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Newsletter of the Western Antique Power Associates

This Old Iron **John & Lorelei Rimpau** **by Dave Ruhland**

John was born and raised in San Dimas, CA. He grew up on a 26-acre citrus ranch. After purchasing his first car, a Triumph Spitfire, at the age of 14, he drove it all over the grove. By the time he graduated high school he had 11 cars that he drove. He went to San Dimas High School. Since there was no where else to go, the 8th grade class all attended San Dimas High School where it took 5 years to graduate. He started his career selling worms near his house at the age of 12 for people fishing at Puddingstone Lake. Once a year, during the boat races at Puddingstone Lake, he would sell avocados. Vincent Price was a regular customer for many years and continued to stop by after John stopped selling to the public. He then worked for an auto parts store, wrecking yard, and golf course company remodeling their club houses. John was hired as general manager for Model Power where he worked for 12 years. The company closed after a warehouse fire but he continued to work for one company doing train shows all over the western US. Lorelei goes along for the ride. He also worked in the movie industry doing mechanical effects. He has 2 adult children from a previous marriage, Max & Kate. John is a collector of everything. If you have been to his house, you know what I mean. Continued on page 2.



President's Message **by Bob Smith**

There has been much activity around the WAPA building lately. We are finalizing new water wagons for the hay ride route to keep the dust down. Work continues on the Western engine to clean it and put parts back on it. We are just about ready to pour the outer flywheel bearing pedestal. The Massy-Ferguson fuel injector pump has been rebuilt and put back on the tractor. It is just about ready to fire up. Work is progressing on converting the Farmall Super M from LP to gas.

I am now preparing to head out on a month long trip to the Midwest. As always, I will keep an eye out for something I can't live without. On my return trip I will be heading to Oklahoma to pick up a Minneapolis-Moline tractor Francine Rippey is donating to WAPA. Happy motoring and I will see you all in September.

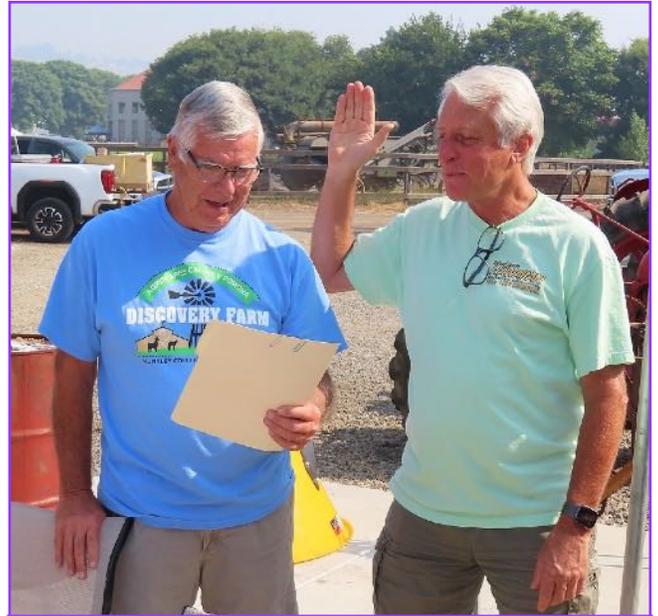


**Next WAPA
Board Meeting
Saturday, August 2, 2025
9:00 am at Cal Poly**

**This Old Iron
John & Lorelei Rimpau
by Dave Ruhland
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Lorelei was raised in Hacienda Heights and attended Glen A Wilson High School with some college at Mt. SAC. After college she worked for Pacific Bell for 20 years. She worked in the Special Services department which was instrumental to setting up the Lottery Ticket system. She decided to change careers and worked for an income tax office for 13 years. Now she works from home as a bookkeeper. She enjoys gardening, crocheting, and making jam from the nectarine and pluot trees in the front yard.

John and Lorelei met volunteering at the outdoor train layout at the Pomona Fairgrounds. Her son wanted to volunteer there but was underage, so mom had to as well. They got married on 06/05/04 on the Queen Mary as pirates. They have now been married for 21 years. They have recently become first time grandparents to Riley Rae Williams now 3 months old.



Bob Smith swearing in Rob Skinner as the Show Director.



Big Iron with Larry & Ron



Dave with his truck full of goodies



Welcome new WAPA member Jeffrey Corona.

WESTERN ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
July 5, 2025

MEETING LOCATION: WAPA Museum at Cal Poly Pomona

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Smith, Dave Foley, Kelley Garcia, Ron Haskell, Lorelei Rimpau, Eric Waltzer, Clay Wilson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Treadwell, Lance Wilson

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Bouma, Sue Bradley, Jose Carrillo, Jeffrey Corona, Tom Denson, Matt Draayom, Mike Eubanks, Dan Kato, Brian Leach, Larry Madole, Steve Mandell, Paul Montgomery, Carl Pfetzing, Danny Ponce, John Rimpau, Dave Ruhland, Sparky Sealy, Phil Sigmores, Rob Skinner, Joe Siddons.

