

# ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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## *THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Hi everyone....

Our January meeting was well attended, for a new year. However, the weather was getting cold and windy. Everyone came out with fresh ideas, for the New Year. Being a New Year, April 15<sup>th</sup> it's time to pay your 2019 dues....

I hope everyone had a chance to attend the 2019 Southwest Forgotten Iron Engine/Tractor Show in Wellton, Az. put on by Branch 206. I know that Tom Lee & Carl Ross were in attendance.

I heard that the following Branches were showing, 1, 3, 8, 13, 22, 30, 31, 52, 114, 160, 206, and 240. These Branches represented the states of AK. AZ. CA. MN. & New Mex. Great showing by all clubs....

Next club event, we will be showing at the Elks Club in May. Half day show.

We are adding a new club event for this year and that will be getting together, and camping as a club, showing at the Vista Tractor & Engine Show in June. More to follow.....what do you think?

There is an EDGE & TA National Show coming up in Red Bluff, California in April, and it is in Northern California. Hope we can get some interest generated from the club.

Before you know it, our Annual Club Swap meet will be here in June, so start gathering your good stuff together, to sell....

See you at the February meeting.

You're Club president, Bill Forbes

# **RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING**

**Last Held on January 12, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM.

Flag salute was led by Clayton Anderson.

A roll call of officers was called, all present except Librarian – Scott Wachlin.

We had no Guests.

## **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:** Bill Forbes welcomed everyone for coming out to our Saturday afternoon General Meeting. Happy Birthday to all the January Birthday's, Teresa Richardson, Rodney McKinney, Charles O'Loughlin, and Cheryle Stacy.

\*How was Gunther's Yard Show on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Long Beach? Garry Jolly & Phil Shiver reported that they went. It was good.

\*Bill announced, Branch 206, Southwest Forgotten Iron Show in Wellton, Az. January 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Featured Manufacture Fairbanks Morse.

\*Don't forget about the National Show in Red Bluff, Ca. April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** George Forbes wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**SECRETARY:** Lisa McKinney also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**TREASURER:** Cheryle Stacy reported opening balance \$x,xxx.xx.

Checks written, Costco (dessert) \$37.98, Crazy Otto's (Christmas dinner) \$872.19, Bob Hanson (stamps) \$100.00, DMV \$98.00. ATM Deposits Dinner & Raffles \$590.00, ATM Deposit Membership & Dinner \$147.00. Ending Balance \$x,xxx.xx.

Certificate of Deposit (CD) report.... \$x,xxx.xx to be rolled over on May 12, 2019.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:** Ron Hanson is now taking 2019 membership renewals, reminded everyone that there is an increase in dues this year of \$5.00 due to increased Insurance cost. See 2019 Membership Form on back page of Tractor Seat.

**SICKNESS & HEALTH:** David Pickus contracted SARS in his nose and is on the mend.

Junior (Jack MacGibbon) took a fall at the last meeting. Reported he was OK, and left the meeting early. Members tried to call with no answer.....

**SHOW DIRECTOR:** Robert Myers said we have just about covered everything. Ron Hanson asked if we are doing a Swap Meet this spring. Bob Hanson made a motion to have the Swap Meet on June 8<sup>th</sup>, second by Larry Stacy. Motion Passed.

**SAFTY DIRECTOR:** Rodney McKinney reported all is safe.

**PURCHASING DIRECTOR:** Larry Stacy had not report, but did mention that we need two new back tires on the Fairbanks Trailer, due to aging tires.

**PUBLISHER/EDITOR:** Bob Hanson found out that some members did not receive there Tractor Seat. All mailings went out at the same time, a week before the meeting and didn't know why there was a delay? Post Office?

**LIBRARIAN/WEB MASTER:** Scott Wachlin was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** It was brought up again, about making a club Visitation & Showing at the Vista Show in June or October 2019. June is close to our Swap Meet (June 8<sup>th</sup>), maybe in October? A tentative date of June 22<sup>nd</sup> was picked, because of the warmer weather. This is an all club event.....

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\*A motion was made by George Forbes, second by Rodney McKinney to purchase General Club Raffle tickets for 2019 season. Motion passed. We will have new raffle tickets, at the next meeting.

\*Ron Hanson made a suggestion to sell a special raffle ticket for \$2.00 for the Pedal Tractor, and just include the Bicycle, Antique Motor & Money for the General Raffle. A motion was made by George Becker, second by Larry Stacy for the \$2.00 raffle, motion passed.

\*George Forbes volunteered to build a new & better Raffle Barrel for the club.....

\*Bill Forbes made a suggestion to purchase forever postage stamps for the Tractor Seat, before the price increase. Bob Hanson made a motion, second by Phil Shiver to purchase 12 months of stamps. Motion passed.

George Forbes made a motion to close the meeting, second by Bob Hanson.  
Meeting closed at 2:51. We had 21 members present.

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## **UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2019**

February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting 2 PM.
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting 2 PM.
April 26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	2019 National Show, Red Bluff, Ca.
May?	Elks Car Show.
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Club Swap Meet & Club Meeting.
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	tentative - Club Visitation & Showing at Vista Show.
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Acton 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Acton, Ca.
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting.



