



HIT 'N' MISS

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In memory of Dorothy Groce

Dorothy June Sapp Groce daughter of Ralph and Ruth (Sawvell) Sapp of Lake Preston, SD was born on her maternal grandparents farm one mile north of Iroquois, SD on June 9, 1933.

At the age of three her family moved to a farm near Oldham and five years later to a farm south of Lake Preston. Dorothy attended a country school for the first eight grades and graduated from Oldham High School in 1951. Dorothy was united in marriage to Ernest Groce, November 28, 1953 in Oldham. The couple established their home in Oldham where Ernest was involved with his father in the General Repair business. In June of 1959, the family moved to Pomona, CA to pursue other opportunities.

Besides being a homemaker, Dorothy worked as a medical receptionist for a Pomona doctor and later as secretary for the Director of Human Resources of a prominent Pomona bank. Dorothy and Ernest faithfully attended Calvary Chapel in Chino Hills, CA until ill health intervened. For many years they enjoyed active membership in the Western Antique Power Associates Club displaying model antique flywheel engines built by Ernest.

Dorothy is survived by her beloved family including her husband, Ernest, two daughters, Lois (Dennis) Jonker, Sioux Falls, SD, Susan (John) Martinez, Pomona, CA, two sons, Ernest (Hilda) Cibalo, TX, Brian (Elizabeth) Pomona, CA, 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, two sisters, two brothers and a host of nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one adult sister and two infant sisters. Graveside memorial services will be held at 12:00 pm on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at the Oldham City Cemetery, Oldham, SD

President's Report By Ron Haskell

We are fully into the Holiday season! I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends, and Christmas will soon be here with all of its festivities. I am thankful for another year of doing what I love to do; working and playing with old engines and related things.

We have had a couple of good shows recently. Flabob always gets a good showing, however I missed several faces that are usually there, but hope to see you soon at Larry's Winter Bash. The Fall on the Farm at the Fairplex was well attended too and made a few dollars for the club at the same time.

One of our bigger activities of the year is getting close—Larry Madole's Winter Bash, is set for January 12. Make your plans now to bring an engine, something to sell, and an item or two for the silent auction. The auction may need a little adjusting as many items went for just \$1, often less than scrap price.

Think about how to improve it and speak up at the next meeting.

We were saddened recently to hear of the passing of Dorothy Groce, a super nice lady who will be greatly missed.

Enjoy the Christmas season, stay healthy, have fun with family, and be safe.

WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018
9:00 A.M.
AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY
(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)

Recruits Wanted for the WAPA Militia

Come join WAPA members for a shooting "Fun Day" in the desert on Saturday, December 8. We will meet at Tony's Diner in San Bernardino at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and head out at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Carpooling is encouraged and there's plenty of parking at Tony's. All shooting irons are welcome and we will have everything from steel shooting to muzzle loaders. We will access the shooting area on maintained dirt roads, which are OK for cars or trucks.

Tony's diner is located at the intersection of the 15 & 215 in San Bernardino. The street address is 18291 Cajon Boulevard, San Bernardino, 92407.

For more info contact:
Capt. Tim Neely 909-856-6383
Or Lance Wilson 909-883-5906

FOR SALE

1926 John Deere E 1 1/2hp. Need Magneto work but complete. \$500.00
Contact Stevie Mote, 760-885-3823.

12 X 24 used tractor tire, and 16 foot trailer, needs some work.
Contact Jack Johnson, jj2120@yahoo.com, or 714-630-2912.

Southbend Lathe, 9 inch, quick change gear box, 24 in. Bed. With some tooling. On steel bench. Asking \$700.00. Contact Dan Kato@ 562 569-5863.



GUNTHER'S YARD SHOW

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

Betty Gunther and family would like to invite you all to their yard in Long Beach. There will be hot dogs, salad and soft drinks for a small charge.

"Come ride on a rail car, sit in the S.P. caboose, kick the tires on an old truck or two, lean on some old tractors and see all kinds of neat rusty stuff."



American Truck Historical Society
Military Vehicle Collectors Club
L.B. Model T Club, A.M.C., W.A.P.A.
ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS INVITED

DIRECTIONS

- Take the 91 Riverside Fwy toward Long Beach
- Exit on Cherry Ave (southbound)
- Proceed south 1/2 mile to Curry St (1 block beyond Harding)
- Turn Left on Curry St and continue to the end of the block
- Gunther's Yard is the last lot on the right

HOURS: about 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM



WAPA 2019 Membership Renewal

All WAPA membership renewals are due on January 1.

Thank You to those Members that have already renewed by mail and PayPal. Renewal via PayPal is also an option. To pay by PAYPAL see W.A.P.A. web site <http://wapa.us/contact.html> and hit the "Pay Now" button.

