



HIT 'N' MISS

Newsletter of the
Western Antique Power Associates

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President's Report

By Bob Smith

Last year, Dick Bouma announced at a board meeting that there was a 200hp Western engine in an old building located in Ontario. He did not know who owned it but would pursue finding out if WAPA was interested in obtaining it. Something that large would require a permanent location to place and restore it. I contacted Dan Hostetler at Cal Poly and asked if the engine could be located under the pole barn at Spadra Ranch. He agreed, and the board instructed Dick to pursue locating the owner.

He made several inquiries and even went to the City of Ontario to locate the owner. The taxes on the land were being paid but did not know who was paying them. After several months of searching, Dick discovered that the land and the engine were owned by the Chino Water Company which was established in the early 1900's and has been inactive for several years. A friend at the Ontario Christian School presented Dick with a list of shareholders in the Chino Water Company. All the shareholders were land owners in the general vicinity of the water pumping engine. Each land owner was given 1 share for each acre of land they owned. The total number of shares issued was 469. Dick talked to the neighbors that are next to the overgrown building and they said that they would like to see it gone but the dilemma is that 120 land owners own a piece of the engine.

Dick asked the board to draft a letter asking the shareholders if they would be willing to donate the engine to WAPA. Tom Millett volunteered to write the letter and I stuffed envelopes and prepared for a mass mailing. The letter was mailed on February 8 and we will see what the response will be. We need 235 shares voting to donate the engine and all other hardware in the pumping building. Dick says that this engine is complete and protected from vandals and is well protected from the elements.

This would make a fantastic addition to the WAPA assets. We will give an update at the board meetings.

My View

By Tom Millett

I pondered over what would be an interesting piece for this month. Nothing controversial came to mind, so I thought why not say some nice things for once. All of our members who are on our WAPA e-mail contact list have heard most of what I'll discuss because lots of mail has been flying around lately about big machines being brought to life. So, for those not privy, I'd like to expound on the great work I hear happening around me. Five years ago I had never heard of a Western engine. You have to understand I've only been around the 2HP variety of Economy, Fairbanks, Yeager or Hercules and only have knowledge of the big machines when I see Rob Skinner do his magic moving a big monster around on skids. 200HP was completely out of my scope.

Some of our members are finding these huge toys in the darnedest places; Orchard fields in the middle of nowhere or sitting on a wellhead of a long expired water mutual. Two examples of the big iron, although smaller varieties with only 30 and 60 HP each, are to be found at the Rubel Castle in Glendora, and I trust many are out there hidden from view.

Dumb me, I didn't know until a couple of years ago that Western was a Los Angeles manufactured engine. All this being said, my point is that it's exciting to know that our members are taking on new adventures with this big iron because there is no sensation like seeing smoke and fire bring them to life. Finally, modern day hobbyists ponder over the tremendous work early pioneers of these huge combustion engines encountered keeping these giants doing their duty each and every day. Keep up the good work everyone.



**WAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 9:00 A.M.
AGRISCAPE BUILDING AT CAL POLY
(NEXT TO THE FARM STORE)**

This Old Iron—200 HP Western Engine, California Citrus State Historic Park

By Bob Smith

This Old Iron is proud to present to you a 200hp Western Engine serial number 8162 built in 1926. This engine was delivered to the Riverside Highland Water Company along with 6 other Westerns in 1931 to supply water to the regional citrus growers.

This particular engine was used as a transfer pumper from the San Bernardino Basin to the growers in upper Highgrove, Grand Terrace, and the northern part of Riverside, from the 1930s to 1960. It is one of two of the original seven delivered that survived the scrap yard with one being sent to Salem, Oregon, where it is featured in a museum and this engine being transferred to the California Citrus State Historic Park in Riverside where it will contribute significantly to the citrus irrigation story of the entire region.

