

# ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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## *THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Hi everyone....

Well, the year is coming to a close. I will be stepping down from being your Club President. We had a good year with lots of different activities, including the annual Club Swap Meet, Antelope Valley Fair, Mojave Trail Days and plenty of local Parades. It's the membership that makes this club great.

I would like to thank the membership and my club Officers for a great two years of working with all of you.... It has been a real pleasure, and looking forward to being your new Membership Chairman for 2015. Thank You.

Hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Now bring a healthy appetite to our Clubs Christmas Party on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5 PM. Luci Pickus has done a great job in setting this up. See details in Tractor Seat.

At the Christmas Party/Meeting we will be electing New Officers for 2015.

If you have new ideas for next year, bring them to the January meeting and let's talk. Looking forward to another great year!

I hope everyone had a chance to go to the Gunther's Yard Show on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

With sad news and in Loving Memory, club member Ronald James Ritchie passed away on November 13, 2014, at his home in Palmdale, California.

Ron was a long time member of the Rusty Relics club and an active member.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Services were held at the Masonic Lodge in Palmdale, and Ron was in laid to rest at the Joshua Memorial Park in Lancaster, Ca.... More details in Tractor Seat.

My Best Regards, Honestly and Respectfully,

You're Club President, Ron Hanson

# RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

LAST HELD November 8, 2014

**The meeting was called to order at 2:17 PM.**

**The flag was held by Zachary Forbes**

**The flag salute was led by Cheryle Stacy**

## **OFFICERS REPORT:**

**PRESIDENT:** Ron Hanson opened the meeting by saying "It's Nice to see everyone here today".

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Phil Shiver was not present.

**SECRETARY:** Cheryle Stacy had no report.

**TREASURER:** Linda Baker was not present.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:** Jess Baker was not present.

**SHOW DIRECTOR:** Dan Morgan reported that he wants to attend the Gunther's Yard Show in Long Beach.

Dan reported that Luci Pickus is collecting \$5.00 per person, for the Christmas Dinner being held at "Crazy Otto's" in Lancaster.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR:** Bill Forbes had no report.

**PURCHASING DIRECTOR:** David Pickus was not present.

**PUBLISHER/EDITOR:** Bob Hanson had no report.

**LIBRARIAN:** Scott Wachlin was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The issue about the 1923 Ford Model "T" was tabled to the next meeting, due to the Directors of the Rural Museum and our club

Directors, have not had a meeting to discuss the details of the car loan to the Rural Museum.

Nominations for the Office of Vice-President & Purchasing are still open.

*The Nominees are as Follows:*

President – Bob Hanson (unopposed), Vice President – Phil Shiver or Bill Forbes, Secretary – Cheryle Stacy (unopposed), Treasure – Linda Baker (unopposed), Membership Chairman – Ron Hanson (unopposed), Show Director – Dan Morgan (unopposed), Safety Chairman – Jess Baker (unopposed), Purchasing Director – David Pickus or Art Thomas, Editor/Publisher – Bob Hanson (unopposed), Librarian – Scott Wachlin (unopposed).

We will have a written ballot for the positions of Vice-President and Purchasing Director at the December meeting, and then call the nominations CLOSED and the new Officers & Directors DULY ELECTED. The new Officers & Directors will then be given the oath of office.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Palmdale Christmas Parade was brought up. The club declined to Participate in the parade due to costs.

Carl Ross asked if we still have a display spot at the Tulare Show in 2015. This is something that we have to check on.

We are still looking for a metal pedal tractor for our club raffle.

George Trahan made a motion to close the meeting, Steve Sturdevant second the motion. Meeting closed at 2:50 PM.

25 members present.

Minutes Prepared by Club Secretary - Cheryle Stacy.

### ***Leesa's Birthday Report: For the Month of December 2014***

*Vanessa Johnson – December 9<sup>th</sup>  
John Kauffmann – December – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Jerry Wood – December 30<sup>th</sup>*

***Happy Birthday to one and all!***



# RON RITCHIE



Pictures above is club member Ron Ritchie on the left and his son Randy Ritchie.

Ron Ritchie was born October 2, 1929 in Santa Monica, Ca. passed away November 13, 2014 at his home in Palmdale, Ca. He is survived by his wife Eleanor, children Randal Ritchie and Lora Ann Madding, grandchildren and many friends.

Ron was raised in Palmdale and has lived in Palmdale for the last 83 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Rusty Relics Antique Engine Club and volunteered for many other community organizations.

Ron worked for the Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency for 35 years. He served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Services were held on November 20, 2014 at the Palmdale Masonic Lodge No. 769, and was laid to rest at the Joshua Memorial Park in Lancaster, California.

Ron was active in the Rusty Relics Engine Club along with his son Randy. They both displayed antique engines and good Rusty Stuff at many Fairs, Engine Shows and Parades.

Many of Ron's friends from the Rusty Relics were in attendance, at Ron's funeral service.

Rest in Peace, Mr. Ron Ritchie

**Merry Christmas 2014 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, Ron Ritchie 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. A club without a newsletter is a club without communication. Communication is important, and I will continue to serve.**

**I would like to thank our Web Master Scott Wachlin, without him we would not have a 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 all call "Dan's Dirt Field". Thank You Nicky & Fred Frakes for letting us use your property (located on Avenue N), and let us hold our club meetings, our Swap Meets and the occasional Plow Day Event.**

**In the spring we always have our annual Swap Meet. Our club President Ron Hanson and show Director Dan Morgan always head this up, with the help of Steve Sturdevant on the grills and Cheryle Stacy taking in the money. Thanks Ron, Steve, Cheryle and the many other members that help out.**

**We have two big shows and a smaller show in Helendale each year. One is the Tulare Show and the other is the Antelope Valley Fair, in Lancaster. Our show director Dan Morgan and a dedicated group of members, always seem to pull these shows off. Thanks goes out to our officers and members. From time to time we show up at various Parades. The Acton Parade, the Aqua Dulce Parade, the Quartz Hill Parade, the Palmdale Parade, and the Helendale Parade. Some of the members that organize these parades are our "Tractor Man" Art Thomas, Ron Zega and Steve Sturdevant. Thanks fellows.**

**Again we had a fun time at the Mojave Trail Days event in Helendale. Great weekend and good weather. Lots of Antique engines and tractors. The Hesperia tractor clubs joined us again. Thank you branches #65 & #242. Thank You Luci Pickus for being our Vice-President and your support in organizing our 2014 Christmas Dinner. I know it will be great!**

**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 help make my job easier. Thank You Ladies.**

**Dave Pickus filled the position of Purchasing Agent and Jess Baker filled the position of Membership Chairman. Both important jobs. Again, thanks gentleman.**

Our Safety Director Bill Forbes is always there watching out for our own safety. (And don't forget to stay behind those ropes and watch out for the chickens!) Thanks Bill.

Our thanks goes out to club member Leesa Mansperger, for storing our storage sheds & equipment on her property over the years. Thanks Leesa. And thanks again to the one person that heads up this whole Rusty Relics Club, our club President Ron Hanson. It was a long two years. Ron did a great job, along with his fresh ideas, our membership was able to stay steady. Remember, without membership, we would not have the fine Antique Tractor & Engine Club that we have today.

You're Editor.



**Club Receives... "JUDGES TROPHY" A.V. Fair 2014**

**This is a re-print from the Sept. Tractor Seat and shows the diversity and dedication of our club members.**

**Members pictured above from left to right – David Williams, Ron Hanson, Scott Wachlin and Carl Ross.**



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

**See you at the next meeting**

*You're Editor, Bob Hanson*

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To see all pictures in color.....