

# ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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## *THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Howdy y'all.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are still a little hungry, because we're going to have our Clubs Christmas Dinner on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM at Coaches Restaurant in Rosamond, Ca.

It's located a mile and a half west, off of the 14 freeway, on Rosamond Blvd.

We will have a pay at the door dinner for \$16. ea and will have the banquet room reserved for three hours. We will all be busy eating, having fun, our raffle, having more fun, installing our new club officers, and don't forget the raffle tractor is still for sale at the silent auction. If you want it, put your name, the amount you want to pay for it in a sealed envelope and give it to me, I will open the envelopes, and the highest bid owns it! Auction for club members only.

We lost Harold "Hal" Dally. He passed away of natural causes at home in Paso Robles. I used to love to see his Ford Model T Depot Hack, when he would bring it to Tulare and the AV Fair. He will be missed.

Well I guess this is the last president's letter you'll get from me.

Again, thank you for all the friendship you have given me. It has been a lot of fun these past two years.

In the future, we can still meet over at the yard for our club meetings and that would be fine by me.

I hope to see ya'll over at the Christmas Party, and hope everyone has a great New Year, with lots of Health, Wealth and Happiness.

God Bless you and God Bless our Country.

Lovin Ya Dan Morgan – Club President.

# RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

LAST HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Dan Morgan at 2:02 PM. Ron Hanson led the flag salute.

## **OFFICERS REPORT:**

**PRESIDENT:** Dan Morgan thanked everyone for being there. He had the menu for the Christmas Party Dinner.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Ron Hanson had no report other than spend more time with your families.

**SECRETARY:** Cheryle Stacy reported that George Trahan had sent a Thank You Card to the club for helping him, while he was not feeling well at the AV Fair. Spoke a little about the passing of, long time member Carl (CJ) Stacy.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:** Jess Baker reported 88 members and spoke about having to raise dues next year, because of the cost of insurance going up.

**TREASURER:** Linda Baker gave report of beginning balance of \$xxxx.xx, deposits of \$250. from the Helendale event, and expenses of \$83.94 to David Pickus for the battery in the 1934 ford truck. Ending balance \$xxxx.xx.

**SHOW DIRECTOR:** Don Nave reported that the next parade would be the December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parade in Palmdale, called the "Pete Knights Christmas Parade". Starts at 10 AM, 9 AM in line at Q & 5<sup>th</sup> Street West. Contact the Tractor Man, Art Thomas, for more details at 661-273-2914.

**PURCHASING DIRECTOR:** David Pickus was not present but Ron Hanson gave a report that Dave has another \$40. for the tire covers to turn in, and said that Dave has not purchased the tires yet.

Ron also reported that club members Owen & Arlene Strang, donated money for the two new tires, for the 1934 flat bed truck. Thank You - Owen & Arlene.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR:** David Williams reported for all to keep their fingers out of places that they should not be at?

**PUBLISHER & EDITOR:** Bob Hanson reported that he received a nice e-mail from our Past National President, Larry Voris, stating that he enjoys the pictures and articles, in our clubs "Tractor Seat". Great Compliment for our club from National.

**LIBRARIAN:** Scott Wachlin absent. Bob Hanson reported for him that we have had, approx. 26,680 hits to our Rusty Relic's web site to date, and about 696 hits this last month. Go to [www.rustyrelics.org](http://www.rustyrelics.org) all pictures in color.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The clubs membership dues will increase after the first of the year to \$30.00, per year full membership, age 70 and older will be \$22.00, Associate or Junior members will be \$22.00, and age 80 and older will be \$12.00 per year, to help cover our mailing costs. This was voted on by the membership and approved.

Betty Stacy spoke about how Carl loved this club and all the club members. He loved Tulare and all of the other club events he had participated in.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jess Baker said that the white ropes from the museum had been in the back of the truck at the museum?

We all went over the Christmas Dinner menu and voted on our Christmas meal to be, Ham, Turkey, mixed green salad, special green beans with almonds, mashed potatoes & gravy and a holiday pie.

Ron Zega made a motion for the club to purchase \$150.00 in Christmas Gifts and Jess Baker second the motion.

Anyone who would like to donate gifts would be appreciated.

We still have raffle tickets available for the club engine, drawing at the Christmas Party.

We have one silent bidder for the tractor (silent auction).

George Trahan made a motion to close the meeting and Larry Stacy second.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

We had 26 members present.

Minutes prepared by Cheryle Stacy, Club Secretary.

Nominations for 2013 Club officers are as follows

Ron Hanson – President

Pub.&Editor–Bob Hanson

Steve Sturdevant – Vice-President

Librarian-Scott Wachlin

Secretary – Cheryle Stacy

Treasurer - Linda Baker

Membership Chairman – Jess Baker

Show Director – Dan Morgan

Purchasing – OPEN - David Pickus or Art Thomas

Safety Director – David Williams

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*Leesa's Birthday Report: For the Month of December 2012*

*Michelle Hanson*

*December 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Vanessa Johnson*

*December 9<sup>th</sup>*

*John Kaufmann*

*December 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Jerry Wood*

*December 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Happy Birthday to one and all!*

*And a Merry Christmas to all our members and family.*

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2012 & 2013

December 8<sup>th</sup>

Palmdale Christmas Parade

December 8<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Party/Club Meeting

December 25<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Day

See You Next Year

January 1<sup>st</sup>

Happy New Year 2013

January 12<sup>th</sup>

Club meeting

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SATURDAY DECEMBER  
8<sup>TH</sup> AT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**WHERE: Coaches Sports Bar & Grill at 6 PM**

**ADDRESS: 4417 W Rosamond Boulevard, Rosamond, Ca. 93560**

**PHONE: 661-256-7563**

*From the 14 freeway, go west on Rosamond Blvd 1 ½ miles.*

Merry Christmas 2012 from the Editor.

