



# HIT & MISS

Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

## WAPA Email List by Rob Skinner

Happy Wednesday, everyone. The WAPA Email List is running nicely. We have 54 members subscribed. The previous email list had 93 members subscribed. I just sent out the third and final invitation to unsubscribed members. If people don't subscribe after this round, all we can assume is that they're not interested.

If members change their minds in the future, they will be able to subscribe with the QR code attached below. Our web page is being updated so members can also subscribe there. That link will go live within the week. These types of subscription requests require manual approval, so they're not instant. Every time I receive a request to join, I refer to Lorelei's Google Docs Roster. If the email address is on the roster, they'll get approved. If the email address is not on the roster, then the request will be deleted.

Thanks, Rob



When it doesn't roll,  
lift it!

## President's Message by Bob Smith

What a way to start the year. I'm talking about WAPA's annual "Fun on the Farm" day on January 11 at Cal Poly. What a day! The weather was great except for a little wind which played havoc on the tarp Larry Madole put up over the slab outside the building. Other than that, everything was great.

A big thanks goes to Larry and his outstanding team for the BBQ lunch which is not a small task by any means to deliver. Only Larry has the organizational skills to pull off something of that magnitude. Also, a big thanks to Mark Panzone for making homemade ice cream to enjoy after the lunch. Even though the process is somewhat mechanized he still deserves credit for the preparation, standing there and adding ice and salt. Kelley was on hand to manage the silent auction and collect cash. I didn't see much equipment left over after the auction. And we can't forget Lorelei collecting membership dues and distributing 50-year anniversary pins. The rest of the day was filled with swap meet selling and buying, along with wild story telling and some tractor driving.

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

**WAPA Fun Day on the Farm  
by Paul Montgomery**

Our first event of 2025 was the much anticipated Fun on the Farm at WAPA's Cal Poly clubhouse. It was a big turnout with something for everyone. There was lots of buying and selling at the swap meet and silent auction. The highlight of the day was the BBQ lunch for WAPA members. Larry Madole and crew put out a great spread and finishing it off was Mark Panzone with homemade ice cream. Lorelei and Kelly were doing membership renewals and hopefully, everyone has paid their 2025 dues. What a great way to start the year with lots more to follow.



Happy new tractor owner



Getting ready for the silent auction with Larry Madole.



**WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
January 4, 2025**

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

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dave Foley, Jim Treadwell.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dick Bouma, Phil Cardozo, Jose Carrillo, John and Valerie DeLazzaro, Tom Denson, Matt Draayom, Mike Eubanks, Carol Haskell, Bob Holman, Dan Kato, Larry Madole, Steve Mandell, Rodger Meeker, Steve Mello, Paul Montgomery, Tim Neely, Dave Pasillas, Danny Ponce, Dave Ruhland, Sparky Sealy, Joe Siddons, Don Stocker, Clay Wilson.

**VISITORS:** none

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

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Sparky Sealy.

**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 gave Lance Wilson the oath of office as the 2025 purchasing director; thanked Larry Madole for installing the canopy, Eric Waltzer for the coffee mug rack, and Rob Skinner for setting up the new group email ([WAPA@groups.io](mailto:WAPA@groups.io)).

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Dave Foley absent.

**SECRETARY:** Eric Waltzer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, Board of Directors meeting. Motion seconded by Kelley Garcia.

**TREASURER:** Kelley Garcia presented the December 2024 financial report. As of December 31, 2024: checking account balance – \$9,488.69; savings account balance – \$31,027.28; WAPA museum account balance – \$164,928.67. WAPA has received the remaining half (\$3,750) of the show fee (\$7,500) from Cal Poly Pomona for helping out at the Pumpkin Festival.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Lorelei Rimpau: Total membership – 114. Active dues paying members – 79; Life members – 31; Honorary members – 4; Complimentary members – 1.

Ron Haskell made a motion to reinstate Jan Denson. Motion seconded by Mitchell Reichwein.

Fifty-year pins will be issued when you pay your 2025 dues. Pins will be mailed to out-of-state members. Paul Montgomery volunteered to mail out the pins and Ron Haskell donated \$10 for postage.

