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Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

## President's Message by Bob Smith

It is that time of year again where you start thinking who will run this organization next year. Jim Treadwell has volunteered to be nominating committee chair so submit your nominations to him by the September meeting. Don't be afraid to throw your name in for a board position.

On another note, the work parties at the new building are working hard on improvements and tractors. If you would like to help then watch your WAPA mail for the announcement of the next work day. We take people with many skills all the way to no skills as long as you are trainable.

The sign is up at Cal Poly for the 2022 Pumpkin Festival. It runs the entire month of October so start thinking how you can help during the event. Remember, we secured the building at Cal Poly with the understanding we would help with their events and this is one of their biggest.

I end this with a little poem submitted by Tom Millett back in 2013.



### Poem submitted by Tom Millet in 2013

Are you an active member
the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just content
that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the crowd?
Or would you rather stay at home
and complain both long and loud?
Do you give a little time
and help to make things tick?

Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the "Clique"?

There's quite a program scheduled that means success if done.

And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.

So come to all the meetings and help with hand and heart.

Don't be just another member but take an active part.

Think it over member are you right or wrong? Are you an active member or do you just belong?

Next WAPA Board Meeting

August 6, 2022

9:00am

at Cal Poly

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#### Fort MacArthur Engine Show by Rob Skinner August 20, Saturday, Starts at 8:00

Come show your engine or tractor while enjoying the cool ocean breeze at WAPA's Fort MacArthur Engine Show. The fort was an Army post from 1914 until 1974. Today, it's a museum located at the site of the Osgood-Farley gun batteries, where two 14" guns protected our shorelines.

The museum will open all their collections, which include vehicles, artillery, giant spotlights and the power generation facility.



Fort MacArthur is in San Pedro, high above the ocean. On a clear day, you can see Catalina. When the weather will be sweltering in August, our area under the trees will be the coolest spot in SoCal. We will be on grass right next to our trucks. This is a great opportunity to share our engines and tractors, and to visit a historically significant museum. This is a low-key event. Don't expect a throng of spectators; it's an opportunity for WAPA members to come out, play with our toys, and see some of the museum's collection. We have as much space as we want, and we'll be able to drive our tractors on some of the roads.

Take the 110 to the end in San Pedro, and then Gaffey almost to the end. The nearest cross street is 36th. There will be signs just after, instructing you to turn right into the museum. If you want to find it on Google Maps, look for the intersection of Osgood Farley Road and Leavenworth Drive. Any questions, email Rob Skinner <rob@wapa.us>

#### Rubel Castle Tour by Rob Skinner September 10, Saturday, Starts at 8:00

WAPA Members have been invited for a special tour of the Rubel Castle, led by Scott Rubel. To properly describe The Castle would take volumes, and I'd probably still omit the important parts. The Castle was hand built by Michael Rubel and his "Pharm Hands." The grounds contain all sorts of antiques, including engines. The interior has plenty of antique furnishings. The Tin Palace, a former packing house, was used by Michael's mother to host lavish parties that included Dwight Eisenhower, Bob Hope, Alfred Hitchcock, Angie Dickinson, and many other notable dignitaries.

We'll also have a look at a couple of large Western engines, made in Los Angeles. They were last run about twelve years ago by some WAPA folks. We'll be running them again next year at a special event to honor Michael. Look for directions and last-minute details in the September Hit & Miss.



### The Vista Group by Paul Montgomery

The crowd for the first weekend of the Vista engine & tractor show was a bit on the light side. The weather was good and the usual WAPA members were there in full force. Ron and Merle had a nice engine display and plenty of shade for everyone. Lance brought his Alice Chalmers tractor and Jose drove his massive Rumley Oil Pull in the tractor parade. If you missed the Vista show in June, you can still come out in October for their Fall show.





# Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting July 2, 2022

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

Wilson

Board Members Absent: Kelley Garcia

**Members Present**: John Rimpau, Dave Foley, Carl Pfetzing, Mike Eubanks, LeRoy Overstreet, Bill Karp, Dick Bouma, Merle Morse, Clay Wilson, Paul Montgomery, Rob Skinner, Jack Hassler, Gordon Morse, Brian & Aubrey Stoops, Danny Ponce, Joe Siddons, Randy Fewins, Steven Mandell, Silvia Bishop

Visitors: Londyn & Sidney Stoops, Cathy Patt, Lorelei Rimpau, Pat Overstreet

Flag Salute: led by Sidney Stoops

**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. The M.O.U. between WAPA and AgriScapes has been signed and was read to the membership in its entirety, with thanks to all those who made this possible. President Smith made a motion to appoint Ron Haskell to chair a committee to develop a 5 year plan to present to Craig Walters, second by Mitchell Reichwein with all in favor. Moving on, Bob said that member Don Young is doing well in Arizona.

**Vice President**: office left open in memory of Carey Stockton.

**Secretary:** Dave Stockton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on June 4, 2022, second by Ron Haskell with all in favor and entered into record without correction.

**Treasurer**: Kelley Garcia absent; checking acct. balance at \$8,143.67, museum acct. at \$33,250.70, total investments at \$176,838.60.

**Membership**: Jim Treadwell furnished report as follows: total membership is 161 with 100 having dues paid to date. Motion by Jim to accept for membership Andy Carlson, second by Ron Haskell with all in favor. Dropped from membership are Rudy Edwards, Howard Henkles and Phil Verzani.

**Purchasing:** Lance Wilson has WAPA shirts and hats for sale. Request to Board for approval of \$2,000.00 to purchase sheathing and insulation for the interior of the new WAPA building, with all in favor.

**Show Director:** Mitchell Reichwein made a motion to sanction the Marina Del Rey Show on Sunday, July 24, second by Lance Wilson with all in favor. Rob Skinner is working to set up a tour of the Ruebel Castle and a show at Ft. MacArthur, T.B.A.

Safety: Director Tim Neely says all is good safety-wise and had no report.

**Museum**: M.O.U. has been signed. Ron Haskell gave an update on the electrical, lighting, panelling and clean-up that is under way, and asked for help from anyone who can lend a hand or that would be willing to adopt a project. Contact Ron or Bob if your'e able to help out.

**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 articles, pictures, etc. be sent as an attachment to the e-mail.

Cal Poly: Bob Smith says that the tractors need attention to prep them for October. Six more cow cars will be built.

Riverside Citrus Grove Project: Ron Haskell says that there has been no work done recently.

**Unfinished Business:** Jim Treadwell has volunteered to chair the election committee for the election of officers to the 2023 Board of Directors.

**New Business:** Larry Madole is coordinating a WAPA Fun Day for Saturday January 14, 2023 at the new WAPA building.

Adjournment: 10:12 AM

Next Meeting: 9:00 AM Saturday August 6, 2022

Dave Stockton, Secretary

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#### The Cal Poly Work Parties









### August Birthdays

Richard Bouma Barbara Gemel Donald Jensen Dan Kato Craig Rich Max Steele



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