A table will be set up at the WAPA Winter Bash at Larry Madole's yard on Saturday, Jan.12, 2019 to accept members 2019 renewals

I would appreciate if all Life Members returned the Membership Renewal Form sent out in the November Hit & Miss so we can ensure our membership records are up to date.

Thanks for everyone's support and help.

Dave Pasillas
WAPA Membership Director

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In loving memory of George Gunther, (1921-2008)

**Western Antique Power Associates
Minutes of the Board of Directors
November 3, 2018**

Board Members Present	Ron Haskell, Carey Stockton, Kelley Garcia, Dave Stockton, Jim Davis, Rob Skinner, Joe Siddons, Lance Wilson, Bob Smith
Board Members Absent	Don Young
Members Present	Gus Lukrofka, Dave Ruhland, Lance Bryant, Carl Pfetzing, Dan Kato, LeRoy Overstreet, Tom Millett, John Rimpau, Tom Fee, Tim Neely, Jim Treadwell, Merle Morse, Phil Sigmon, Sue Bradley, Roger Hahn, Paul Montgomery, Steven Mandell.
Visitors	Nancy Davis
Call to Order	President Ron Haskell called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM
Flag Salute	Led by Ron Haskell
President	Ron Haskell welcomed all in attendance and encouraged the membership to participate in discussions.
Vice President	Carey Stockton had nothing to report.
Secretary	Motion by Dave Stockton to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on Oct. 13, 2018, second by Bob Smith with all in favor, and entered into record without correction. Secretary cast one vote, in accordance with the bylaws, for the nominees of all positions except President. Bob Smith then drafted current President Ron Haskell to a third term of office, with all in favor.
Treasurer	Kelley Garcia furnished the banking report as follows: October figures for the investment savings account report a balance at \$40,756.95, museum fund at \$146,859.66, total investments at \$187,616.61, with an adjusted profit loss of -\$1,149.82. Checking account balance at \$1,720.17. Total income/expenses were -\$1,751.61.
Membership	Jim Davis furnished the November report as follows; total membership at 165, total paid at 12 (100%). Francine Rippey has been moved to life membership. Beverly Helm's new address is 111 College Parkway, #317, Carson City NV 89703. Jim offers his thanks to Dave Pasillas for volunteering to take over the office of Membership Director for next year, and the Club thanks Jim for all his efforts. A welcome to new member Robert Holmes who was nominated for membership by Jim, second by Kelley Garcia with all in favor.
Purchasing	Lance Wilson had new WAPA shirts for sale—hats are coming.
Show Director	Rob Skinner had the following shows to report: Flabob Airport Veteran's Day Show on Saturday, Nov. 10; Fairplex Fall on the Farm Show on Sunday, Nov. 18 with a motion by Rob to sanction, second by Ron Haskell with all in favor; and the WAPA Winter Bash at Larry Madole's on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 with a motion by Rob to sanction, second by Kelley Garcia with all in favor.
Library	Joe Siddons reported that there has been a recent donation of magazines by Bob DeVoe.
Safety	Director Don Young absent; no report.
Museum	Director Bob Smith reported that the Cal Poly tractors used to pull the hay wagons are in need of some maintenance work after their recent workout.
Editor	WAPA needs someone who will step up and take over the editorial duties or we will no longer have a monthly newsletter!
Cal Poly	Director Bob Smith reported that the hayrides at the Pumpkin Festival were a big success, and thanked all those who participated in making it so. He said that Craig Walters will be presenting a check in the amount of \$4,000 to WAPA for their part
Riverside Citrus Grove Project	Ron Haskell and a small crew have been at work putting the finishing touches on their scope of the work, and will be installing an air compressor in the building. He said that there have been some security concerns raised recently involving an attempted break-in the building.
Adjournment	10:28 AM
Next Meeting	December 1, 2018 at 9:00 AM

Dave Stockton, Secretary

December birthdays

Al Antonucci
Maureen Bouma
Ken Davis
Ken Evans
Ron Haskell
Jack Johnson
James Kirkes
Terry Klenske
Paul Liverman
Marry Mindham
Eric Waltzer
Greg Young



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Southwest Forgotten Iron
Wellton Arizona Show**
January 18, 19 & 20, 2019
10th Annual Show and Swap Meet

Directions: Take I-8 Exit 30
(Wellton). Turn SOUTH, proceed
3/4 mile on S Ave 29E to E County
12th St and proceed 3/8 mile west
to TOWN OF WELLTON PARK.

