



# HIT & MISS

Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

## **This Old Iron—Eric Waltzer by Dave Ruhland**

(This article has been edited for space)

For this month's newsletter, I asked Eric Waltzer to send me some information on himself and he very kindly obliged. Thank you Eric.

Eric Waltzer was born in 1960 in Farmingham, Mass. In 1972 he and his family moved all the way across the USA to Riverside, California. Growing up Eric wanted to be either a Naval Architect, or a veterinarian. Eric enjoyed reading Popular Mechanics, Science and National Geographic Magazines, always focusing on articles that featured ocean going ships, mechanical equipment and machinery from the 1800's and 1900's.

In high school he took drafting and wood shop classes. Around this time he purchased a Stuart 10V steam engine casting kit for which he may need some encouragement to finish. After high school, Eric attended Cal Poly and graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree, but gave up on the idea of a minor in Civil Engineering.

After graduation Eric worked in aerospace, and on medical and consumer product projects. At his last employment he was project engineer for a design and build of a missile transporter, erector, and launch stand. Being project engineer, Eric got to travel to Wake Island, a small island between Japan and Hawaii, as company representative for the launch.

When Eric's family moved to Riverside he earned a private pilot certificate and purchased a Cessna 172 with friends. He later became a flight instructor with instrument and multiengine certification.

Eric bought his first house in Moreno Valley and started wood working. He met his wife and they married in 1988. Together they bought a house in Riverside. Eric worked hard in the house to make cabinets, doors, moldings, stair handrails, and more. Along with furniture making, duck decoy carving is another hobby he enjoys. Additionally, he has a clock collection he's eager to learn more about repairing. His wife enjoys collecting baskets. Together they enjoy visiting old historic houses and museums, especially ones that have old farm and industrial equipment and oddities like two-headed cows or sheep.

Eric retired about two and a half years ago and started collecting metalworking equipment so he can finish the steam engine kits that he has accumulated over time.

Eric learned about WAPA at the Riverside Air Show where he met Tom Denson and heard about us and the old engines and equipment that we enjoy. After about a year, Eric decided to join on the website. He has a CT2 Stover from Danny Ponce, a couple Maytags, couple of McCormick Deering engines, and a couple Hercules engines.

Eric's hangar buddy has helped him get his engines running. He also appreciates all the WAPA members willing to offer help and information. Since joining, he has been active at Cal Poly work parties, with the celebrations we have, driving tractors and running engines. Eric and others successfully took on the project to split a Minneapolis Moline model U in half to replace the worn out clutch. One of the next things he wants to be part of is the big task of moving and resetting the club's 160hp Western.

Thank you Eric for letting us get to know you better.

## **President's Message by Bob Smith**

An end of an era for 2 shows WAPA enthusiastically attended. The first is the Fort MacArthur show. Located on the ocean in San Pedro was a gun battery built during World War II to protect the mainland from a Japanese attack. We enjoyed going there with our engines and tractors and just kick back and relax. They opened up their museum showing off their restored war vehicles and the highlight was the running of the large diesel generator engine. Well, the city of Los Angeles appointed a new park director and they locked out the volunteers who did most of the work and invited us down for a day. We will miss that place.

The second is the Old-Fashioned Day in the Park at Burton Chase Park in Marina del Rey put on by the Classic Yacht Association. They have decided to cancel this year's event due to low member participation, high cost of fuel, and the lack of cooperation from park officials. Classic Yacht Association has been hosting this event for 45 years with WAPA attending for many of those years. It was always nice to spend a day on the bay on a hot summer's day in July. There was always a good crowd of spectators and we enjoyed the breakfast by the classic yachts. Well, with the cancellation of this year's event they are considering shutting the show down for good. We will all miss this great show also.

There are still plenty of shows on our calendar so keep that old iron running and try to attend one of the events.

**Next WAPA  
Board Meeting  
March 2, 2024  
9:00 am at Cal Poly**



**Honoring hardworking members  
by Paul Montgomery**

Along with our new clubhouse comes lots of hard work from WAPA volunteers. To show appreciation for the exceptional efforts of standout WAPA members a new award has been created. This yearly award was conceptualized and presented by our interim merchandising director Lance Wilson. The first recipients of this prestigious award were Dave Ruhland and John DeLazzaro for all their dedication and hard work. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Tuesday work parties at the Cal Poly clubhouse.



**Swearing in of board members  
by Paul Montgomery**

The New Year at WAPA means it's time to swear in our newly elected board members. Presiding over the ceremony was our excellent newsletter editor Carol Haskell. The two new board members are Lorelei Rimpau as Membership Director and Eric Walters as Secretary. Make sure to attend the next board meeting and see them in action.



Corn picking day.



**USPS Stamps  
by Kelley Garcia**

At the February board meeting, I mentioned a website where you can buy USPS Forever stamps at a very good discount. This company buys stamps from business liquidation and other entities (check out their FAQ page). These are new stamps, just past designs. To view the stamps available to purchase, go to their website - <https://www.foreverstampsale.com>

**For Sale**

Floor Drill Press, 5 ft. high, 3/4 hp motor, 120 volt, 1/32 to 5/8ths chuck, 16 speeds, very good condition. \$75.00 OBO. Contact Dick Bouma, 951-218-5255.



WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CAL POLY POMONA  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 3, 2024

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Treadwell

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dick Bouma, John DeLazzaro, Tom Denson, Mike Eubanks, Randy Fewins, Carol Haskell, Bob Holman, Dan Kato, Dale Linn, Paul Montgomery, Merle Morse, Tim Neely, Danny Ponce, Steve Mandell, Mike Peterson, John Rimpau, Dave Ruhland, Sparky Sealy, Joe Siddons, Jane Wangjaya, Clay Wilson, Lance Wilson.

**VISITORS:** Phil Cardozo

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bob Smith at 9:00 am.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Ron Haskell.

**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 discussed a member's email which stated that the kitchen wall currently being installed is an inconvenience and should be removed. At a previous meeting, a design concept was presented and members were asked for comments. No dissension was brought forward from the floor and the board voted to go ahead to install the kitchen wall. The board has decided to complete the kitchen wall.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Dave Foley thanked the membership for their help on the cow trains for the Cal Poly Easter show.

**SECRETARY:** Eric Waltzer made a motion to approve minutes from the January 6, board meeting. Seconded by Kelly Garcia.

**TREASURER:** Kelley Garcia presented the January 2024 financial report. As of January 31, 2024: checking account balance – \$3,931.50; savings account balance – \$33,563.32; WAPA museum account – \$172,088.38.

The January fun day brought in approximately \$1,000. Additionally, current WAPA bylaws requires funds to be transferred from the checking account into the museum account. Since museum building work is ongoing, this requires money to be transferred back into the checking account to cover material reimbursement. Kelley asked if it would be possible to temporarily forgo transfers into the museum account until work has been completed or the frequency of reimbursement has decreased. Kelley was able to purchase postage stamps at a discount which will save the mailing costs of newsletters. Dick Bouma asked about the total value of WAPA assets. Kelley will bring an asset report next month.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Lorelei Rimpau: Total membership – 118. Active dues paying members – 81; Life members – 32; Honorary members – 4; Complimentary members – 1. Four members have transitioned to life members. Lorelei made a motion to accept Gerald Logan, Jane Wangjaya and Greg Young as new members, the motion was seconded.

**PURCHASING:** Open Position: Paul Montgomery brought out shirts for sale. Ordering of new hats will be looked into. Lance Wilson discussed ordering either a tumbler or a mug to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of WAPA. Also, a 50-year pin was discussed.

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

**SHOWS:** Mitchell Reichwein: WAPA will not be displaying at Calico due to only two campsites being offered.

**Upcoming shows:**

Cal Poly Easter Egg Hunt (cow train drivers needed) – March 23, Highland Citrus Festival (sanctioned) – March 30, La Verne Cool Cruz (sanctioned) – April 6, Tulare Antique Farm Show – April 19–21, Chino Corn Feed (sanctioned) – April 27, Rubel Castle – tentative, Big Bear Show (engines only) – June 8.

**MUSEUM:** Ron Haskell: Kitchen interior drywall and exterior sheet metal are nearing completion and new cabinets are to be installed, the corn crib is nearing completion, tractor work to level dirt and weed removal is ongoing, the portable restroom still needs to be emptied, and the forklift rotary valve is currently being rebuilt. The location for the 40-foot container will need to be staked out and cement footings poured.

Dave Ruhland discussed the spray rig and mowers he had brought over. Future items to be brought over include a road grader and a visible engine.

**EDITORS:** Carol Haskell and Ellen Morse: Deadline for articles February 20.

**CAL POLY:** Bob Smith: To support upcoming Cal Poly shows, we need to have more tractors running including the John Deere and the Minneapolis Moline. A new hay wagon needs to be started.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:** A quote of \$2,500 to move the Western 160hp engine (20,000 lbs.) is in place. Prior to final placement, the engine will need to be steam cleaned and grout removed from its underside.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Cal Poly petting farm is looking for engines to be displayed. The museum building needs signs installed for the fire extinguishers and hazardous materials.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 10:24 am.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 2, 2024

Eric Waltzer, Secretary

**Upcoming Events  
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**Saturday, March 23 Cal Poly Easter Egg Hunt**  
Not a show but looking for volunteers for tractor hay rides and cow trains.

**Saturday, March 30 Highland Citrus Festival.**  
Exact display area not known yet but the organizers are aware that being blasted by loud music was not appreciated. Watch your email in-box for further information.

**Saturday, April 6 La Verne Cool Cruise**  
More Info next Hit and Miss.

**Friday, April 19-  
Sunday, April 21 Tulare Antique AG Show**

**Saturday, April 27 Chino Corn Feed Run**  
Same as previous years. Details in next Hit and Miss.

**Saturday, May 4 Antique Truck Show Perris**

**Saturday, May 25-  
Monday, May 27 Santa Margarita**  
Best of the West Antique Equipment Show. For more information visit their website at [bestofthewestshow.com](http://bestofthewestshow.com).

**Sunday, June 2 Steve McQueen Boys Republic**  
Please register so they have an idea how many of us are coming and to get your swag bag.  
[stevemcqueenWAPAreistration2024.eventbrite.com](http://stevemcqueenWAPAreistration2024.eventbrite.com),  
password: WAPA+Plane2024

**March Birthdays**

- John DeLazzaro
- Valerie DeLazzaro
- Tom Denson
- Jerry Logan
- Roger Meeker
- Stevie Mote
- Thomas Reifer
- John Rimpau
- Dave Ruhland

**Happy  
Birthday!**



<b>2024 WAPA Officers</b>	
President	Bob Smith
Vice President	Dave Foley
Secretary	Eric Waitzer
Treasurer	Kelley Garcia
Show Director	Mitchell Reichwein
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Museum Director	Ron Haskell
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