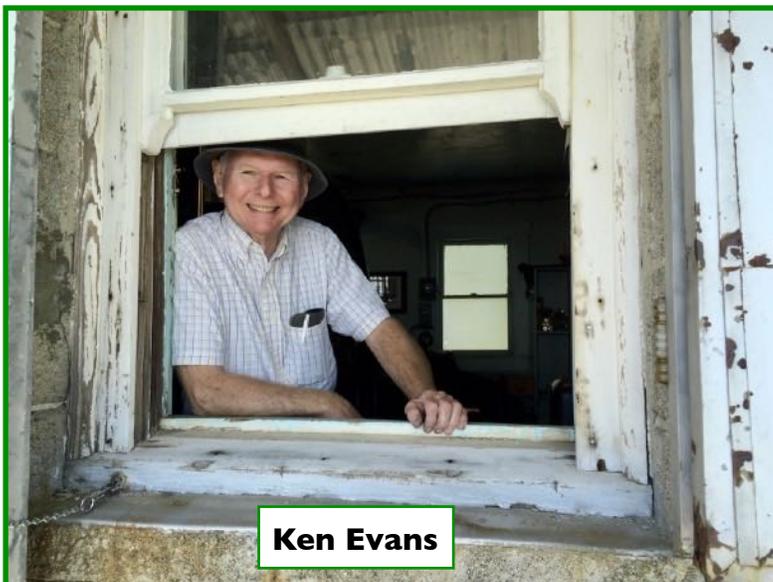




HIT & MISS

Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

160hp Western Cement Base Construction



Ken Evans

President's Message by Bob Smith

There is a lot of excitement around our building at Cal Poly. Larry Madole has taken the initiative to get the foundation finished for the 160hp Western. We have hired Mike Martin to form and pour the concrete so we can set the engine in place. Larry had made new anchor bolts for the engine and they are well imbedded in the cement. There is plenty of rebar and with the 4,000psi concrete that thing is not going anywhere. Come to a meeting or stop by and take a look.

We have lost another great WAPA member this month. Ken Evans passed away on the 12th. I think Ken was the 2nd senior WAPA member behind Dick Bouma joining somewhere in the early 80's. Ken was instrumental in organizing the South Pasadena Car Show and the Marina del Ray Classic Yacht Show. He will be missed.

For all you new members and new tractor owners we have 2 great shows coming up where you can show and drive your tractor. The first is the Cal Poly Spring on the Farm and Easter Egg Hunt on April 12. The next is the Chino Corn Feed Run on April 26. Bring your tractor and have fun.

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

February 1 WAPA Club Meeting

You never know what bargains will be available after the meeting.



This Old Iron—Matt Draayom by Dave Ruhland

Matt Draayom was born in Pasadena and attended school in San Dimas Bonita School District. He went to college at Mt. Sac, in the Forestry Dept. where he met all the Aggies and had a great time. Matt worked in all the departments from taking care of the animals to discing the fields on an old Cat tracklayer. Matt got his AS in forestry and worked for a couple seasons.

When Matt decided to get married, he quit forestry and went to work for General Telephone where he worked for 35 years until retiring.

When he was a kid his folks would take the family back to the family farm in Walnut Grove, Minnesota, where his uncle would give them rides on the tractor. In the 1970's when Matt was a teenager his dad purchased a 320 acre farm. After the purchase they would return every summer for a month or so to work on restoring the buildings. The big project one summer was to repair the windmill, and guess who got sent up to do the high work? Yup, it was Matt. As a side note, since he has experience we know who we need to work on the windmill at Cal Poly. Thanks Matt. He was 80ft in the air on a 5x5 platform putting the head back on and also had to wrap a leg around the tower to stretch out to fasten the tail on. This was done after checking that it would not be windy that day. As luck would have it the very next year a tornado took it all down, Rats!

Other farmers would come by when they were there to ask if Matt could do some discing, plowing or cultivating for them or even hauling hay. This was the time he got hooked on tractors.

A family friend named Nick Boyd, WAPA member, fired up a hit and miss engine for him and that deepened the interest in our club. Another friend had a Farmall Cub sitting in his yard, Matt offered to restore it for him. Matt needed information on the cub and looked to WAPA.

After the first meeting Matt saw how organized we are and said this is for me, and the rest is history.

Matt has been very diligent about showing up for our Tuesday work party and has been a big help getting projects done. I expect he will also help with the wagon rides that take place for kids' field trips and the Pumpkin Festival.



**WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2025**

MEETING LOCATION: WAPA Museum at Cal Poly Pomona

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Smith, Ron Haskell, Lorelei Rimpau, Eric Waltzer, Lance Wilson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Foley, Kelley Garcia, Mitchell Reichwein, Jim Treadwell.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Bouma, Maureen Bouma, John and Valerie DeLazzaro, Matt Draayom, Mike Eubanks, Carol Haskell, Bob Holman, Brian Leach, Steve Mandell, Steve Mello, Paul Montgomery, Ellen Morse, Leroy Overstreet, John Rimpau, Dave Ruhland, Sparky Sealy, Joe Siddons, Clay Wilson.

VISITORS: none

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

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Dave Ruhland.