FOR INFORMATION
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2018 WAPA Officers
President Ron Haskell
Vice President Carey Stockton
Treasurer Kelley Garcia
Secretary Dave Stockton
Membership Jim Davis
Safety Don Young
Show Director Rob Skinner
Librarian Joe Siddons
Purchasing Lance Wilson
Museum Director Bob Smith
Editor Carol Haskell



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The Pfrunder Family Rumely By Dutch Bankston



If you attended the fall tractor show at Vista this last October, you may have noticed a tractor that had never been there before. If you were there and did not notice, you may want to schedule an eye exam. The tractor was huge! In fact, it was one of the largest antique tractors ever built and the largest built by the Rumely Company of LaPorte, Indiana. This 26,000 pound beast was produced during a period when virgin prairie land was inexpensive, due to its hardpan dirt and resistance to cultivation. Many tractor companies produced these large "Prairie Tractors" for the purpose of breaking this land for farming. Often pulling plows of eight bottoms or larger, these mammoth machines set in motion the first move towards large farming operations.

These machines closely resembled the great steam tractors that had been operating for nearly 30 years already. However, they did not require the support of multiple crews or large quantities of wood or coal for fuel

or water for steam. While they represented a huge advance in operation when compared to steam, they were still lumbering, massive, and slow machines. It would not be long before they were discarded in favor of the wave of smaller tractors to come from John Deere, Case, and International Harvester. It is surprising that any survived the scrap drives, giving that they were obsolete so soon. This is the story of one such survivor.

When I first attended the Vista show in 1982, I saw my first Rumely Oil Pull tractor. It was the smallest model made by them. I was impressed by the design and sought to research the company further. On this day, I also met many interesting people and happened to talk with a man named Charlie Pfrunder. He seemed to know a lot about old tractors and especially the Rumely brand. Charlie mentioned that his family had farmed with a Rumely and still owned it. I thought that was just a story at the time. It was not!

Through the passing years, I asked Charlie about Rumelys and what model his family had used. When he said the Model E, I again thought that this was just a story from a childhood memory. After all, the Rumely Model E was hugely expensive and therefore only used by large farms. I enjoyed the story but did not give it much credence. Fast forward 20 years.

Bill Baldwin has been around this hobby longer than anyone that I have met and his collection is immense. One day, while talking with other collectors, someone offered that Bill had gone to visit Charlie Pfrunder's family farm in South Dakota, and that he had made a deal with the family to purchase a couple of antique tractors. One of the tractors was a Model E Rumely.

The Pfrunder family had purchased the Model E new in 1912. They used the tractor extensively for 10 years during the plowing season. Circa 1928, they purchased a new McCormick Deering Model 22-36, which replaced the Rumely. Charlie stated that the McCormick would perform the same tasks as the Rumely, while consuming half the fuel and moving much faster in the field. At this point, the big Rumely was parked under a tree and the wheel extensions were removed and used as hog feeders. The mighty beast would sit idle for the next 70 years! One reason that it was undisturbed for so long is that it was hidden from public view.

Bill had known Charlie since joining the Vista club and had also heard the story about the Model E. Bill decided to travel to South Dakota to view the tractor and visit with Charlie's family. From that visit, Bill and Charlie became partners in the Rumely and it was moved to Bill's place in South San Gabriel. There it rested again, sinking into the earth while Bill and Charlie occasionally discussed its resurrection. Eventually, Bill bought out Charlie's interest and the Rumely became solely his. Some work was accomplished on the resting hulk, and missing parts were purchased. However, no real advance towards restoration began. Eventually, Bill's health deteriorated to the point of his not being able to perform the required tasks and he assigned the big tractor to his long time friend, Jose Carrillo.



The Pfrunder Family Rumely (continued)

Jose and Bill had worked together for 40 years on various items sharing the same passion. Following that passion, Jose took over the task of bringing the mighty Model E back to life after Bill was placed into assisted living. Jose disassembled the valve train, lubrication system, and carburetor to clean and make needed repairs. He removed the heads and cleaned the huge cylinders. Every part on this tractor is heavy and large. These tasks were formidable for a single person to tackle, especially without the aid of a hoist. After working tirelessly in the background, Jose announced that he was ready to attempt a start on the great tractor. He enlisted the help of Robert Critz, Steve McIntosh, and Dutch Bankston. On a Sunday morning in late September, we all met at the Baldwin place to see if the old gal was ready to awaken from her long sleep.

