

# ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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## *THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Well, our crop is in. About two acres of Wheat planted on 2-22-2010.

It will be ready for cutting late June early July.

Maybe sooner depending on mother nature.

Now we are looking for some way to cut it, sickle bar preferably.

Any ideas on cutting let us know. We are going to bring the Thrasher down from Scott's place and do some work on it, fine tune it so we can thrash some wheat, at the Fair this year.

We have some issues with the water pump on the Fairchild Flat Head V-8 Engine. Jess Baker and Don Nave will discuss these issues at the next club meeting.

We will also finalize the fix on the wheel/tire issue on the lowboy trailer (Fairbanks).

Don't forget, the next meeting of March 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing the Quartzhill Parade out on 50<sup>th</sup> Street West (weather permitting).

If you would like to come by the Pickus house on L2 before the Parade, around 7 AM, we will be serving Coffee and Donuts.

We need to be out at the parade site by 8:30 AM for lineup.

The club meeting will be at the Pickus home (L-2) at 2 PM.

Before the meeting and after the Parade we will have a Hot Dog Lunch at Luci & David's.

See you all there!!!!!!

David Pickus - President

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

# RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President David Pickus at 2:09 PM. Flag salute led by David Williams. Corrections to the minutes, Dan Morgan led the flag salute in Feb. not George Trahan. The minutes were approved as read.

## OFFICERS REPORT

**PRESIDENT:** David Pickus said some members got together and went out to Red dogs house and checked on the Fairbanks overall condition.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Dan Morgan said the Fairbanks Trailer has a bad bearing on one axle to wheel and a possible crack on the wheel. Needs a new tire. Approximate cost would be \$400. Dan is also planning on having a Fire-up and Swap Meet on the second Saturday of June (June 12<sup>th</sup>) at his place. Luci made a motion that we have the Swap Meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month and a second by Leesa. Motion Passed.

**SECRETARY:** Cheryle Stacy had no report other than Luci Fountain is now Luci Pickus.

**TREASURER:** Linda Baker reports beginning Bal. \$xxxx.xx in checking, deposits of \$238.20. Interest was \$.04. Total expenses \$251.20. Ending balance \$xxxx.xx.

**SHOW DIRECTOR:** Jess Baker reminds everyone that we need to make sure and bring all of our Tractors and Gas Engines to Tulare, so we don't lose our spot.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR:** Red dog has no report.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:** Ron Hanson says that we should have new member stickers for our membership cards by next meeting. Ron says he has about \$500. Of membership dues for Linda Baker.

**PURCHASING DIRECTOR:** Art Thomas has no new purchases.

**LIBRARIAN:** Scott Wachlin reported about 3700 hits to our web site. Please visit our web site at [www.RUSTYRELICS.ORG](http://www.RUSTYRELICS.ORG) all the pictures that are in our Tractor Seat, are in color on our web page.

**EDITOR/PUBLISHER:** Bob Hanson said the news letter went out well, with no problems.

**OLD BUSINESS:** We have a spare rim for the Fairbanks trailer, but we need two new tires if we decide to take it to Tulare. Don Nave made a motion to spend \$400. To fix the Fairbanks Trailer. Leesa second, motion carried. Also the Model A needs a new water pump. Don Nave and Jess Baker will check into the cost of a new water pump.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was a motion by Luci Pickus to have the Treasurer, Linda Baker open a new Checking Account for the club, with the President, Treasurer and Purchasing included on the account. The motion was second by Jess Baker. Motion passed.

We now have a Rusty Relic's property inventory list.

A motion was made by Dan Morgan that Art Thomas make a two stepper step, for the club trailer. The motion was second by Luci Pickus. Motion passed.

Ron Hanson has written up an article for the Valley Press, to be published soon.

We are still looking for a small engine to raffle off. Steve Sturdevant said that off the 14 Fwry there is a place that sells a lot of equipment.

We had 28 members in attendance.

Remember Parade!!! Coffee and Donuts will be served at the Pickus house at 7 AM, before the Quartzhill Parade March 13, 2010.

Meeting to be held at 2PM after the Parade, at the Pickus house

A motion to close the meeting by George Trahan and second by Leesa Mansperger.

Minutes prepared by Cheryle Stacey, Secretary.

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**IMPORTANT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN,** 2010 dues are due. They remain the same.

\$26. Full membership, \$19. Auxiliary or Junior member (no voting rights), \$10. Age 70 – 80. Free for our very very senior members over 80. Deadline for membership renewal was February 28, 2010.

