

ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi Rusty Relics,

Let's talk about the BIG
Fairbanks Morse.

This is something I have been
Thinking about for several years.



Recently I have been approached by several people and there are a number of things that have hastened this to the forefront.

Reddogs health and safety, the cost of tires & rims, lack of show enthusiasm, aging members, (including me. None of us are getting any younger) and let's not forget club membership has gone down.

This engine will outlive us all. If you want to control its destiny, we as a club must act now and come up with a plan on what we would like to see happen to it. We are opening up a dialog for the next 5-6 months on what our options are. **WHAT WOULD BE BEST FOR THE BIG FAIRBANKS ENGINE** and for the club in the future? Let's try and make a plan that will work for several years and then see how it goes. What we come up with now will be for the future destiny for our Big Fairbanks Engine.

NO MEETING IN JULY, so write down any suggestions you think of and bring them to the next meeting in August out at Red and Leesa House. See you all there, which will be the last meeting before the Antelope Valley Fair.

David Pickus,
President

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

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 a 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.

August 8th is our next meeting out a Red & Leesa's place. It will be a work party and the last meeting before the Antelope Valley Fair, so come on out and help if you can.

A Big Reminder; THE A.V. FAIR RUNS THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH THRU SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH.

Set up of our display area will start Wednesday, August 19th. Talk to Jess Baker for details.

Be sure your DUES ARE PAID SO YOU WILL BE COVERED ON THE INSURANCE.

The RURAL OLYMPICS will be Saturday, August 29th at 2:00 pm.

OK, my little message turned into a big message, so I'll see you all after the weddings in July are over.

Luci,
Vice-President

RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING Held on JUNE 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President David Pickus at 2:00pm.

The flag salute was led by Reddog.

Officers not present were Vice President Luci Fountain, Secretary Charlotte Way, Librarian Scott Wachlin, Editor/Publisher Bob Hanson.

The minutes were read as published in the Tractor Seat with a change. It was Luci's daughter and not David's daughter that is getting married not Leesa's. Also Linda gave a Treasures report the last meeting. Minutes were approved with changes, a motion from Leesa and a second by George Trahan.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Vice President: Luci Fountain, Not Present.

Secretary: Charlotte Way, Not Present.

Treasurer: Linda Baker, Inst. .04 cents on account expense \$15.20. Money in account \$XXXX.XX.

Show Director: Jess Baker, Reported on the fair: all is good. We will have more space for displays along with new areas to the north with the Farm Bureau of Los Angeles County.

Family Fun Days is not going to be held this year in July. Many people are not going to be in town on the 11th of July.

We will have a BBQ Dinner at the fair on Sunday August 23rd. You will have to let Jess Baker know by the end of July how many people will have to have tickets to get into the fair.

Jess also needs a list of members that are showing at the fair. All of this has to be into Jess by July 28th, 2009.

Safety Director: Red-dog, Report Future of hauling the Big Fairbanks to the Show's. New tires, a new rim on the trailer, if going to be hauled around. There was a cost given on the tires and rim of approximately \$4700. Hundred dollars to do the work required. Question, can we mount or display the engine permanently at the fairgrounds.

Membership Director: Ron Hanson gave a report of 283 hits on our web page this last month. Scott has it looking good.

Just a reminder, the Tractor Seat is in full color on our web site.

Purchasing Director: Art Thomas, No report.

Editor/Publisher: Bob Hanson, get me your articles, anything you would like me to print in the Tractor Seat. You may E-Mail me at the clubs e-mail address.

Librarian: Scott Wachlin, Not present.

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Note: everything is in color on our web site.

The National Web Site. www.edgeta.org//

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Asking the Fair if we could leave the Fairbanks at the fair at all times and Mounting it there in our area. See if we could install a roof and sides for a building around it for storage during off season. A motion to do this was given by Butch Fairchild and a second by Ron Hanson.

George Trahan reported on a Parade at Three Points. 8 displays in Parade.

