



# HIT 'N' MISS

Newsletter of the  
Western Antique Power Associates

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OCTOBER, 2014

## President's Report

By Bob Smith

I just returned from the September board meeting and I must say, attendance is picking up. More members are attending to take part in the discussion of topics brought before the board. It doesn't hurt to have the coffee and donuts but I am sure that is not the reason for the attendance. Holding the meeting at Cal Poly's Farm Store on Saturday morning does make a big difference.

With that thought of more members getting involved with WAPA, I have some good news to report regarding the possibility of a museum site. On August 26 a contingent from WAPA attended a lunch BBQ at Cal Poly to give thanks to all the supporters of the Agriculture Department and to welcome the new Dean of Agriculture, Mary Holz-Clause, Ph.D. WAPA members in attendance were Don Young, Kelley Garcia, Rob Skinner, Tom Millett and his wife Jane, and Bob Smith and his wife Marissa. Dan Hostetler wanted some of the tractors and the Bean Sprayer on display for the event. Prior to the lunch was an informal gathering on the lawn in front of the Farm Store where you could mingle and chat with other attendees.

The highlight was when I was introduced to the new Dean by Christen Daley. Mary is a very interesting lady who has extensive background in agriculture coming from Connecticut and Iowa where she and her husband operate a business. Mary commented that she would need to get used to the many diverse commodities grown in California since Iowa only has 2 major crops, corn and soybeans. I was impressed with her when I told her that I was born in Iowa and she knew where the town was. During our conversation I divulged the many hours that WAPA members have donated to the college restoring vintage equipment owned by the school and showed her some of the pieces on display at the event. I also briefly informed her of the intention of our nonprofit organization to develop a heritage museum on Cal Poly property to preserve the past and show visitors a glimpse of rural farming around the turn of the century. Mary was interested in the idea and would like to sit down at a later date to discuss it further. This to me is very good news and I have further informed our museum director Ron Haskell and we are in the process of preparing for this meeting. We will keep you informed of any further developments.

## South Pasadena Car Show

By Ken Evans

Once again, WAPA has been asked to join South Pasadena and participate in their 10th Annual Cruz'n For Roses Car Show on Sunday, September 28, 2014. It is a fund raising event for their Rose Parade float and will be big like last year. We will be at our original location on Mission Street at Fremont Ave on the south west corner.

When: September 28, 2014, Sunday morning set-up beginning at 6:30 am with the show ending at 3:00 pm. Unload and park by 7:30 am and then set-up your exhibit.  
Where: South Pasadena, on Mission Street at Fremont Ave. at the south west corner.

Parking will be on the streets nearby. Bring your own food and water and shade. There is a Carrow's Restaurant across the street from our exhibit.

How to get there: From the 210 Freeway, east or west, exit on Fair Oaks South and go through Pasadena and over the hill and then over the Pasadena Freeway, past Mission and turn right on El Centro St. Go west to Fremont and turn right, traveling north to Mission. We will be on your left on the south side of Mission at Fremont. Like last year the car show is going to go east on Mission and continue to Fair Oaks but no closure of Fremont Ave. Do not block the street during set-up.

If you have any questions call Ken Evans at 626-683-8372 or email at [kencevans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kencevans@sbcglobal.net).

**WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**9:00 A.M.**

**AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT**

**CAL POLY**

**(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)**

## Upcoming Events

By Rob Skinner

**Duarte City Picnic & Salute to Route 66 Parade**  
**September 27, Saturday**  
**Starts at 11 a.m.**  
**Setup at 8:30 a.m.**

This event features a parade and car show. It is well attended by the community. WAPA has a good location where all the visitors pass, so we have ample spectators throughout the day. The location is at Royal Oaks Park, at the corner of Royal Oaks Drive and Las Lomas Road, in Duarte. Rob Skinner (rob@wapa.us) is the chairman.

**South Pasadena Car Show**  
**September 28, Sunday**  
**Setup at 7:00 a.m.**  
**Show ends at 3:00 p.m.**

This is the 10th Annual Cruz'n For Roses Car Show, a fund raiser for the City of Pasadena's Rose Parade float. WAPA's location is on the southwest corner of Mission and Fremont. This is a very well attended show. Ken Evans (626-683-8372) is the chairman.

