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President's Message, March 2020

There is less than 1 week until our first show of the 2020 season. I hope many of you can attend and show off some of the work you have been doing over the winter. This show will be at the LA County Fairplex sponsored by the 48th DAA. This event will be attended by thousands of kids and their parents so no matter what you bring, I'm sure they will be amazed. As always, it is nice to see some WAPA members that don't show that often so try to make a point to come out to several of the upcoming shows this year.

Last month was the first WAPA swap meet and fun day at Cal Poly. I was very happy to see so many people attend and in my eyes it seemed to be a huge success. We all owe a big thanks to Ron Haskell for setting up this event. He is going to try and have another one this year and maybe next year, 1 every 3 months if we get good participation. We had quite a few vendors with a wide variety of items for sale and I saw quite a bit of it changing hands. This is what made it so successful. Ron says there are not too many swap meets of this kind in Southern California anymore so we need to build ours up so outside groups can attend. CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



THE 2ND ANNUAL STEAM FAIR

The 2nd annual Steam Fair at the Fairplex in Pomona was a success. Roughly 10,000 people attended with most of them passing our display which was close to the entrance. 11 WAPA members were present to give the attendees a great show. Thank you all for your support and bringing your equipment out to show. I have to tell you we were worried at the beginning. We all showed up back by the barn where we normally show and waited in our trucks until someone came by to tell us where to set-up. It became 8:30 and there was no one in sight, We thought we had the wrong day or they canceled due to the virus and failed to tell us. We made some phone calls and did some exploring and found we were to be next to the White Ave. entrance and Mexican Village. We setup and the day went well after that.

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on
Saturday, March 14, 2020

Board Members Present: Bob Smith, Carey Stockton, Dave Stockton, Kelley Garcia, David Pasillas, Lance Wilson, Tim Neely, Joe Siddons, Ron Haskell

Board Members Absent: Roger Hahn

Members Present: LeRoy Overstreet, Dick Bouma, Lance Bryant, Dave Foley, Stevie Mote, Merle Morse, Jim Treadwell, Danny Ponce, Dave Ruhland, John Rimpau, Paul Montgomery, Clay Wilson, Rob Skinner, Steven Mandell,

Visitors: none

Call to Order: President Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM

Flag Salute: Led by LeRoy Overstreet

President: Bob Smith welcomed all in attendance and encouraged the membership to participate in the discussions. President Smith addressed the issue of continued criticism by a few members and reminded everyone that the Board of Directors is comprised solely of volunteers and that consideration should be given to this fact. Any member that feels they could or would do a better job should volunteer for office in the next election. A discussion on mailing out WAPA pins determined that any member requesting a pin that lives out of state will receive a pin, and that all others requesting a pin that are unable to attend a meeting or make other arrangements include \$4.00 to cover postage. WAPA sign-ups for the spring field trips may be cancelled if the schools cancel field trips.

Vice President: Carey Stockton announced that the Tulare Show is on hold pending further notification.

Secretary: Dave Stockton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on February 1, 2020, seconded by Kelley Garcia with all in favor, and entered into record without correction.

Treasurer: Kelley Garcia furnished the banking report as follows: February figures for the investment savings account report a balance at \$40,580.63, museum fund at \$163,383.13, total investments at \$203,963.76, with an adjusted profit/loss of -\$5,166.15. Total income/expenses were \$6,252.77. Checking acct. balance at \$8,094.53. Kelley moved 25% of gross profits (\$2,010.00) from the brokerage savings account into the museum fund account per Bylaws.

Membership: David Pasillas furnished the membership report as follows: total membership at 162, with 125 as active, dues-paying. Motion made to approve for membership Dave Foley and David Reid, seconded by Dave Stockton with all in favor. Motion made to drop 27 from membership for non-payment of dues, seconded by Joe Siddons with all in favor.

Purchasing: Lance Wilson has WAPA shirts and hats for sale. The Burgers & Bullets Shoot-out is on Sat. May 16 - if you wish to go, contact Lance at 909 856-5500

Show Director: Roger Hahn absent. President Bob Smith gave a report on the following upcoming shows: The Highland Citrus Festival on March 19 has been cancelled; LaVerne Car Show on April 11 has been postponed with new date to be announced; Tulare show is on hold pending further notification; Chino Corn Feed Run on April 25 has been postponed - motion to sanction by Bob Smith, second by Carey Stockton with all in favor, date to be announced; L.A. Live Steamers has invited WAPA to participate with them on Sunday, April 26 - motion to sanction by Ron Haskell, seconded by Kelley Garcia with all in favor.

Library: Joe Siddons had nothing to report.

SAFETY Director Tim Neely stated that a firstaid kit and certified fire extinguisher are required and will be on hand at each show.

Museum: Director Ron Haskell had nothing to report concerning the museum due to the shutdown. Ron says that the Fun Day at Cal Poly was a success. Thanks go out to Carey Stockton and his family for their help.

Editor: Jim Treadwell would like to have all articles, stories, ads, etc. to him by the 25th of each month for inclusion in the newsletter. Jim asks that any pictures, articles, etc. be sent as an attachment to the e-mail.

Cal Poly: Director Bob Smith and crew have been at work on a number of the Cal Poly tractors including two John Deere A's and a 50. If you can help out in this area, contact Bob Smith at 909 435-9978.

