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CHINO CORN FEED RUN

Larry Madole rounded up a group of WAPA members in the middle of August for the annual Chino Corn Feed Run. The unseasonal overcast sky was a welcome shield from the summer sun, and it stayed cool throughout the day.

Our display area was large and we had plenty of room to spread out. The old iron on display was diverse: Dale Linn brought out his barn fresh Fairbanks Morse, Dave Ruhland had a shearing plant, Gus Lukrofka brought his shaper, and a bunch of other members brought lots of neat stuff.

If engines and machinery weren't enough, there were plenty of cars to see, a variety of vendors, and the Kiwanis provided lunch.

We couldn't have asked for a better day.



Ernie Groce with is Domestic model. Photo by Hit & Miss staff.



We were surrounded by nice cars.



Our newest members:
David Paul and Dale Linn.



Bob and David



Gus Lukrofka demonstrating his shaper.
Photo by Bob Smith.

Museum Update

by Craig Maxwell

The representatives for San Bernardino Parks has become so frustrated with the Corp of Engineers that they are now considering leasing land to WAPA at their Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park.

This is an existing park in Ontario just north of the 10 freeway off Archibald Avenue. There are a couple of abandoned buildings from a closed vineyard that would be in the area that they are proposing for the WAPA lease.

There are also plans for a commercial water park and other improvements.

Our area would be incorporated into their master plan for the area. Pluses are good location, and no flood control issues or the Corp of Engineers to deal with.

Minus are amount of land will be less than previous locations.

This proposed revised location for WAPA is evolving quickly and details will be provided as they become available.

Correction!

One the cover of the August Hit & Miss was a picture labeled as Jack Johnson. This picture was not of Jack. The error was the sole responsibility of the editor, not Ken Evans, the author of the article, or Bob Smith, the photographer.

Thanks to Ken Evans and his keen eye for pointing out the mistake.

Union Gas Engine Company

This advertisement from 1905 shows a Union engine powering a small locomotive used in the Yellow Aster Mine. The Yellow Aster is just uphill from Randsburg, California, near Mojave. Union engines are very rare today and sought after by collectors.



Hot air engines in Kansas.

August 15-16 was the hot air show of a lifetime. Hundreds of full size, miniature and model engines were displayed by collectors from around the world. This picture of Steve Webre, Bill Perleberg, and Dick Bouma was sent in by Jim Kirkes.

"UNION" GAS ENGINES.



Yellow Aster Mining & Milling Co.'s Train. Another Illustration of the Locomotive is Shown Below.

"Union" Engines are used by the Governments of
**UNITED STATES,
 GERMANY,
 FRANCE,
 JAPAN,
 NEW ZEALAND,
 NEW SOUTH WALES,
 FIJI.**

"Union" Engines are built in all sizes from 2 to 300 horse-power, for marine, stationary and hoisting purposes. They are fitted to run on distillate, benzine or gasoline. Special fittings are made for running on crude oil, city gas, or kerosene.

WHAT THE USERS SAY.

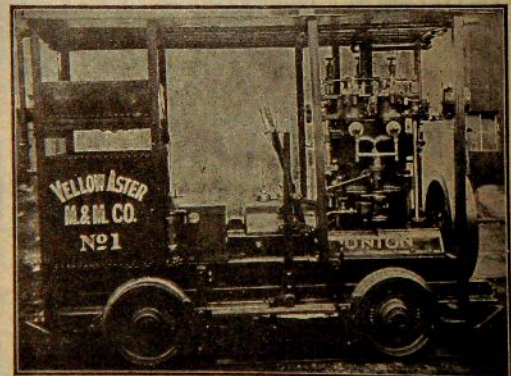
RANDBURG, CAL. }
 May 18, 1905. }

THE UNION GAS ENGINE CO.
 Gentlemen:—

We are highly pleased with the 15 Horse-Power Distillate Locomotive that you furnished us. The engine picks up the loads without a jar or jerk, and will haul all of the loaded cars that we can hook on. Usually we run our trains at about 4 miles per hour, but can easily make a speed of 6 or 7 miles if so desired. The fuel consumption is very low, averaging not to exceed one gallon per hour for steady work.

This locomotive should become very popular with mining people, as it is just the thing for all sorts of tram work and more economical than either mule power or electric power.

Yours truly,
 YELLOW ASTER M. & M. CO.
 per John Singleton,
 President.



"Union" Distillate Locomotive, 15 H. P. "Union" Double Cylinder Engine, Property of the Yellow Aster Mining & Milling Co., Randsburg, Cal., Who Are Owners of Five "Union" Hoists, One of Which is of 130 Horse-Power.

UNION GAS ENGINE CO.

248 FIRST STREET,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING HELD AUGUST 14, 2009

Board Members Present: Wayne Mabb, Tom Millett, Kelley Garcia, Jack Johnson, Bob Smith, Joe Siddons, Leroy Overstreet, Bob Swan and Craig Maxwell...

Board Members excused: All members present.

Members present: Gus Lukrofka, Rex McCleary, Dan Kato, Rob Skinner, Don Hunter and Dave Ruhland.

Visitors: Marissa Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Mabb.

Flag Salute led by Kelley Garcia.

REPORTS:

President: President Mabb announced that a work crew would be going to the Glendora Pharm Castle Saturday to work on an engine and tractor. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Vice President: Bob Swan announced that His wife, Margaret, was improving every day. She is completely cured as far as fractures. She is home and going to exercise therapy and gaining well

Secretary: On a motion by Tom Millett and seconded by Jack Johnson, the minutes of the July 10, 2009 Board of Directors meeting were approved with one correction. Jim Davis was present at that meeting, but shown as absent.

