



HIT 'N' MISS

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President's Report

By Bob Smith

I just got back from the event at Larry Madole's and all I can say is what a great day. The weather was a little cold at the beginning but aside from that, it turned out to be a beautiful sunny day.

We figured there were around 170 to 180 people in attendance. We must first thank some people for making this a success. First off, Larry Madole for opening up his facility for this event, the wonderful people working behind the food tables and BBQ grill, and the folks making homemade ice cream. Thank you to the volunteers who set up tables and chairs, and a big thanks to all who brought engines to display and run and old cars to show. I saw some old friends and made some new ones. That is what this event is all about.

I had some great conversation with some very interesting people.

Speaking of great conversation, I must share a story with you that I heard last Saturday at the Board meeting from Dorothy Groce. If anyone has ever gone to a Vista show after a rain you will get a chuckle out of this one. You see, my dad and mom, Mel and Veda Smith were very good friends with Ernie and Dorothy Groce. When dad would go to a show at Vista he would book a motel room close by so he would not have to make the long trip back and forth for the entire weekend. (Continued on Page 2)

My View

By Tom Millett

Well, as I write this, we are getting rolling into the New Year. WAPA has a new Board of Directors in place, we just participated in the annual Madole Fun Day event where we picked up some new blood, and we will be in show season before you know it. Speaking of new blood, here are some new and some old faces, but in new positions, on our board.

Bob Smith, who steps into the president's chair from serving considerable time as show director, has a lot of keen ideas for stimulating interest among both our senior members as well as the younger set.

Leroy Overstreet finally gave up purchasing to take the reins of vice president. He has that special knack of talking Eskimos into buying Tastee Freeze. With his gift of gab he will have in place some interesting tour sites and fun day events, I'm sure.

New show director Rob Skinner comes with a massive amount of experience, having served several years before as show director and later as president. If history repeats itself, he will aggressively line up a calendar of events that will shake your boot straps.

Joe Siddons has jumped in as the new library director and is taking an inventory of the material. He plans to distribute it to all members via the Hit"N"Miss. Joe looks like a new man after having toted those stanchions, rope and fire extinguishers for so many years.

Don Young comes to us as new Safety Director with a wealth of experience as EDGETA Southwest Director, Safety Committee. He is very safety conscious and has some safety plans to bring to the club.

Ron Haskell has come aboard as purchasing director and adds new blood to the managers of your club. Ron brings with him a world of experience and some fresh views that are so vital to all organizations.

To those returning board members, keep up the great work and let's make 2013 a record performance year.



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WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MEET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 A.M.

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(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)

WELLS FARGO ADVISOR ACCOUNT REP WILL ATTEND

(President's Message continued from page 1)

Well this time he convinced the wives and Ernie to come along and enjoy all the fun he would have that weekend. Dorothy called the same motel and booked a room for Ernie and herself. They all set out to spend the night in the motel and get up and go to the show the next morning. This show must have been in November because it rained that night prior to the show. The next morning they went to Vista and you all know what happens in Vista after a rain. For those who don't know, the ground is like wet gummy clay and it sticks to your shoes while you walk around. While they were sitting there, my mom asked Dorothy how she liked the room they stayed in. Dorothy was a kind lady and didn't want to hurt my mom's feelings so she said it was not bad except for the puddle of water she stepped in getting out of bed that morning due to the roof leaking. She said in a joking manner that it is just like a man to stay in any old place no matter what the condition. The next time you are with someone seasoned in life, listen to the great tales they have to tell.

