

# Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

# This Old Iron—Lance Wilson by Dave Ruhland

Lance Wilson is a very active member of WAPA by being a board member and OFFICIAL cook of our club, especially for the Tuesday work parties. Lance was born in 1962 at North Hollywood Hospital to parents that lived in the Newhall area, his dad traveled around Southern California working construction as a rebar iron worker, and in 1966 they moved to San Bernardino. because Cal State S.B. was being built. Lance and his brother Clay (also a WAPA member) were raised there and both attended Pacific High where they joined Future Farmers of America with Tim Neely and Carey Stockton. In FFA they raised, showed and sold pigs at the National Orange Show. Lance attended S.B. Valley College after high school, part-time and worked almost full-time. He spent four years to get a two-year major in Police Science, while working at gas stations, rental yards, and a dog food factory. Working at the dog food factory he was able to buy a house and marry his wife, Stephanie, all the time planning to meet his goal of being a California Highway Patrol officer. At age 26 Lance decided to join the Highway patrol and had two years of testing and waiting before getting accepted in August of 1990.

Off to Sacramento he went to the academy for six months, then had three months field training and a one-year probation. Lance worked in the Ontario office, Rancho Cucamonga, and Cajon truck scales. In 2011 Lance became very ill with Pancreatitis and was in the hospital a few months, 16 days in a coma, lost 50 lbs., three operations and over half million dollar bill. He was on a breathing machine and still carries the trachea scar, you can ask him about that joy. While recovering for about a year he spent time on the computer and found a Fuller and Johnson engine for sale in El Caion which he bought. Having seen them on display at Pomona and Highland shows, probably by WAPA members, the rust bug had bitten him. Lucky for WAPA, Lance was looking for a club to join and participate with like minded people. (Continued on page 2)

### President's Message by Bob Smith

I would like to start off with a huge thank you to all the members that helped prepare and put on the WAPA Fun Day at our building. The weather was cooperative and I saw some iron moving from one truck to another. The lunch crew worked hard preparing and serving the many hungry participants. If you missed this one then we are possibly going to have another one in May.

The show season will be starting in March so get your engines tuned up and ready. Show director Mitchell is hard at work scheduling events to keep us busy. Keep an eye on the show schedule published in the Hit-N-Miss so you can plan your family events around WAPA shows.

Everybody stay safe and see you at a show.



Next WAPA Board Meeting February 3, 2024 9:00am at Cal Poly

### This Old Iron—Lance Wilson by Dave Ruhland (Continued)

Lance called the Highland Chamber of Commerce and got the information he was looking for and joined WAPA on line. The next Highland show came along and he pulled his engine down the street and found our display. In 2013 he returned to full time duty and was able to retire in 2015. Now that Lance is retired, WAPA members saw the prospect of someone to run for office and Lance became purchasing director. Lance has made lots of friends and WAPA has another, a win win for all involved. Thanks Lance.

## Fun Day by Paul Montgomery

With 2024 now underway, it seemed like time for another WAPA Fun Day. Spearheaded by Ron Haskell it was all hands on deck to organize this great event. The weather cooperated and we had sunny skies and mild temperatures. The swap meet was good with lots of buying and selling. Just as important as the swap meet was the exceptional lunch provided by WAPA volunteers. Lots of delicious food and nobody went away hungry. After lunch was the silent auction with donated items going to the highest bidder and all funds into the WAPA coffers. A big thanks to everyone who helped make this a great event. Keep your eyes on the WAPA newsletters or better yet attend a club meeting for info on the next fun day.



# WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CAL POLY

MINUTES

## January 6, 2024 9:00am

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Smith, Dave Foley, Ron Haskell, Mitchell Reichwein, Lorelei Rimpau, Eric Waltzer.

Board Members Absent: Jim Treadwell

**Members Present:** Dick Bouma, John DeLazzaro, Valerie DeLazzaro, Tom Denson, Mike Eubanks, Carol Haskell, Bob Holman, Dan Kato, Dale Linn, Steve Mandell, Paul Montgomery, Merle Morse, Tim Neely, Leroy Overstreet, Carl Pfetzing, Danny Ponce, John Rimpau, Dave Ruhland, Sparky Sealy, Joe Siddons, Clay Wilson, Lance Wilson.

