

ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Rusty Relics,

I talked to Scott Harter, the keeper of the wheat; it's up 18 inches and looking good! He had to move the water a little further to the west because of all the strong winds we have had these last two months.

I want to thank all of you that helped out with the Mansperger "Memorial Project". It turned out great, better than we had hope for. Again, THANK YOU ALL. See more details in this edition, and on our web page. www.rustyrelics.com

It's Swap Meet Time, haven't had one in a number of years soooooo, let's all show up, sell, buy, help out or all of the above. It should be a great day and fun. Ask chairman Ron Hanson what you can do to help; make signs, cook, or clean-up after the event, at Dan Morgan's Dirt Field.

Scott has up-dated the web site with two new articles from the Valley Press on the passing of Harold "Red Dog" Mansperger.

With the approval of Senior Feature Writer Rich Breault, and a small tribute of his own to Red Dog, it looks awesome. Please check it out.

President, David Pickus, Branch 30

DON'T FORGET FATHER'S DAY JUNE 20TH

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

RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

HELD MAY 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President David Pickus at 2:00 PM.
Flag salute led by Ron Hanson. There was a motion to accept the minutes.

OFFICERS REPORT:

PRESIDENT: David Pickus spoke a little about the passing of long time member, Red Dog Mansperger.

There was a motion by Luci for the club to donate \$100 to a memorial fund being raised to help with the funeral costs, in remembrance of Red Dog, for all his hard and dedicated work.

Motion passed, with a second from Diane Engle. It was a unanimous vote.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dan Morgan said he has raffle tickets available. We also have a raffle engine at this point, and we will be selling tickets at our 1st annual Fire-Up, the second Saturday of June.

SECRETARY: Cheryle Stacy had no report other than reporting the almost mishap of Art and Jerry Wood should have been fined, for there tractor loading techniques at Tulare. HA! HA! All in fun Art.

TREASURER: Linda Baker reports beginning Bal. \$xxxx.xx in checking, leaving an Ending balance of \$xxxx.xx.

If needed, Linda can give a breakdown of expenses, on request.

SHOW DIRECTOR: Jess Baker reported all went well at Tulare. Nice display, great time and thanked Ron Hanson for his hard work with the new Grill that Ron brought.

SAFETY DIRECTOR: A motion was made by Don Nave to appoint David Williams as temporary Safety Director, until the end of the year. Dan Morgan made a second. Motion approved.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Ron Hanson had no report.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR: Art Thomas had no new purchases.

LIBRARIAN: Scott Wachlin said we have had 4647 hits to our web site.

Please visit our web site at www.RUSTYRELICS.ORG all the pictures that are in our Tractor Seat, are in color on our web page.

EDITOR/PUBLISHER: Bob Hanson stated that he hoped everyone was enjoying the Tractor Seat and said for everyone to try and get their reports in early, due to him not being in town, at the end of the month.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: We spoke about the Grist Mill.

We spoke about our up-coming Fire-Up and Swap meet.

Ron Hanson agreed to bring pop corn popper and seed.

We made a motion to leave the Big Fairbanks at Red and Leesa's and not bring it to the Swap Meet this year.

We talked about the June 4th & 5th Antique Power Show at the Bass Pro Shop, with Branch 65 out of the High Desert. And if anyone was interested in going.

A motion to close the meeting by George Trahan and second by Rita Thomas.

We had 22 members present and one visitor. (Scott Van Engen).

Minutes prepared by Cheryl Stacey, Secretary.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR CLUB MEMBER



HAROLD "Red Dog" MANSPERGER

1933 - 2010

Harold "Red Dog" Mansperger passed away on Thursday, May 6, 2010, from complications following open heart surgery. He was 76 years old.

As a member of Rusty Relics, branch 30 since the early 90's, he maintained the position of Safety Director, until his death.

With the exception of the first 3 days of his life and serving in Korea, he lived his entire life in the Antelope Valley.

"Red" as he was called, was best known for his participation in the Rural Olympics, at the Antelope Valley Fair.

He was a consummate story teller and was very well liked by friends and all his fellow club members.

He is survived by his wife Leesa and 7 children.

Red will be sorely missed by all.

***Memorial Service will be July 10th at 10 AM at the American Legion Hall, Located at 40th Street East & Avenue J. Lancaster.

Followed with refreshments at the family home.



Tulare, Ca

Winnie Price, long time member and widow of Don Price, both from Caliente, Ca.

Passed away in December 2009.

Not much is known about her passing.

Winnie is shown driving her Red Farmall Tractor, in the 2005 Tulare Parade.