VISITORS: none

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

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Matt Draayom.

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 had no new topics to present.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dave Foley described his first time-visit to the Vista Steam and Gas Engine Show. Dave also asked everyone to mark their calendars for Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival and, if possible, to help out.

SECRETARY: Eric Waltzer asked the membership if there are any corrections to the June 7th minutes. None were mentioned, Eric then made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 7th, Board of Directors meeting. Motion seconded by Kelley Garcia.

TREASURER: Kelley Garcia presented the June 2025 financial report. As of June 30, 2025: checking account balance – \$4,882.66; savings account balance – \$25,851.70; WAPA museum account balance – \$169,430.11.

MEMBERSHIP: Lorelei Rimpau: Total membership – 116. Active dues paying members – 81; Life members – 29; Honorary members – 4; Complimentary members – 2. Lorelei introduced new member Jeffrey Corona.

PURCHASING: Lance Wilson absent. Clay Wilson reported that Lance is in the hospital due to kidney stones and he is doing well and wished to inform the membership that deals on WAPA items are still good. WAPA shirts are available at a discount.

SAFETY: Jim Treadwell absent. Clay Wilson, associate safety officer, talked about the dangers of refilling a running engine with gasoline.

SHOWS: Ron Skinner was sworn in as show chairman.

An excellent display was presented at the Big Bear show. Club members had an enjoyable day with good weather, a good display area, an excellent lunch and were treated to a tour of the stamp mill in operation. Ron Haskell suggested having a Fun Day at the California Citrus State Historic Park Western 200, August 9th from 10:00 to 1:00. Lunch will be provided and members are encouraged to bring side dishes. Maps will be sent out with direction signs displayed. The Daggett show is scheduled for September 21. WAPAs next big event will be the Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival October 3,4,5 & 10,11,12 & 17,18,19 & 24,25,26. Drivers will be needed for hay wagon rides and help to operating the engine display. Your help will be greatly appreciated and helps WAPA maintain its museum building.

MUSEUM: Ron Haskell: The water tank has been installed on the Jacobsen utility vehicle, a trailer with two 300-gallon totes is being fabricated for Agriscapes and the fuel injector pump for the Massey Ferguson tractor has been repaired. The propane powered Farmall is being converted to run on gasoline, the seed spreader gear box has been replaced, Matt is working on the Massey Ferguson fuel injector system, and efforts continue on the Western 160. The stub shaft, water pump pulley, bearing mount and support pillar have been installed. Next will be forming and pouring cement to create the stub shaft bearing mount. Larry Madole has fabricated structural members for the 14 ft x 18 ft shed cover. Rob is continuing efforts on the Minneapolis-Moline generator. John Rimpau is continuing to strip the Chevy 1 ton truck which will allow us to create a third large hay wagon from the frame. Kelley is converting the Ford to a 12-volt electrical system. Ron mentioned that WAPA should consider purchasing a metal building where the Western and other WAPA equipment can be displayed. A pre-engineered building will make it easier for Cal Poly to approve. Wood planks can be applied to the interior and exterior to give it an aged look. A swap meet is planned for August 23 at 7:00 am. No BBQ is being planned.

MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION:

EDITOR: Carol Haskell and Ellen Morse: Deadline for articles July 20. Carol asked for additional articles for the Hit & Miss.

CAL POLY: none

COMMITTEE REPORT: Lance Wilson has been appointed to chair the 2026 Board of Director candidate nominating committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:00 am.

NEXT MEETING: August 2, 2025

Eric Waltzer, Secretary

**Upcoming events
by Ron Haskell**

Save Saturday, August 9, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for another WAPA Fun Day at the 200 hp Western engine in the California Citrus State Historic Park. We will run the big engine, have lunch of sandwiches with sodas and water, assorted chips and cookies. Start around 10:00 am. and end about 1:00 pm. Bring chairs, and an EZ Ups if you want shade.

Directions: From the 91 freeway go South on Van Buren Blvd. to Dufferin Ave. Turn left (East) to Irving St. Turn right (South) to Jackson St. Turn right (West) to the stop sign. Turn right again on Jackson St., go through the gate and over the canal, turn left at the first opening in the orange trees, past the pumping station to the far side of the open field. Turn right down the rows of oranges to the location.

For those of you that like GPS: 33°53'51.21"N 117°25'11.68"N

Saturday, August 23, 7:00 am to ?. Swap meet at Cal Poly club house. Coffee and donuts available, no lunch this time. Bring those items surplus to your collection, search for the treasures you are missing, see old friends, swap stories and generally have fun.

August Birthdays

- Richard Bouma**
- Matt Draayom**
- Donald Jensen**
- Dan Kato**
- Steve (Julius) Murphy**
- Rich Craig**
- Max Steele**
- Brent Zousel**

Happy Birthday!



2025 WAPA Officers

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| Vice President | Dave Foley |
| Secretary | Eric Waitzer |
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