

June 2008

# HIT & MISS

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## CAL POLY TRACTOR AND CAR SHOW

WAPA joined Cal Poly Pomona at their Second Annual Tractor and Car Show on May 10. The event was to promote and support the school's farm store.

This show was brought to us by Larry Madole, Cal Poly alumnus, and Bob Smith, our Show Director. The lads negotiated on our behalf to have us located beneath a huge walnut tree, which provided ample shade on the warm, sunny day. A delicious lunch was provided by In-N-Out Burger.

Besides the WAPA display, there were many cars, trucks and tractors of various vintages.



Pictured, clockwise from bottom left: Ford tractor, Rider-Ericsson hot air engine, Tom Millett grinding corn, Gus Lukrofka's latest project, Ford truck, and Frank Moody with his six horsepower Fairbanks Morse, Type T engine.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 1, Sunday**

**Brentwood Science Fair**

**Setup at 8:00, Show starts at 11:00**

**Chairman: Larry Evans**

**626-574-8904**

The location is 740 S. Gretna Green Way, Los Angeles. From the 405, exit Wilshire and go west. Turn right on Bundy. Enter at the second wide gate on your left past Montana. Lunch will be provided.

**June 7, Saturday**

**Sonora High FFA Car Show**

**Setup 7:00 to 9:00**

**La Habra**

Join us for the fifth annual car show that benefits the high School's Future Farmers of America program. These kids have cows, sheep, goats, a fish hatchery. The show features a wide variety of vendors, music and food, in addition to the cars. WAPA will have as much space as we need. Parking is near our display. Water is available, but not next to our area. From the 57, exit on Lambert Road. Go west 2.6 miles to Palm Avenue. Turn right and in on quarter mile, enter the school parking lot on your left. Do not wait in line with the cars. Drive directly to our display area adjacent to the baseball diamond.

**June 8, Sunday**

**Rancho Los Alamitos Show**

**Setup 8:00 to 11:00**

**Long Beach**

The address of the rancho is 6400 Bixby Hill Road. From the 22, just past the 405, exit on Studebaker Rd. Go North to Anaheim Rd. Turn left to Palo Verde Ave. Turn left. Stop at the guard house and announce you are a vendor for the show at the ranch. Proceed to the end of the street. Turn left on Bixby Hill Road. Make a right into the entrance to the ranch. You will be directed to the show area.

**June 14, Saturday**

**Don Hunter's Shop, Ontario**

**Steam-Up & Machinist Clinic**

**10:00 a.m.**

Don has invited WAPA members to his shop to see his one-of-a-kind Holt tractor. He will steam up the engine, show us how it operates, and describe the process of tackling such a momentous undertaking.

Don will also demonstrate several processes using the milling machine. If you have your own safety glasses, please bring them.

From the 10, exit on Milliken and go south. Turn left on Brickell. In 100 yards there will be a faded sign on the right. Enter the parking lot here. The address is 4235 E. Brickell.

**June 20-22**

**Best Show on Tracks**

**Woodland, California**

This will be the largest collection of Best, Holt, and Caterpillar tractors ever assembled. For displaying information, Contact Craig Maxwell at 951-681-4449. For general show info, visit [www.bestshowontracks.org](http://www.bestshowontracks.org).

## Antique Truck Show March Air Museum

By Tom Millett

There wasn't a very big crowd of spectators, probably because it was Mother's Day. However, we had a good turn out of WAPA exhibitors. The weather cooperated with good temperature and not a lot of wind. We were set up directly opposite the food vendors this year. It was a good spot because the public had to walk by our exhibit to get to the truck displays.

WAPA displays were; Joe Giocommara, 1 ½ hp Fairbanks Z; Frank Moody, 6 hp Fairbanks T; Craig Maxwell, Hough HA Payloader; Ernie and Dorothy Groce, model engines and 2 hp Alamo; Leroy Overstreet, 5 hp Rock Island; Bob and Darla Munsinger, 1 1/2 Monitor pump jack and 1 1/2-2 1/2 LB driving a grind stone; Ron Haskell, John Deere H tractor & 5 hp Economy engine; Merle Morse, scale model Oil Pull, 4 wheel RV and 1919 Galloway; Tom Millett, 2hp Economy driving pump jack; Carl Sharp, two D-2 Caterpillar tractors; Gus Lukrofka, restored 1948 Ford F-6 2-ton truck and small rock crusher driven by Montgomery Ward engine; Phil and Pat Shriver, old time hay press driven by 7 hp hit and miss engine. George Doden visited while his friend toured the truck display. Tom and Leroy ground and sold corn.

Thanks to all for coming out.

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2008

**Board members present:** Tom Millett, Craig Maxwell, Bob Smith, Joe Siddons, Jack Johnson, Leroy Overstreet, Wayne Mabb, Bob Swan.

**Board members excused:** Kelly Garcia.

**Members present:** George Noble, Slats Seeley, Jim Davis, John Hampton, Gus Lukrofka, Rex McCleary, Frank Moody.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Wayne Mabb.  
Flag salute led by Gus Lukrofka.

## REPORTS:

**President:** Wayne Mabb commented on the great show at Cal Poly on May 8th.

**Vice President:** Bob Swan had no report.

**Secretary:** The minutes of the April 11, 2008 board meeting were approved on motion by Millett and seconded by Jack Johnson.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Kelley Garcia absent.

