



HIT & MISS

Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

This Old Iron—Dick Bouma by Dave Ruhland

I was born August 28, 1941, in Bellflower, California, the first child to Lawrence and Geneva Bouma. Following me was a brother and five sisters so you can imagine what our home life was like; it was great. When I was born, my father was a dairyman in Downey, California. We moved to Chino Valley when I was about 2 yrs old. My first recollections are of living on dairies in Chino Valley. My introduction to gas engines was on a dairy. The valley at that time was mostly dairies the only needed electricity to run the vacuum pump for the milking machines and lighting. Quite often the power would go out due to wind, so the milking machines would quit, cows don't like that. Milking can't stop in the middle of the process. In the machine room my Dad had a vacuum pump, on one side was a 3 hp electric motor and on the other side a 3 hp Fairbanks Z. My Dad gave me this information later on in life, but I remember as a 4 or 5 year old boy standing there watching that old Fairbanks run. Later on remembering it, I always wanted to find one. As time went on, I graduated from high school and went to work in my Dad's manufacturing plant making milking machines. Not a job I enjoyed so I went to trade school on the GI Bill to learn air conditioning—my profession for over 40 years when I retired.

I met my wife, Maureen, in 1972 on a blind date. We dated for three years and got married in 1975. She had two great kids and while we were dating, Eric, her son, had a Lionel train set. Maureen, asked me one day to get it running and through that I found train collectors in the area and met Kenny Byers. Kenny had been collecting gas engines and when I saw them, my memories of the engine on the dairy came back and we became good friends. I purchased a Stover engine from him which was the start of my engine collection. Maureen likes to remind people that on our honeymoon, I was able to contact a fellow in San Luis Obispo that had engines. I purchased a Cushman Cub for the magneto that was on it. I had to take the suitcases out of the trunk, put them in the back seat and we were able to load the Cushman into the trunk of my Chevy and she hasn't let me forget that.

Kenny called me one day that he had met a fellow who belonged to a group of engine collectors that had formed a club and wanted us to join. This was in the spring of 1978. Both of us joined and I remember going to the first meeting in a park near where Bill Baldwin lived. Bill Brinkley was the president and Kenny and I had a great morning. We were, I think, 23rd & 24th members to join the club. It has been a great hobby and I have gotten to meet really wonderful people all over the country and even in New Zealand and Australia. I have become friends with many collectors.

I am really enjoying our new home at Cal Poly and especially our Tuesday work days. It has been a lot of years coming. Thanks to the work and foresight of many of the members some whom are unfortunately no longer with us. I could name names, but it would fill another page.

President's Message by Bob Smith

Let me start off by thanking all the members that have come out to our building to help in some way. The past couple of weeks we have had 16 people show up to lend a hand. We appreciate the help and we can always find something that needs doing. It's like owning a home, there is always something that needs to be tended to.

A couple of major projects we have in the works is preparing a spot so we can move our 40' sea container in so we have more storage space.

The other big project is bringing in WAPA's 160hp Western engine so we can clean and prepare it to be placed on a concrete foundation. I am told it weighs 26 tons so this is not an easy move. We need heavy equipment to accomplish the task.

Coming up in April will be the school field trips at Cal Poly. I will need 3 tractor drivers for each day of the field trip. We will run hay wagons only. The days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday starting April 9 and running for 3 weeks. Let me know if you can help. It's a lot of fun.

I hope all of you are preparing for the upcoming shows our Show Director has lined up for us. Some are paid shows so we need to make a good impression to earn our money. Hope to see you at a show. Stay safe.

New WAPA member and Cal Poly student Jane Wangjaya being certified on the John Deere 50.



**Next WAPA
Board Meeting
April 13, 2024
9:00 am at Cal Poly**

It has finally arrived!

After almost 8 years of waiting the Western 160 has finally on the grounds of Cal Poly.



Upcoming Events by Mitchell Reichwein

Saturday, March 23

Cal Poly Easter Egg Hunt

Not a show for us, just looking for volunteers for tractor hayrides and cow trains.

Saturday, March 30

Highland Citrus Festival

We will be setting up on Center Street from 6–9 am only and it looks like we have parking just to the east of our area. The show is from 10 am to 3:30 pm. To get there take the 210 Freeway to Baseline Street, head west to Palm Avenue, head North to the check point and they will tell us what to do next.

Saturday, April 6

La Verne Cool Cruise

We will be in the same location as in the past — C Street and 3rd. Set-up time is 6:30 to 8:30 am, the show hours are 10 am to 4 pm. It is requested that we keep our gas cans to the back of the displays, that we have fire extinguishers at our site, and that our EZ-ups are weighted so they don't blow away. There are also light blue parking passes this year that I will have at the show for you, as well as on Tuesday at the club house. (Yes, I know their instruction sheets says yellow.)

To get there from the 10 Freeway, use the Fairplex exit North to McKinley, then left onto White Avenue, and then left onto Bonita Avenue, and left again onto C Street.