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 discussed that many members have not subscribed to the new WAPA group email (WAPA@groups.io). The electronic newsletter and other correspondence will be sent out over this group email. Members can use the QR code shown on the front page of the February Hit & Miss to subscribe. Bob thanked Steve Mandell for bringing in bolts for the Western 160.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dave Foley absent.

SECRETARY: Eric Waltzer asked the membership if there are any corrections to the January 4th minutes. None were mentioned, Eric then made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2025, Board of Directors meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Haskell.

TREASURER: Kelley Garcia absent. Bob Smith presented the January 2025 financial report. As of January 31, 2025: checking account balance: \$11,161.29; savings account balance: \$31,440.20; WAPA museum account balance: \$167,117.85.

Val and John DeLazzaro presented a \$100 check from the Glendora Preservation Foundation for WAPA's engine display. The next expense will be for the Western 160 foundation. Bob asked the membership if there were any financial questions with no questions from the membership.

MEMBERSHIP: Lorelei Rimpau: Total membership – 119. Active dues paying members – 82; Life members – 31; Honorary members – 4; Complimentary members – 1. Fifty-year pins will be issued when you pay your 2025 dues. Paul Montgomery volunteered to mail pins to members who do not live in the area or unable to attend meetings. Lorelei made a motion to accept new member Jerry Wood, Eric Waltzer seconded.

PURCHASING: Lance Wilson announced that WAPA shirts, coffee mugs, and jackets are available for sale.

SAFETY: Jim Treadwell absent.

SHOWS: Mitchell Reichwein absent: Bob Smith announced that there will be no show at Calico Ghost Town show due to lack of money. Highland Citrus Harvest Festival is planned for March 29, Cal Poly Spring on the Farm field trips: April 1– 24. 9 am to 1 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tractor drivers will be needed. In addition, April 12th will be the Spring Fun on the Farm and Egg Hunt and WAPA will have an engine display. La Verne Cool Cruise car show: April 19th. 10 am to 4 pm (the WAPA fire extinguisher will need to be recertified); Steve McQueen Car and Motorcycle Show, June 1st, and Daggett Days is planned for September 21 from 9 to 3.

MUSEUM: Ron Haskell: Good member attendance on Tuesdays. Minneapolis–Moline is now ready for service with help from Mitchell, Lance and Sparky completing installation of new brakes, a radiator and wiring. The red hay wagon tongue support installation has been completed and a test run was performed. It was observed that the rear loading steps dragged on the ground so efforts are taking place to shorten them. John Deere 40 front weights have been removed to allow for a new grill to be installed. Steve Mello is making excellent progress on the Ford skip loader hydraulics. John DeLazzaro has brought in a donated Sheldon lathe. Western 160 efforts include: Rick Racette completed machining the intake valve seat and the governor has been reassembled and ready for installation. We will need to relocate all of the parts that are around the engine. A Jackson centrifugal water pump was donated to WAPA. Plans are to have the Western power the pump. Mark Panzone will investigate efforts to install a metal awning to cover the cement pad on the north side of the building. The awning will follow the existing building roof line.

MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION: none

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

CAL POLY: Ron suggested to try to apply a shiny patina on both McCormick W4 and O4. A battery box needs to be fabricated for the W4. A new alternator is being installed on the O4 to power LED headlights. New tires are needed for both W4 and O4. Dave Ruhland is creating a sale listing for the liquid propane powered Farmall Super M. If there are no offers it will be converted to operate on gasoline.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Efforts are continuing on the Western foundation. The next big task will be excavating the ground, rebar cage fabrication and cement pouring for the foundation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Ruhland, Bob Smith, Mitchell Reichwein and Steve Mello went to Don Stockers and picked up old engines that will be sold to raise money for WAPA. Dave Ruhland mentioned that there is a Model A engine converted to be a Smith air compressor. WAPA is looking for a new home for the donated Waukesha Fuel Research Engine. Any leads on organizations or personnel who might be interested would be appreciated. Cal Poly asked if WAPA can repair a Jacobsen SV 3422 utility vehicle. Cal Poly will pay for all materials.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:53 am.

NEXT MEETING: March 1, 2025

Eric Waltzer, Secretary

**Upcoming Events
by Mitchell Reichwein**

- Sunday, March 29 Highland Citrus Festival**
10am – 3pm. As far as I know will be same as last year. I will send out the last minute details when they get them to me.
- April 1-24 Cal Poly Spring on he Farm Field Trips**
9am – 1pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. Tractor drivers will be needed.
- Saturday, April 12 Cal Poly Spring on the Farm and Egg Hunt**
WAPA will have an engine display
- Friday-Sunday, April 11-13 Tulare Antique AG Show**
- Saturday, April 19 LaVerne Cool Cruise**
10am – 4pm. As far as I know should be the same as last year. Will send out last minute details when I get them.
- Saturday, April 26 Chino Corn Feed Run Car Show**
8am – 3pm. As far as I know same as last year. Will send updates when I get them.
- Saturday, May 17 Perris Truck Show**
9am – 3pm
- Sunday, June 1 Steve McQueen Car and Motorcycle Show**
- Sunday, September 21 Daggett Days**
9am – 3pm. Dry camping available.

March Birthdays

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

Happy

Birthday!



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Kelley Garcia	Treasurer
Mitchell Reichwein	Show Director
Lorelei Rimpau	Membership
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