

ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

The meeting for Sept. was held at the Baker's home, in the front yard under the trees, and the weather cooperated with us. A slight breeze and enough shade for all. A lot of subjects were discussed at the meeting.

*It was discussed to change the amount of meetings held throughout the year.

*The work party's needed to keep equipment running properly.

*Updating the scholarship fund.

We also discussed the Old Timers Dinner that a lot of you could attend in Oct. The club will have a display on the lawn in front of the doors, as participants enter. This last year there were some 677 people in attendance. This dinner is held at the fair grounds at a cost of \$13.00 dollars a plate. It is a deep pit beef dinner with beans, salad, drink and desert. David Pickus is in charge of getting equipment to this function. You may call him at the number listed under Officers. Read the Secretary's section to see all of the things that were discussed at the meeting and items voted upon.

Thanks to Bob Hanson for the Tractor Seat this last month, the pictures and articles were great.

Linda and I went to a breakfast for the scholarship, at the college on Thursday Sept. 11, 2008. It was an informative type breakfast to let all participants, know how the funds work.

Scott Wachlin has been on the internet looking up the clubs web site and is interested in getting it up to date. He found the web masters name and knows where to go and who to contact to see about updating the web page.

He is willing to do all of the work to keep it updated. I told him that I would have to ask the clubs opinion on this subject. There is a cost to the web page of \$94.00 dollars for three years. And then there after a yearly cost as I remember

he said. I would think that the club will approve this to happen and it has been forgotten, as the person who was to keep it up is no longer in our club nor did he keep it up when he was a member.

I want to thank everyone that participated in the club functions this year that make it a success, at the events we attended.

The next meeting is going to be a Plow Day at the location of Dan Morgan's. The address is in the Tractor Seat. Bring your tractor and a piece of equipment to plow disc or something to make the Tractors work. It will be different and exciting. Well I'll close for now and hope to see you at the Old Timers Dinner on Oct. 12th at the Fair Grounds in Lancaster.

Respectfully, Jess Baker

RUSTY RELICS

BUSINESS MEETING

September 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Jess Baker at 2:05 pm, the flag salute was given. With no corrections or additions to the minutes, were approved as written in the Tractor Seat by George and Leesa.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Vice President: Don Nave, we have sold all the raffle tickets that we had. We ran out of tickets at the fair, and the girls had to make a few more tickets to sell. All members that still have unpaid tickets, please turn in your money or the unsold tickets to Don. We need them to sell at the Christmas Party in Dec.
THE FAIR WENT GREAT!

Secretary: Luci Fountain, I want to thank all the ladies and men that helped at the table selling items and tickets this year, at the fair. It seemed to go very well. A special thanks to Cheryl Stacy, she worked her tail off selling tickets and did a great job. She was there every day and kept everything going smooth.
THANK YOU CHERYL.

Treasurer: Linda Baker, since I was not at the last meeting, I have the report from July through Aug. 31, 2008 as follows; starting balance July 1, 2008 \$xxxx.xx, ending balance as of August 31, 2008 \$xxxx.xx. Record of expenses and deposits on file with Linda Baker.

Show Director: David Pickus, thanked everyone with the setup and breakdown of the display area. I thought everything went well. I wasn't feeling well most of the fair or I would have been there more.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND HELP.

Safety Director: Reddog, I thought everything went well. I saw a few things I shouldn't have, but overall it went good. I thought the Layout was good. The big Fairbanks needs some work. Let's get it done before the Tulare Show.

Membership Director: Ron Hanson, not present.

Purchasing Director: Art Thomas, no report, he didn't buy anything.

Editor/Publisher: Bob Hanson, not present.

Librarian: Scott Wachlin, received some books from member George Trahan, he will put them with the Clubs stuff. Thank you George. Richard Nuss also donated some old newsletters and plaques to the club. Thank you Richard.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

The Antelope Valley Fair Parade went great, the Club won First Prize. No one did unsafe driving in the Parade. No Circles, No Brodies, Tailgating, ect. That made Don Young and Reddog very happy!!!!

Reddog will be having another surgery, remember him in your prayers.

Luci Fountain asked about changing the club meetings to every other month instead of every month. It would save money on the cost of the newsletter, doing it six times instead of twelve times a year? And it would help Bob Hanson, with a little more time to work on it and getting it out. It's a big job and very time consuming for one person to do. Maybe if we have fewer meetings there would be better member attendance at the meetings? There was a motion made to change the meetings to every other month and voted on with 9 in favor and 8 not in favor. We will leave it on hold for now and talk about it at a meeting where more members are in attendance.

There was a motion made by David Pickus to donate \$100.00 to the Old Timers Reunion, held every year at the A.V. Fairgrounds. The club members are asked to take equipment out and show it off. It's a great event for all "old timers" of Antelope Valley. The motion was made and second by Hal Daley and we voted to start making a donation next year in August, for the 2009 Old Timers Reunion.

There was a motion to raise the College Fund from \$250.00 to \$300.00. Hal made a motion, Leesa second the motion, we voted on it and was passed to increase the amount to \$300.00.

This is an excellent way for the club to keep the Rusty Relic's known to the younger generation. Without them, there won't be a club.

