



# HIT 'N' MISS

Newsletter of the  
Western Antique Power Associates

February, 2012

## President's Message

By Dan Kato

Hello fellow WAPA members.

Our year has started off slow, but sometimes slow is better than fast; especially if the gib key is loose.

Let's hear a "BIG YAHOO" for Carol Haskell's newsletter. Isn't it great!!!! It has the feel of the old days with a new look. Great job Carol.

Did you make it to Larry Madole's Annual Gas Up? If not, you missed another great gathering. There were about 170 people and very good and inexpensive silent auction items. Lunch was outstanding, as usual. We give thanks to all the cooks and helpers.

Our past president, Phil DePrima and family, along with past board member Doug Vermillion were there enjoying the scene. Back in their day, our meetings were held at Captain Vermillion's fire station at Gale and Azusa Ave. in La Puente. Now, those were some meetings.

At Cal Poly the Allis Chalmers model "G" is all set up to weed and furrow on the Savage Ranch field. Another great job by WAPA. Also, start thinking of topics and activities for our future Saturday morning meetings. Although the details are still being worked out, give it some thought. Remember, this is your club. The intent is, "Fun in the sun".

That's it for now. Dan

### PLEASE NOTE!

**WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MEET  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11  
9:00 A.M.  
AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY**

## WHICH IS NEXT TO THE FARM STORE Fun Day at Larry Madole's

It was a beautiful day in Chino for the Fun Day and equipment show at Larry Madole's yard. The morning was a bit chilly but everyone welcomed the hot coffee and donuts that warmed them up.

People started arriving as early as 6:30 a.m. to unload their display engines and set up their items for the swap meet. Larry's Model A club started filling the parking lot with meticulously restored vehicles. Chuck Mayernick and Jim Davis quickly set up their table to collect 2012 WAPA dues from returning members, and welcome the 7 new members who joined this fine organization. Good work guys.

Bob Smith stood at the membership table with his pickle jar to snatch the change for membership and hand out an antique lunch voucher. People commented that the tickets were so old, they started to crumble in their pocket. As the day progressed, many visited the silent auction area and could not resist the temptation of entering their bid for some very nice items donated to WAPA for the event.

Larry's son, Mark, fired up the barbecue in preparation for the burgers and hotdogs. Lunch was served at 11:45 with burgers, hotdogs, cole slaw, chips, chili, and corn bread. Thanks to all involved who set up and participated in making this day such a success. We will all look forward to next year's event. A special thanks to Larry and crew for the use of his yard.

By Bob Smith

# UPCOMING EVENT



## 16TH ANNUAL HIGHLAND CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 31

Showtime: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Directions: From 10 Fwy in Redlands take 210 North. Exit Baseline Street and turn left. Turn right on Church Ave. Take Church to the end and turn left onto Pacific Street. Go 1 Block to Center Street. Turn left and set up on either side of the street.

There is plenty of room to display and plenty of close parking for your trucks and trailers.

Bring your own water, shade, and lunch if you don't want to partake in the many food vendors available.

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### Helen Stuber

A great supporter of WAPA, Helen Stuber passed away on January 9<sup>th</sup> of this year. She and her late husband, Bill, joined our club many years ago and were always in attendance at many shows with a machine or two, as well as attending all board meetings and functions. She joined hands with other WAPA ladies and devised the cook books that we still offer for sale to the public. Some of the recipes were originally intended for cooking over a wood stove. If the recipe said, "Stir", you stir. Helen



and Bill maintained a huge collection of memorabilia with Helen having a showcase of an original early American kitchen with appliances of the era.

Helen was a Gold Star Mother (a mother having lost a child during wartime), and served as National President of the organization from 1982-1983. She will be missed by the many of us whose hearts she touched.