The Carl Burgman Scholarship was given out to a gentleman named Daniel Johnson, from the College. No member was present to give out the Scholarship.

By a motion from Phil and a second by Leesa to do a cook out at the fair this year.

The Fair Parade, a motion from Ron Hanson and second by Don Nave, we will enter the Fair Parade this year. Money will be paid to the Chamber of commerce of Lancaster.

A new member reported on their display, that they would like to have in the parade and are going to more parades in the future. She and her husband have a float that is a boat and blows bubbles. They are going to pull it with a tractor model C, I believe it is an Allis Chalmers tractor.

Talked to a gentleman who has a 3 cylinder Fairbanks engine, who has joined our club.

By a motion from George Trahan and a second by Rita Thomas, the meeting closed at 2:55pm.

Our club thanks Ron & Michelle Hanson for the use of their home for the club meeting.

Submitted by acting secretary,
Jess Baker.

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

Jack McGibbons aka Junior	July 7 th
Don Nave	July 20 th
Leesa Mansperger	July 23 th
Don Young	July 29 th

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2009

JULY 11th Club Meeting & Picnic CANCELLED

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.

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.

**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.**

MEMBER OF THE MONTH
LET'S TALK ABOUT DAN MORGAM



DO YOU KNOW DAN MORGAN Member #300?

Did you know Dan was born and raised right here in Quartz Hill. He went to Quartz Hill High School, met his wife there and is still happily married to Kim. He has two sons, but no grandchildren yet. Dan was a Gardner/Landscaper for many years. In 1994 he started his new career when he went to work for Vulcan Material Asphalt. This is a sand and gravel mining company (if I understood him correctly). Dan has done many different jobs at this company and has worked his way up the ladder and now is a supervisor.

One of the most exciting things Dan has ever done in his life besides marrying Kim and having two sons is going to Alaska when he was a young boy with his family, when his dad took a job working on the Alaskan Pipeline in 1976. He said he got to hunt; fish see a lot of snow (something you don't see much here in the desert) and just be a regular Sarah Palin. Wow! Dan said the most famous person he has ever met in his life (and he had a hard time with this question) is Art Thomas (way to go Art, you didn't know you were so famous did you?). Dan said his love for Tractors started when he started buying/selling small Ford Tractors. Then one day he met someone with some John Deere Tractors, I think he said his name was "Ray McCormick", funny how he saw those

tractors and fell in love. Anyone looking at McCormick Row would fall in love. He joined the club and has had the bug in his bones ever since. Even though he fell in love with those John Deere Tractors, he said his favorite Tractor (that he owns) is his “Big Red” Farmall, high clearance cotton picker. It’s a beauty. (Trader). Right now Dan is restoring a wagon that he can hook up to “Big Red” and use in Parades. I asked Dan one last question, just like I always do. What one thing would you like people to know about you? Damn, he had a harder time answering this question than George did. He couldn’t think of anything to say so I’ll say what I think. I think Dan is a pretty nice guy and is fun to have in the club.

Thanks Dan Morgan for your time and the things you do for the club.

We also like your club meeting spot with the box and all.

Written by: Luci Fountain.

WHO IS THIS WOMAN WITH ALL THE NICKELS IN THE CUP?

It’s Leesa Mansperger.

She found the Slot Machine at Ron & Michelle’s house, during our last meeting.

Rumor has it that she hit the Jack Pot!!!!!!!!!!!!

And didn’t tell Red.



HISTORY LESSON

In the United States, Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues.

In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired, once at morning and again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner a modern American would find quite familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13 gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

In 1778, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute. Across the Atlantic Ocean, Ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.

In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July, 5.

In 1781, the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.

In 1783, Moravians in Salem, North Carolina, held a celebration of July 4 with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter. This work was titled "The Psalm of Joy".

In 1791, the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.

In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.

In 1931, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday. The residents of Vicksburg, Mississippi, celebrated Independence Day for the first time since July 4, 1863, when the Siege of Vicksburg ended with a Union Victory during the American Civil War.

HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED YOUR SPECIAL DAY.