**Aliso Viejo Founder's Day**  
**October 11, Saturday**  
**Show 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Setup no earlier than 1:15 p.m.**

This show is located at the historic Aliso Viejo Ranch site, and allows visitors a glimpse into the way life was long before Aliso Viejo became a city. There will be food, snack, and information booths, carnival games & rides, attractions, interactive historic exhibits, and live entertainment. As is tradition, the admission to the event is FREE, with nominal charges for food and certain activities. The location is 100 Park Ave., Aliso Viejo. Water will be available, and parking is near our exhibit area. Rob Skinner (rob@wapa.us) is the chairman.

**Glendora Pumpkin Festival**  
**October 18, Saturday**  
**Show 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Setup no earlier than 7:00 a.m.**

Directions: 210 exit Grand Avenue and go north to Mauna Loa Avenue. Then turn right until the street dead ends. Go through the flood control gates approximately 150 yards. John DeLazzaro (714-412-2541) is the chairman.

**Flabob Airport Veteran's Day Event**  
**November 8, Saturday**

Mark your calendars! Details in the November Hit & Miss.



**Happy Birthday!**

**David Christensen**  
**Derek Christensen**  
**Beverly Helm**  
**Steven Mains**  
**Bruce Marian**  
**Craig Maxwell**  
**Chuck Ostrander**  
**Francine Rippy**  
**Giles Rowlands**  
**Greg Stires**



**October birthdays**

### Rubel Castle Tour

This is a must see event, especially our newer members. The late Mike Rubel strongly believed that every kid needs to build a castle, and Mike was a kid at heart. He gathered up everything imaginable and had items, including an old typewriter and motorcycle sticking out of the river rock walls. Every building had a name (the tin castle, tree house, etc.) There are so many things to see, you will only get a glancing look at some. There are two running Western engines, a 30HP & 60HP. We will try running them on tour day.

Tour Date: October 11, 2014

10:00AM

844 N. Live Oak Ave.

Glendora, CA

Maximum 30 members

(Spouse or Companion ONLY)

You MUST contact Leroy Overstreet

626-328-5120 or [lpwapa@gmail.com](mailto:lpwapa@gmail.com)

### WAPA Website

Do you want to keep up with the latest WAPA activities? Contact Rob Skinner and get on the WAPA list. [rob@rustyiron.com](mailto:rob@rustyiron.com)