The engine was moved to its new location in 2000 and has sat inside



a Butler building since then with no one knowing how to get it running again. Well along came WAPA folks who have volunteered their time to bring this 17 ton beast back to life. The engine was first started on Saturday morning, February 8, 2014, and ran for 10 minutes. Now it was ready for a start-up and run on Monday, February 10, 2014, in front of Park officials. The engine was temperamental but it did run for a short time. What needs to happen to make the engine show worthy is for the park to install a large propane tank to supply fuel and the restoration crew needs to build an accumulator to control the amount of fuel to the engine. The original air start supply tank needs to be set up to supply ample air on start-up. Good work guys.

Pictured: L to R Kim (Citrus Park volunteer), Dick Bouma, Ron Haskell, Dutch Bankston



For sale

The following items were salvaged from a fire at member Joe Mueller's machine shop. Joe Siddons is handling sale of all items.

Price of all items is negotiable.

End mills; carbide cutting tools (large and small); knurling wheels; allen wrenches; taps; chuck keys; many, many more items. Photos do not accurately depict the items.

Contact Joe Siddons at 626-200-3054.



UPCOMING SHOWS

BY Rob Skinner

Chino Corn Feed Run

March 22, Saturday

Setup: 7:00 a.m.

Show: 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Bring your antique engine, tractor, machinery, or just bring yourself and have a good time. The Corn Feed Run is an annual fundraising event for the Kiwanis of Chino. There are always a lot of cars and plenty of spectators.

The WAPA display area is the parking lot on the south side of City Hall. Central Avenue will be blocked, so take Fifth Street, turn east on Chino Avenue, and enter the lot just before Central. Parking will be adjacent to our display area.

Bring water and shade as needed. Lunch will be provided to WAPA exhibitors.

Highland Citrus Harvest Festival

March 29, Saturday

Setup: 7:30 a.m.

Show: 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Highland is always a fun show, with plenty of cars, vendors and participation from the community. To avoid the congestion from the other vendors, take Church Street north, all the way to the end; turn left on Pacific, then left on Center. We take up all of Center Street.

Riverside Air Show

April 5, Saturday

This show is not a sanctioned WAPA event. It is hosted by Merle Morse, who extends an invitation to all his fellow WAPA members. Our display location is a grass strip bordering a runway, so we'll have the best seats for watching the planes. Last year, there were 90,000 spectators in attendance.

If you would like to show an engine or tractor at this event, call Merle for directions. Merle's number is (951) 687-7445.

Brentwood Science Magnet School, Science Fair

April 6, Sunday

Setup 9:30

Show 11:00 until 4:00

The Science Fair is an annual event for the school that is educational for the kids, and a fundraiser, as well. The kids here are polite, inquisitive, and smarter than you might think. This school seems to be doing a good job. Let's all come out and lend a hand by showing our engines.

Directions: From the 405, exit Wilshire and go west. Turn right on Bundy. Pass Montana and the entrance is on the left of the playing field.

Coming up later in April (see next month's Hit & Miss)

Orange County Fair Imaginology, April 12

La Habra Spring Citrus Fair, April 13

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

John DeLazzaro
Valerie DeLazzaro
Tom Denson
Kathy Garrigues
Jerry Logan

John Rimpau
Sunny Rowlands
Dave Ruhland
Donald Sedam



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Business Gems

John Deere carburetor parts, Robert's Carburetor Repair
1601 35th Ave. W, PO Box 624, Spencer, IA 51301
712-262-5311 www.robertscarbrepair.com

Hit N Miss

If you throw the Hit N Miss away after reading it, you may want to receive it electronically and save WAPA a few dollars. Plus, you would receive the hot classifieds a few days earlier, so as not to miss out on all the great deals. Please email cahaskell@me.com or call 951-233-2520, Carol Haskell.

Attention members!

Have you changed your address, email address, phone number lately?
Please update your information by contacting Jim Davis directly or go to wapa.us/contact.html under contact and click on "Email Jim".