It's time to think about ordering more club t-shirts. Jess thought maybe five of each color in the larger sizes would be a good start. Check it out Art!

The next club meeting/Plow Day is Oct. 11th and will be held at 2007 West Avenue N, Palmdale, Ca., At 11:00AM. Bring something to play with a tractor or other toy). Let's have some fun!!!

Bring your own chair. Dan Morgan will have his BBQ out there ready to fire up, so bring something to BBQ. Whatever you want to eat and drink.

Luci and David will provide the desert.

THE CLUB MEETING WILL START AT 2:00 PM. See you there.

The meeting was called to a close by George Trahan and a second by Leesa.

There were 21 members in attendance.

Minutes by Luci Fountain, Secretary.

A new addition to the Tractor Seat-

LEESA'S BIRTHDAY REPORT: For the Month of October.

Oct.7th **Barbra Hawke**
Oct. 12th **David Pickus**
Oct. 30th **Linda Baker**

Oct. 8th **RedDog Mansperger**
Oct. 22nd **Marge Chizma**

Membership Chairman, Ron Hanson would like to welcome the following new members: Brandon Calandi- Lancaster, Brian McCormick- Antelope Acres, Michael Pfeiffer-Tehachapi, David Calvert-Lancaster, and Tom Flanagan-Willow Spring, Ca.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS 2008

OCTOBER 11TH PLOW DAY/CLUB MEETING
NOVEMBER 8TH CLUB MEETING
DECEMBER 13TH-CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY – ROSAMOND

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

OTHER AREA EVENTS

- Oct. 3-5 - Galt, Ca. EDGE&TA Branch 13, Fall Gas Up. Call Jim Blodgett 916-961-5443.
- Oct 11-12 - Redding, Ca. EDGE&TA Branch 114, Annual Tractor Show & Pull. Call Bob Nash 530-241-0763.
- Oct 18-19, Oct 25-26 Vista, Ca. See more details in newsletter.
- Oct 25-26 - Woodland, Ca. Branch 13 Swap Meet. Call Smokey Stover 916-448-3435.
- Nov. 1-2 - Tulare, Ca. Branch 8, Swap Meet at Agri- Center. Call Floyd Schmall 559-834-2446

VISTA, Ca. Oct 18-19 Oct. 25-26 Harvest Fair

Celebrating 150 years of **HOLT** and featuring the Ford Model T. Enjoy 50 acres of fun, including the antique equipment parade and working antique equipment demonstrations; short track "n" scale model trains; weaving demonstrations and sales; blacksmithing and wheelwright; tractor games; wagon rides; heritage village; vendor booths; food and snacks; and museum gift shop.

Quilt raffle and ford pedal tractor raffle. Live entertainment includes – Oct.18th – Michael Chain; Oct. 19th – Lilies of the West; Oct. 25th – Kahuna Cowboys; Oct 26th – Bayou Brothers.

Dry camping available by reservation.



Pictured above is President Jess Baker bringing in the American Flag at the Rural Olympics, which was held at the Antelope Valley Fair 2008.

The Rural Olympics was started years ago. The first hay loading contest was conducted in 1936. The Rural events they have today are, Hay Loading with Mechanical Field Loader, Hat Squeeze, the Toughest Farmhand, Gravel Truck and Trailer Transfer, Semi Truck and Trailer Backing through Fences, Antique Car Potato Race, Hay Stealing Contest, Tractor Stake Race with Sickle Bar (men drivers), Tractor Stake Race (women drivers), Tractor Barrel Race, Antique Auto and Jeep Dash and Hay Loading Contest.

This is the only Rural Olympics held anywhere that we know of. - Linda Baker

EDITORS PAGE – I had the pleasure of attending a dinner meeting of Branch #65 EDGE & TA, out of Lucerne Valley, Ca. on Sept. 24th.

I was welcomed by the Club President Larry Swope & Newsletter Editor Don Judkins, and there membership. There past events in Sept. were the Phelan Phun Days and the Hesperia Parade. They are gearing up to display their tractors at the Apple Valley Air Show, Sept. 27th. They expect to have 15 to 20 tractors on display, for this one day event.

They also display at Tulare, and branch #65 is the home of SW Director Don Young, who was in attendance.

They are a well organized club, run by Pres. Larry Swope, and had an attendance of 25-30 members. The meeting was held at Los Domingo's Restaurant in Hesperia, Ca.

Editor, Bob Hanson

ITEMS FOR SALE - OCTOBER

1. One John Deere Engine 1 ½ HP on Trucks. SN 28995 \$1600.
2. One International M Engine 1 ½ HP on skids. Orig condition, good runner \$700.00
3. Fairbanks Morse Engine 1 ½ HP Headless on Trucks. SN304550 \$800.00

Call Club Member Bob Hemphill at 760-947-3839. Location Hesperia, Ca.

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NEXT CLUB MEETING IS OCT 11TH

IT IS A PLOW DAY HELD AT 2007 WEST AVENUE N,
PALMDALE, CA. WITH CLUB MEETING TO FOLLOW.

STARTS AT 11:00 AM WITH CLUB MEETING AT 2:00PM.
SEE DETAILS, UNDER NEW BUSINESS.

