

# ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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## THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well, the first meeting of the New Year was really great, with a good turn out and lots of participation. Thank you all for showing up.

We had fun and took care of business. A few ideas were thrown out regarding money, our equipment, meetings and parades. If you think of anything you would like to talk about, write it down and bring it to the next meeting, that way you won't forget to bring it up. All questions are welcome. Don't forget to take a picture of any Club Equipment you might be storing, at your home. Make sure to write it down, what it is and where it is being stored. Give this info. to any officer, so that we can get a binder made up.

The Quartz Hill Parade is March 14<sup>th</sup>, which is our meeting day. If you would like to participate in the parade, talk to Dan Morgan or Art Thomas.

You will need to be at the parade site, 50<sup>th</sup> Street West and L-14 area by 8:30 am, for lineup. The parade will start at 10:00am.

It's a short parade, but lots of fun.

The March meeting will follow the parade at David and Luci's or we can have it at Lane Park?

Is there a banner, Cheryle and Luci can carry in front of us at the parade?

The February meeting will be at Dan Morgan's hang out on 20<sup>th</sup> Street West and Avenue N.

Meeting starts at 2:00 pm.

Ladies bring out some snacks for the meeting that we can all share.

No Chili this time, just a good meeting.

See You There.

Respectfully, David Pickus Club President.

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

# RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

January 10, 2008

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

The flag salute was led by David Pickus and the meeting started at 2:00 pm.

## OFFICERS REPORTS:

**Vice President:** Luci Fountain questioned on how to get tickets for our next new raffle for 2009.

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

**Treasurer:** Linda Baker, Beginning Balance as of 12-1-08 was \$x,xxx.xx, ending balance as of 12-30-08 is \$x,xxx.xx. We have \$xxx.xx in new expenses.

Record of expenses and deposits on file with Linda.

**Show Director:** Jess Baker, no report.

**Safety Director:** Reddog thanked everyone for being safe this year.

**Membership Director:** Ron Hanson, reported no New Members, however, annual dues are now due. Full membership is \$26.00. Pay Ron Hanson by sending a check to him by 2-28-09, with a filled out copy of the Membership Form, located on the back page of this newsletter. This is for our 2009 club records.

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**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO RUSTY RELICS.**

Ron also reported on Insurance for National has gone down by a dollar, and a vote was taken by the membership, not change the dues.

**Purchasing Director:** Art Thomas, no report.

**Editor/Publisher:** Bob Hanson thanked everyone for their help, in getting info to him early. He will be glad to put pictures and articles in the news letter.

**Librarian:** Scott Wachlin, set up his laptop computer and viewed the clubs Web Site.

**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 Old Business**

**NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion on parade banners was brought up. We need a banner four feet long. Dan, Art, Luci and Cheryl will look into making or purchasing a banner.

A discussion was brought up on doing something for kids? Suggestions were Toys for Tots, Cast some small tractors. No further discussion.

New ideas for 2009.

\*Print in the Tractor Seat a monthly Biography of Club Members, and we should start taking pictures soon.

\*Maybe we should do more club raffles?

\*One of the club members suggest that we add some more club history to own new web site. Bea Fairchild will look into this.

Red dog will look into gathering information on what equipment we own.

We need to call the winner of the raffle engine again, (Mr. Sturdevant) to pick-up the club engine he won at the Dec. 2008 Xmas Party. The engine is at the Bakers.

The Minutes prepared by Sec. Charlotte Way

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

<b>Diane Engle</b>	<b>February 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>MaryIn Ross</b>	<b>February 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Tom Ross</b>	<b>February 25<sup>th</sup></b>

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

This Article was taken from Branch 114, January News Letter, under **Questions/Answers/Restoration Tips.**

This is a new sharing of information time and many suggestions flew around the room from using a bit of diesel fuel in your GAS tank from time to time to lubricate the needle valve in your tractor carburetor. This suggestion came from a Hot Rod Magazine citing the carburetor of a 9N ford tractor. Another suggestion was to put some Magic Marvel Mystery Oil or Hydraulic fluid in your crank case which will preclude it from seizing up if you over heat the engine. We truly do not plan to do things such as over heat an engine but remember that "ounce of prevention"

**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2009**

FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> Parade & Club Meeting

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. Sylmar, Ca.

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

*Famous words from Phil Shiver.*

**The only thing keeping us from building, is our not doing it.**  
From Januarys club meeting 2009.

**NEXT CLUB MEETING IS FEBRUARY 14th. @ 2PM**

**WHERE: DON MORGANS CLUB HOUSE & DIRT FIELD.**  
**ADDRESS: 2007 WEST AVENUE N at 20<sup>th</sup> STREET WEST.**  
**From the 14 Freeway go West on Avenue N, Pass 20<sup>th</sup> Street,**  
**to the First Dirt Field on the right. Where we had Plow Days.**

**It's not too early** to start thinking about this year's show season. 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).