2014 WAPA Officers	
President	Bob Smith
Vice President	Leroy Overstreet
Treasurer	Kelley Garcia
Secretary	Tom Millett
Membership	Jim Davis
Safety	Don Young
Show Director	Rob Skinner
Librarian	Joe Siddons
Purchasing	Dave Ruhland
Museum Director	Ron Haskell
Editor	Carol Haskell

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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Member Profile – Robert “Bob” Smith

By Tom Millett

Born in Fort Madison, Iowa, Bob grew up and was schooled mostly in Dallas City, Illinois, until he was 14 years old. His father, Mel, worked for the Santa Fe Railroad and that made life interesting for the family because railroad work meant an occasional move. That gave Bob an opportunity to be in another high school, as he graduated from Hinsdale, Illinois, another move took the family to Needles California, where Bob earned his first dollar working for Stuckey’s Pecan Shop. That first dollar, by the way, is framed and to this day it is a fixture on the wall of his office at home.



Bob remembers the year 1968 very well. That was the year, in the midst of the Vietnam War, that Uncle Sam sent him a welcome notice informing him he was about to be drafted into the U.S. Army. That prompted him to enlist instead into the Marine Corps with the promise by a recruiter that he would be sent to Marine Aviation schooling. After serving four years in the military, Bob joined the family in the Los Angeles area where father Mel now worked. Taking advantage of the G.I. Bill, veteran Bob furthered his education by attending a vocational school which got him a job in Hawthorne as a computer operator. In those days, there were no PC sized electronic machines. Computers were the size of a small house and took a great deal of skill to operate.

A new adventure took Bob into street sweepers. He went to work for the same company in Pomona that he works for today after 35 years. He started in 1978 and has seen the company name changed three times. We all remember the Wayne machine, then FMC and Johnston. When will he retire you say? Like a good trooper, when you’re having fun, who cares.

Bob has one older sister and a daughter. That daughter has made him a grandfather twice with two darling young boys. Bob is married to wife Marissa who, incidentally, he had hired to provide care for his aging father. After Mel passed away, Bob couldn’t let that sweet girl get away. I have to believe, besides love, it is that great corn bread she makes with WAPA ground corn. They enjoy a nice home in Chino Hills.

Bob never had any interest in Mel’s hobby of restoring old engines. He remembers his mother putting up with a yard and patio full of engines. However, he brought his aging Dad to a couple or three of our shows and saw the good life. He was hooked. Since joining in 2004, he has served as secretary, show director and now is on a second term as president. He has taken to the club activities like a duck in water and a hog in swill.

Keep up the good work Bob.

Riverside Air Show, Saturday, April 5

Contact Merle Morse



We have again been invited to participate in the Riverside Air Show on Saturday, April 5. The last times we were there were outstanding. Setup starts at 7:00 a.m., not before, water and forklift are on site, but please bring your own shade. There are food vendors on the premises or you can bring your own lunch.

Enter the airport at the Monroe Street entrance (main entrance) off of Arlington Avenue. Follow the road around the parking lot on your left until you reach the gate into the Commemorative Air Force hangar. Turn right and continue out to the north/south runway.

Most of you will probably come on Hwy 60, take the Van Buren Exit and turn right, make a left on Arlington Avenue, go about 2 blocks and turn left on Monroe.

Please call Merle Morse at 951-687-7445 if you need more information.

