

# ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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## *THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### Presidents Letter:

Best laid plans go to Sh\*\*; well, due to rodents that were eating out the grain so fast, we had to make a mid-course correction. Water turned off, grain cured, and let the food fest begin. Rabbits and Squirrels had eaten a quarter of our crop! Jess Baker, his son-in law Grant Bullis, Don Nave and myself, cut, stacked, tied up bundles, loaded and brought wheat back, in Dan's huge hay wagon. What a work out; I thought I was in good shape, but I got my backside kicked. Jess never took a break, Grant the marathon runner never stopped either, and Mr. Don Nave did a great job.

The wheat field was about 60 feet X 200 feet. Big thanks go out to the Harter's for all they did for the club; planting & watering, we owe them. **SHOWTIME!!** Get them out, cleaned up and over to the Antelope Valley Fair. Set-up day is Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup>. Gates open at 6 AM.

Call Jess Baker for details or see him at the next scheduled club meeting, 2 PM on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August at Dan's dirt field.

See Jess for show passes to members showing or working at least 4 hours a day.

Also, anything you might have for grinding or chopping of grain, bring it to the fair. Let's see what we can do?

See you at the Fair.

David Pickus, Club President.

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

# RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

LAST HELD JUNE 12, 2010

We had no meeting in July, due to the Mansperger Memorial.

Those that attended the memorial for Red Dog on July 10<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall, in Lancaster, were able to leave the hall with a good feeling knowing, that Red Dog is resting, in the house of the Lord. The memorial was well attended by friends and family members that had traveled from other states.

A picture book type of a presentation, that was prepared by Leesa's son Charles Pore, was shown on a large screen, throughout the morning, showing the life of Harold "Red Dog" Mansperger.

The Memorial was followed with refreshments at the family home.

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## LEESA'S BIRTHDAY REPORT: FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Bob Hanson	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Craig Rich	August 16th
Larry Stacy	August 20th
Phil Shiver	August 24th

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2010

August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Work Party & Club Meeting
August 20 – 29	Antelope Valley Fair. Lancaster, Ca.
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	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 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 PM**

**WHERE: Dan Morgan's Club House & Dirt Field.**

**ADDRESS: 2007 West Avenue N, (lot B) at 20<sup>th</sup> Street West, in  
Palmdale, Ca. 93550.**

**From the 14 freeway, go west on avenue N passed 20<sup>th</sup> Street West, to the first dirt field (LOT B) on the right. "Look for Tractors"**

**WORK PARTY AUG. 14<sup>TH</sup>, 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM AT THE  
MANSPERGERS RESIDENCE, TO READY THE FAIRBANKS.**

**Note – Set-up for the Antelope Valley Fair will be Thursday morning, August 19<sup>th</sup>... Per the Show Chairman, Be there early. Gates open at 6 AM.**

**Remember - at the end of the fair, on Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4 PM there will be a Rusty Relic's family BBQ and potluck dinner, at the fairgrounds. The club will furnish the BBQ meat.**

**This is open to all club members & their family, in good standing.**

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**THE ESTATE of OTIS HARDY**

**From the President of Branch 8.**

**The estate of the late Otis Hardy will take place on August 21<sup>st</sup> in Stevinson, Ca. The auction site is located at Sixth Ave and Hwy 165 (Lander Ave). For more information, please go to ([garliccityauction.com](http://garliccityauction.com)). There will be 15 acres of old iron.**

**Otis was a member of Branch #8 some years ago and many of us showed with him.**

**The Fresno Fair was a big event for Otis.**

**Thank You, Floyd Schmall.**

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH



**This Month our Member is #257.  
He was our Club President in the Past.  
He is our Show Chairman Now!  
Mr. Jess Baker (he hates it when I say Mr.)**

**Jess has been here in the Antelope Valley most of his adult life. He went to Antelope Valley High School. Married his wife Linda 52 Years ago, which was an exciting day as well, when the preacher asked, do you have the marriage license, Jess said “oh crap, I forgot it at home” and had to go home and get it while everyone waited at the church.**

**Jess has 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.**

**Jess has tried almost everything, he was an electrician (and still does some work), his big job now is Water Company District Manager. He has worked in Arizona, Nevada, California, New York, Washington and Vermont, just to mention a few places.**

**Jess once rode his bike for 66 days from Marina Del Rey, Ca. to Louisburg, Nova Scotia, Canada. (Talk about a sore you know what). He had a blast!**

He said some of the most exciting things he has done, besides the bike rides are: he built the house he still lives in now, in 1975.

When he beat Mr. Ray McCormick (you remember him) at the “push the barrel race” at the fair five years ago, city boy beats farm boy and Jess set and holds the record for that event. (That was the only year they had that event).

Jess has met several famous people; Chuck Connors (rifleman on TV), all of the Bonanza Characters, and Jack Lemon when he was filming “How to murder your wife” hum!

Jess belongs to a few other clubs, the Elks, Antelope Valley Rural Museum of History and the Rural Olympics Committee.

I asked Jess “what is one thing you would like people to know about you, his reply; I’m just a good ol’ boy” I added, with a great big heart.

Thank You Jess for your time and for all you do, for Branch #30.

Interviewed by Luci Fountain-Pickus.



Don Nave cutting the club’s Wheat, in July 2010.



**David Pickus cutting the Wheat.**



**Grant Bullis cutting the Wheat.**



**Jess Baker cutting the Wheat.**



**This looks like a young man's job!!!!**



**And, Don's not even working up a sweat!**

**Nice work fellows**