### Fun Day at Larry Madole's (continued)

L to R Jim Davis, Chuck Mayernick, Bob Smith manning the WAPA Table



Merle Morse & Dan Kato discussing the days events in the swap meet area

Photos by Ron Haskell

#### January birthday: Ernie Groce (Not forgotten)

#### February birthdays:

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



#### FOR SALE

1970 Chevelle 2 Dr. Malibu - \$10,000.

1923 Bucket T with Chev. 301CID and Power glide -S \$10,000.

Call Bill "Mac" McCormick - 626-991-8947

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](http://www.wapa.us).

**Western Antique Power Associates  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
January 13, 2012**

**Board members present:** Dan Kato, Tom Millett, Bob Smith, Joe Siddons, Leroy Overstreet, Kelley Garcia.  
**Board members excused:** Craig Maxwell, Bob Swan, Jack Johnson, Jim Davis  
**Members present:** Rex McCleary, Chuck Mayernick, Rick Racette  
**Visitors:** None.  
**Meeting called to order:** President Dan Kato called the meeting to order at 6:45PM.  
**Preliminary items:** Flag salute led by Rick Racette.  
First order of business was for the lame duck Secretary Tom Millett to Cast 1 vote to elect new officers and directors.  
Tom Millett conducted swearing-in procedures for new board members. Rick Racette, Vice President, Bob Smith, Secretary, and Chuck Mayernick, Membership Director.

**REPORTS:**

**President:** Dan Kato welcomed everyone to the meeting. He dedicated the meeting to member Helen Stuber, who passed away. Dan thanked Tom Millett for his 20 years of service on the board of WAPA.

**Vice President:** Rick Racette had no report.

**Secretary:** Bob Smith made a motion to approve minutes of the October 14, 2011, board meeting. Second by Joe Siddons. All in favor.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Kelley Garcia presented the treasurer's summary report from 1-1-11 through 12-31-11. Total expenses were \$6,086.30 and total income was \$13,035.73. Also, presented, were the account totals: checking \$11,811.33. Smith Barney savings \$21,783.65 and Smith Barney museum \$120,730.79.

**Membership:** Chuck Mayernick presented the breakdown of current membership. Total membership is now at 126 with 101 paying members, 23 life members, 1 charter member and 1 honorary member. 14% of membership has renewed so far.

**Purchasing:** Leroy Overstreet had no report.

**Shows:** The Highland Citrus Festival is scheduled for March 31. Bob Smith made a motion to sanction with Kelley 2nd. All in favor.

**Library:** Ernie Harmon was absent.

**Safety:** Joe Siddons had nothing to report.

**Museum:** Craig Maxwell was absent.

**Editor:** Tom Millett gave a brief run-down of the new Hit-N-Miss published by Carol Haskell.

**Glendora Castle:** No report

**Cal Poly Restoration**

**Project:** Allis Chalmers G is almost ready for the field. John Deere 50 has clogged radiator and bad generator. Cat Twenty Two has stuck governor, clogged radiator, and stuck clutch disc.

**Property Disposition**

**Committee:** Nothing new to report.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** Tom asked the board if there was any interest in acquiring Frank Moody's John Deere engine. The board will table the idea until next meeting. Dan Kato, Bob Smith, Craig Maxwell, and Tom Millett will be meeting with Kristen Daley who is assisting the Cal Poly College of Agriculture with various projects to advance their programs. We will be discussing the future of WAPA with Cal Poly.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjourned: 8:00PM**

Bob Smith, Secretary

**2012 WAPA Officers**

Dan Kato	President
Rick Racette	Vice President
Bob Smith	Secretary, Show Director
Kelley Garcia	Treasurer
Ernie Harmon	Librarian
Chuck Mayernick	Membership
Leroy Overstreet	Purchasing
Joe Siddons	Safety
Carol Haskell	Editor
Craig Maxwell	Museum Director

## New Members

**Mike Andrews:** Mike is 73 years young and has been retired for 12 years from the Aircraft Industry where he was involved in designing tech manuals. He and his wife live in Redondo Beach, and he has two grown sons. Mike knew Jack Hargreaves very well and bought some of Jack's hot air engines. He has several including three hot air fans. Also, in his collection are some steam engines, including a 1889 vintage. Mike joined WAPA at Larry's "Fun Day" this year. His phone number is 310-540-8584.

