



# HIT & MISS

Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates



## Upcoming events

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| March 26 | Highland Citrus Festival            |
| April 16 | Cal Poly Easter Tractor Engine Show |
| May 7    | Antique Truck Show                  |
| June 5   | Steve McQueen Car Show              |

Watch upcoming Hit & Miss issues for more information about these shows.

**Next WAPA Board Meeting**  
**January 8, 2022**  
9:00am  
at Cal Poly

## President's Message By Bob Smith

I am devoting this month's message to a meeting I attended at Cal Poly on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was attended by 3 major influencers for getting the new Rose Float Lab built. New member Bob Pettis, Larry Emler, and Butch Lindley. Also in attendance were Craig Walters and Ron Haskell. Now Bob, Larry, and Butch all attended school together here at the Pomona campus and worked on the rose float in the old building back in the early '60s. After school and serving our country in the military, Bob went into sales of John Deere equipment, Larry worked in the farm chemical business, and Butch was in the vineyard business.

They were all here for the dedication of the new building and while here, Bob wanted to know more about WAPA and how he could help in the future and brought 2 friends along who were equally interested. Ron and I started the meeting with a brief history of WAPA and how our goal was to have a home for the organization. Craig presented the original plans for the AgriScape's area and what was actually built. He gave an overview of the events held at AgriScape and how WAPA helps to make them successful. I presented the master plan as to what WAPA envisioned in the area around the new building and stressed the importance of permanent structures for security and to protect equipment from the elements.

Ron gave a brief overview of work at the Citrus Park and mentioned we have an engine the same size and would like to do the same thing at Cal Poly. The meeting was concluded with a tour of our building and the surrounding grounds.

They will keep an eye on how things progress and where they can be of any help. As Ron says, "There is always hope".

## Putting the tractors away By Paul Montgomery

With big winter storms on the way, it was time to get the Cal Poly tractors back in their barns. After five weekends of pulling hay wagons at the Pumpkin Festival there were several dead tractors that had to be towed. Once towed back to the tractor barns the next obstacle was getting the non-running tractors pushed back in the buildings. It was Ron to the rescue with his very clever pipe idea that saved the day. Of course, Leroy was there to supervise and shuttle us back and forth. We have a lot of work to get these tractors back in shape for next year's events. Make sure to check the WAPA Mail for upcoming work party days.



## WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting December 4, 2021

**Board Members Present:** Bob Smith, Carey Stockton, Dave Stockton, Kelley Garcia, Jim Treadwell, Lance Wilson, Tim Neely, Mitchell Reichwein, Ron Haskell

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Members Present:** Merle Morse, Tom Denson, Carl Pfetzing, Danny Ponce, Lance Bryant, Dan Kato, Joe Siddons, Don Stocker, John Rimpau, Dave Ruhland, Paul Montgomery, Dave Foley, Dick Bouma, Gordon Morse, Rob Skinner, Jack Hassler, Phil Sigmon, Sue Bradley, Clay Wilson, Steven Mandell, LeRoy Overstreet

**Flag Salute:** led by Bob Smith.

**President:** Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Members are reminded that they may speak on any subject brought before the Board. He and Ron Haskell will start negotiations with Cal Poly regarding a memorandum of understanding sometime in December. Membership lists are available if needed.

**Vice President:** Carey Stockton will be contacting Calico about getting paid for our last show there in September.

**Secretary:** Dave Stockton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 6, second by Ron Haskell with all in favor and entered into record without correction.

**Treasurer:** Kelley Garcia furnished the financial report as follows; November figures for the investment savings account report a balance at \$40,241.30, museum fund at \$201,198.69, total investments at \$241,439.99, with a combined profit of \$15,217.47. Checking account balance is at \$5,993.14. Income/Expenses are \$2,960.98 in the black.

**Membership:** Jim Treadwell furnished report as follows: total membership is at 156 with 120 as active dues-paying. There are 37 life, 3 honorary and 1 charter member.

**Purchasing:** Lance Wilson has WAPA shirts and hats for sale.

**Show Director:** Mitchell Reichwein. Gunther's Yard on Sunday Dec. 5. Tulare show is the end of April. Possible breakfast/fun-day at Larry Madole's yard in January or February – date to be announced. Welton, AZ Show is Jan. 14 thru 16, 2022.

**Safety:** Director Tim Neely had nothing to report.

**Museum:** Director Ron Haskell reported that hopefully, a M.O.U. will be in place sometime in December. Bob Pettis will be making a visit to Cal Poly on Dec. 19.

**Editors:** Carol Haskell and Ellen Morse would like to have all articles, stories, ads, etc. to them by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the newsletter. They ask that any pictures, articles, etc. be sent as an attachment to the e-mail.

**Cal Poly:** Bob Smith reported that Craig Walters told him that the recent Pumpkin Festival in October was the best ever.

**Riverside Citrus Grove Project:** Ron Haskell and crew are at work installing rain gutters along the new covered sidewalk. Upcoming Fun-day after the first of the year but no later than the end of February, with date to be announced.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** A motion was made by Jim Treadwell to make Becky Stockton an honorary member of WAPA, second by Dave Stockton with all in favor. Kelley Garcia has contact information for a man that does custom pin-stripping if anyone is interested.