**“2019 National Show” Hosted by Branch 114  
April 26th - 28th 2019.  
Tenama County Fairgrounds, 650 Antelope Blvd,  
Red Bluff, Ca.  
Northern California Show.  
Contact Steve Zane 530-597-2253**

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2019 at 2 PM.**



**Where: The club yard & dirt field.  
Address: 2007 West Avenue N, (lot B) just past 20<sup>th</sup> street  
west, in Palmdale, Ca. 93550.  
From the 14 freeway, go west on avenue N, past 20<sup>th</sup> street  
west, to the first dirt field (lot b) on the right....  
“Look for Tractors”**

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### **Leesa’s Birthday Report: For the Month of February 2019**

- Ray Folck – February 5<sup>th</sup>*
- Jim Shoffner – February 9<sup>th</sup>*
- Lisa Mathews – February 14<sup>th</sup>*
- Diane Engle – February 18<sup>th</sup>*
- Marylin Ross – February 22<sup>nd</sup>*
- Bob Garth – February 25<sup>th</sup>*
- Tom Ross – February 26<sup>th</sup>*
- Ron Zega – February 26<sup>th</sup>*
- Greg Damon – February 26<sup>th</sup>*
- Chan Folck – February 28<sup>th</sup>*

**Forgot to mention, new member, Eric Hanson on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Happy Birthday to all the February Birthdays.  
Happy Anniversary to Art & Rita Thomas.**

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**JOHN DEERE**

*I'M LEAVING YOU IN*

**CASE**

*YOU DON'T KNOW, IT'S BECAUSE MY COUSIN*

**OLIVER**

*TOLD ME YOU WERE*

*MESSING AROUND WITH*

**ALLIS-CHALMERS**

*I CAN'T BELIEVE, I*

*THOUGHT YOU WERE ON THE*

**FARMALL**

*ALL THESE TIMES*

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The Clubs newly painted 60 HP, Fairbank's Morse Engine.

**From Don Young, SW Regional Director**

***Another year has come to an end. Many tragedies across the country. In California, many fires throughout the state have taken a toll. Dozens of lives have been lost, thousands of structures destroyed, and a town that had a population over 26,000 completely destroyed. A club member had his collection of over two dozen classic cars totally destroyed including a one-of-a-kind 1948 Norman Timbs Special. After all the fires, the rain came and mud slides caused havoc. A few noticeable earthquakes occurred, but no major damage was done. It is starting to feel like the winter season is approaching with temperatures dropping. It is sad to report that we have had five members in our branch pass away recently. On a brighter note, Branch 206 will be hosting their annual show in Arizona in January. Due to health issues the past two years and a big move the past few months, I have missed many shows. Hoping all y' all have a***

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

**Don Young, SW Regional Director**

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The first known spark plug was invented on February 2, 1839 by Edmond Berger.

France dominated the spark plug market in the early 1900s, supplying gasoline engine manufacturers with only a limited line of plug configurations. They were also known to be quite costly and had substandard quality.

Champion Spark Plug, Champion Spark Plugs Albert Champion was born in France in 1878. In 1889, a renowned bicycle and motorcycle racer, Champion came to America to compete in a series of races. He had brought several bicycles and motorcycles, but found parts very hard to find in the United States. As a result, Champion made his own. To help pay bills and cover expenses, Champion began making spark plugs and sold them to friends.

Champion's love of motors slowly turned towards automobiles and he later returned to France to open a shop that manufactured spark plugs and magnetos.

In 1900, Champion returned to America after being hired by Charles Metz to race bicycles and motorcycles for the Waltham Manufacturing Company. In 1904, Champion moved to Flint, Michigan where he founded Champion Ignition Company for the manufacturing of spark plugs. With the help of investors, Champion was able to turn his racing hobby into a successful business. Unfortunately, problems with the investors soon lead to a break up. Champion soon found himself without a company. The investors continued to manufacture the spark plugs under the Champion name, but Champion himself was out of a job.

In 1908 with the backing of the Buick Motor Co., Champion began a new company called the AC Spark Plug Company. Albert Champion was appointed president. In 1916 Alfred P. Sloan formed United Motors Corp. and eventually acquired Buick and AC Spark Plug.

On October 27, 1927, Champion died of a heart attack. General Motors purchased the remaining stock held by Champion's estate and took over the AC Company. On December 1st of that year, AC became a full division of General Motors. In 1971, United Motors Service was renamed United Delco Division. A few years later United Delco and the AC Spark Plug Division combined to form the company we know today as AC-Delco. To this day Albert Champion's name lives on with every AC and Champion spark plug made. Things you didn't know, you're editor.....



In case you missed “Groundhog Day”, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, don’t forget  
“Valentine’s Day”, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

*You’re Editor, Bob Hanson*

Go to Rusty Relics web page [www.rustyrelics.org](http://www.rustyrelics.org)

To see all the pictures in color.....

Or

Clubs Facebook Page – “Rusty Relics Branch #30”