LEAS'S BIRTHDAY REPORT: FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Kay Lalicker	June 7th
Jess Baker	June 14th
Ed Chizma	June 18th
Scott Wachlin	June 20 th
Rayna Hanson	June 27th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ONE AND ALL !!!!!!!

Our thoughts go out to the Meeks family. Member Eddy Meeks mother (Alma Lorraine) passed away on April 30, 2010. Age 93.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

SAY HI TO HAL DALLY

Hal has been a Rusty Relic member for some time, he is member number 97. He joined branch 30 due to another Rusty Relic we all know, Mr. Ray McCormick. Hal said he used to drive by Ray's place out on Ave. G. One day he stopped to say hi and ended up liking Ray and the club. Hal is also a member of Branch 27 and Branch 183. Hal was part of the group that set up the Big Fairbanks on the trailer. He said one of his most exciting days of his life was when they fired up the Big Fairbanks and it jumped 3 feet off the ground. He and Ray got the ride of their life!

Hal is married to Kathy, right now Kathy is recovering from brain surgery, best wishes to her.

Hal has had a few different jobs, he worked in Real Estate. He worked for JPL as an Engineer Mechanic, he helped design a small remote sensor that measures the amount of water in the air and measures the temperature in the air. Sounds like he's pretty smart. He said, he hasn't met anyone famous, but he has had a full and exciting life.

I asked him "what is one thing you would like people to know about you". He answered, I don't know, I think they know all about me. Thanks Hal for your time and all the time you have donated to the club. Feel better and take care of Kathy, hope to see you both soon.

Article written by Luci Fountain Pickus.

WHERE WERE YOU ?????

20 YEARS AGO

The first publication of "On the Tractor Seat" appears containing notes of the first two meetings held on March 18th and April 22nd along with 20 of 23 Charter member signatures.

This first publication also has a For Sale section containing no less than 17 Hit & Miss Engines ranging from \$300 (5hp Fuller & Johnson) to \$5000. (10hp Doak).

15 YEARS AGO

Vice President Dale Fry mentioned that he is now a grandfather from his son Keith and wife Denise

Speaking of newborns, Don and Jill Blanks are proud parents of a daughter Anna Liberty Blanks, born March 25th.

Under National News, a new program has begun, called the National Gas & Steam Hall of Fame (NGAS) and is spearheaded by East Director Jerry Wymore, where each year 5 people are inducted for outstanding work in promoting this hobby.

10 YEARS AGO

President Jerry Burak notes in his Presidents Message that the Tulare Show was as good as in the past even though the weather was a little iffy. He also mentions the Saturday Morning breakfast put on by the Hanson's was outstanding.

Owen Strang reports that the application's for Incorporation have been submitted to the State and Federal Governments and waiting for replies.

Virgil White reported that the information on the trip to the Vernon Power Plant will be published in the Tractor Seat. The trip is planned for July 30th.

George Trahan reports on the auction held at member Hank Pugh's home.

5 YEARS AGO

President Larry Voris of the National, notes that Don Young was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Mac Martin who passed away in December 2004. Don was an advisor in the Southwest region.

This year's National Show is to be held in Gentry, Arkansas by Branch 37 and the SW Regional Show will be hosted by Branch 19 in Cortez, Colorado.

Show Director Ron Hanson reports the next 2 shows the Branch 30 will be participating in Havilah Days and the Simi Valley Historical Society & Museum Engine & Tractor Show.

Article submitted by Scott Wachlin.



1917 CASE Thresher

At the last meeting, Scott Wachlin brings the Clubs 1917 CASE Thresher over to Dan Morgan's dirt field for the club to inspect. Maybe we can get it ready for harvesting the wheat that the club is growing? It was last run, in 1994. Shown in the picture from left to right. Are club members, Dan Morgan, Scott Wachlin and Ron Hanson.

From Ron Hanson Chairman of the Swap Meet/ Fire-Up event.
Don't forget to bring your antique Engines, for the Fire-Up.
Engines and related equipment for the Swap Meet, and come for a fun day. Food will be served all day.
Don't forget to reserve a spot for selling,
Gates open early. Event starts at 8:00 AM til 4:00 PM.
For additional details, Call Ron Hanson at 661-285-3212.
We are located at 2007 West Avenue N, Palmdale, Ca. 93550.
Directions: Exit 14 Fwy at Avenue N and go west; just past 20th St West, we are located on the right hand side of the street. Look for Tractors!!!!

**THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR OUR CLUB - VOLUNTEER
JOIN US AND HAVE SOME FUN**