



# HIT 'N' MISS

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Western Antique Power Associates

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**MEMBER PROFILE : Joe Giocomarra**  
**Taken from the June, 2013, issue of the**  
**Hit N Miss**  
**By Tom Millett**

He will be 100 years young by the time you read this. Born on May 29, 1918, Joe Giocomarra was raised in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and schooled in a one room school house setting. This man's life is so packed with adventure and danger that my short synopsis won't even scratch the surface. He joined the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC) for a year after his high school graduation in 1937. Moving on, he rode the freight trains around the country, which was common for hobos, and slept in hobo camps. They always had good soup and were a very friendly bunch. He learned quickly that when riding in box cars with the door open, always put a railroad spike at the jamb so that with a sudden stop of the train, the door won't close trapping you inside. He decided to work in San Francisco at O'Neil Lumber Co. which shipped lumber all over by sea vessels. That led to his urge to go aboard ship. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor he was going to get drafted, but when it was learned he had sailing experience, the draft board sent him back to San Francisco and into the Merchant Marines.



Now it gets interesting. Keep in mind the Merchant Marines was a non-military service that carried all the supplies to our men in the battlefield. The enemy went after those ships big time, and without guns aboard, the ships had no defense, except Navy escort. Joe had three ships torpedoed out from under him. Two sank and a third one was beached after unloading troops. After one of the sinkings, he was in a lifeboat for 33 days before a PBY spotted him. He still smarts that the Merchant Marines refused to pay him for those 33 days because he wasn't working aboard ship. In the Pacific, those Kamikaze planes were bombing supply ships by the numbers and that's when Joe applied to be drafted into the Army or Navy. But, once again they wouldn't take him and he remained a Merchant Marine until the end of WWII in 1946.

Once the war ended, Joe found work at General Controls, a company making all kinds of control devices. As a repair representative, even though he traveled a lot, he was with them 25 years. This took him to his final career move, Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) in Pasadena where he retired as a machinist in 1988.

You will see Joe at most WAPA events, still loading and unloading a couple of his favorite engines and enjoying the companionship of WAPA people. If you don't know Joe in person, search out a man that looks and acts 30 years younger than he is.

**Member Joe Giocomarra**  
**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday May 29!**



**Upcoming events**  
**By Rob Skinner**

**Los Angeles Live Steamers**  
**April 29, Sunday**  
Setup 8:00 a.m.

**Jack Johnson yard sale, everything must go!**  
**Friday, June 8, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**2770 Deanna Avenue, Anaheim, CA**

The L.A. Live Steamers have invited us to attend their big spring event. The interior of the park will only be open to the Steamers, WAPA, and show car owners. The public will board the trains from the outside, and view our machinery as they ride the trains. This will be a casual event on shaded grass with food and ice cream. The showgrounds are adjacent to Griffith Park and Travel Town. From the 134, exit on Forest Lawn Drive. Go east on Zoo Drive. Pass Travel Town and the L.A. Live Steamers, and turn into the parking area to the east of the showgrounds. There is a gate to enter the showgrounds which will be opened for WAPA members at 8:00 a.m. We will set up and then park our trucks in the lot. The public will park in the lot to the west.

**Antique Truck Historical Society Show & Swap**  
**At the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris**  
**May 6, Sunday**  
Setup: 7:00 a.m.  
Show begins: 9:00 a.m.

Antique trucks, tractors, engines, military vehicles, trains—they have it all. Join the antique truck collectors at the railway museum in Perris.

**School's Ag & Nutrition Fair**  
**May 15 - May 18**  
Setup at 8:00 a.m.

The 48th District Agricultural Association has invited WAPA to help educate the school kids about our agricultural industry and nutrition. This is From White Avenue, turn into Gate 12. Go past the guard shack and turn left so you're paralleling White. Just past the asphalt parking lot on your right will be a dirt parking lot. Parking Security will point you toward our set-up area. Bring engines, tractors, and hands-on displays.

**Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show**  
**June 2, Saturday**  
Setup begins at 6:30 a.m.  
Showtime 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Friends of Steve McQueen host this annual event in support of the Boys' Republic in Chino Hills. The theme for this year is the movie Bullitt, which coincides with the 50th anniversary of the movie's release. There will be a lot of nice cars and engines to see.

WAPA's location will be in the same general area as last year. The entrance is being pushed out some, to accommodate the 100 extra cars that have registered. We will be closer to that entrance to take advantage of the spectator traffic as the guests enter the grounds. This will also allow us more space for loading/unloading. There will be an after-show party for those interested, with a nominal fee to cover the cost of refreshments. More details to follow in next month's Hit & Miss.

**WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY**  
**(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)**

**For sale**  
30 inch 3-in-1 sheet metal machine. Roller, bender and sheer all-in-one machine. Sold by Harbor Freight for \$399. Brand new, never been used.



Missing the Turning arm which is just a 1/2 by 1 inch bar. Asking \$200. Dick Bouma. 951 218 5255

**Western Antique Power Associates**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**April 7, 2018**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	Ron Haskell, Carey Stockton, Kelley Garcia, Dave Stockton, Jim Davis, Rob Skinner, Joe Siddons, Lance Wilson, Bob Smith
<b>Board Members Absent</b>	
<b>Members Present</b>	Don Young Dave Ruhland, Danny Ponce, Lance Bryant, LeRoy Overstreet, Tom Millett, Paul Liverman Jr., Jack Johnson, Tim Neeley, Dick Bouma, Dale Linn, Al Antonucci, Merle Morse, Paul Montgomery, Steven Mandell, John Rimpau, Sue Bradley, Hunter Pack
<b>Visitors</b>	Nancy Davis
<b>Call to Order</b>	President Ron Haskell called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
<b>Flag Salute</b>	Led by Ron Haskell
<b>President</b>	Ron Haskell welcomed all in attendance and encouraged the membership to participate in discussions. President Haskell indicated that WAPA has received a number of donated items from Craig Maxwell's estate including a Wonder tow- behind cement mixer.
<b>Vice President</b>	Carey Stockton has spoken with a representative of S.C.E. to schedule a tour of the Santa Ana River hydro plant near the Seven Oaks Dam on Saturday, May 19; a sign-up sheet was passed around for those wishing to attend.
<b>Secretary</b>	Motion by Dave Stockton to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on March 3, 2018, as set forth, with correction as to the date of the ATHS show from Saturday, May 5 to Sunday, May 6; second by Bob Smith with all in favor, and entered into record.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kelley Garcia furnished the banking report as follows: March figures for investment savings account report a balance at *, museum fund at *, total investments at *, with an adjusted profit/loss of *. The checking account balance is at \$8,187.69. (* = figure not available)
<b>Membership</b>	Jim Davis furnished report as follows: total membership at 169, with 128 members paid to date. Jim made a motion to drop the following members for non-payment of dues: Dan Cummins, Richard Pope, and Robert Richardson IV; second by Ron Haskell with all in favor.
<b>Purchasing</b>	Update phone number for Craig Mathews is 818 300-1854
<b>Show Director</b>	Lance Wilson had WAPA logo stickers printed up, large and small at \$2.00 and \$1.00 respectively, with shirts and hats for sale. Lance has set up a tour of Buchanan's Spoke & Wheel facility for Wednesday, May 9 at 11:00 AM. Contact Lance if interested.
<b>Library</b>	Rob Skinner has announced the following upcoming shows: Spring on the Farm Show at the Fairplex is on Sunday, April 8; Chino Corn Feed Run is on Saturday, April 14; Cal Poly Spring on the Farm Show is on Saturday, April 21 (same weekend as Tulare); L.A. Live Steamers Show near Traveltown is on Sunday, April 29; ATHS Show in Perris is on Sunday, May 6; Schools, Agriculture and Nutrition Fair is from Tuesday, May 15 thru Friday, May 18; and Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show is on Saturday, June 2.
<b>Safety</b>	Joe Siddons had nothing new to report.
<b>Museum</b>	Director Don Young absent. He sent word to work safe.
<b>Editor</b>	Director Bob Smith reported that Francine Rippy from the Hathaway family has donated numerous items to the Club including drill presses, bench grinders, welding apparatus, ventilation fans, metal roller, shelving, work tables, etc.
<b>Cal Poly</b>	Carol Haskell welcomes new articles, stories, ads, etc. and needs articles of interest for inclusion in the newsletter. She appreciates the good articles submitted recently.
<b>Riverside Citrus Grove Project</b>	Director Bob Smith and crew have been at work on the Wonder cement mixer, remounting the engine to the unit, and removing the magneto for repair. The M-M tractor will be getting the cylinder sleeves honed to accept the pistons prior to engine reassembly. The windmill project is awaiting the pouring of footings, and the University has purchased the steel to build a hay wagon on top of the GMC pick-up truck frame.
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	A work party began on the clean-up and inspection of the 80 HP Western engine, finding that trapped water had done some damage to various internal parts. There was some discussion of building a roof over the engine as well as a fence or cage to protect it.
<b>New Business</b>	Ron Haskell asked for an itemized count of how many engines the club owns, and proposed an idea of building a display using a large trailer to mount several engines running various machinery.
<b>Adjournment</b>	10:14 AM
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 9:00 AM. Dave Stockton, Secretary

## May Birthdays

Gary Bankston  
Greg Cerveny  
Jim Davis  
Larry Evans  
Tom Fee  
Joe Giocomarra  
Carol Haskell  
Conrad Lalicker  
Steven Mandell  
Tim Neely  
Leroy Overstreet  
Jack Robinson  
Joan Westgate  
Stephanie Wilson

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**REMINDER:**  
Santa Ana River Hydroelectric Plant  
tour on May 19  
at 9:00am.  
Space is limited.  
Please call Carey Stockton  
for details,  
909 838-5890.