CONTINUED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Riverside Citrus Grove Project: Ron Haskell reported that the building for the 200 HP Western engine is mostly done for now. Work will begin on a '41 International 1-1/2 ton truck and a three-sided building.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

Adjournment: 10:30 AM

Next Meeting: No April meeting Dave Stockton, secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

By Roger Hahn

It goes without saying that our show season is off to a very slow start. We were able to participate in one show before the crisis hit. The STEAM event at the Fairplex in Pomona occurred on March 7th, and WAPA had a great showing. Our next scheduled show was the City of Highland Citrus Festival, March 28th. This show was cancelled with no rescheduled date.

Following is a list of some of our shows and what the status is:

April 11th – La Verne Car Show – Rescheduled to August 22nd

April 17th-18th – California Antique Farm Show (Tulare) – Cancelled

April 25th – Chino Corn Feed Run – Rescheduled to September 12th

April 26th – LA Live Steamers Show (Griffith Park) – Status unknown. The Steamers are hoping Griffith Park will be open. If this show is going to be held, I will send out an email blast giving details about the event.

June 7th – Steve McQueen Car Show – Tentatively rescheduled to August 29th

Stay healthy! Use this time to work on all your engine/tractor projects so that when our show season starts up, you will be ready to go!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

At our next board meeting we will vote to drop any members who have not paid their 2020 membership. I asked Dave to give me a list of delinquent members so I could start calling and reminding. If you don't pay by or on March 14, you will be dropped as a member. This is sad for those getting close to the Life Membership mark of 80 years old because if we drop you, you will have to sign up as a new member. The bylaws state that any member attaining the age of 80 years, after having paid dues for 5 consecutive years, shall not be required to pay further annual dues. Pay your dues because it helps cover some of the expenses, also we hate to see you go.



SAFETY OFFICER by TIMOTHY NEELY

26453. Condition of Brakes.

All brakes and component parts thereof shall be maintained in good condition and in good working order. The brakes shall be so adjusted as to operate as equally as practicable with respect to the wheels on opposite sides of the vehicle.

THE ANSWER TO THE HIT AND MISS JOHN DEERE

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Economy tractor

I was at the Flaybob show and I noticed Ron Davis was showing an unusual looking tractor which I thought someone had modified and put an Economy engine on it. With further review, it didn't look modified but purpose built with the engine. I will reprint the information Ron has on his sign describing the tractor.

With catalog sales down across the board, Sears Roebuck and Co. was looking to broaden their line of farm equipment offerings with a full sized tractor. Sears had reached out to several manufacturers regarding the production of a private label tractor to be sold by Sears, but found little interest, with the exception of John Deere who had agreed to work with Sears to develop a few test tractors. Coincidentally, a boxcar load of Economy farm engines bound for Visalia, CA, were lost in March of 1927 and located some 2,000 miles away on a storage track in Gloster, LA and was subsequently returned to the Sears Evansville, IN plant. However, by this time Sears had closed out their farm engine lines and the Evansville plant had been completely converted to the production of Servel home refrigerators. Faced with this newfound surplus of farm engines with no market, Sears asked John Deere to incorporate these engines in the design of the Sears Economy Tractor. The first of four prototype 7-21 test tractors rolled off of the John Deere production line in late September, 1938, and all were quickly shipped to Sears for testing in the outskirts of Chicago, IL. With winter fast approaching, Sears immediately put these four units to work in the Garbanzo bean fields of Oswego. While the performance of the tractor was deemed adequate for belt work, problems with operation of the tractor in the field soon proved too numerous to continue without further refinement. Sears parked the tractors for the winter with intentions of initiating a rework in the spring of 1939, but funding for the program was cut. Somehow one of the four prototype test tractors escaped the scrap drives of WWII, where it sat abandoned until the site was developed in 1967. This tractor was restored by a collector in Niwot, CO, and was acquired by Ron Davis in 2019. Ron is the great grandson of Cletus Elmer Davis, chief engineer for the Sears 7-21 Economy project.

Ron saw this tractor at a show in Colorado in the mid 90's and fell in love with it. He had been trying to track it down ever since and finally in April found it in a barn in Yucaipa and bought it. The 7-21 designation means 7hp at the belt pulley and 21hp on the draw bar. The engine is a 7hp Economy setup to run in reverse.

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The Cal Poly Educational Partnership

By Ron Haskell

A couple of weeks ago Bob Smith was contacted by Dr. Aaron Fox to see if someone from WAPA could talk to his Urban Farming class about tractor maintenance. Bob contacted me and together we spoke to the class of about 14 students on February 12. We had a couple of tractors to demonstrate, an old and a new John Deere. The students had lots of good questions. That made for a very enjoyable day!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rich Burney	Chuck Mayernick
Reg Clause	Rex McCleary
Robert DeVoe	Larry McCullah
Klausa Duebbert	Tom Millett
Kelly Gracia	JoAnn Ponce
Bill Hinke	Bob Smith
Jeff Holmes	Don Stocker

UP COMING EVENTS

- 1) LA VERNE CAR APRIL 11
CANCELLED
 - 2) TULARE APRIL 17-19 **CANCELLED**
 - 3) CHINO CORN FEED RUN APRIL 25
CANCELLED
- 1) ATHS SHOW MAY 2
 - 2) CAL POLY SPRING ON THE FARM
MAY 9 **CANCELLED**
 - 3) STEVE McQUEEN CAR SHOW JUNE
7 RESCHEDULED



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