



# HIT 'N' MISS

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## Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival 2016 By Bob Smith

The event this year is October 8 and 9, Saturday and Sunday. It will run from 8 am to 5 pm each day. Setup can be Friday, October 7 if you like otherwise setup on Saturday and Sunday will be between 6:00 am to 7:30 am.

All trucks must be out of the show area by 7:30 am. Trucks will not be allowed back into the show area until after the public has left which will be around 5:30 pm. You may bring your equipment out to show 1 day or both days. There will be security so you may leave your equipment overnight. As last year, you will run and be responsible for your own equipment. I have not received confirmation but parking will be closer this year in lot U. The show area will be large so there is no limit as to how much equipment you want to bring.

We must put on a good show for the Cal Poly folks. Location is in the field in front of the Farm Store at the corner of Temple and S. Campus.

## President's Report By Ron Haskell

First, I want to remind everyone there will be no meeting in October because we have an abundance of shows. Starting with Aliso Viejo on the first, then Cal Poly on the 8th and 9th, and the Glendora Pumpkin Festival on the 15th. And for those of us who go to Vista, the weekends of 15 & 16 and 22 & 23. I don't want to hear anyone complaining you have nothing to do this month.

With the weather finally cooling off a bit, it is time to get back out in the shop and work on that engine or cart you have been putting off finishing. Remember if you are having a problem with welding, machining, or some other fabrication there are a number of members who have expertise in those areas and are willing to help. I am looking forward to the time we will have our own shop to work in to help members with their projects.

It's that time of year again when we need to think about election of officers for next year. At the last meeting Roger Hahn was not there to defend himself and was named election chairman. If you get a call from him, seriously think of running for an office, we are all friends and will help you to have a fun experience serving your club.

I hope to see you at one of our events in the coming weeks.



**October Birthdays**

David Christensen  
Derek Christensen  
Beverly Helm  
Bruce Marian  
Craig Maxwell  
Francine Rippy  
Giles Rowlands  
Greg Stires

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY**  
**(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)**

## Upcoming Events

By Roger Hahn

**City of Aliso Viejo Founder's Day Fair, October 1, Saturday**

**Set up: 11:00 am, Show: 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm (the set up and show times have been changed for this year)**

The city of Aliso Viejo always looks forward to having WAPA display at their Founder's Day Fair. Our engines and historical displays fit into the Fair's theme of a glimpse into the way life was before Aliso Viejo became a city. There will be food, snack and information booths, carnival games and rides, attractions, interactive historic exhibits and live entertainment. WAPA has the same location as in years past. We will be grinding corn and giving it away free to all interested spectators. The address is 100 Park Ave., Aliso Viejo. Parking is near our location and water will be available.

**Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival, October 8 & 9, Saturday and Sunday**

**Set up: all day Friday, or Saturday, 6:00 am to 7:30 am, Show: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Bob Smith has an article in this issue of the Hit 'N' Miss discussing WAPA's participation in this year's festival. WAPA members should bring engines, tractors, old washing machines and historical items for display. WAPA members can display one day or both days; it will be OK to leave your equipment in place on Friday and Saturday nights, the area will be secured. Since we are listed as a sponsor for the event we need to show support to Cal Poly to let them know we appreciate their support of WAPA.

**Glendora Pumpkin Festival, October 15, Saturday**

**Set up: 8:00 am, Show: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

This event always draws a lot of families from the Glendora area. The show takes place at the Centennial Heritage Park in Glendora. The address is 625 Mauna Loa Avenue. Easy directions: 210 exit Grand Ave. and go north to Mauna Loa Ave. Turn right and proceed on Mauna Loa until the street dead ends. Go through the flood control gates approximately 150 yards. An old ranch house and the original workshop from the Rain Bird Sprinkler Company are located at Heritage Park. John and Valerie DeLazzaro, (714) 412-2541, are organizers of this show.

## Dinah of the Desert

Submitted by Bob Smith

Written by Morgan P. Yates, Printed by AAA

Looking like an errant contestant in a steampunk monster truck rally, the derelict steam tractor "Old Dinah" receives curious visitors in this undated Death Valley view. By this time, the tractor was already a relic of a bygone era of mining ventures and moneymaking schemes gone awry.

Purchased in 1894 from Best Manufacturing Company of San Leandro, Old Dinah was originally employed to haul borax in the Calico mining district near Barstow. With a top speed of 3 to 4 mph, a voracious appetite for fuel and water, and a propensity for breaking down, the cantankerous machine made an ill-suited replacement for the 20-mule teams made famous in soap ads and radio and TV shows. A narrow-gauge railroad eventually replaced both fuel and tractor.

Merchant Joseph Lane purchased the lumbering steamer in 1909 to haul freight to the Keane Wonder Mine, a gold mine on the western slope of the Funeral Mountains in Death Valley. But the old tractor couldn't take the strain of hauling freight on the 26-mile run, and ruptured its boiler on Daylight Pass after just a few months of service. There she slumbered for years, rusting away in her dotage.

Widespread automobile use triggered a rush of tourism to Death Valley beginning in the 1920's. Entrepreneurs played up the mystique of the prospering era to enhance the tourist experience. In 1932, the Pacific Coast Borax Company cast Old Dinah in a new role as a roadside attraction at its Furnace Creek Resort, after spiriting the tractor away from its resting place shown here. Old Dinah will never crush a row of sedans like "Bigfoot" or "Grave Digger," but she still attracts the curious by the carful.



### In Memoriam

WAPA member Kathleen Clastell (R) passed away August 18, 2016.

