

ON THE TRACTOR SEAT

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone....

Looks like we survived another year. 2020 is a year that we do not want to repeat. 2021 is now upon us and hopefully things will get better.

As of January 2nd, I have officially retired from the "City of Los Angeles" after serving 49 years on the job. Now I can relax at my newly acquired property in Lancaster with family. George's wife Nikki is expecting a little girl here in two weeks.

I would like to wish a Happy Birthday, to all the January Birthdays.

Our club is also 32 years old and we still have some charter members.....

Unfortunately, and for the protection of our club members, as of this writing, we must CANCEL our January 9th Saturday meeting once again. We will have to play it by ear as to what the county will allow us to do...we will keep you posted.

The Nominations of club officers is now closed, and we will be swearing in the new 2021 officers, at the February meeting.

On a very sad note, I have to announce the passing of our "Show Director" Robert Meyer, on December 19th. Robert passed away at Palmdale Regional Hospital from complications from pneumonia. Our thoughts and prayers go to Roberts's grandson, Vice-President Clay Anderson, and to Roberts's children, during this time.

In Memory of Robert, the family has ask us to have a BBQ in his name, in the spring, which we will most certainly do. "Rest in Peace". Robert was a 12 year member. More to follow on page 6.

This newsletter will be very short this month and we hope to see everyone very soon.

Best Regards,

You're Club President, Bill Forbes.

RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

Last Held on November 14, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 2:23 PM.
Flag was held by Zackary Forbes.
Flag salute was led by President, Bill Forbes.

A roll call of officers was called, all present except VP George Forbes, Secretary Lisa McKinney, Safety Dir. Rodney McKinney and Librarian – Scott Wachlin.

Introduction of Guests: No guests.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Bill Forbes thanked everyone one for coming out to our November Meeting and Happy Birthday to all of the November Birthdays.

VICE-PRESIDENT: George Forbes was not present.

SECRETARY: Lisa McKinney was not present.

TREASURER: Cheryle Stacy, reported a beginning balance of \$x,xxx.xx. Winco \$26.94 cake. Walmart \$46.01 for food BBQ. Costco \$31.62 paper plates and water. Vallarta \$94.12 meat for BBQ. Scott Wachlin \$142.80 for web domain name. Bruce Byram \$35 for reimburse dues. USP \$55 Stamps. Deposit of \$37 donations for campout. Deposit of \$40 Donation for campout. Ending balance \$x,xxx.xx

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Ron Hanson, had no report. Ron mentioned, that he and his father, Bob Hanson had gone to the Tulare Swap Meet on Nov. 7th. A lot of equipment for sale. Cool & raining. About 25 vendors were there. Ron said, Glenna & Jeff Fenske had a great time, at our Club Campout & BBQ.

SICKNESS & HEALTH: Ben Drake was mending from an auto accident that he was involved in. He's OK.

SHOW DIRECTOR: Robert Meyer, reported on the Gunther show in Long Beach and Christmas Party in December. *The Wellton, AZ show has been cancelled.

SAFETY DIRECTOR: Rodney McKinney was not present.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR: Larry Stacy, purchased some small batteries for the clubs labeling machine.

PUBLISHER/EDITOR: Bob Hanson reported to Larry, that he needed postage stamps.

LIBRARIAN/WEB MASTER: Scott Wachlin was not present. Scott, reported that we have had our web site up for 1,111 weeks or more than 21 years. Scott believes that David Fords (past editor) son, started the original web site.
By the way, great job Scott, for keeping our web page updated and adding our newsletter to it, every month.

OLD BUSINESS: Zackary Forbes will pay the club \$100.00 for the Water pump that was returned from Bruce Byram. Bruce was re-reimbursed his \$100.00 from the silent auction, along with his \$35.00 for his 2021 Membership dues.

*The Christmas Party will be at President Bill Forbes house at 5:30 PM. Please bring one gift for each person in your family for the gift exchange. Please contact Bill, to let him know what dish for food you will be bring. We will have traditional food similar to what we had at Crazy Otto's.

*Since this writing, the Christmas Party & Club Meeting has been cancelled.

-Club member Owen Strang, has a John Deere LB tractor stored at Scott Wachlin's house, which he wants to donate to the Rusty Relics Club, for us to donate to the Rural Museum. Paper work has too drawn up from Owen Strang to our club, for this transaction to be legal, and for us to be able donate his tractor to the Rural Museum.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion by Cheryle Stacy and a second by Ray Folck to accept the 2021 Nominations, as read. Motion passed.

"Nominations" for New Club Officers for the 2021 term, are now closed, and are as follows:

- President – Bill Forbes.
- Vice-president – Clay Anderson.
- Secretary – Lisa McKinney.
- Treasurer – Cheryle Stacy.
- Membership Chairman – Ron Hanson.
- Show Director – Now Open
- Purchasing Director – Larry Stacy.
- Safety Director – Rodney McKinney.

