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# HIT & MISS

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## WINGS, WHEELS & ROTORS EXPO

### Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base

On October 28, WAPA participated in a very special event in Los Alamitos. This was the sixth year for the Wings, Wheels and Rotors Expo.

The event is sponsored by the Los Alamitos Chamber of Commerce. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program for the soldiers who are assigned to the base. In 2006, over \$7,600 was donated to the program.

The helicopters on display ranged from the only remaining piston driven Shawnee, to a modern Longbow Apache. There were small Robinsons as well as larger news, rescue and Coast Guard choppers.

There was a wide variety of fixed-wing aircraft. The largest was a Globemaster with its gaping fuselage that would contain most houses. One of the stranger aircraft was a Predator drone. It's somewhat homely compared to conventional aircraft, but it's wonderful in that it can get the job done without putting a pilot in harm's way.

The "wheels" part of the show consisted of over 650 automobiles and motorcycles of all styles and time periods. The "Best of Show" was a 1930 Chrysler Model 77.

WAPA was well represented. This year our area was along the edge of the tarmac, so we were able to park our trucks and trailers next to our displays. Leroy Overstreet brought out the club's

15 h.p. Fairbanks-Morse and the large corn grinder. Marissa Smith was busy all day peddling our cornmeal. Spectator traffic was brisk. The curious crowds were consistently heavy throughout the day.

The date has already been set for next year's WW&R Expo. If WAPA is again invited, it will be a show that you don't want to miss.



## President's Message

Tom Millett [tmillett@yahoo.com](mailto:tmillett@yahoo.com)

There was a real nip in the air when the dog walked me earlier this evening. That tells me our show season is about to come to a halt after having a real busy year. Bob Smith gave us some real opportunities to show our wares this year with some old reliable events and some new ones. I wasn't able to be at the Wings, Rotors and Autos blast at Los Alamitos this year. I had business in Key West, Florida. I hear it was good but didn't have the air activity of last year.

We still have the Victorian Christmas at Lake Forest on Saturday, December 1st. I like that show. The folks down there have a real appreciation for what we do. The following day, George Gunther invites us to his yard each year, and I have to say, last year was my first year to do it, and it was a real blast.

Larry Madole has set the date for his swap meet. It's on Saturday, December 8th. As I said last month, bring money. There should be lots of iron that needs a new home. Let's support Larry on this. I find these swap meets to be some real good activity for our members.

This is my last message. It's been a great ride and it's time for new blood. My greatest disappointment, if there is one, probably has to be not getting land for a museum. Oh well, I'll leave that to Wayne. That's it folks, I'm out of here. Play safe.

## From the Editor

Rob Skinner [editor@wapa.us](mailto:editor@wapa.us)

This month we extend a warm WAPA welcome to our two newest members, Craig Mathews and Derek Christensen. Welcome to the tribe, guys. Hope to see you soon at one of the shows.

Talking about shows, all that's left for this year is Victorian Christmas. So if you have a hankerin' to come out and play, this will be your last opportunity until next year.

I would like to personally thank all the members of the Board of Directors who served over the past year as well as the new members who are about to come on board. Without these folks who generously donate their time, money and expertise, WAPA could not exist.



# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2007

**Members present:** Tom Millett, Bob Swan, Wayne Mabb, Kelley Garcia, Jim Davis, Bob Smith, Joe Siddons, Leroy Overstreet, Marissa Smith, Rex McCleary, Rob Skinner and George Noble.

**Called to Order** by President Tom Millett at 7:00 PM.

**Flag Salute** led by Rob Skinner.

**President's report:** Tom reported that he had received a call from Palmer, that he and Bob Swan have old pictures that were mailed to Tom with explanations on the backs. Palmer requested that the club start date be given in the Hit & Miss.

**Vice-President's report:** Bob had nothing to report, but added that Don Hunter had called.

The boiler maker is finishing up a locomotive from Disneyland and thought we might like to see it, unfortunately there was no time to see it, but thanks.

**Secretary's report:** Wayne Mabb moved to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2007 meeting. Motion was seconded by Bob Swan. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Kelley provided the financial statement. Total of funds in the various accounts is \$ 122,868.73.

**Membership:** Jack Johnson absent. Bob Smith announced that we will have a new member starting January 1.

**Editor:** Rob states that he needs articles and information by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. He will add

the clubs start date to the Hit & Miss.

**Purchasing:** Leroy reported that he had taken the grinder to Larry's place, has four bags of corn and wants to get metal trash cans to store it in to keep pests out. He has a large table to use at shows and has purchased a smaller one to go with it. He has purchased a storage box for incidentals and needs one more for corn grinding.

**Library:** Jim Davis had nothing to add as no one needed to go to the library. Bob Smith wanted to know if we keep a copy of Hit & Miss in the library, Rob to provide.

**Break** from 7:45-8:00

**Safety:** Joe Siddons reported that we have been behaving ourselves and had nothing to report.

**Shows:** Bob Smith reported on past shows and especially from October 20<sup>th</sup>. Joe Siddons, Bob and Marissa were at the Hurst Ranch, Tom said that he did not get as many people

at Glendora this year and Bob reported that the E. Waldo Ward show was a great success and would send a thank you note. The Los Alamitos Air Show was great, we were near the fixed wing aircraft and all had a good time. We will not be going to the Etiwanda show this year and that the last show will be the

Victorian Christmas in Lake Forrest on Dec 1. Larry Madole will have a swap meet on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM until?

**Prado:** No report.

**Rubel Castle:** Tom has not received a signed copy of the MOU as of this date.

**Rex** wondered if any one had been in an organization that gave out scholarships. Tom stated that he had been involved in El Monte; all they did was contact a school and set the amount.

**Gunther's Yard** will be December second.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:30

**Wayne Mabb, Secretary.**



Picture by Leroy Overstreet

# Aussie Soldier Finds English Engines at Iraqi Pumping Station

If you're under the impression that Iraq is all sand, camels and bullets, think again.

The accompanying pictures were sent by fellow engine collector Ron Page. They were taken by his son, Jason.

Jason, an electronics technician, is a soldier in the Second Cavalry. He is a driver of ASLAVS, an eight wheel drive armored vehicle.

The area patrolled by the 2nd Cav is arid and the need for water is great. Throughout the region are pumping stations.

The engines seen in the close-ups are Ruston & Hornsby, Class HR, 10 horsepower.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 2, Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Gunther's Yard**

This is George Gunther's annual open house. George collects engines, cars, military vehicles and motorcycles. The address is 2380 Curry St. in North Long Beach.

**December 8, Saturday**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**Swap Meet & Parts Exchange**  
**at Larry Madole's yard**

Load up your valuable goods into your truck, a wad of cash into your wallet, and come on out for a good time.

Don't forget to leave room in your truck so you can bring home all the good deals.

Larry's yard is on the s/w corner of Edison and Euclid in Chino.

**December 14, Friday**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

The WAPA Board of Directors meeting is held at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs. Heritage Park Rd. is off Telegraph Road just west of Norwalk Boulevard. The meeting is held in the train depot next to the steam locomotive.