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**A BIG GET WELL GOES OUT TO**  
**Don Young, Ken Marnoch and Ed Chizma**

**LEEAS'S BIRTHDAY REPORT: FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

Don Chaffin	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
Neil Marra	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Art Thomas	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Eddie Meeks	March 8 <sup>th</sup>
Ben Drake	March 16 <sup>th</sup>
Dan Morgan	March 30 <sup>th</sup>

And to the Birthdays we forgot in February

Dennis Groven	February 13 <sup>th</sup>
Ray McCormick	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ONE AND ALL !!!!!!!**

And

Don't forget Poppy Season in Lancaster.

**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2010**

March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parade & Club Meeting
April 16-17-18	Tulare Antique Farm Show
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fire-Up & Swap Meet

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 MARCH 13TH AT 2:00 PM**

**WHERE:** Luci & David's House.

**PHONE:** 661-943-4525

**ADDRESS:** 5144 West Avenue L2, Quartzhill, Ca.

Directions from the 14 freeway. Go west on avenue L, make a left on 52<sup>nd</sup> street West and a left on Avenue L2, to 5144 on the right.

**See Presidents message for details about Sat. Morning Parade.**

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**California Antique Farm Equipment Show- April 16-18**  
**International Agri-Center, Tulare, Ca.**  
[www.farmshow.org](http://www.farmshow.org) 800-999-9186

**This is a Club Event**

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**The Early Days Gas Engine & Tractor Assn. Inc in conjunction with  
the Historic Santa Margarita Ranch will host the 2010**

**“Best of the West” 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Show**  
**Hosted by Branches 3, 8, and 27**

**June 24 through 27, 2010**

**Plan now to come participate in the Best of the West Show at the  
Santa Margarita Ranch, 9000 Yerba Buena Avenue,  
Santa Margarita, Ca. Phone 805-748-0593**

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**February 2010 Club Meeting at Morgan's field**

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH



### THE MUTI-TALENTED BOB HANSON.

I know all of you must have heard this name. Anyone reading this note in our news letter knows this amazing man behind the product.

Bob spends more than a week a month of his

personal time getting the news letter ready to be read by all of us. Thanks Bob!

Did you know that Bob was a pilot in the Navy, actually the US Submarine Service. He dove and piloted a Nuclear Powered Submarine. He says it's like flying an airplane (which he has also done). Bob has been a member of our club for 10 years, he joined the club due to his son Ron Hanson, who was and still is an active member. Bob said this way they could spend time together in the hobby they both liked.

Bob has been married to Nancy for almost 40 years. Actually it will be 40 years this March 21, 2010. Congratulations Nancy and Bob! They have one son together (we all know who that is). Bob is a retired Electronics Engineer. He owned his own Electronics Corporation in Chatsworth, Servo Dynamics Corp. He has had many businesses in the past, one being a Sports Bar in Reseda.

Bob said he once worked the Danny Thomas Telethon one year answering phones and met many celebrities. He sat right behind Lonnie Anderson (he said any view of her is great)! He met Tony Orlando there, and sat next to (Mel, the cook in the show Alice) the guy with the sailor hat. I remember him.

What is the nicest place you ever visited? His reply; Florida, Europe, England and Alaska was really nice. He said, he has fished from Alaska to Baja, Mexico. That was great fishing.

I finished up with Bob by asking one simple question; what one thing would you like people to know about you; I am quiet and an honest man. I heard from a good source, you are a good dad too.

Thanks Bob for your time today and for all the hard work you do for our Club.

Article by Luci Pickus



Getting together before the Club Meeting



Before the February Club Meeting.



George Trahan taking care of business.

# FOR SALE

Fairbanks – Morse 15 hp tank cooled engine, 90% original paint. Runs Perfect S/N 719814 (1929). Easy Start. \$6000.00 T.G.

John Deere 1 ½ hp (1928) runs perfect. Older paint. On cart. \$1200.00. Hit & Miss

Fairbanks – Morse 6 hp Tank Cooled. Restored on cart. \$1400.00. (1922). T.G.

Fairbanks – Morse 1 ½ mod. M. original. On skids, runs good. \$500.00. (1929). T.G.

Fairbanks – Morse 1 ½ mod. M original on cart, runs good. \$750.00. (1931) T.G.

Fairbanks – Morse 2 hp Dishpan like N.O.S. condition. Runs perfect. \$700.00 T.G. (1927)

Headless Witte, 6 hp Restored on Cart. (1916). \$1500.00. Hit & Miss.

For details contact Branch 30 member, Bob Hemphill  
@ 760-947-3839. Hesperia, Ca.

THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR OUR CLUB

**VOLUNTEER**

JOIN US AND HAVE SOME FUN