Appointed Positions:

- Editor/Publisher – Bob Hanson.
- Librarian – Scott Wachlin.

Ray Folck made a motion to close at 2:55. Steve second the motion.

We had 14 members present.

Minutes prepared by Treasurer Cheryle Stacy, for Secretary Lisa McKinney.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2021

January 9th CANCELLED Club Meeting 2 PM.
January 17-18th SW Forgotten Iron Show Wellton, Az. Cancelled.
February 13th Club Meeting 2 PM.
March 13th Club Meeting 2 PM.
April 10th Club Meeting 2 PM.

Additional activities will be added, as they become available.

NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 2 PM.

Address: 2007 West Avenue N, (lot B) just past 20th street west,
in Palmdale, Ca. 93550.

From the 14 freeway, go west on avenue N, past 20th street west,
to the first dirt field (lot B) on the right....

“Look for tractors”

Leesa’s Birthday Report: For the Month of January 2021

- Teresa Richards – January 3rd
- Rodney McKinney – January 6th
- Charles O’Loughlin – January 16th
- Eric Hanson – January 22nd
- Cheryle Stacy – January 26th

Happy Birthday to all the January Birthdays.

May your troubles be less, may your Blessings be
more, and may nothing but Happiness come
through your door.....editor.

ROBERT MEYER, 1946 - 2020

**Pictured above is Clay Anderson on the left with Robert Meyer.
I think Robert is giving Clay instructions, on how to operate the clubs
60 HP, Fairbanks Morse Engine....
Picture was taken at the Antelope Valley Fair 2019.**

ROBERT MEYER

On Saturday, December 19, 2020, Robert Meyer, loving husband and father of two children, passed away at the age of 74.

Robert was born on April 20, 1946 in Southern California. Robert received his education in California and retired as an Electrical Foreman for the "Department of Water Resources".

Robert married Norma Meyer. They raised a son and daughter, Dan Meyer, who resides in Texas and Denise Anderson who resides in Idaho. Robert's grandson, and Rusty Relics club member Clay Anderson and wife Annessa reside in Lancaster.

Robert had a passion for Antique Engines and Tractors. He combined his two favorite hobbies to become one of the chief club operators, of the clubs 60 Horse Power Diesel engine, as pictured above.

Robert was a 12 year member of the Rusty Relics and was our "Show Director" for the last five years.

He was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile and his kind and compassionate spirit. He will be forever missed, by his fellow club members. No services planned at this time. A Memorial BBQ will be held in the spring in his honor....Rest in Peace.

**Robert & Clay preparing the large Fairbanks for new paint.
Picture taken in 2018 at the club yard.**

From your editor....

Listen ya'll... I just need to vent! 😞 I try my best to help people in need because I have a loving heart, and it's the right thing to do.

Just want to warn everyone to watch who you let into your home.

I'm too kindhearted for my own good sometimes, because yesterday it was soooo cold out that we took a man into our home out of the kindness of our heart and we just felt sorry for him. Well, this morning he just vanished. Not a word...not even a goodbye or a thank you for sheltering him! The last straw -- when I realized he had peed all over the living room floor! 😞 That's the thanks we get for being good to people?!?!

Watch out for this man! 🚫 He is heavy set - wearing nothing but a scarf. His nose looks like a carrot, two black eyes, and his arms are so skinny they look like sticks. 🤢🚫 Don't bring him into your house! What a huge mess he made on the floor!

Merry Christmas.....ha ha

From Ron Hanson, SW Regional Director

Hi Folks,

I'm hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am wishing this Covid Pandemic could come to a close so that more shows and meetings can happen. I'm definitely looking forward to some soon. I have heard that they have now cancelled the Branch 206 show in Weldon, Az. for January. This was always a fun show. If there are any Club Branches in the South West Region that would be interested in hosting a regional show, let me know. We are looking for a hosting branch to do a show in the fall, possibly this year. Also, if you are interested in hosting a show in 2022, let me know. We as National Regional Directors have been asked to appoint a "Regional Advisor," so I'm now looking for one. If this seems like a good fit for you, let me know. I would be interested in talking with anyone who is interested. Stay Safe and hope to see you all soon.

Ron Hanson, SW Regional Director

**12 Months of Happiness
52 Weeks of Laughter
365 Days of Success
8,760 Hours of Good Health
525,600 Minutes of Blessings
31,536,000 Seconds of Joy**

You're Editor, Bob Hanson

Go to Rusty Relics web page www.rustyrelics.org
To see all the pictures in color.....

Or

To see videos, go to
Facebook page – Rusty Relics Branch #30.