**Membership:** Jack Johnson stated he now has six

delinquent members who have not paid dues this year. He asked if the board wanted to drop them. After discussion, it was agreed to wait until June 13 to drop them from the roles.

Jack stated former member Richard Dunbar renewed his membership to join.

**Purchasing:** Leroy Overstreet stated Millett picked up five bags of corn for the upcoming shows. All corn-grinding supplies are loaded and ready.

**Safety:** Joe Siddons cautioned everyone to watch out when loading machines with ramps. Ramps can easily slip and cause injury.

**Library:** Craig Maxwell had nothing to report.

**Shows:** Bob Smith commented on the Cal Poly show and said set up is 7:30 a.m. They are furnishing In-N-Out hamburgers. The Pomona Home School show on May 26 sanctioned. Motion by Smith, seconded by Millett. The Brentwood Show sanctioned for June 1. Motion by Millett, seconded by Johnson. The Sonora Car Show sanctioned for June 7. Motion by Smith, seconded by Millett. The Rancho Alamitos Show sanctioned for June 8, noon to 4:30 p.m. Motion by Smith, seconded by Swan. The Woodland Show is on May 20-21 May.

**BREAK:** 7:50 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Editor Report:** Rob Skinner absent.

**Prado Regional Park:** Nothing new to report. Tom & Craig still pursuing.

**Rubel Castle:** We will be working on the clutch assembly of the 30HP engine pump in the near future. No date set.

**Unfinished Business:** Slats Seeley would like to see the names and phone listings of board members in every H&M publication.

**New Business:** On June 14, Don Hunter will have an open house and exclusive demonstration of the Holt tractor for WAPA at his machine shop. See announcement in H&M.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** 8:40 p.m.

Tom Millett, Secretary

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# California Gold

The allure of California's riches was the driving force behind one of the largest population migrations in all of human history. Adventurous souls from around the world flocked to California to seek their fortunes.

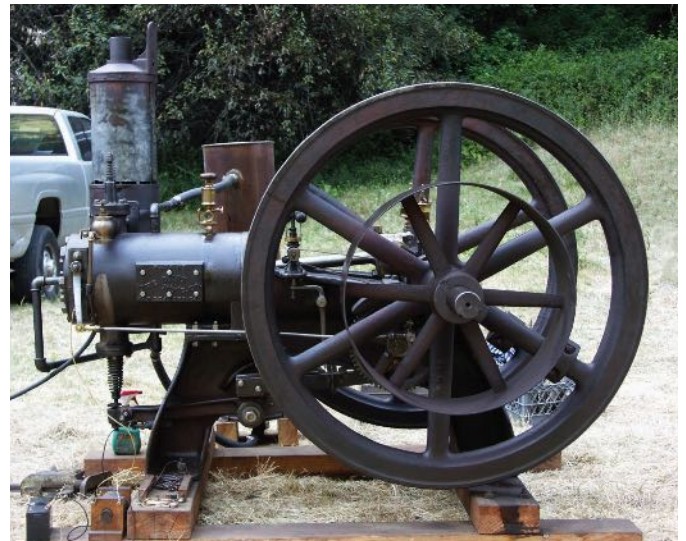
Today, California Gold means something entirely different. Adventurous engine collectors from near and far migrate once a year so they can share their rare, California-built engines with other collectors.

This year the gathering was held at the McCrary home, in the redwood forest near Santa Cruz. Words cannot do justice to the setting, which included the towering trees, a babbling brook and a hundred foot waterfall.

The featured engine for the show was Samson, made in Stockton. There were horizontal Samsons of assorted types and sizes, three vertical engines, a splendidly rare Samson tractor, and a one-of-a-kind Samson sids shaft.



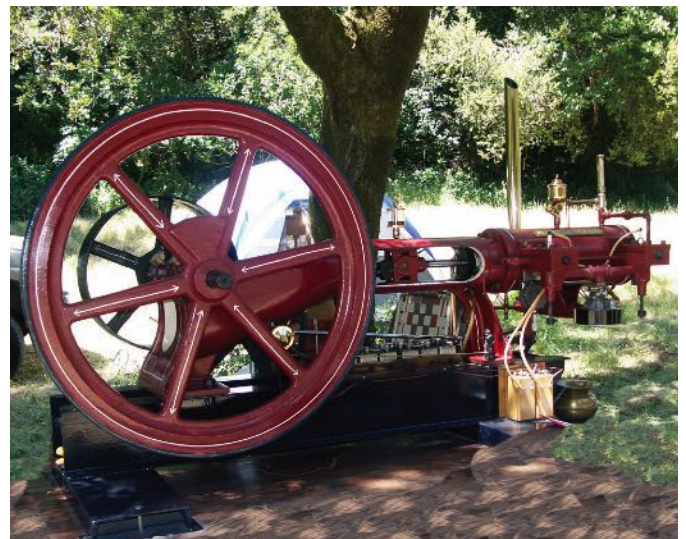
Kim Kestler starting a 25 h.p. Samson



Best engine, San Leandro



1893 Golden Gate Engine, San Francisco



Mery six-cycle engine, Chico