

# ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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## *THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE*

Howdy Branch 30 Relics,

Well we had a great day and club meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

The parade turned out good, with lots of participation from the club.

Thank You, Don Young for keeping us all safe, and for the little safety meeting before the parade. (The boys just want a have fun).

Thanks to Art Thomas, for the New Banner, it looked pretty spiffy, and thanks to all the members who participated in the Parade.

After the parade, we had the meeting at Dave & Luci's place, thank you Jess Baker for being the BBQ King! The food was good, and the company was better.

We had a constructive meeting, short and sweet. Fun was had by all.

There will be a work party out at Red & Leesa's March 28<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting and another work party on April 4<sup>th</sup> if needed.

We need to get the trailer and big Fairbanks ready for the Tulare Show. Everyone is welcome; we need all the help we can get.

Get your equipment ready for the Tulare Show; if you have never gone to the show, it's something to see. Nothing else like it! A lot to do and lots of good people to do it with???

Our next meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup>, out at Red & Leesa's and a work party will be before the meeting, if necessary.

Luci and I would like to thank everyonr for coming out to the meeting after the parade, we had fun and love having you all there.

See you all at the next meeting, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully, David Pickus Club President.

**Remember Meetings are held every Second Saturday of the Month at 2PM**

# RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

March 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President David Pickus; the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the last Tractor Seat and seconded.

The flag salute was conducted, and the meeting started at 2:00 pm.

## **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**Vice President:** Luci Fountain, present no report.

DON'T FORGET TO COME OUT AND HELP AT THE WORK PARTIES, WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET. THERE'S A LOT TO BE DONE. See the Pres. Message.

**Secretary:** Charlotte Way, present with no report.

**Treasurer:** Linda Baker, Beginning Balance as of 2-1-09 was \$x,xxx.xx ending balance as of 2-31-09 is \$X,XXX.XX. A motion to approve the treasures report by Ron Richie and second by Leesa Mansperger. Record of expenses and deposits on file with Linda.

**Show Director:** Jess Baker, at Tulare we will serve breakfast in the bag, starting at 7: am Saturday morning, followed by the parade at 9 am. Saturday night we will be serving BBQ Chicken, everyone bring a side dish. A sign-up sheet for the baggy breakfast will be passed around at the next meeting.

At the Lancaster Fair this year, we will have both sides of the walk –way.

Jess will be leaving for Tulare Wednesday morning from home. Does anyone want to join him? Please call him.

**Safety Director:** Red-dog, We need to determine what needs to be done on the equipment? We need to find the registration for the club trailer and for the Fairbanks trailer. The Quartz Hill parade went well. We will need two work parties before Tulare. We need to chock all equipment including tractors, trailers and engines. New rules, drip pans or tarps need to be under all engines and tractors. From international, we need kill switches on equipment and they must be labeled.

**Membership Director:** Ron Hanson, next month a new roster will be ready and passed out. A Swap Meet flyer will be in next month's news letter.

**Your dues must be paid up to display at Tulare!!!!**

**Purchasing Director:** Art Thomas, we have 101 T-Shirts in the trailer.

The trailer is in good condition. However, the fire extinguisher needs to be mounted on the wall. We can do this at the next work party.

**Editor/Publisher:** Bob Hanson, I need pictures that were taken at the Quartz Hill Parade.

**Librarian:** Scott Wachlin, reported that we had 262 hits on our new club web site. Thanks, Scott for a job well done.

**From the Editors Desk – New Club Web Site.** [www.edgeta.org/brnch30.htm](http://www.edgeta.org/brnch30.htm)

**Note:** everything is in color on our web site.

**The National Web Site.** [www.edgeta.org//](http://www.edgeta.org//)

**OLD BUSINESS** – No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The July Picnic scheduled at Don Naves might be change to Leesa's house. We are doing the Swap Meet again in May. See Ron Hanson for details.

Motion to close David Williams a Second by Luci.

The Minutes Prepared by Sec. Charlotte Way.

The big event for us each year is the **California Antique Farm Equipment Show** to be held on **April 18 and 19** at the International Agri-Center in Tulare. Get your exhibitor information in early. (Go online at [www.antiquefarmshow.org](http://www.antiquefarmshow.org) for details).

If you are a new member and don't understand this, contact David Pickus. ASAP.

**LEESA'S BIRTHDAY REPORT: For the Month of April.**

**Betty Stacy**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

***And we understand, that Betty and Carl Stacy  
Are celebrating another Anniversary in April.  
Happy Anniversary from all your friends, at Rusty Relics.***

**Were sorry, we understand that we may have missed some of your Birthdays, because you're not on Our Birthday List. Please contact me so that we can get your Birthday listed. Leesa.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to One and All !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2009**

**APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> Work Party & Club Meeting**

**APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Calif. Antique Farm & Equip Show – Tulare.**

**MAY 9<sup>th</sup> Rusty Relics Swap Meet & Fire-Up Sylmar, Ca.  
*See Announcement Flyer in news letter.***

**JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> Club Meeting**

**JULY 11<sup>th</sup> CLUB PICNIC Club Meeting**

Please note – all dates are subject to change. Check your news letter for Any new dates and times.