**PURCHASING:** Lance Wilson announced that the current supply of WAPA shirts have been discounted and he presented the new style coffee mug, available for \$6.00.

**SAFETY:** Jim Treadwell absent.

**SHOWS:** Mitchell Reichwein. Day on the Farm scheduled for January 11. Currently no information can be obtained about the Calico Ghost Town show due to a personnel change. Highland Citrus Harvest Festival is planned for March 29 and Daggett Days is planned for September 21 from 9 to 3. Several members will be attending the Wellton, Arizona, show January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**MUSEUM:** Ron Haskell. Larry and his daughter have installed a new awning over the front area of the building, gravel has been laid down, a drainage ditch has been dug which will allow water to flow to the drain, and fabrication of a 4 ft x 10 ft x 1-inch-thick welding table has been completed. Steve Mello efforts on the Ford skip loader have included installing new hoses and replacing a worn-out pin on the three-point, and the carburetor has been rebuilt on the John Deere 40. On the Minneapolis-Moline, Mitchell is continuing radiator installation and Sparky has installed new brake seals, Bob took the brake shoes to a shop in Pomona for relining. Ron is continuing installation efforts on the third hay wagon tongue supports. All International Harvesters tractors purchased at the auction have been started up. John DeLazzaro has been cleaning the exterior surfaces of the Western 160. Foundation excavation is expected to begin after Fall on the Farm and is expected to require 27 yards of concrete. Rebar has been donated by the Riverside Citrus Park and Larry has fabricated tie down bolts.

**MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION:** none

**EDITOR:** Carol Haskell and Ellen Morse: Deadline for articles January 20th.

Bob thanked Carol for completing the Hit-N-Miss during Christmas.

**CAL POLY:** The International Harvester required a new distributor and rotor cap. Due to excessive steering play, a new sector steering gear was installed. Dave mentioned that the tractor was manufactured during WW2 and in order to save material, the sector gear was not cast as a complete 360° gear. Clay reversed the fenders to allow for access to operator mounting handles, and Bob Holman installed a 12-volt alternator and LED lights. The recently acquired McCormick-Deering O4 and W4 tractors that will be used for wagon pulling are undergoing modernization which includes installing a 12-volt alternator and LED lights. The liquid propane McCormick-Deering is to be sold off. The Farmall cubs used with the cow train are being exercised.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:** The foundation plan for the Western 160 is complete and efforts to install it is expected in the first part of the year. Steve Mandell will be supplying the original flywheel mounting bolts.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Larry Madole is asking for volunteers and items to sell for the Fun on the Farm event. The event will start at 7 am, a hamburger, hot dog, chili and corn bread lunch will be provided free to badge wearing members. Others may purchase lunch.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lance announced that several items from Cary Stockton are for sale and are listed on the kitchen wall and both Sue and Phil Sigmon have influenza. Mitchell mentioned a need for a vice for the large welding table. Bob Smith announced the stationary bicycle powered Maytag washing machine will be on display at the Fun on the Farm Day. Don Stocker talked about a 1924 Maytag washer with a 1934 wringer and 1930 engine he would like to donate. Dave Ruhland asked for a moment of silence for both Merle Morse and Gordon Morris.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** February 1, 2025

Eric Waltzer, Secretary



**Lance Wilson being sworn in as the Purchasing Director.**

## February Birthdays

Christopher Baldwin  
 Angelika Foley  
 Roger Hahn  
 Paul Montgomery  
 Richard Racette  
 Shirley Reifer  
 Dave Stockton  
 Dick White  
 Jerry Wyatt



2025 WAPA Officers	
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	Lance Wilson
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**This Old Iron: Cody Crowley  
by Dave Ruhland**

I was born on May 10, 1991, and have always had a fascination with all things mechanical and all things antique.

I was first exposed to classic cars around the age of three or four; my parents have photos of me at the Petersen Automotive Museum around that age. Cars like the 1957 Chevy and 1959 Cadillac hooked me on chrome and tail fins; car books my grandma checked out for me from the library on a weekly basis exposed me to cars from around the world such as the Volkswagen Beetle, Citroën from France and the Austin, Morris and MG from the UK. Naturally there were books on trains; my brother and I were avid train watchers at the local Metrolink station and our dad built us an N Gauge layout to play with on the coffee table.