Member Profile: Dave Ruhland

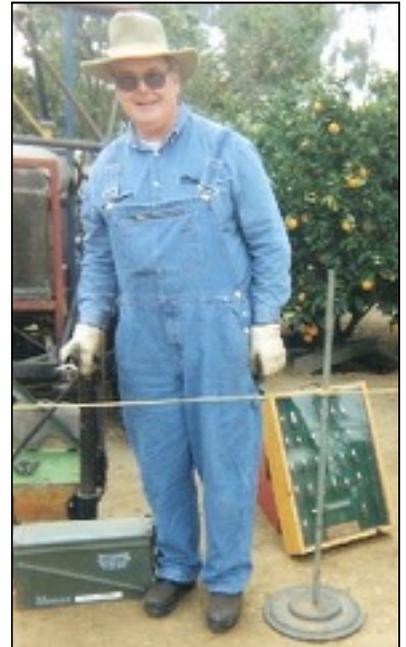
By Tom Millett

If tractors are your game and you want to talk to someone with an extensive background of keeping the sometimes cantankerous beasts running, or if you need to decide what brand and model will best suite your needs, Dave's your man. He was raised in Minnesota which is rich in farmland. By his teen years, the family decided Mesa, Arizona would be great and that's where Dave graduated from High School in 1966. Since he had a relative living in Southern California, his radar took him there and that's where he found himself working the warehouses for firms such as W.T. Grant and Alpha Beta. In around 1970, while driving delivery for an electrical firm, he became interested in delving into a four-year electrical apprentice program, which led to his electrical career. His work took him to a variety of high line work and line builders.

1981 was a good year. While participating in square dancing in Anaheim, he met Marg and they tied the knot that year. Although Dave retired in 2010, Marg continues to work, and Dave says it's because she loves it. We need to talk to Marg about that one.

Around 1984, Dave bought his first tractor, a 10/20 McCormick Deering. In 1988, he stumbled onto WAPA and the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista at about the same time. He spends many hours with both groups and has been President of the Vista organization and Treasurer and Safety Director for WAPA.

Dave has bought and sold many tractors over the years, and when asked his favorite, it was the Farmall 450. When talking about a person full of energy and enthusiasm, you're talking about Tractor Dave.



February Birthdays

Mike Andrews
Dan Cummins
Nita Dixon
Dean Hale
Wayne Mabb
Bill "Mac" McCormick
Marshall Skinner
Jerry Wyatt



FOR SALE

1 1/4HP type VJ Baker Monitor rare model with EK mag. Looks ugly from fire, has pump jack attachment, correct muffler & hopper lid. Runs great. \$600.

Project 4HP Novo. All there. Needs assembled. One flywheel has correctly repaired hub. \$550.

2 1/2 hp late model Simplicity late model with EK mag. Runs well. Old head repair, new fuel tank. On nice skids. \$1100.

E-mail Craig Mathews rustaholic@sbcglobal.net

Brake cleaner \$2.25 a can \$26 a case. Can bring to board meeting or to a show. Let me know.
Joe Siddons 626-200-3054



So far no one has been able to identify the mystery tool from the last issue.

Who remembers the name of Sadie's partner seen at shows?



The Western Antique Power Associates is a 501(c)3 organization comprised of individuals who are dedicated to the preservation of antique engines, agricultural equipment, industrial tools, and other machinery that is part of our heritage.

For more information, please visit us at www.wapa.us.

**Western Antique Power Associates
Minutes of the Board of Directors
January 5, 2012**

Board Members Present Bob Smith, Leroy Overstreet, Tom Millett, Joe Siddons, Craig Maxwell, Ron Haskell, Don Young.
Board Members excused Kelley Garcia, Rob Skinner & Chuck Mayernick.
Members present Tom Fee, Ernest Groce, Dorothy Groce, Dave Ruhland, Jerry Nichols, Phil Sigmon, Dale Linn, David Gregg, Al Antonucci, Larry Madole.
Visitors None.

Outgoing President Dan Kato called the meeting to order at 9:05am in the Agriscape building at Cal Poly, Pomona. Flag Salute led by Dan Kato.
Outgoing President Kato called for all incoming newly elected board members to rise for the oath of office.
Member Dorothy Groce conducted a very inspiring oath ritual.
Outgoing President Dan Kato conducted the exchange of gavel exercise, at which time incoming President Bob Smith took charge of the meeting.