It's that time of the year to reflect on what we are thankful for in our lives. This year, we lost two good club members, Harold "Hal" Dally and Carl (CJ) Stacy, both contributed to the growth of our club and will both be missed. We should be thankful for our families, friends and neighbors. And thankful that we can depend on them for just about anything and everything.

I am personally thankful to serve, as your clubs Editor & Publisher for all these years. A club without a newsletter is a club without communication. Communication is important, and I will continue to serve.

I would like to thank our Web Master Scott Wachlin, without him we would not have a web page, to go to each month. It must be a popular web page with over 26 thousand hits to date. Thanks Scott.

We need to be thankful that we have a meeting place we call "Dan's Dirt Field". Thank You again, Nicky & Fred Frakes for letting us use their property on Avenue N, to hold our club meetings, our Swap Meets and our Plow Day Events.

In the spring we always have our annual Swap Meet. Our VP Ron Hanson always heads up this event with help from Steve Sturdevant on the grills and Cheryle Stacy taking the lunch orders. It's always a success. Thanks Ron.

We have two big shows and a smaller show in Helendale each year. One is the Tulare Show and the other is the Lancaster Show, at the AV Fair grounds. Our show director Don Nave with Jess Baker, David Pickus and a dedicated group of club members, always seem to pull these shows off. Thanks go out to our Officers and Membership.

From time to time we show up at various Parades. Acton, Agua Dulce, Quartz Hill, California City, Helendale and the last parade of the year, in Palmdale. And who is the first to get these organized; it's our Tractor Man Art Thomas, with a little help from Ron Zega and Steve Sturdevant. Thanks guys.

Again, this year we had a fun time at Silver Lakes/Helendale. Great weekend and good weather. Lots of antique engines and tractors on display. The Hesperia Tractor Club, Branch #65 join us again as well.

Without the help of our Treasurer, Linda Baker and our club Secretary Cheryle Stacy, the bills would not get paid and our minutes would not get recorded. They help make my job easier. Thank You ladies.

David Pickus filled the position of Purchasing Agent and Jess Baker filled the position of Membership Chairman. Both important jobs. Thanks Gentleman.

Our Safety Director David Williams is always there watching out for our own safety. (And don't forget, to get those fire extinguishers filled!) Thanks David. Our thanks go out to Leesa Mansperger, for storing our Large Fairbanks Engine on her property over the winter. Thanks Leesa.

And thanks again to the one person that headed up this whole Rusty Relic's club, our club President Dan Morgan. It was a long 2 years. Dan did a great job, along with his fresh ideas, our membership was able to grow to 88 members.

Remember, without the Membership, we would not have the fine Antique Tractor & Engine club that we have today.

So.....Thank You Dan and Thank You Membership.

You're Editor.

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**Club Member Harold "Hal" Dally**

Hal Dally passed away of natural causes on Monday, Feb. 13, 2012 in Paso Robles, Ca. Always a car guy, Hal spent his free time restoring antique tractors and cars. Hal and his wife Cathy relocated to the Antelope Valley and later moved to Paso Robles in 2007 to enjoy retirement. Cathy passed away several years ago, and because we lost communication with Hal, it was only discovered recently that he had passed away. A great member and he love his Ford Model "T" Hack. He is survived by his two children, granddaughter, sister, brother and many nephews and nieces.

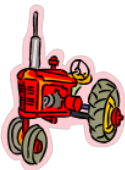
**This above picture was taken in the 2005 Tulare Parade.**

**From Don Young, SW Regional Director**

It's been a long hot and dry summer, but that didn't stop us from attending shows and parades. There have been many, and there still some to attend. September 28-30, Branch 22 will have a show at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center, California. The SW Regional show will be in Cedar City, Utah October 26-28 hosted by Branch 134. From all reports, it will be a great show. Branch 30 in Lancaster, California will be having a show in Helendale, California the first weekend in October. Three years ago, the Trustee of Flabob Airport in Riverside, California found out that I was a tractor enthusiast and ask if I could get some tractors and engines together to enhance the air show and car show for their Veterans Day Celebration. I invited two of the local tractor and engine clubs plus a few others and it has turned out very well. The show this year will be on November 10<sup>th</sup>. A while back at a show, a friend of mine received a trophy for the best paint job on his tractor. On the other hand, I received a trophy for the most rust on my tractor. I told him that you don't have to spend hundreds of dollars to get a trophy. In my time off from shows, I have been working on two Nichols walk-behind garden tractors. They are made mostly of fabricated Model A parts. The engine is a Wisconsin. They were manufactured in El Cajon, California. Another project that I have been spending some time on is a David Bradley Tri Trac. I have heard that they aren't one of the safest tractors to operate.

**SAFETY** is something that we all must practice. Doing the things we do with tractors and engines can be very dangerous. It is very easy to get hurt if you aren't paying attention to what you are doing. No one wants to get hurt, so stop, think and be safe.

**Don Young SW Director/Safety Director/Youth Driver Coordinator**



**HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR TRACTOR TODAY?**



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

*See You at the Next Meeting*

*You're Editor, Bob Hanson*