

ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It's that time again. Our biggest show of the Year! Let's put on a GREAT display. That's right, it's time for the Antelope Valley Fair again.

The fair runs August 20th – August 30, 2009. Start getting your old tractor, engines, toys, ect. Ready for display. Also, this year, Huell Howser of the show "California Gold" will be filming the Rural Olympics. He will also be viewing the Rural Olympics Hall of Fame and Museum. It is possible he will be visiting our display area before the Rural Olympics start. It would be nice if we could have the "showing" "Members running their equipment in our area for the best effects possible. Any member showing in our area should be out there by 10:00/11:00am getting their equipment ready if you would like to be part of the event. More details to follow.

Our next meeting and work party will be August 8th, out at Red and Leesa's place. Work party starts around 9:00am; meeting will start at 2:00pm. It will probably be HOT, so bring lots of water to drink, and don't forget to drink it. We need to get all our Club Equipment ready. Jess Baker will have all the information on the fair. Make plans to help him set up our display area the day before the fair starts. It will make the job easier and faster if we have members willing to help.

Have your comments ready on the Big Fairbanks. What are we going to do? It's very important we decide now so we don't lose control later.

Charlotte Way has resigned as Club Secretary. Jim and Charlotte have decided to move to Arizona, they are in the process as you read this. Good luck Charlotte and Jim!

See you all at Red and Lassa's August 8th.

Don't forget the work party. Ladies, bring out some snakes for the old guy's.

David Pickus, President

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

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VICE-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi every one just wanted to remind you there will be a "FAIR BBQ" on the first Sunday of the Antelope Valley Fair. The date is August 23rd at 5:30 pm, by the BBQ's next to our display area.

The club will provide the meat, corn (if we can get it?) and lemon aid for refreshments. Ron Hanson will be brewing up a batch of his famous Chili.

Everyone needs to bring a side dish since this is pot luck BBQ.

Salads, rolls, chips and desserts. Let's make it a BBQ to remember.

If you need a day pass for yourself or a family member, please talk to Jess Baker as soon as possible, so he can get them ordered from the fair. Otherwise, when the day passes run out, there out.

Luci,
Vice-President

RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

**There was no business meeting held in July
2009. See you August 8th.**

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

Bob Hanson aka The Editor	August 1
Debi Fry	August 9th
Craig Rich	August 16th
Larry Stacy	August 20 th
Phil Shiver	August 24th

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2009

AUGUST 8th Club Meeting & Work Party

AUGUST 23RD Sunday BBQ & Pot Luck Dinner at the Antelope Valley Fair Grounds, in Lancaster at 5:30pm.

AUGUST 20th (Thursday) thru (Sunday) AUGUST 30th Antelope Valley Fair at the Fairgrounds in Lancaster.

SEPTEMBER 12th Club Meeting

OCTOBER 10TH Club Meeting

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

**NEXT CLUB MEETING IS AUGUST 8th at 2PM.
Work Party at 9AM.**

**WHERE: Red & Lessa Mansperger's House
ADDRESS: 44303 N 87th Street, Lancaster, Ca. 93535
PHONE: 661-946-1658
CLUB MEETING: 2:00 PM.
WORK PARTY: 9:00AM.**

**August 14-16 Merced, Ca.
EDGE&TA SW Regional Show
Hosted by Branch 113
Ag Museum, 4498 E State Hwy 140
Call Charlie Parish. 209-383-3628**

**August 22nd Strathern Museum, Simi Valley, Ca.
Pioneer History Day, 10am to 4 pm, set-up at 8am
Strathern Museum, 137 Strathern Place. 1-805-526-6453 for info.**

MEMBER OF THE MONTH #42
LET'S TALK ABOUT RED DOG MANSPERGER



EVERYONE KNOWS RED DOG MANSPERGER: AKA: Harold

He's the guy that shows up every event wearing suspenders, holding a cold mug of water or soda. He's that guy that has a nice word to say to everyone!

Reddog was brought home to Palmdale when he was three days old, he has been (almost) in the same place ever since. Born October 8, 1933, he will be 76 years young this year. Red went to the American Legion Elementary School on 40th/J east, then on to Antelope Valley High School. He's been hanging around this desert a long time. Red has been with Leesa for 33 years, she helps him make it through every day, and when he gets out of line, she helps him with that too. Red has three children, Harold Jr., Darrel and our very own club member Cheryle Stacey. Harold (oops, I mean Red) has had many jobs in his life, he worked for Louie Saveka in the hay fields, driving a tractor, cutting, loading and hauling hay. Went on to work/drive for a lumber company.

Red went to Korea in 1950, I don't think he was driving a truck there. When he came home he went to work for a rock company. He then bought his own truck and started his own business, owner/operator and has been working hard ever since. Until recently, Red dog would be out busting butt every day at work,

I asked what is the most exciting thing he has done, he said he won \$3600.00 one time in Las Vegas; maybe it's time to go back and play.

The "most famous" people he met in his life are Barry Goldwater, red fixed his tractor once. Mike Antonovich, and Chuck Conners, you remember him "The Rifleman" Red did some work out at his home. Leesa didn't get to meet him but she got an Autographed picture from him.

Red has won the Blue Ribbon Award from the Antelope Valley Fair for his Participation. He has won the Golden Hay Hook award from the Rural Olympics Museum. And, he has won numerous 1st place ribbons from the Rural Olympics Games. He's quite the celebrity himself.

I asked one last question as I always do , what one thing would you like people to know about you: Red's answer, an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, a man's handshake is his honor. Thank you Red Dog, Harold Mansperger, for all you have done and continue to do.

Written by Luci Fountain.

AUGUST PARADES

Antelope Valley Fair Parade. Saturday Aug. 22nd
9am – 11am. Lancaster Blvd. Lancaster, Ca.
Rusty Relics will show at this Parade.

SEPTEMBER PARADES

Phelan Phun Day Parade. Sept. 13th. Staging at 7am.
Parade at 9am.

Hesperia Day Parade. Sept. 19th. Staging at 7:30am
On Ave E at (Cal Herbels lot.) Parade at 9am.

TULARE SWAP MEET **November 1, 2009**

SHOW AT THE INTERNATIONAL AGRI-CENTER, TULARE, CALIF

**Vendors: \$10. \$10. Overnight camping for the weekend
Must show current EDGE&TA membership card
Food available on the grounds by Branch #8
Coffee, donuts & hamburgers**

**Adult Admission \$1.00, 12 and under free
Rain or shine
Gates will open Saturday Morning
For info call Floyd Schmall 559-351-9272 or
Clinton Pigg 559-636-9087**

TRAVELING WITH SCOTT

On the weekend of June 20/21 Scott Wachlin went to the “Old Timer Harvest Days” show in Woodland, Ca.

This show was put on by Branch 158 of Woodland and here are some of Scott’s pictures.



A 1937 Unitrac, Powered by a 2 cylinder Indian motorcycle Engine.



A Rumely Oil-Pull Tractor Powering one of the Threshers.



A 1916 Victor 20 HP Engine.



A View of the Blacksmith Shop.



A 1922 Case 12/20 Tractor on Steel.



An original pair of the city of Woodland's restored Fire Trucks.

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