REPORTS

President Bob Smith welcomed all board members and thanked those who served in the past.
Vice President Leroy Overstreet announced that he is in the process of putting together some "Fun Day" activities which include tours that are club related.
Secretary Tom Millett made a motion to approve minutes of the December 1, 2012, board meeting. Second by Joe Siddons. All in favor.
Treasurer Treasurer Kelley Garcia absent. Bob Smith presented the treasurer's report as of 1-4-13 Total assets were \$234,909.50. Cash Accounts \$25,403.00. Smith Barney Accounts \$176,866.50.
Membership Chuck Mayernick absent. No reported change in membership.
Purchasing Ron Haskell noted that he has received the inventory of club owned items on a thumb drive from outgoing Purchasing Director Overstreet. He will be asking members what they would like stocked in the way of club apparel. He will be checking out the items in stock and compile a list of all existing clothing. He has finished the stanchion bases and will have all posts cut to 36 inches.
Shows In Rob Skinner's absence, Bob Smith asked Larry Madole to talk about his annual "Fun Day" swap meet on Saturday, January 13th. Larry encouraged members to bring items for the silent auction because they don't have many yet. He could use some help on Friday to get things prepared. Otherwise, everything is a go. Bob then asked for a motion to sanction the event and motion was made by Ron Haskell, seconded by Leroy Overstreet and carried unanimously.
The Highland Citrus Festival/Car Show is on March 30th.
Library Joe Siddons announced that he has started taking an inventory of items in the library building at the Madole yard. He will prepare the inventory for publishing in the Hit "N" Miss.
Safety Don Young will be submitting a safety tip in each issue of the club newsletter.
Museum Craig Maxwell had nothing to report.
Editor Tom Millett encouraged members to continue to submit items for identification and asked them to continue to critique the Hit "N" Miss in general.
Glendora Castle No report
Cal Poly Restoration Project The John Deere 50 that broke a cam shaft gear is nearly back together and was started up and ran well.
Unfinished Business President Smith reported that the club Gleaner needs to have the rubber cleats made up and installed on the Fordson wheels. Also, the brass plaque holder needs to be completed.
New Business None
Announcements None
Adjournment 10:25am

Tom Millett, Secretary

This Old Iron—Mel Smith

By Bob Smith

I think all of you recognize the picture for this month's article. This was the brain child of my father, past WAPA member Mel Smith. Mel enjoyed the hobby of collecting and restoring old engines. I remember many trips he would take to the midwest and come home with the truck so full of iron it was almost riding on its axle. This was the early 90's so I guess you could call him an original American Picker.

As with most of his projects, the engine had to be doing something. All the items were restored and put together as one display. The lady pumping water (Sadie, as dad called her) was a store mannequin dressed in overalls, boots, and a red bandana. The bonnet was a donation from my cousin in Phoenix. If you look close at the picture you will notice the fancy cart this outfit was mounted on. This was my dad's signature cart design.

Mel was a retired railroad man and would collect old railroad items while he was searching for old engines. The wheels and corner posts came from an old cart used on the platform to transport luggage to the baggage car. The wood was a 2x6 frame custom built in width and length to fit the engine. The wheels were spaced evenly and a large eyebolt was fitted to one end of the cart so loading and unloading with a winch and ramps was a one man job. This photo shows Mel holding a first place blue ribbon and placard he won for best display. I am going to guess it was Quartzite or Vista. The outfit currently resides with Julius Schnell in Vista.



2013 WAPA Officers	
President	Bob Smith
Vice President	Leroy Overstreet
Secretary	Tom Millett
Show Director	Rob Skinner
Treasurer	Kelley Garcia
Librarian	Joe Siddons
Membership	Chuck Mayernick
Purchasing	Ron Haskell
Safety	Don Young
Museum Director	Craig Maxwell
Editor	Carol Haskell

Happy Valentine's Day!



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The Larry Madole “Fun Day/Swap Meet” By Tom Millett

It was Saturday, the 12th of January, and I had just covered my body with four layers of clothing to fight off the frigid temperature and headed to Larry Madole’s yard at 6:00am to help prepare for the annual Madole “FUN DAY/SWAP MEET” . Soon after I got there, Larry had dragged out a couple of smudge pots filled with diesel and “WOW”, was that heat good. By 7am, trucks and trailers were arriving with their precious wares to be swapped amongst owners and spectator attendees. The front parking lot was filling up fast with an array of gorgeous vehicles for the car show.

