

ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone....

Well, this year is coming to a close. Election of Club Officers will take place at our annual Club Christmas Party & Club Meeting, which is scheduled for December 12th at Crazy Otto's Restaurant, located in Lancaster, Ca.

We have a good slate of officers for the 2016 term. I will be staying on as your Club President for another year, as well as some of the other Club Officers. For those leaving Office, "Thank You" for a fine job in supporting our club during 2015 term. "Congratulations to all the incoming Officers"

We had a good year with lots of different activities, including our Annual Swap Meet, The Antelope Valley Fair, The Tulare Show, The Mojave Trail Days Event, a visit to the Nethercutt Museum and plenty of local Parades, including the "Just for Fun" Parade.....

Hoped everyone had a great "Thanksgiving". Now, bring your healthy appetite to our Clubs Christmas Party. Doors open at 5:30 PM, dinner served buffet style at 6 PM, followed by desert..... See more details on page 4.

The Election of "New Officers" will take place, and will be sworn in after dinner. Christmas Gifts to be given away, during the evening. Hope to see everyone in attendance, and looking forward to another great year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

My Best Regards, Honestly and Respectfully,

You're Club President, Bob Hanson

RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

Last Held November 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM.

Flag salute led by club member, Robert Meyers.

A roll call of Officers was called, Cheryle Stacy, Scott Wachlin & Dan Morgan were not present.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Bob Hanson spoke about the passing of long time club member John Kaufmann, and it's been one year since the passing of club member Ron Ritchie on Nov. 13, 2014.

The Tulare Swap Meet was held on Nov. 7th. Several club members attended and said it was good with lots of vendors.

Bob talked about the Gunther's Yard Show in Long beach, which is scheduled for Sunday Dec. 6th.

We talked briefly about the Clubs Christmas Party to be held on Dec. 12th, Linda will talk about this under New Business.

Bob talked about a Veterans Day event in Covina, Ca. that he attended called "The Field of Valor", in which 2001 large American Flags were displayed, Honoring Those Who Served from the Covina area. One special flag was displayed separately, honoring a "Metal of Honor" Vietnam Veteran, who was a friend of Bob's and he went to high school with.

Bob hoped everyone had a nice Thanksgiving, with plenty of good food, and Bob wished a Happy Birthday to all the *November Birthdays*.....

VICE PRESIDENT: Bill Forbes reported that he still has raffle tickets available.

SECRETARY: Cheryle Stacy was not present.

TREASURER: Linda Baker gave a report on the bank statement, however the bank statement was not recorded for the minutes.

Linda Baker is the chairman of the Clubs Christmas Party to be held Crazy Otto's Restaurant on December 12th. See more under "New Business".

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Ron Hanson reported 70+ members on the books.

SHOW DIRECTOR: Dan Morgan not present.

SAFETY DIRECTOR: Jess Baker reported all safe.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR: David Pickus had no report.

PUBLISHER/EDITOR: Bob Hanson reported, great pictures in color.

LIBRARIAN/Web master: Scott Wachlin was not present.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: The Christmas Dinner is on track. Cost \$17.50/person. Deadline for reservations and payment is December 1st. Call Linda....ASAP.

From the Nominating Chairman David Pickus.....

It's time to *Nominate Officers* for the 2016 term....we presently have Nominations in place for the following positions:

President – Bob Hanson, Vice-President – Bill Forbes, Secretary – Cheryle Stacy, Treasurer – *OPEN*, Membership Chairman – Ron Hanson, Show Director – Robert Meyer, Purchasing Director – David Pickus, Safety Director – Phil Shiver. Publisher & Librarian are appointed positions.

Nominations are still *OPEN* until the December 12th Club Meeting.

Would some please step up to fill the position of Club Treasurer, for 2016.

A motion to close the meeting by Robert Meyer and a second by Steve Sturdevant. Meeting close at 2:55 PM.

There were 24 members present.

Minutes prepared for Club Secretary Cheryle Stacy by Bill Forbes.

Leesa's Birthday Report: For the Month of December – 2015.

Vanessa Johnson – December 9th

Jerry Wood – December 30th

Happy Birthday to one and all!

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2015

December 6 th	Gunther's Yard Show – Long Beach, Ca.
December 12 th	Sat. Night - Christmas Party & Club Meeting
December 25 th	Christmas Day
January 1 st	New Year's Day 2016
January 9 th	The new year Club Meeting
January 16 th	Southwest Forgotten Iron Show
January 19 th – 25 th	Quartzsite, Az. Show at the Main Even
February 13 th	Club Meeting

A must see show out of the Yuma, Az. area, is the *Southwest Forgotten Iron Show*, put on by Branch 206. This show is scheduled and open (one day) to the public on Sat. January 16th in Wellton, Az. Wellton is located 29 miles east of Yuma, Az.

A new Hit & Miss Engine Show is being *reborn* again at Quartzsite, Az. The show will take place at "*The Main Event*" area, at the west end of town, and is scheduled to take place on January 19th – 25th. As you can see, this follows the *Forgotten Iron Show* out of Wellton. No other information at this time.....

NEXT CLUB MEETING IS DECEMBER 12TH

Saturday December 12th is our scheduled Christmas Dinner & Club Meeting. From the event chairman, Linda Baker:

This year's Christmas Dinner will be held at Crazy Otto's Restaurant, located at 1228 West Avenue I, Lancaster, Ca. 93534. Doors open at 5:30 PM, Dinner served Buffet style at 6 PM, in the banquet room.