Tractors came as a part of that love of antique iron, and I can recall receiving “The Big Book of John Deere Tractors” by Don Macmillan at my sixth or seventh birthday party. I still have that book today and it is what got me into classic John Deere tractors over the years. Fast forward a few years and I can recall meeting Tom Millet at the El Monte Historical Society Museum during a field trip with my Cub Scout group. He was running a red hit-and-miss engine with a water pump and my father knew Tom from their days in El Monte City Council (my father was on the planning commission in the early 90’s). My father introduced me and Tom showed me his engine set up. As I got older (and got my driver’s license), my love for classic cars got stronger and I put tractors aside since I abandoned my plans of going to agricultural college.

At the age of 19 I bought my first classic car, a 1969 Triumph Spitfire and got involved with the local Triumph club. Seven years later (after learning a lot about British wiring and borrowing money to have the engine rebuilt), I traded that Spitfire for a larger Triumph Herald model. I also owned a right hand drive Austin 1300 GT from New Zealand around that time, although I sold it to fund the Spitfire project (probably a mistake). The Herald later got traded in for a 1965 Jaguar 3.8 S, although that is what ended my ownership of classic cars for the time being. The brakes failed, followed by the power steering (both repaired by the dealer for free). Twin SU carburetors that tended to flood, and an out-of-time engine that liked to run on. I sold the Jaguar in 2020 and have been without a classic car since then, although I would like to get back to it someday.

In 2018, I led a work-related field trip to the Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival where we were given a hayride by WAPA. Later, in 2022, we took a vacation to Escondido and took our twin boys to the Vista museum, which reignited my passion for tractors. We also began gardening and looking to become homesteaders, so my quest to drive a tractor and eventually acquire one came back to me after all those years. I remembered the hayride at Cal Poly and reached out to Veronica Grant, who kindly put me in touch with Bob Smith in late 2023. And here I am! Dave Ruhland kindly gave me my current Cub Cadet 100 that I am in mid-restoration and I am looking to find a bigger machine (John Deere H or LA, or Farmall Cub or Super A). My twin boys are also interested, one wants a green tractor (so the John Deere) and the other wants a blue tractor after seeing me on the Dodger Cub (I told him a Ford would be a good blue tractor).

I have to say that out of all the clubs I have been involved with (the Triumph clubs, the railroad museum out in Perris), the people of WAPA have been the kindest, most supportive and have made my lifelong goal a reality! You can bet my wife and our three kids will follow my lead and become future members down the line!





**Uptown Whittier 70th Annual Christmas Parade  
by Dave Pasillas**

December 14, 2024, was an exciting day over in the quaint little town of Uptown Whittier as they celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade down the main street of Greenleaf Ave. Included with the marching bands, floats and other local participants were WAPA members Dan Kato and Dave Pasillas and The Hathaway Ranch Museum hay wagon



being towed by the Ranch's John Deere "G" tractor. The 40 acre Hathaway Ranch was established in Santa Fe Springs back in 1902 by Jesse and Lola Hathaway who initially farmed produce, nuts and seeds. That all changed in 1921 when the oil boom erupted northeast of the Ranch quickly transforming the quiet little town of Santa Fe Springs into a thriving boom town. Riding on The Hathaway Ranch Museum parade entry, along with Dan and Dave, was longtime WAPA member Francine Hathaway Rippey, Museum Director. Stop by the Ranch the next time you find yourself in Santa Fe Springs or go to [thehathawayranchmuseum.org](http://thehathawayranchmuseum.org) for more information.

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**Wellton, Arizona, Engine and Tractor Show  
by Carol Haskell**

The Wellton Show was a big success. Tractor pulls were challenging for those who participated. And there were lots of tractors and engines to investigate. WAPA participants were Danny Ponce, Dick Bouma and Ron Haskell. The weather was perfect, lots of sun and very cold nights. Perfect weather to sit around the fire in the evenings to keep warm and tell stories.