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Smith at 8:56 am.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mitchell Reichwein.

**WELCOME:** President Bob Smith welcomed members and reminded them they may speak on any subject brought before the board.

#### **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS REMARKS/REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT:** Bob Smith asked the new board officers Secretary Eric Waltzer and Membership Lorelei Rimpau to take the oath of office. Safety Jim Treadwell was unable to attend the meeting. 2025 is WAPA's 50-year anniversary.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dave Foley had no current updates and reported on his visit to Jim Treadwell.

**SECRETARY:** Eric Waltzer made a motion to approve minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 9. Second by Mitchell Reichwein.

**TREASURER:** Kelley Garcia was absent. Bob Smith presented the December 2023 financial report. As of December 31, 2023: Checking Account balance – \$2,666.46; Savings Account balance – \$33,437.59; WAPA Museum Account – \$171,500.49. Bob discussed that, since we now have a building, we change the by-laws to eliminate the museum account and fold that money into a single investment account.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Lorelei Rimpau reported Total membership – 112; Active dues paying members – 79; Life members – 28; Honorary members – 4; Complimentary members – 1. Lorelei made a motion to accept Angie Foley as a new member, Second by Mitchell Reichwein.

**PURCHASING:** Open Position: Bob asked attending members if any one would like to take on the task of designing a 50-year pin. Both a belt buckle and a mug were suggested as alternatives to a pin. Lance will be investigating other options. Bob also brought up eliminating the purchasing position.

**SAFETY:** Jim Treadwell was absent, no report provided.

**SHOWS:** Mitchell Reichwein: WAPA fun day scheduled for January 13. Lunch consisting of chili and corn bread will be provided. Mitchell asked for the number of people who would like to attend Calico in February. Cal Poly Easter show planned for March 23, paperwork has been submitted for the Highland show March 30. The La Verne Cool Cruise and Chino Corn Feed Run are scheduled for April.

**MUSEUM:** Ron Haskell reported that the kitchen has been drywalled, door installed, suggested using weathered corrugated sheet metal for the exterior walls, tractors are being repaired, the building water supply issues are being resolved, library shelves are being filled, and the corn crib is being fabricated.

EDITOR: Carol Haskell and Ellen Morse request that articles for the newsletter be submitted by January 20.

CAL POLY: Bob Smith: The Worthington tractor is operational. Dave Ruhland got the Cub magneto issue resolved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:** Ron Haskell to lead the Western 160hp engine move.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lance Wilson presented a special award to both John DeLazzaro and Dave Ruhland for their outstanding volunteer efforts for 2023. Dick Bouma discussed heating and cooling options for the building which include portable propane heaters and two ceiling fans.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:18 am.

NEXT MEETING: February 3, 2024

Eric Waltzer, Secretary

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#### 2024 WAPA Officers

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Birthday

Mitchell Reichwein

Happy

1965 Chevrolet C-30 one ton stake truck historic vehicle. \$8000. For more information please contact Greg Young text or call 714-293-6375.

Saturday, March 30 Saturday, April 6 ? (TBD) Friday, April 19 -Sunday, April 21 Saturday, April 27 Saturday, May 4 ? (TBD) Saturday, May 25 -Monday, May 27 Sunday, June 2 Saturday, June 8

FOR SALE

Cal Poly Easter Egg Hunt Highland Citrus Festival La Verne Cool Cruise Rubel Castle Tulare Antique Ag Show

Antique Truck Show, Perris

Steve McQueen, Boys Republic

Big Bear, new possibility

Chino Corn Feed

Live Steamers

Santa Margarita

# **February Birthdays**

James Chaputa Angelika Foley Roger Hahn Dean Hale Wayne Mabb Paul Montgomery **Richard Racette** Shirley Reifer **Dave Stockton** Kathleen Treadwell **Dick White** Jerry Wyatt

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**Upcoming Events** 

Saturday, March 23

by Mitchell Reichwein

# February, 2024