To get there from the 210 Freeway, use the Fruit Avenue exit South (it becomes White Avenue) to Bonita Avenue, make a right to C Street and turn left.

Friday, April 19–Sunday, April 21

Tulare Antique AG Show

Saturday, April 27

Chino Corn Feed Run

We are in the same place as in past years — the parking lot south of City Hall at Chino and Central. Engines, and if you bring tractors, can cruise Central Avenue.

If you are coming from the east, I would suggest the 60 Freeway to Ramona South, turn left on Chino Avenue to our parking lot entrance and the Explorer Scouts.

Coming from the West, same thing.

Saturday, May 4

Antique Truck Show Perris at So Cal Railway Museum, Perris, CA

We are in the same spot as last year. The show hours are 9 am to 3 pm, so be there before 8:30 to get in and set up.

Saturday, May 25–Monday, May 27

Santa Margarita Best of the West Antique Equipment Show

For more information visit their website at bestofthewestshow.com.

Saturday, May 25–Monday, May 27

Live Steamers Spring Show

We have been invited to participate at their spring meet. More on that as we work out the logistics.

Sunday, June 2

Steve McQueen Boys Republic

If you have not registered yet, please do so they have an idea how many of us are coming
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password: WAPA+Plane2024

Saturday, November 9

Flabob Airport Veterans Day

**WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CAL POLY
MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2024 9:00am**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Smith, Dave Foley, Ron Haskell, Lorelie Rimpau.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly Garcia, Mitchell Reichwein, Jim Treadwell, Eric Waltzer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Bouma, Phil Cardozo, John De Lazzaro, Mike Eubanks, Jack Hassler, Bob Holman, Dan Kato, Steven Mandell, Roger Meeker, Gordon Morse, Merle Morse, Tim Neely, Danny Ponce, John Rimpau, Dave Ruhland, Sparky Sealy, Joe Siddons, Don Stocker, Clay Wilson, Lance Wilson.

VISITORS: Marge Ruhland.

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

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Clay Wilson.

WELCOME: President Bob Smith welcomes members and reminds them they may speak on any subject brought before the board. Bob relayed that Agriscapes Director Craig Walters expressed his appreciation for the hard work of WAPA to help make the pumpkin festival a great success this year. The festival was sold out the last 3 weekends of the month and the revenue was almost as much as the previous year. The college will be donating \$7,000 to WAPA.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS REMARKS/REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Bob Smith: The Board appointed Lance Wilson to be acting Secretary for the March 2 meeting. He would like to thank Gary Cervený for his generous donation to WAPA. Phil Sigmon rebuilt 2 Cub starters for Cal Poly.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dave Foley just returned from a 5 day trip to Morro Bay. Dave thanked the members for attending the Tuesday work days.

SECRETARY: Eric Waltzer was absent. Acting secretary Lance Wilson moved that the minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 3 be approved. Second by Dave Foley.

TREASURER: Kelley Garcia was absent. Bob Smith presented the financial report.
Checking account \$3,524.45. Savings account \$34,007.15. WAPA Museum Account \$170,196.38

MEMBERSHIP: Lorelei Rimpau reported that the Total Membership is 118, active dues paying members are 81, Life Members are 32. Honorary Members are 4, Complimentary members is 1. She read a list of unpaid members. Lorelie Rimpau made a motion to accept Phil Cardozo as a new member, Second by Ron Haskell and all voted in favor.

PURCHASING: Open Position

SAFETY: Jim Treadwell was absent. No safety issues.

SHOWS: Mitchell Reichwein was absent. Highland show March 30, Cal Poly Easter Egg Hunt March 23, La Verne Cool Cruise April 6, Chino Corn Feed Run April 27, Antique Truck Show May 4.

MUSEUM: Ron Haskell gave an update on the building improvements.

EDITOR: Carol Haskell and Ellen Morse are asking for articles by March 18.

CAL POLY: Bob Smith said there is a need to get tractors ready for the Easter Egg Hunt March 23.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Ron Haskell gave an update on the progress of the Western 160hp engine move.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Meeting Adjourned at 10:18am.
Next Meeting April 13, 2024
Lance Wilson, acting Secretary

Gary Cerveny and his generous donation to WAPA. Thank you Gary.



April Birthdays

- Phil Cardozo
- Klaus Duebbert
- Kelley Garcia
- Jeff Holmes
- Chuck Mayernick
- Rex McCleary
- Joann Ponce
- Bob Smith
- Don Stocker

Happy Birthday!



Lunch time at work day.



Team effort getting ready for the cow train.

- 2024 WAPA Officers**
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| President | Bob Smith |
| Vice President | Dave Foley |
| Secretary | Eric Waitzer |
| Treasurer | Kelley Garcia |
| Show Director | Mitchell Reichwein |
| Membership | Lorelei Rimpau |
| Museum Director | Ron Haskell |
| Safety | Jim Treadwell |
| Purchasing | Open |
| Editors | Carol Haskell & Ellen Morse |



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