Janice Haynes (L) sister of Kathleen.

Daughters of Bill and Helen Stuber, long standing WAPA members. We miss you!

**Western Antique Power Associates  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
September 3, 2016**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	Ron Haskell, Stevie Mote, Kelley Garcia, Dave Stockton, Don Young, Joe Siddons, Lance Wilson, Bob Smith
<b>Board Members Absent</b>	Jim Davis, Roger Hahn
<b>Members Present</b>	Craig Maxwell, LeRoy Overstreet, Dick Bouma, David Pasillas, Carl Pfetzing, Gus Lukrofka, Joe Giocomarra, Gary Provansal, Dave Ruhland, Paul Liverman Jr., Dale Linn, Phil Sigmon, Sue Bradley, Paul Montgomery, Carey Stockton, Danny & Joann Ponce, John DeLazzaro, Ernie & Dorothy Groce, Tom Millett, Tim Neely
<b>Visitors</b>	None
<b>Call to Order</b>	President Ron Haskell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
<b>Flag Salute</b>	Led by Ron Haskell
<b>President</b>	Ron Haskell welcomed all and encouraged group participation.
<b>Vice President</b>	Stevie Mote had nothing to report.
<b>Secretary</b>	Dave Stockton made a motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on August 6, 2016, second by Kelley Garcia, all in favor, and entered into record without correction.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kelley Garcia has retained the services of the Alcalá Law firm to pursue the Club's FINRA complaint against Wells Fargo Bank. August figures for the investment savings account report a balance at \$3,328.44, savings acct. at \$37,961.29, museum fund at \$100,547.94, total investments at \$138,509.23, with an adjusted profit/loss of \$14,800.50 for the year.
<b>Membership</b>	Jim Davis absent; no report. Membership at 182, total paid at 143.
<b>Purchasing</b>	Director Lance Wilson had nothing to report.
<b>Show Director</b>	Roger Hahn absent. The upcoming shows have been sanctioned on a motion by Ron Haskell and seconded by Joe Siddons, all in favor: California Fair at Perris on Sat. Oct. 1, City of Aliso Viejo Show on Sat. Oct 1, Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival on Sat. & Sun. Oct. 8 & 9, and the Glendora Pumpkin Festival on Sat. Oct. 15.
<b>Library</b>	Club Librarian Joe Siddons had nothing to report.
<b>Safety</b>	Director Don Young had nothing to report.
<b>Museum</b>	Director Bob Smith reports that WAPA has had several meetings recently with Cal Poly directors outlining several possible scenarios for a Club museum and will be formulating a report to administration personnel outlining and highlighting WAPA's involvement with the University.
<b>Editor</b>	Carol Haskell welcomes new articles, stories, ads, etc. and needs articles of interest for inclusion in the newsletter.
<b>Glendora Castle</b>	President Haskell recommended that this category be removed from the roster as WAPA is no longer involved.
<b>Cal Poly Restoration Project</b>	Bob Smith and crew are currently at work on an International TD-6 crawler with injector pump issues. Dave Ruhland said he will try to locate a pump and Bob will pass the information on.
<b>Riverside Citrus Grove Project</b>	Ron Haskell and crew will be at work plumbing the engine's cooling system into the main water storage tank and wood-paneling the inside of the building.
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	Ron Haskell announced the need to move some recently donated items and asked for volunteers to help.
<b>New Business</b>	A donation was made to the club of a Westinghouse air compressor unit by John Starmer from a chicken ranch in Pomona. Ron Haskell announced the upcoming nomination of chairman for the election of officers to the Board of Directors for 2017 and Roger Hahn was nominated in absentia, second by Bob Smith, all in favor.
<b>Announcements</b>	No October meeting due to conflicting show dates
<b>Adjournment</b>	10:14 AM
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Saturday November 5, 2016, 9:00 AM Dave Stockton, Secretary

## Mt. Wilson Tour By Bob Smith

On Sunday, September 4, Ken and Larry Evans along with a docent, Nik Arkimovich conducted a tour for our Cal Poly friends and WAPA members Mary Holz-Clause, Reg Clause, Craig Walters and his wife Debra.

You couldn't have asked for a better day. It was cool and sunny. Nik did the tour of the 60" telescope and 100" telescope and Ken and Larry ran the 50hp Fairbanks and showed them the machine shop. Nik was very knowledgeable in the history of Mt. Wilson and the telescopes. No one could stump him with a question. I have to say, Ken and Larry are also quite knowledgeable of Mt. Wilson. They have performed some very difficult repairs and upgrades to systems on the telescopes and domes.



2016 WAPA Officers	
Ron Haskell	President
Stevie Mote	Vice President
Kelley Garcia	Treasurer
Dave Stockton	Secretary
Jim Davis	Membership
Don Young	Safety
Roger Hahn	Show Director
Joe Siddons	Librarian
Lance Wilson	Purchasing
Bob Smith	Museum Director
Carol Haskell	Editor



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Long time WAPA member Gus Lukrofka was doing some house cleaning and had several great donations for WAPA.



### Marina del Rey Show





### Fort MacArthur Show By Bob Smith

I don't know if it was the good weather down by the ocean or the great chow served to us for lunch but we had over 25 members in attendance with over 65 engines and 2 tractors. 35 of the engines were a collection of Ohlsson & Rice displayed by Dave Ruhland. The lunch provided was meatloaf cooked on old army gas stoves along with mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, and tossed salad. We always tell everyone that wants us to put on a show that the way to WAPA's heart is through our stomach.

