blain Knox's son. This engine needed much more work. The head required new valves which Merle made from motorcycle valves. The magneto needed repair and the linkage was reworked. The governor was repaired and the cylinder was honed oversize to fit a new piston that Merle made. The governor housing was missing so Merle made a new one. The cart was in bad shape so Merle made a new one from steel channel and attached it to the original trucks. Merle knows the original cart was wood rails but he is a metal worker, not a wood worker. This engine was also painted and pin striped to match the 6HP. This brings up a heavily debated topic. Keep the original barn fresh patina or paint the engine. Merle started his hobby by preparing and painting his engines to look better than brand new. This is Merle's legacy trademark, being a machinist for many, many years. Augustus would be proud of Merle. Great job.



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