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING IS APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> @ 2PM**

**WHERE: RED & LEESA MANSBERGER'S HOUSE**

**ADDRESS: 44303 N 87<sup>TH</sup> STREET & AVENUE J**

**PHONE: 661-946-1658**

**CLUB MEETING: 2:00 PM, WORK PARTY 9:00 AM**

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**ENGINES FOR SALE**

Three F/M's Engines 1 ½ to 15 HP.

Two International M's 1 ½ HP.

One Witte Headless 6 HP on Cart.

One Fairmont 8-13 HP on Cart.

One J.D 1 ½ HP on Cart.

Two Dish Pan Engines, Like New Cond. 1927 Mod.

Contact Rusty Relics Club Member Bob Hemphill at 760-947-3839.

# GREAT PICTURES FROM THE QUARTZ HILL PARADE



Upper Left, Patty Duckworth. Upper Right, Don Young. Center, Dan Morgan. Lower Left, Luci Fountain. Lower Right, Jess Baker. More pictures on next page,



**More Pictures – Quartz Hill,  
Top Left, Don Nave.**

**Top Right, Mr. Parker Nave. Grandson of Don & Peggy Nave.**



## **Member of the Month**

### **LET'S TALK ABOUT "Jack MacGibbons" aka: Junior**

I know some of you think Junior only comes out to the meetings to eat donuts, drink coffee and to get his monthly dose of the Club. But, not true, did you know junior has lived here in Lancaster most of his life. He went to Parkview Middle School, and graduated from Antelope Valley High School in 1957. He was a Roofer for many years, hosted a television hobby show in Frazier Park.

He use to ride a motorcycle until he was hit head-on by a young girl. She made a left turn in front of him. She was driving a 1950 Chevy, and we all know how big and heavy they are. He's lucky to be alive. He messed up the entire right side of his body, never to be the same.

The most famous person Jack can recall meeting was Steve McQueen, when he was riding motorcycles. The motorcycle guys use to call him "Smacky Jack".

I asked junior to tell me something exciting he did in the day; he said while he was recovering from the motorcycle injury, he got to take the last ride on the "Daylight Steam Engine" from Lancaster to Bakersfield. He was still on crutches when he took that ride. Junior said it was great!

Junior's birthday is July 7, 1937; he will be 72 years young this year. He's never been married, and you know what that means ladies, he's still available. Junior said he's too old for that xxxx! He wouldn't be able to afford it. I don't know junior, two can live as inexpensive as one.

Junior has been a member of the Rusty Relics since the seventy's and has contributed much to our branch. I asked Jack MacGibbons what he would want people to know about himself, and he didn't even have to think about it, "Happy Days" is all he said.....

Thank You Jack "Junior" for your time and for all you do and have done for our Club.

Article written by, Luci Fountain- Vice President.

## **HIT AND MISS VS. STATIONARY GAS ENGINES**

Hit and Miss Engine – Controls the engines speed by cutting off the engines ignition system when it runs too fast. This is the "miss" part. When the engine slows too much, it allows it to "hit" again to pick speed back up.

Gas Engines or Throttle Governed Engine-Controls the engine speed by controlling a butterfly in the carburetor. If it runs to slow, it opens the butterfly and a larger charge of air and fuel is allowed into the engine and it runs faster. If the engine runs to fast, it closes the butterfly and allows a smaller charge of air and fuel into the engine and it runs slower.

Both types of engines have one thing in common, the governor. So we will start with that. As the engine speed increases, the weights on the governor fly outward because of centrifugal force. This action in turn pushes a rod in the middle outward. As the engine slows they are forced inward by a set of springs. You can now use this action of the rod moving outward (going to fast) and inward (slowing down) to control the engine.

We should include the "cam" somewhere in here as all gas engines have one that is shaped to govern the four cycles with "lobes" that time engine to the piston travel. These are most commonly gear driven from the crank shaft. Both types of engines have a governor.

The older of the two types of engines is the "hit and miss".

I hope this is as clear to you as it is to me now!

## **WHERE WERE YOU 15 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH.**

**Purchasing agent Kelly Baker passed around a sign-up sheet for club jackets.**

**Old Town Days at William S. Hart Park in Santa Clarita has been cancelled until Oct.**

**George Trahan reports that books on engines and tractors were received from Sheppard Tractor (now called Quinn).**

**Jerry and Carol Wymore as well as Doug and Denise Van Horn will be leaving for Nebraska.**

**Jack Barton reports that the by-laws for branch 30 have been completed and adopted at the board meeting.**

## **WHERE WERE YOU 10 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

**Vice President Ray McCormick reports of a crawler donated to the and needs to be picked up.**

**Purchasing agent David Williams will be checking on new supplier of T-Shirts and hats.**

**Swap Meet Chairman Ken Marnoch reports we sold 23 spaces at the swap meet.**

**Under new business, president Jerry Burak reports of sad news in that Otis Fairchild had passed away on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Jerry Burak shows off his new toy: A Hicks 3 cylinder marine engine.**

## **WHERE WERE YOU 5 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH.**

**Vice President Randy Ritchie reports we now have raffle tickets for sale.**

**Purchasing Director David Williams reports we now have a new banner for smaller shows.**

**Paper work for the Carl Bergman Scholarship is now complete. Thanks for your hard Gary Bright!**

**A Grist Mill was acquired by Gary Bright at the swap meet and is willing to sell it to Branch 30 at same cost. Jess Baker moves and Hal Daly seconds that the club purchase the mill.**