**Adjournment:** 10:01 AM

**Next Meeting:** 9:00 AM Saturday January 8, 2022.

Dave Stockton, Secretary



### Keeping up with Technology

This QR code was designed by Rob Skinner. It gives you a quick and easy access to the WAPA website. For those of us who are not real familiar with this technology, we include these few basic directions:

Access your cell phone camera and hover over the QR image until [wapa.us](http://wapa.us) appears on your screen.

Then tap on the [wapa.us](http://wapa.us) and our website should immediately open up for you.



### January Birthdays

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>William Karp</b>  | <b>Joseph Schofield</b> |
| <b>Steve Lester</b>  | <b>Rob Skinner</b>      |
| <b>Dale Linn</b>     | <b>Bob Smith</b>        |
| <b>Robby Robison</b> | <b>Michael Tyler</b>    |



**2022 WAPA Officers**

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| President       | Bob Smith                   |
| Vice President  | Carey Stockton              |
| Secretary       | Dave Stockton               |
| Treasurer       | Kelley Garcia               |
| Show Director   | Mitchell Reichwein          |
| Membership      | Jim Treadwell               |
| Museum Director | Ron Haskell                 |
| Safety          | Tim Neely                   |
| Purchasing      | Lance Wilson                |
| Editors         | Carol Haskell & Ellen Morse |



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## THE LOST SUITCASE OF MARGARET RUHLAND

by Dave Ruhland

### Part 3 of 3

Upon finding that my brother John had indeed brought the suitcase home with him, we of course prodded him for more information. By this time more of our car club members had arrived at the meeting and we all listened as John revealed the amazing story of how he came into possession of Marge's suitcase.

On Sunday, the day after the family reunion, it seems that after church and breakfast, John, sister Harriet, sister Marie, brother-in-law Ruben, niece Linda, and a couple of our nephews, decided that for lack of a better suggestion, the show at Jordan might be of interest. After all, Dave and Marge seem to enjoy going to them and always have a good time. Maybe they should try it. They arrived during the parade and watched as the rest of the parade finished, and then walked around looking at the displays, and of course the flea market, which was the deciding factor in going in the first place. As John and Linda were looking through the flea market area, Linda hears an announcement over the loud speaker about a suitcase found near St. Cloud, Minnesota (about 100 miles away) on the previous day. John immediately thinks of our lost suitcase, but how did it arrive at Jordan?

John and Linda get to the speaker stand and inquire about the announcement and are met by Ricki Shultz. She takes them out to her car to identify the suitcase and then explains how it came to her.

The night before, she accepted a collect call from a man in Minneapolis who claimed to have a suitcase of hers that he found in St. Cloud earlier the same day. He saw it come off the truck but by the time he stopped, picked up the suitcase, and tried to catch the truck, we were gone. He also said he looked through the suitcase and only found a scrap of paper with the name of John and Ricki Shultz, Carver, Minnesota, and a phone number. So he called to say she could pick it up at his house. The man said he brought the suitcase home with him, and he would leave it on the front porch because he had to work that night. Now, Ricki Shultz was pretty sure this was not her suitcase, as it had been nearly a year since they had been through St. Cloud. However, maybe they lost something then and it was only turning up now. John and Ricki knew that the area of Minneapolis that the man lived in was not a good area and they were very leery so they drove in from the little town of Carver. What if this was some kind of set-up and were mistakenly involved? They drove into Minneapolis and got the suitcase without any problem and returned home. Ricki then went through the suitcase and knew that it was not hers although she told Marge later that they have the same taste in clothes.

It seems that the big clue was the way the name and address were written on the scrap of paper. Ricki claims that most people spell her name "Rickie" or "Rickey" and only close friends and relative know the correct spelling. This clue, and the fact the suitcase was found so far away, prompted her to think that it might belong to someone connected with the show at Jordan. On Sunday they took the mysterious suitcase to the show with them in hopes of returning it and finding out why it was in St. Cloud.

After getting the suitcase back we contacted John and Ricki and thanked them for all the trouble and sent them money for the collect call and to go out to dinner. We also make sure that we have identification on all of our suitcases.

In 1993 we went to Minnesota for another family reunion and we looked up John and Ricki Shultz so we could have dinner with them and tell them the rest of the story. They are very nice people and we hoped to see them at their show in 1996 as we will be going to Minnesota for another reunion.

Marge and I have thanked the Good Lord many times for the return of the suitcase and the good people we have met as a result of it. We also believe this was a lot more than a bunch of mere "coincidences". We hope you enjoyed reading this story.

**Dave and Marge Ruhland**

3RD ANNUAL CAR SHOW  
SATURDAY MARCH 26  
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

MUSIC, AWARDS, 50/50, VENDORS, MARTIAL ARTS DEMO, FOOD AND MORE

CARS TRUCKS AND MOTORCYCLES

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER 8:00-10:00 \$7.00 PER PERSON

**2990 DAMIEN AVE, LAVERNE CA. 91750**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE ENGINE**

**TAKE ARROW HWY OFF RAMP OFF THE 57 FWY CONTINUE STRAIGHT ON BONITA AVE.  
ABOUT 4 MILES. TURN LEFT ON DAMIEN AVE. TRAVEL ABOUT 1 MILE TO 2990 DAMIEN  
AVE . UNLOAD IN PARKING LOT AT SOUTH END ALONG FENCE, TO THE RIGHT OF CHURCH.  
AFTER UNLOADING TURN RIGHT ON SEDALIA AVE. TRUCK AND TRAILER PARKING BEHIND  
CHURCH AND ON SEDALIA AVE.**

**WATER IS AVAILABLE**