### Buchanan's Spoke & Rim Tour Contact Lance Wilson



12 spots for a tour of machinery dating back to the 1920's to make spokes and wheels.

May 9, Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.  
805 w. Eighth St. Azusa Ca 91702  
Directions: 210 fwy, exit Azusa Blvd. (39), go north to Foothill Blvd. Turn west (1/2 mile) to Vernon St. north to Eighth.  
Buchanan's is on the N/W corner.  
Contact Lance Wilson (909) 883-5906  
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Vice President Carey Stockton  
Treasurer Kelley Garcia  
Secretary Dave Stockton  
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Editor Carol Haskell  
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## **Cal Poly Spring on the Farm show**

**By Ron Haskell**

The show season has hit with a fury. I just got back from the Cal Poly Spring on the Farm show, WAPA was well represented with displays by Roger Hahn, Leroy Overstreet, Merle Morse, Tom Denson, Bob Smith, Lance and Stephanie Wilson, Tim Neely and me, Also working there were Joe Siddons and Dan Kato driving tractors for the hay wagon ride. Rick Racette and his wife came by for a visit.

The show seemed scaled back from past years, but the crowd was good until it got hot toward the end. The wind gave us a couple of exciting moments as some shade covers were lifted. Most engines ran well and the pedal and hand powered water pumps got a work out.

WAPA cleaned up on the trophies for displays with most if not all members receiving an award. A big thanks to all who participated and Craig Walters and the the Cal Poly crew for their support. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the next show with the L.A. Live Steamers on April 29.



Gilson, 1 3/4 hp, Johnny on the Spot Jr., recently restored by Bob Smith from his father's collection.



## **Spring on the Farm at the Fairplex**

**By Bob Smith**

This past Sunday was our 2<sup>nd</sup> time to participate in the Spring on the Farm event at the Fairplex. This year we were located in a different spot directly in the path of spectators entering the event from the parking lot and leaving the event. We were under shade which we didn't need early in the show because it was a chilly morning but by noon the sun broke through and we were happy to have the canopy to protect us. This was a paid event from our sponsor, 48<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association, of which WAPA member Sylvia Bishop is president. We had a good showing of 8 operating engines. Craig Walters and crew brought a tractor and hay wagon to give rides all day. Just before noon a representative of the Fairplex came by and gave us all a ticket for a free lunch at the Taco Man truck. They really appreciated us participating. A big thanks goes out to all that came out.

## **Highland Citrus Festival 2018**

**By Bob Smith**

When I prepare for a show I go through a mental check list as to what to load. When you get older it is probably best to make a printed check list. Regardless of which to use this time we were told by Lance not to pack a lunch. He said there would be a surprise awaiting us for lunch. As I arrived, to my amazement, Lance and Stephanie were already there with their barbecue set up and ready for action.

I noticed to the right of the barbecue was a 55 gallon barrel painted black with some holes in the side. I asked Lance what it was and he directed me to Tim Neeley to answer the question. Tim said that it was his latest creation. It was a smoker and he brought it out for a maiden cook out. We setup for the show and awaited the lunch special. What was on the menu for today? Smoked tri-tip, barbecued hamburgers, potato salad, chips and a drink. This was quite a surprise I must say. Everyone at the show wants to thank Stephanie, Lance, and Tim for making us all a great lunch. Oh, the show was great also.



## **Chino Corn Feed Run 2018**

**By Bob Smith**

When you have good weather the cars will come out. This year there were nearly 1,000 cars, trucks, tractors, and motorcycles on display at this event. WAPA was well attended despite the problems with the police cadet guarding the rear entrance to the show on Chino Avenue where WAPA was directed to enter. He was not informed and boy was he standing his ground. I had to ask him to call for assistance and soon a motorcycle officer arrived and politely asked what the problem was. After I explained the situation he instructed the cadet to move the barricade and asked me to follow him to the show area.

As lunch was approaching, we were honored with tickets for a free hamburger or hot dog from the Kiwanis Club. Thank you all for a great show this year.