**Western Antique Power Associates
Minutes of the Board of Directors
February 1, 2014**

Board Members Present	Bob Smith, Tom Millett, Joe Siddons, Jim Davis, Ron Haskell, Leroy Overstreet, Kelley Garcia, Rob Skinner & Don Young.
Board Members excused	None.
Members present	Dale Linn, Lance Wilson, David Gregg, Craig Maxwell, Jack Robinson, Danny Ponce, Gus Lukrofka, Phil Sigmon, Sue Bradley, Jerry Nichols, Dave Stockton, Tom Fee, Roger Hahn, Tim Neely, Al Antonucci, Greg Stires, Ernie & Dorothy Groce, John DeLazzaro & Carey Stockton.
Visitors	Nancy Davis
Call To Order	President Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Flag Salute	Led by Tom Fee.
REPORTS:	
President	Bob Smith welcomed everyone and reminded members that this is their meeting and to feel free to speak on any issue at any time. Bob announced that there will be a great raffle prize today.
Vice President	Leroy Overstreet reported that the "Fun Day" at the Calico Ghost Town does not look promising. The County of San Bernardino, owner of the park, probably will not wave the entry fee for anyone arriving after 9:00am, nor will they wave camper fee for those members who want to stay over night. He will have definite answer at next meeting.
Secretary	On motion by Millett and seconded by Joe Siddons, the Board meeting minutes of 1-4-14 were approved.
Treasurer	Kelley Garcia shared a detailed financial report of the club. As of 2-1-14, the total investments were \$218,796.32. Total assets, which include all WAPA owned property, are \$298 359.52. January 2014 total income was \$3,286.88. Total expenses were 815.32.
Membership	Jim Davis submitted a written report as follows: paid membership as of 2-1-14 is (134), life members (24) - Don Jensen added as a life member. Honorary members (5), Charter members (1), Junior member (1). Jim stated that he has received 75% of the dues for this year and he thanked everyone for doing that. On motion by Jim and seconded by Leroy Overstreet, Carol Haskell was approved as an Honorary Member. On motion by Jim and seconded by Ron Haskell, New Members Tom Reifer, Shirley Reifer, Carl Calvert, Sue Bradley and Nancy Taylor were approved by the board. Member Don Cummins is removed from the roles at his request, as he has moved out of the area. Jim thanked Life Members Gus Lukrofka (\$20) and Don Jensen (\$40) donations to WAPA. Hopefully a new roster of members will be out with the upcoming Hit 'N' Miss.
Purchasing	Dave Ruhland absent. Bob informed the board of a large air compressor that member Joe Mueller owns. It escaped the fire that consumed his machine shop. Discussion ensued about the possibility of using it as a starter source if we are successful in the donation of the 200HP engine in Ontario. Joe reportedly wants \$300 for it. After much discussion about it's worthiness, Ron Haskell offered to purchase it for \$300 from WAPA if it did not meet safety standards. On motion by Tom Millett, seconded by Rob Skinner vote to purchase was approved.
Shows	Rob Skinner is dropping the Child Care Center show in Duarte because of their lack of interest. The Chino Corn Feed Run is on 3/22, the Highland Festival is on 3/29, the NON-WAPA Riverside Air Show by Merle Morse is on 4/5 and the La Habra Citrus Fair is on 4/13. Last week Rob was notified by the Brentwood Magnet School that they would like us on 4/6. They had cancelled the event last year. On motion by Rob, seconded by Jim Davis, the Brentwood Show was sanctioned.
Museum	Nothing to report.
Library	Joe Siddons reported that the library move to his house went well. He is putting everything on shelves.
Safety	Don Young reminded all members about checking any trailers for safety since show season is coming up.
Editor	Ron Haskell asked for any interest to save on mailing the Hit"N"Miss by sending it electronically. He will place an announcement in the next issue asking those interested to contact Carol, Ron or Tom.
Glendora Castle	Nothing to report.
Cal Poly Restoration Project	Bob Smith gave an update on progress in restoring tractors.
Riverside Citrus Park	Ron Haskell reported on the progress of the 200HP Western engine there. In two weeks his crew will be attempting to start the engine.
Unfinished Business	A letter has been created to ask Chino Water Company shareholders to sign off on donating the 200HP engine on their land. It has been sent to Dick Bouma for review.
New Business	None
Communications	None. Raffle item was a \$25 gift certificate and won by Phil Sigmon. Everyone was invited to accompany Bob to the Spatra property for a look around.
Adjournment	10:20 am Tom Millett, Secretary
Next Meeting	March 1, 2014