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Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

Memories of Leroy Overstreet by Bob Smith

It's hard to believe we don't have our old friend Leroy around anymore. It was such a pleasure to see his smiling face at our board meetings. He was well loved and will be deeply missed.

I remember Leroy joined the club around when I did and was a loyal participant in many shows. Leroy had a great sense of humor. I remember him bringing out an engine to a show belted up to a butt massager he picked up at a yard sale. Not exactly what the engines were meant to power but it drew a great crowd.

I think the highlight was his black powder cannon he would bring to Flabob to signal the start of the show and fire a volley over the crowd during the show.

It's members like Leroy you just love to be around. We will always miss you big guy, peace be with you.



President's Message by Bob Smith

My time at Daggett Day, September 21. Another small-town USA that was bypassed when the Interstate highway system was built. Located 10 miles east of Barstow on US Route 66 with a population of 200, Daggett shows many signs of being forgotten with several dilapidated and boarded up buildings. Of those remaining, a once-a-year celebration called Daggett Day is held. It kicks off with a small parade of a vintage Borax wagon, the high school marching band from Yermo, and other cars and off-road vehicles with the Daggett Fire Department bringing up the rear.

WAPA was set up in an area with an old Borax wagon and water wagon from the 20-mule team Borax configuration, an old Chuck Wagon, a vintage roadster from the great race, a lady giving horse back rides, and a rock climbing wall. The WAPA area consisted of Bill and Colleen Karp showing his newly restored 1 HP International Titan powering the one-of-a-kind Karpovich washing machine, and Bob Smith with a 1 1/2 HP Fuller Johnson powering a band saw blade sharpener. Other WAPA members making a presence were Lance Wilson and Joseph Schofield.

I need to give you a brief history of the Karpovich washer. Back in 1923 the Karpovich family migrated to Manticoke, Pennsylvania from Lithuania. Shortly after he formed the Karpovich Washing Machine Co. and started making washing machines. This particular washer is the only one known to exist. Not too long after the failure of the washing machine company, Karpovich changed his name to Karp and blended into the mixing bowl of US life.

The highlight of the day was a guided tour by his granddaughter of the Seymour Alf Blacksmith Shop established in 1885 where they repaired wagons, shoed horses, and did road grading. This place was well preserved and was like taking a step back in time with partially completed wagon wheels still on the fixture and bands of steel on the massive roll fixture. Everything was like time stood still, left in the same place when they walked away many years ago. A true treasure of the desert that you only see as you pass the exit on busy I-40.

**Next WAPA
Board Meeting
Saturday, November 1, 2025
9:00 am at Cal Poly**

Daggett Day
by Bob Smith



**LET'S GO ON
A HAYRIDE**



Repairing the Cow Train

**Upcoming Events
by Rob Skinner**

**Flabob Airport Veterans Celebration
November 8, Saturday
Setup 6:30 to 8:00, Showtime 9:00 to 4:00**

It's almost time for Flabob! WAPA has an excellent location right along the taxiway. We'll have a great view of the planes, and we're right in line with the flow of spectator traffic.

WAPA will enter through the main gate. Point your GPS to 4151 Twining St., Riverside. There will be parking passes available at the November meeting. You won't actually need the pass to get in, but it will streamline the process so you don't have to talk to the volunteers at the gate.



Set up your machinery in the dirt lot along the taxiway, and park your truck about twenty feet back. Let's spread out to utilize all the available space. It's safer when walking around the moving equipment, and makes for a more attractive display for the spectators. If you have an EZ-Up, you MUST tie it down with stakes or weights. We'll be close the helicopters. If there's an emergency and Cal Fire has to scramble, we don't want to endanger the public with airborne canopies.



Scan or click the QR code for our setup location. Just be careful and don't let it tell you to drive in from the back side of the airport. Let's all come out and put on a good show for the club.



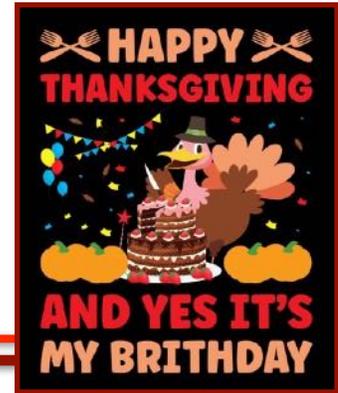
**Restored Engines
by Paul Montgomery**

A big thanks to Ellen Morse and Ron Haskell for making these magnificently restored engines of Merle Morse available to WAPA members. The spirit of Merle lives on with all his beautifully restored engines.



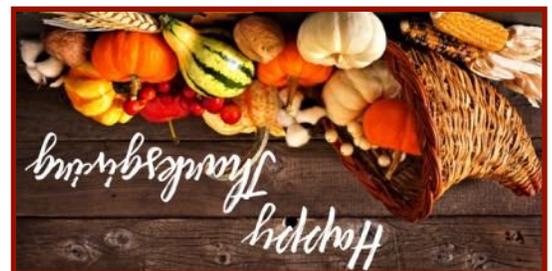
November Birthdays

- Sue Bradley
- Greg Johnson
- Ken Kuhn
- Joe Siddons
- Susan Stockton
- William Ward



2025 WAPA Officers

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