Two hours were spent adjusting and checking the complex ignition system and reviewing the carburetor and governor action. Once we were confident that it may actually run without harming itself, we added fuel and spark and began the herculean task of turning the massive flywheel. It took a while, but eventually she showed signs of life! Nearly 3 hours after beginning our work, there came from the bowels of the beast a slight thump, followed by the movement of the flywheel and puff of smoke. It's alive! A couple of further adjustments and again it moaned and moved. Then as soon as it tried, it quit. By now, we had worn out our cranking crew and also found the remains of a nesting fur-wearing rodent in the right cylinder. We divided the crews into two. One crew would fashion a pony motor/starter while the other crew removed the head and relocated the offending carcass. Another hour later and entering into our fifth straight, we set out to try again. While the pony motor would not turn the beast over by itself, it did make life easier for the cranking crew. The engine crew reset the igniter timing, reinstalled the head, and added liberal amounts of prime. With all systems go, we tried again.

It is hard to describe the feeling of accomplishment, when one is able to bring an engineering marvel back to life after a long period of neglect. In this instance, this grand old tractor had been sitting dormant for 90 years! As the massive flywheel began to turn under the assistance of Robert, his sons, and the pony motor, Steve and I added fuel and spark and adjusted anything that would accept a crescent. Then it happened. It began as a deep thump from within, followed by the blue haze out the great stack. One after another, the cadence began. After a dozen revolutions, the cranking crew was set free as they watched the once stuck flywheel turn increasingly faster. The pony motor was shutdown and the crowd took a step back as the grand old gal began to talk. The engine crew kept coaxing more speed by making frantic adjustments. She kept gaining speed. Now, the air was filled with volumes of blue smoke and the occasional cannon backfire. She was not happy, but she was running and beginning to run fast. The engine crew grabbed the speed control handle and moved it in the other direction. Finally, the great tractor settled into a rhythmic cadence and launched multiple incandescent UFO's from the exhaust stack. Her long hibernation was over.



The restored Rumely



Bill Baldwin and Jose Carrillo

During the following two weeks, Jose again performed yeoman's work in his effort to get the mighty Model E to the fall Vista show, and he did it! While there is still much work to do, this grand tractor, once owned by the Pfrunder family and our great friend Bill Baldwin, now graces the grounds at Vista for everyone to marvel at. Still in the works is the installation of the wheel extensions, canopy, and improving the cooling system. There are only two of this model Rumely tractor in California and only one with such a rich heritage. We are lucky to have played such a small part in bringing this machine back to life and to assist in its continued story. Now, at 106 years old, she runs anew.

WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES

**EQUIPMENT SHOW
OLD TRACTORS OLD ENGINES
OLD CARS AND SOME JUNK
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019
8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

You are cordially invited to join the Western Antique Power Associates for our winter bash at Larry Madole's yard in Chino. Bring an engine to show, stuff you want to sell, a shopping list of things you want to buy, your appetite, or just come out to have a good time.

14179 Albers Way, Chino
S/W Corner of Edison & Euclid
For more information
visit us at www.wapa.us

From the corner of Euclid & Edison go west on Edison to the first street on the left, turn left (south) to the third driveway on left. Enter the yard to display or sell. If you are not displaying or selling equipment you will need to park on the street or in the parking lots.



Flabob Airport show By Ron Haskell

The show at Flabob Airport to celebrate Veteran's Day was a great show. Our display area was greatly improved from past years with beautiful grass, repainted buildings and landscaping. We filled our area with engines, a few familiar faces were missing, hope they will be rejoining us soon. Weather was perfect, with very little wind and lots of sun. The club from the high desert was also there with lots of tractors.



Fall on the Farm at the Fairplex By Ron Haskell

WAPA was well represented at the Fall on the Farm at the Fairplex, with engines both large and small, as well as three hands on water pumps and a rope making demonstration. We split up in two groups to allow more exposure to the public.

Crowd and weather were both good and lunch was provided.

Hay ride report By Dan Kato

The early mornings began with daily safety checks on the tractors and trailers. Adjusting clutches, swapping parts from other J D 50's , checking oil ,fuel and water leaks, safety chains, tires. We even pondered rice, oatmeal, or pepper for radiator leaks. Water fill after every other round trip. Lines of riders began to form by 8:30 am and ran steady till 6:30 pm on weekends. During the weekdays hundreds of school kids and parents came for the event. Many asking about the produce in the fields and other up coming events. Mondays were closed. Each ride tour lasted approximately 15 minutes. John Deere 50 pulling the large wagon , 35 Approx.Cap. , Ford 8N pulling the small wagon, 25 Approx. Cap. , with each unit at 4 trips per hour. It was a BLAST! On the not so happy side I again damaged the Large trailer tongue. Making the wide swing returning to the growing field I hit the corner post of the land fill fence. Yes, the 50 and wagon came to an abrupt stop. The fence post is now an S. Joe dinged the upper corner of the corn field. City folks. Thanks to all who did the overnite repairs.