



# HIT & MISS

Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

## **This Old Iron—Steve Mello by Dave Ruhland**

Steve Mello is a new member of our club and a relative of Mitchell Reichwein. Steve and his wife, Jocelyn and his son Dean, moved back to the Pasadena area after spending 10 years in Tennessee. Steve taught himself to maintain the equipment and to take care of the acre of land they lived on in Tennessee.

Steve is currently working with his dad in the antique business. Steve comes to the parties that we have on Tuesdays at Cal Poly, and has helped with projects there. He has been busy changing a couple of the Farmall cubs over from 6 volt to 12 volt to be used on the cow train at the Pumpkin Festival that Cal Poly puts on for the month of October. Steve has also been helping with the construction of a new hay wagon to be used at pumpkin time. He is one of the many helpers on that project.

Steve is one of our younger members and is willing to learn anything and help with any of the projects that are going on.

Thanks for your help and interest Steve.

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

There are only 5 weeks before the Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival. Our preparation is coming along with several projects in the works. Tractors are being worked on, a new hay wagon is being constructed, and a hand wash station is being built for the petting farm. Engines are being prepared for the engine display area. Cow cars need to be washed, and the duck race pumps need maintenance. There is plenty to do but we will get it all done before opening day.

The September meeting is our annual meeting where we nominate members for the 2025 board of directors. If you want to throw your hat into the ring then that will be the time or just come and enjoy the coffee and ant covered donuts. All members and guests are welcome.

The WAPA Bylaws are now posted on our official web site. We will be considering changing the section regarding the deposit of a percentage of profit into the museum account. You will be informed of any proposed changes. This section was written prior to WAPA having a home site so it needs updating.

Remember, the Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival is fast approaching. Help out in whatever way you can. It is WAPA's largest money maker so please try to come out and help. It is a lot of fun with thousands in attendance.



**Next WAPA  
Board Meeting  
September 7, 2024  
9:00 am at Cal Poly**

**Hardworking crew at the clubhouse**




**Travel trailer for sale**

2022 Keystone-Springdale 22 foot travel trailer. Brand new, used 3 times, model 1750RD. Paid \$25,000 and will sell for \$17,500 or best offer. Call Danny Ponce at 323-605-8405.



**WAPA Board Meeting  
First Saturday of the month**



**WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
August 3, 2024**

**MEETING LOCATION:** WAPA Museum at Cal Poly Pomona

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Treadwell

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Phil Cardozo, Jim Davis, John and Valerie DeLazzaro, Tom Denson, Mike Eubanks, Randy Fewins, Carol Haskell, Bob Holman, Dan Kato, Brian Leach, Dale Linn, Steve Mandell, Steve Mello, Paul Montgomery, Merle Morse, Leroy Overstreet, Hunter Pack, Danny Ponce, John Rimpau, Dave Ruhland, Joe Siddons, Clay Wilson, Lance Wilson.

**VISITORS:** Paul Daglish, Nancy Davis, Heather Pack.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bob Smith at 9:01 am.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Lance Wilson.

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

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS REMARKS/REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT:** Bob Smith described his trip to Missouri to visit his sister. He brought back his friend's International LB engine for repair.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Dave Foley described his camping trip to Morro Bay. No updates on Gordon Morse who has been admitted to Riverside Community Hospital.

**SECRETARY:** Eric Waltzer made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, board of directors meeting. Motion seconded by Mitchell Reichwein.

**TREASURER:** Kelley Garcia presented the July 2024 financial report. As of June 30, 2024: checking account balance – \$6,359.51; savings account balance – \$30,257.28; WAPA museum account balance – \$166,712.18.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Lorelei Rimpau: Total membership – 114. Active dues paying members – 78; Life members – 31; Honorary members – 4; Complimentary members – 1. Joe Siddons received a recruiter pin for his effort in recruiting Brian Leach.

**PURCHASING:** Open Position: WAPA hats, shirts, and coffee mugs with the WAPA logo are available for sale. Customized mugs are also available.

**SAFETY:** Dave Ruhland talked about the fire that occurred on the Minneapolis Moline. A cracked plastic fuel filter allowed fuel to spill onto the starter and the ground. When the engine was started, the fuel was ignited resulting in a fire on the tractor and on the ground. The fire was quickly extinguished with no damage to the tractor. Ron Haskell brought up a safety item concerning unhitching a trailer: always keep the safety chains attached to the towing vehicle as the trailer hitch is being disengaged. The chains will restrain the trailer in case of any uncontrollable trailer movement. There was a known fatal injury due to the trailer shifting while being unhitched.

**SHOWS:** Mitchell Reichwein: Upcoming shows include: Irwindale Speedway Cal-Rods car show – September 22. Nine WAPA members have signed up and will get an admission ticket. One ticket is remaining.

Cal Poly Pumpkin Fest– September 28 to October 27.

Glendora Pumpkin Festival – October 19, sanctioned, seconded by Ron Haskell.

Flabob Airport Veterans Day Celebration – November 9 (sanctioned).