**A fine collection of antique Spark Plugs** was shown at our January Club Meeting. The collection was originally started a long time ago by Art Pickus, a Charter Member and father of our club president David Pickus and his brother Ed Pickus.

David (shown in above picture) has since taken over the project with over 100 spark plugs on display. The oldest is a brass plug from 1909 and a rare style plug with a Pet Cock mounted on the side of the plug, for Tractor priming.

Many of the plugs had Multi-Electrodes for Airplanes and Tractors.

A lot of the plugs were used on Antique Engines, Natural Gas Engines, Space Heaters and Model Airplanes.

David is always looking for Antique Plugs, if you have some, call David.

**A nice mention** in the Branch #152 Spring News Letter, about our member Librarian, Scott Wachlin and his efforts in setting up our clubs Web Site.

**Scott also attended** the annual CCOC technical seminar held at the Bechthold Tractor Service Shop on Highway 12 east of Lodi on Nov. 15, 2008.

A total of twenty club members and four guests attended. There pictures appeared in the clubs news letter. Scott is also a member of Branch #152.

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#### **“Meet Bea Fairchild”**

#### **Bea is Our Member of the Month**

Did you know Bea is one of our Charter Members?

She is Member Number 33 of Branch #30. She joined the club with her late husband, Otis Fairchild. Bea donated Otis’s old Ford Flatbed truck to our club some time ago. It’s been out at the Lancaster fair grounds lots of times.

Bea is a member of the **Historical Society** in California City. She is also a member of the **Art Association**, in California City. She took three classes in watercolor and received an “A” in all three classes. Bea also took a hula class.

I asked Bea what was the most exciting thing that you have done in your life. She said “hanging around with Otis all those years was exciting”.

In her younger days, Bea worked as the second civilian employee hired at Norton Air Depot, located in Riverside. She was Secretary to the Superintendent at Borax, in Boron 1945, and when she was worried that Otis was never going to stop working, she applied for a job at K-Mart as a Filler, so she could earn her “quarters” for Social Security.

Bea said, the most famous person she has ever had the chance to meet, was the late President “**Ronald Regan**”, (before he was President) at our very own fair at the Rural Olympics, and both of her children had their pictures taken with him.

The last thing I asked Bea was “what would people like to know about you” She answered in her sweet voice “**I am always so happy when good things happen to people I Know**”. Bea, that sounds just like something you would say.

Bea thank you for your time, it was and always is a pleasure to talk to you.

**Article written** by Luci Fountain, Vice President of Branch #30.

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

President – Jerry Burak	Safety Director – Red Dog Mansberger
Vice-Pres. - Randy Ritchie	Purchasing – David Williams
Secretary - Annette McCormick	Membership – Craig Mathews
Treasurer – Ray McCormick	Editor/Pub. – David Ford
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- \*David Williams will look into getting wheel covers for the club trailer.
- \*Gary Bright gave the Qualifications and requirements for the Carl Bergman Scholarship.
- \*Work continues on the Brockway to get it ready for sale. Craig Mathews will list it in the Antique Truck Historical Society.
- \*A motion was made & seconded for this year's raffle to be a toy John Deere tractor, a lighted John Deere gas pump, the Stover Engine or \$200. In cash. Motion carried.

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

President – Jerry Burak	Safety Director – Red Dog Mansberger
Vice Pres. – Ray McCormick	Purchasing – David Williams
Secretary – Annette McCormick	Membership – Jack Barton
Treasurer – Mary Ford	Editor/Pub. – David Ford
Show Director – Steve Ross	Librarian – Dan Truitt

- \*Owen Strang will be looking in on Incorporation of our club.
- \*A New Trailer has been purchased with the help of the Ford's and the Barton's.
- \*Winner of December's raffle decided to take the cash.
- \*Workers needed for last minute cleaning of the Fairbanks before going to Quartzsite.
- \*Bea Fairchild wins 50/50.

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

President – Ray McCormick	Safety Director – Red Dog Mansberger
Vice Pres. – Dale Fry	Membership – Jack Barton
Secretary – Annette McCormick	Editor/Pub. – Carl Bergman
Treasurer – Gerry Barton	Co-Editor/Pub. - David Ford
Show Director – David Pickus	Librarian – Bob Miller

- \*David Pickus reported on a meeting with Bruce Latta, Fair Mgr., along with Dale fry and Ray McCormick.
- \*The Fairbanks has been moved to its temporary location at the McCormick's, which took place on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Dale, Ray, and Carl are looking into a low boy trailer for \$1000.
- \*Ray asked Dale fry to be chairman of the raffle engine.
- \*Next meeting will be held at Jill and Don Blanks house.

### A Product Release Bulletin was sent to the Editors Desk:

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The above names and phone numbers have been confirmed to be good. Editor