The yearly silent auction had a good variety of items and WAPA Treasurer Kelley was handing out bidding tickets like mad. Membership Director Chuck Mayernick was poised at his table to snag new members. He was successful in grabbing eight new, plus one recycle.

There was a good array of beautifully restored engines running all day in the specially roped off area with members helping members get a stubborn one running. Dick Bouma and Ron Haskell managed to entertain spectators by trying to belt start Dick’s big machine with Ron’s John Deere B.

At precisely 11am, the call for chow went out and everyone went scrambling to the membership table for lunch tickets, only to find out, to their surprise that there was no charge for lunch. And what a great lunch it was; shredded beef on a bun with all the fixings, and homemade corn bread made with WAPA corn meal by Chef Marissa Smith. By the time all were fed, the Bouma homemade ice cream, whipped up by his ice cream maker powered by his gas engine, was ready for serving.

By now, Kelley had cut off the auction bidding and was tabulating the sales for the buyers. She reports she took in \$1,435 from the silent auction. Those funds go to the WAPA bank. Larry’s fork lift operator was loading all those prize newly-purchased machines for the new owners. Our sales guru, Joe Siddons reports he garnered over \$270 for WAPA by selling surplus inventory items. I do believe everyone had a “FUN DAY”. Thanks, Larry. It was perfect.



Dick Bouma and the
ice cream crew



Hard working cooks!



Great fun!
Great friends!!
Great event!!!



Can you identify these?

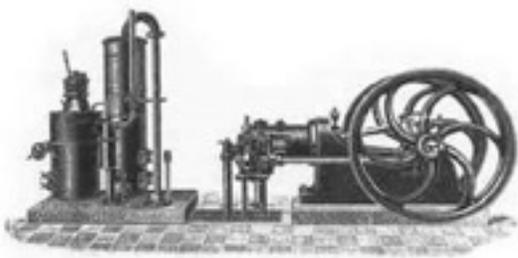
Upcoming Shows By Rob Skinner

I'd like to thank all the WAPA Members for entrusting me with the office of Show Director for this year. Attending shows is my favorite club activity, so I'm enthused to help in creating the best show experience for our members, the viewing public, and the promoters at whose events we attend. To any members who haven't attended any of our shows recently, I'd like to extend a special invitation to come out and join in the fun. If you have any questions about a particular show, email me at rob@wapa.us, or call 562-448-2301.

We have two shows coming up in March. On **March 9** is the Hayden Child Care Center's annual festival. They are primarily looking for interactive displays. Details are being ironed out at this time, and a full report will be printed in the March Hit & Miss, plenty of time before the show.

On **March 30** will be the Highland Citrus Harvest Festival. This is traditionally WAPA's first big show of the season, and it's always well attended. We will be in the same location as we were for the past few years. Instructions will be in the March Hit & Miss. There are other shows in the works, and details will be printed as they become available.

If you have participated in, or know of events where WAPA would be a good fit, I would like to hear from you. It's best if you have the basic details of the event, such as theme, date, attendance, and contact information for the promoter.



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WAPA Online By Rob Skinner

One of the benefits of being a WAPA member is the WAPA Email List. It's a handy tool for keeping in touch with other club members for the discussion of club news, items for sale, sharing engine knowledge, or any other subject of interest. To join the list, just send an email to rob@wapa.us and ask to be subscribed. It's done manually like this to keep our discussions among club members only.

WAPA's newest online presence is on Facebook. If you're a Facebook user, look for Western Antique Power Associates and join the fun.

Our oldest online presence is the WAPA Web Page, which can be found at www.wapa.us. The web page is another source of information about the club. While not as timely as the more "instant" media such as email and Facebook, the web page provides visual qualities that the others can not.

Whatever your preference for online media, WAPA probably has something that you will find useful.