The dinner menu will be Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetables, Salad, Dinner Rolls, and a Beverage (milk, tea, coffee, or soda). Desert will be furnished by the club. Tax & Gratuity paid by the club.

Each member and guest is asked to pay \$17.50 per meal with advanced payment due before December 1st, and for a final head count.

If paying by check, make checks payable to the Rusty Relics or by cash at our November Meeting. If paying after the next meeting, please send your check direct to Linda Baker, PO Box 3427, Quartz Hill, Ca. 93586.

Any questions please call Linda at 661-943-4558.

Limited seating of 60 people, please send your monies to Linda ASAP.

EDITOR – Please make it a point to attend our Clubs Christmas Dinner. Our New Club Officers will be Duly Elected that night, along with Good Food, Good Friends, and Christmas Gifts to be given out. If you can donate a Christmas Gift, it would be appreciated.

I hope to find this under the Christmas Tree



And, speaking of Antique Tractors & Crawlers, “Cletrac” (Cleveland Tractor Co.) will be the “Featured Tractor” at this year’s “California Antique Farm Equipment Show” at Tulare.....

Come join us for Cletrac’s 100th Year Anniversary.

For more information, contact Richard Borgaro (Cletrac Collector) at 530-277-5890, Eugene, Oregon.

Merry Christmas 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 a good club member, John Kaufman who contributed to the growth of our club and will be missed.

We should be thankful to 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 and now your club president. A club without a newsletter is a club without communication. Communication is important, and I will continue to do my best and serve.

I would like to thank our Web Master Scott Wachlin, without Scott we would not have a club web page to go to each month. It must be a popular web page with thousands of hits per year. Thanks Scott.

We need to be thankful that we have a great meeting place we call "Dan's Dirt Field". Thank You Nicky & Fred Frakes for letting us use your property (located on avenue N) for all these years, and to let us hold our club meetings, our swap meets and an occasional Plow Day Event.

In the spring we always have our annual Swap Meet. Our club Membership Chairman Ron Hanson headed up this past years event. Thanks to the many others that helped out. I remember it was a hot day.

We have two big Tractor & Engines shows, and a smaller show in Helendale each year. One is the Tulare Show and the other is the Antelope Valley Fair, in Lancaster, Ca. Our show directors Dan Morgan and Ron Hanson with a dedicated group of club members, always seem to pull these shows off.

From time to time we show up at various Parades. The Acton Parade, the Agua Dulce Parade, the Palmdale Parade, the Tulare Parade, and for no other reason the "Just for Fun Parade". Some of the members that organize these parades are our "Tractor Man" Art Thomas, and Ron Zega. Thanks fellows.

Again we had a fun time at the Mojave Trail Days event in Helendale. Great weekend with a *little wind!!!* Lots of Antique engines and tractors. The Hesperia tractor clubs joined us again. Thank you branches #65 & #242.

Thank You Bill Forbes for being our Vice-President and your support in selling our club raffle tickets and setting up the meeting area every month. Bill is always there to help, along with son Zackary.

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 both help to make my job easier. Thank you Ladies.

David Pickus filled the position of Purchasing Director and Jess Baker filled the position of Safety Chairman. Both important jobs. Again, thanks gentleman for your continued help.

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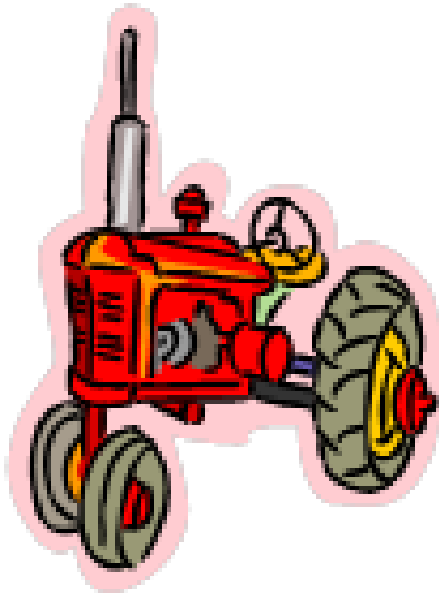
Our membership chairman, Ron Hanson is always there to help out. Ron has done a fine job in keeping our membership records in order, collecting membership dues and making our badges. Ron was our acting Show Chairman for the Antelope Valley Fair this year. Ron along with his show committee, set-up and organized one of our best engine & tractor displays that we have seen for many years. Thank You All, for helping out. I would like to thank Robert Meyer, Rod McKinney and Paul Ogden that help out at the clubs yard, to keep our Club Engine and Flatbed Trailer running properly. Your jobs are very important to the safety of our equipment. Thanks goes out to our club member Leesa Mansperger, for storing our storage sheds & equipment, on her property over the years, Thanks Leesa. Overall, our club has done well over the past year. With your fresh ideas, and club participation, our membership has stayed steady. Without your help, we would not have the fine Antique Tractor & Engine Club, which we have today. You're editor.



Again, that you Bill Forbes & Zackary for operating our club engine at local events.....



Rod McKinney, our welder, spent many hours of his time and money keeping our flatbed trailer welded up and road ready. Thank you, Rod.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

See you at the Christmas Party

You're Editor, Bob Hanson

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To see all pictures in color.....