**Bill "Mac" McCormick:** Mac is 68 years young, lives in West Covina and is retired from the heating and air conditioning business. He has four children and is involved with antique and classic autos as well as stationary engines. He is the owner of three Model T Fords and three Model A's. *He has two other vehicles which can be seen in the 'For sale' section of this issue.*

He has a 1910 Watkins marine engine, a 2HP F/M, 2 Briggs/Strattons and two drag saw engines. Mac joined WAPA at Larry's "Fun Day" this year. His phone number is 626-991-8947.

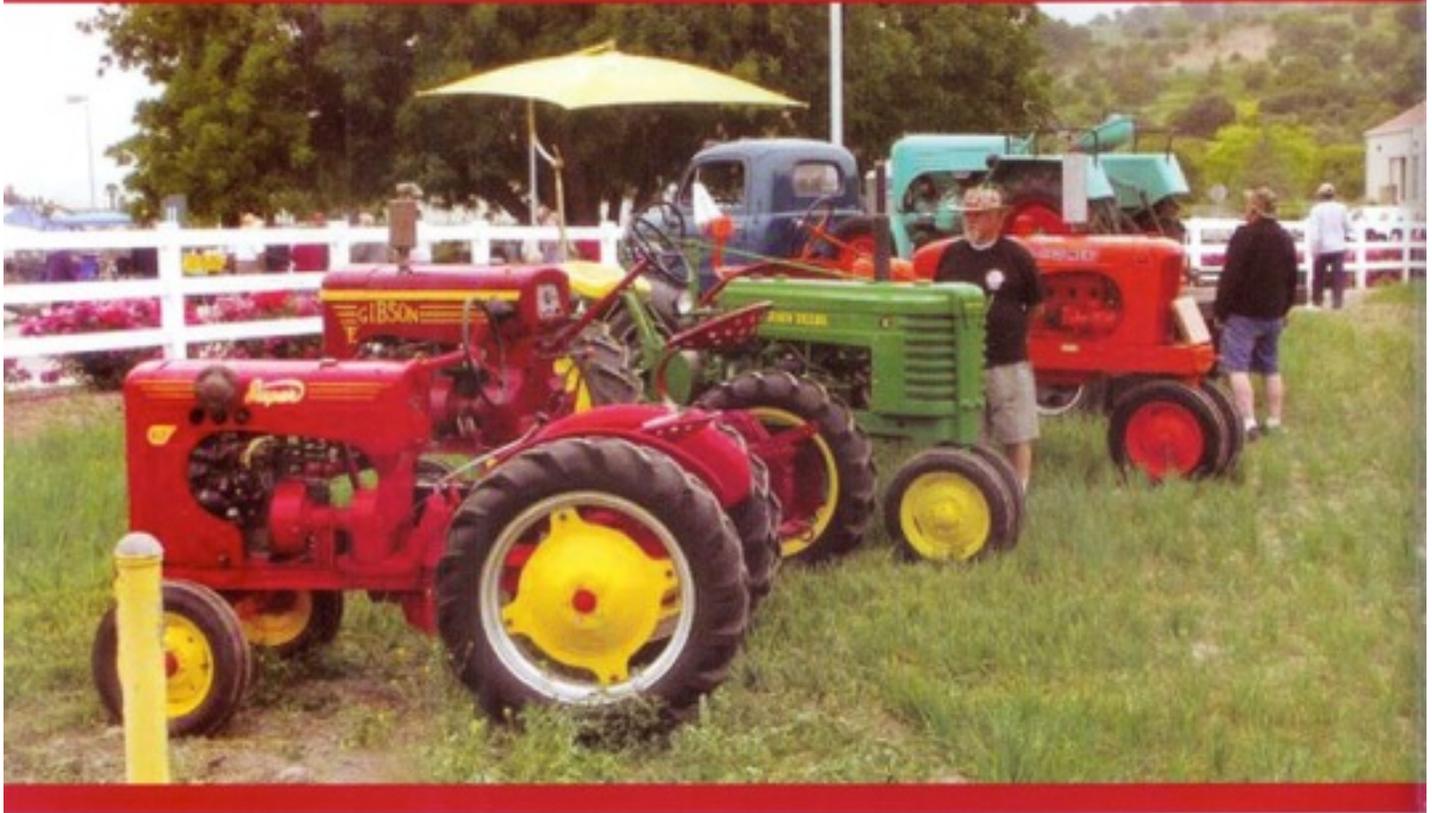
**Garrett Mindham:** Garrett is 15 years old, lives with his folks in Riverside and is a sophomore at Norco High School. His father, Larry, was a student of Merle Morse when attending school. The family knows Merle and Ron Haskell well and they encouraged Garrett to join WAPA. Garrett has a 1920 Fairbanks Morse 3HP that needs some help to get running. It's very likely we will see father and son at some shows as he was encouraged to bring the engine as a show work project. Garrett joined WAPA at Larry's "Fun Day" this year.