**Western Antique Power Associates  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
September 6, 2014**

- Board Members Present:** Bob Smith, Tom Millett, Joe Siddons, Rob Skinner, Kelley Garcia, Leroy Overstreet, Jim Davis, Ron Haskell, Lance Wilson & Don Young.
- Board Members absent:** None.
- Members present:** Gus Lukrofka, Roger Hahn, Danny Ponce, Tom Fee, Dave Stockton, Tim Neely, Dale Linn, Craig Maxwell, Steve Mote, Paul Liverman Jr., Nancy Davis, John DeLazzaro, Larry Madole, Jo Ann Ponce, William Ward, Ernest Groce, Dorothy Groce, Dave Ruhland, David Gregg, **NEW MEMBER Eric Waltzer & NEW MEMBER David Pasillas.**
- Visitors** Ayden Morales & Nancy Davis.
- Call to Order** President Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He announced that WAPA member Jim Cook passed away on August 30<sup>th</sup>. His Obituary will be in the October issue of the Hit"N"Miss.
- Flag Salute** Led by Bob Smith.
- President** Bob Smith welcomed everyone and announced that there will be three door prizes (WAPA t-shirts) at this meeting.
- Nominations for Officers & Directors for 2015**  
Nominations Committee Chairman Roger Hahn Presented the nominees that agreed to hold office for 2015. Museum, Ron Haskell; Shows, Roger Hahn; Library, Joe Siddons; Safety, Don Young; Purchasing, Lance Wilson; Membership, Jim Davis; Treasurer, Kelley Garcia; Secretary, Tom Millett & Vice President Leroy Overstreet. Nominations of Rob Skinner and John DeLazzaro for position of President declined by both. No other nominations for President were made. Therefore, Bob Smith was drafted for a third term on motion by John DeLazzaro. Since there was only one nominee for each office, at the October 2014 meeting the secretary will cast one ballot to elect all nominees and presidential draft.
- Vice President** Leroy Overstreet has set up a tour of the Rubel Castle in Glendora on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The 30HP and 60HP Western engines will be fired up. Directions to the Castle will be in the October Hit"N"Miss.  
Leroy reported on the progress of the rehabilitation of the two wagons that came from the Joe Brown chicken ranch.
- Secretary** Minutes of August 2, 2014 meeting approved on motion by Millett & seconded by R. Skinner.
- Treasurer** Kelley Garcia distributed a detailed financial report of the club. As of 30-14, the total investments were \$260,472.22. Total assets as of 9-6-14, which include all WAPA owned property, are \$336,410.07
- Membership** Jim Davis submitted a written report as follows: Membership grand total is 165. Paid members are 133, life members (26), Honorary members (5), Charter members (1), Junior members (1). New member **Gary Provansal**, PO Box 293592, Phelan, CA 92329-3592, e.mail: gprovansal@yahoo.com was approved by the board on motion by Jim and seconded by Ron Haskell.
- Purchasing** Director Lance Wilson reported that he has WAPA hats for sale at \$5.00 apiece.
- Shows** Rob Skinner reported that the Fort MacArthur Military Museum show on August 16 went very well. The South Pasadena Car Show has been sanctioned and is on September 28. The Duarte Route 66 show on Sept.12 was sanctioned on motion by Rob & seconded by Young. Tustin Tiller Days is on Oct. 4. Aliso Viejo Founders Day on Oct. 11 was sanctioned on motion by Rob and seconded by Siddons. The Glendora Pumpkin Festival on Oct. 18 sanctioned on motion by Rob Skinner & seconded by Jim Davis. The Flabob Veterans Day show is on Nov. 8 and was sanctioned on motion by Rob and seconded by Leroy. On Oct. 5 there is a Western Days Rodeo in San Dimas located at San Dimas Blvd. & Bonita Ave. This is not sanctioned show but all are invited to bring machines. Larry Madole reported that his sponsored "FUN DAY" is going to be on Jan. 10.  
Rob announced that since our participation at Tulare has been getting lower, the director of the show would like to come to our meeting on Dec. 6. Her name is Katy Young.  
Craig Maxwell stated there is a Peterbilt Truck show at Stockton on Oct. 25.
- Library** Joe Siddons reported that he is waiting for the weather to cool down so he can work in his garage.
- Safety** Don Young cautioned everyone about loading machines with a winch. Be very careful.
- Museum** Ron Haskell has nothing new to report from Cal Poly as far as their intent to consider us as a permanent fixture at the Spadra compound. Ron is encouraged about our future at Cal Poly after meeting the new Dean of Agriculture.
- Editor** Ron Haskell reminded everyone to have all articles for the October Hit"N"Miss in to Carol by Sept. 13.
- Glendora Castle** Nothing new.
- Cal Poly Restoration Project** President Bob reported on the progress of re-habilitating the trailers to be used at the Cal Poly Pumpkin Festival
- Riverside Citrus Grove Project** Ron Haskell reported nothing new.
- Unfinished Business** Ron Haskell will be moving the 80HP Western engine to Spadra.
- Adjournment** 10:25 am  
Tom Millett, Secretary
- Next Meeting** **October 4, 2014.**

**Remembering Jim Cook, July 31, 1949 to August 31, 2014****By Tom Millett**

A man with great talent and love of adventure, Jim was born in the outskirts of Miami, Florida, to parents who had two boys and one girl. Unfortunately Jim's dad was called to the Korean War and perished as a POW, never to see his son. His Mom moved the family to Savannah, Georgia, when Jim was very young, and it was not until about 1959-60 when they moved on to arrive in Rowland Heights, California. There is only about one year difference in the ages of the three children and they attended Rowland School District schools.

Jim became a great welder and applied his talents well. For about eight years, he worked for our very own WAPA member, the late Bob Helm, at his demolition business. There, one of his more innovating and interesting jobs was lengthwise cutting of fuel storage tanks removed from demolished gas stations and fabricating them into trailers. Moving on he applied his skills at Glen Dorning Co. until in 2002 he was accepted by the City of Los Angeles to work at the truck maintenance yard as a welder. He had plans to retire from there in January, 2015, and move to Arizona.

Many club members may not have known of Jim's adventurous pleasures. He was an avid outdoors man. He thoroughly enjoyed going to the hiking trails, camping and applying his skills at doing four wheel drive antics out in the desert. He owned a boat on Lake Powell and immensely enjoyed going there and exploring the many coves around the lake. Jim joined WAPA in 1998. Probably he picked up the interest when working for Bob Helm. He saved every issue of the Hit"N"Miss. Although he often didn't have the time to attend WAPA functions and shows, he is remembered as having an upright 3HP Novo. At shows he attended, he would devilishly squirt oil into the vertical exhaust pipe of his hit & miss Novo. When the engine fired, it would emit large perfectly shaped smoke rings.

WAPA sends the family our sincere condolences over the loss of Jim. Their loss is indeed our loss.



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