**MUSEUM:** Ron Haskell: Tuesday work day attendance has been low most likely due to the extremely hot days. Contractors have been bringing in fill dirt which has been leveled. Work on the new hay ride wagon is progressing with welding of the frame and sourcing of wheels and tires. Welding of Western 160 cast iron parts is nearing completion. Replacement governor parts are being 3D scanned. From the scanned information, casting patterns can be created. Mitch has installed a new voltage regulator on the John Deere 50. Sorting of nuts and bolts is ongoing, the battery recharging stand has been moved to the front of the building, the John Deere 1–1/2 and the Stover engines are operational. Work is continuing on the Hercules. Bob Holman has epoxy painted the kitchen floor and installed base boards. This completes the kitchen project. Portable bathroom is operational. Aerators in the faucets will need to have the calcium buildup removed. Base material for the 8 ft by 8 ft handwash station platform has been cut. Forklift pockets will allow for easy transportation.

**MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION:** Merle Morse talked about his trip to Hearst Castle and met someone who lived in Rubel Castle and another person who attended North High School. Jim Davis commented on the excellent quality of the Hit & Miss newsletter and introduced his grandson who is from Texas and is a WAPA member. Dave Ruhland introduced his New Zealand friend Paul Daglish. Bob Holman asked about who can recharge a Wilco magnet. Ron Haskell responded that he has the equipment for recharging magnets.

**EDITOR:** Carol Haskell, Ellen Morse: Deadline for articles August 20th.

**CAL POLY:** Bob Smith: The Cal Poly Pumpkin Fest has been scheduled for September 28 to October 27. This is a major fundraiser for AGRIScapes which in turn helps WAPA through a monetary donation (\$6,000 last year) and use of the museum building and associated land space. All day tractor drivers will get a free Tee shirt and lunch voucher. All day engine display participants will receive a lunch voucher. We will need 3 tractor drivers to support hay wagon rides and 2 drivers to support cow train rides for the following days: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. In addition, drivers will be needed to support two cow trains for school field trips on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. At least 2 members to support the WAPA engine display by answering questions, maintaining engine operation, and passing out club information for the following days: Saturdays and Sundays from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.

Eric will coordinate the engine display and duck race. This year the duck races, cow train and engine display will be located next to each other. A fourth (18 ft long x 7 foot wide) hay wagon with improved handicap access is under construction.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:** Lance Wilson, chair of the 2025 directors nominating committee, presented which existing board members have volunteered to remain for another term: President – Open Position; Vice President – Dave Foley; Secretary – Eric Waltzer; Treasurer – Kelley Garcia; Show director – Mitchell Reichwein; Membership – Lorelei Rimpau; Museum Director – Ron Haskell; Safety – Open position. If there are any members who wish to run for any of these positions, please inform Lance Wilson.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Don Young is not doing very well. Lance called Sue Bradley. Both Sue and Phil are doing well with Sue transitioning from a walker to a cane.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 10:06 am.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 7, 2024 (Annual Meeting)

Eric Waltzer, Secretary

**Sunday, September 22 Run With a Winner at Irwindale Drag Strip**  
**500 Speedway Dr., Irwindale, CA 91016**

I have 1 ticket left for whoever wants to get in to show for free. If you want to show up at the last minute it is \$20 to enter the drag strip. They would like us to be there by 7am to set up. We will be directed where to set up and park our trucks and trailers. It is on a parking lot so bring shade and drinks and water for your engines.

To get there from the South: 605 freeway North to Live Oak Ave exit, head west and a left turn into the track.

To get there from the North: 605 freeway South to Arrow Hwy exit, head west to Live Oak Ave and make a hard left turn to the track and right into track.

**Sept. 27-Oct.27 October Pumpkin festival at Cal Poly**

By now you all know this is our opportunity to volunteer as a thanks to Cal Poly. Contact Bob to drive tractors on the weekends or in the middle of the week for school field trips. Contact Eric to sign up for weekend engine booth duty. This is also to help promote WAPA.

**Saturday, October 19 Glendora Pumpkin Festival**

7am to 3pm. I know Lance and Mitchell will be there. Take the 210 freeway to Grand Avenue North. Turn right on Mauna Loa Avenue and continue until it ends at Glendora Centennial Heritage Park.

**Saturday, November 9 Flabob Airport Veterans Day Show**

**September Birthdays**

- Jerry Burak**
- Jim Gilliland**
- Colleen Karp**
- Larry Kliwer**
- Gordon Morse**
- Hunter Pack**
- Fran Pfetzing**
- Danny Ponce**
- Mitchell Reichwein**
- Mark Rottmann**
- Julius Schnell**
- Phil Sigmon**
- Becky Stockton**
- Brian Stoops**
- Jim Treadwell**
- Jane Wangjaya**
- Craig Walters**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



<b>2024 WAPA Officers</b>	
Bob Smith	President
Dave Foley	Vice President
Eric Waitzer	Secretary
Kelley Garcia	Treasurer
Mitchell Reichwein	Show Director
Lorelei Rimpau	Membership
Ron Haskell	Museum Director
Jim Treadwell	Safety
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Carol Haskell &	Editors
Ellen Morse	



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