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For those of you who are not aware of the the many talents of Gus Lukrofka here is an article that was recently published in the December/January 2012 issue of Vintage Tractor Digest, Editor-Kate Goelzhauser.

# GUS'S GIBSONS

by Kate Goelzhauser



## THE GIBSON SUPER D2

Gus Lukrofka of Whittier, California, wasn't looking for a Gibson Super D2, but found one for sale in *Western Antique Iron Trader* (WAIT) magazine and decided to inquire about it. He called the owner who lived in Oregon and learned that he wanted a Gibson D, but not a Super D2. (The D is a lever-steered tractor, whereas the Super D2 has a hood and steering wheel like most of the common tractors.) Gus owned a D in very good condition, and via telephone they made a deal to trade.

Gus drove up to Oregon with the D, but when he got the Gibson D2 it was a mess. "I really made a mistake," Gus admitted. "I hauled my D to Oregon to trade. When I saw the Super D2 I was

disappointed, but I am pretty mechanical and made some new floorboards and a belt pulley guard. The engine needed a valve, but it runs good now. I put new front tires on it. I had it sandblasted and primed and I did the paint. I got the decals from a gal up in Canada."

The D2 is no longer used as a working tractor; however, Gus drives it in parades and displays it at shows. It took him nearly a month, working on it every day to restore it back to original condition. "When I get started on something I like to keep at it until it's done," he confessed. The only obstacle he encountered was with the rather heavy transmission. "I had to ask my neighbor to help me put the transmission back in it. I don't have a big shop, I'm just working out of my garage."

ABOVE:  
Gus's Gibson Tractors on display at a local show.

## THE GIBSON E

The Gibson Model E was the very first Gibson Gus purchased. Like the model D, it was purchased through WAIT. It was located in Phoenix, Arizona, which was nearly 300 miles from his residence in California. "I got up real early and drove my F150 pickup and I was worried that I was going to run out of time. I got there and the E was all apart so we had to load it all up and I drove home fast, getting home around midnight. It didn't require much more work than the D2 because it was all there. I primed and painted it."

Of the collection (Gibson models A, I, Super D, and E), Gus doesn't have a favorite. He likes them all, taking a different one to each show or parade he attends, and he keeps the collection at his home where he can get to them easily.

He is currently working on a 2.5 hp Continental that was advertised on eBay as a bicycle engine, but he found out that its way too big for a bike! He also bought a little German 2-stroke engine he plans to work on in the near future. 🍀

**ABOVE RIGHT:**  
The beautifully restored  
Gibson E.

**MIDDLE RIGHT:**  
Gus proudly poses with  
his tractors.

**BELOW LEFT:**  
The Gibson Super D2 in  
restored condition.

**BELOW RIGHT:**  
The unrestored Gibson  
Super D2.