Treasurer: Treasurer Kelley Garcia distributed a profit/loss statement covering 1-1-09

through 8-14-09. Total cash & bank accounts is \$38,280.53. Investment total is \$122,092.30. Total assets: \$160,372.83.

Membership: Jim Davis had no issues to report on membership. Bob Smith convinced a man named Dale Linn who was a friend of Bob Helm to bring an application to the Chino Corn Feed Run and join our club. The man wants to set up in our area. Bob also heard from a man who got info from our web site. He saw we were having a show in Chino and he lives in Ontario. He has a tractor and Bob told him to set up in our area. The man is interested in joining WAPA.

Purchasing: Leroy Overstreet had nothing to report.

Library: Jack has received GEM for the years of 1956 thru 2004 on CD. He also ordered and received Farm Collector Magazine from 1998 thru 2004. They are in the library now waiting to be checked out.

Museum: Craig Maxwell reported on a letter he had received from SB County Parks Director Pliil Krause which had been sent to him by the Corps of Engineers. No change in issues.

Shows: Bob Smith presented the following shows for sanction: The Chino Corn Feed Run show, the South Pasadena Car Show on September 20th, the Eliso Viejo Founders Day Show on September 26th. The Neff Park Show is on Oct. 3rd. The Artesia Founders Day is October 10. Bob announced there will no longer be any Sierra Madre

show. Waldo Ward regrets it, but has to call them off.

Safety: Joe Siddons stated all fire extinguishers are current. However, at the end of this month, we will need to have them charged or buy new. The big extinguishers are about 30 lbs. Tom agreed to take an extinguisher and get a recharge price.

Museum: Craig Maxwell had nothing to report.

Editor Report: Rob Skinner had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Bob Smith gave an update on the Cal Poly work project. He is awaiting direction from the college. Cal Poly is getting hit hard with budget. Tom Millett gave a report on the Santa Fe Springs Historical Park hand pump project. He also gave an update on the work project at the Glendora Castle which starts Saturday.

New Business: Dave Ruhland brought up changing the by-laws so that if a quorum is not present to hold a board meeting, a member is appointed to serve as an acting board member for the purpose of conducting business for that meeting.

Rex brought up the concept of "Virtual Meetings" where all board members log on and hold a meeting over the internet. No formal action on either matter.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Tom Millett, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Directors Meeting September 11, Friday 7:00 p.m.

The WAPA Board of Directors meeting is held at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have ideas on how WAPA can become a better club, or if you just want to come and join in the festivities, please join us.

Heritage Park Rd. is located just south of Telegraph Road just west of Norwalk Boulevard. The meeting is held in the train depot next to the steam locomotive.

Don Hunter's Machine Shop Clinic September 19, Saturday 9:00 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Don will demonstrate setup techniques or whatever other machine shop practice you want to learn. Rumor has it that Don has made some chips here and there, so if you dabble at all in the shop, this will be THE event to attend.

The address for Don's shop is 4235 Brickell Street, Ontario. Take the 10, exit Milliken, go south past the tracks, and turn right on Brickell.

South Pasadena Car Show September 20, Sunday Setup: 7:30 a.m.

Once again, WAPA has been asked to join South Pasadena and participate in the 5th Annual Cruz'n For Roses Car Show. It is a fund raising event for their Rose Parade Float and will be big like last year. We will have the same location on Mission Street at Fremont Ave.

We will be located on the southwest corner of Mission Street and Fremont Ave.

Parking will be nearby on the streets. **WARNING:** If you park on the slightest hill turn your wheels toward the curb if you are going down hill and away from the curb if you are going up hill. Bring your own food and water and shade. There is a Carrow's Restaurant across the street from our exhibit.

From the 210 freeway, exit on Fair Oaks South and go through Pasadena, over the hill, then over the Pasadena Freeway, past Mission and turn right on El Centro Street. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the expected large turn-out of cars, groups of cars will be passing us during our set-up. Do not block the street during set-up. The Thomas Bros. map location is page 595 Grid H2.

Please contact Ken Evans at 626-683-8372 or kencevans@sbcglobal.net to let him know if you are going to attend.

Aliso Viejo Founder's Day September 26, Saturday Setup: 11:00 a.m. Show: Noon until 6 p.m.

The City of Aliso Viejo pulls out all the stops for their Founder's Day Fair, located at the old Aliso Viejo Ranch.

The event is free to the public, and the city invites exhibitors such as WAPA, a blacksmith, game booths, a petting zoo, pony rides, food, a climbing wall, a beer and wine

saloon, food vendors, and other historical displays.

Last year was our first year at Aliso Viejo, and the community's interest was overwhelming.

The location is 100 Park Ave., Aliso Viejo. From the 5, exit on El Toro Road and go southwest. Turn left on Moulton, then right on Aliso Viejo Parkway. Turn left on Cedarbrook, a small street. Follow it around and it will become Park Ave. Across from the school is the entrance into the ranch. We will be located right near the entrance.

Please contact Rob Skinner at editor@wapa.us or 562-694-2301 if you plan to attend.

Neff Park October 3, Saturday Setup by 9:30 a.m. Show: 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

La Mirada's Celebration in the Park is held at 14300 San Cristobal Drive. There will be Victorian Arts and Crafts, tours of the Neff house, an antique car show, a children's area, and other entertainment.

From the 5, go north on Valley View, cross RR tracks and proceed to Al Cala Drive, across from McDonald's. Turn right and go back south on Frontage Road to San Cristobal and turn left. Go to San Esteban and turn right into the park.

If you have any questions, call Bob Smith 909-435-9978.

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