

# POWER FROM THE PAST

EDGE&TA Branch 240

October-December 2019

## Upcoming Events

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**September 21:** Benson, Pony Express Western Day, 9 a.m., Lions Park, 435 Adams St. Tractor Pulls & Running Engines

**September 27-29:** Las Cruces, New Mexico Vintage Iron Show, 9 a.m., Bill Massey, 505-882-4040 (not our show)

**September 28:** Green Valley, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Historic Canoa Ranch Antique & Vintage Fair, 5375 Interstate 19 Frontage Road, Lyle Rasmussen, 780-2487

**October 7:** Benson, Board Meeting, 6 p.m., Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church, 551 S. J Six Ranch Road

**October 19-20:** Tombstone Court House, Helldorado Days, 9 a.m., Running Engines & Static Tractor Displays; Saturday **Potluck Dinner at 2 p.m.** Lance & Liz are supplying the meat, buns, and condiments. Lance & Frank Bessler will do the cooking.

**Sunday Parade at 11 a.m.,** Lance Amatulli, 234-6813

**October 26:** Green Valley, White Elephant Parade, 10 a.m., 601 N. La Canada, Bucky Stevens, 429-0467

**November 4:** Benson, Board Meeting, 6 p.m. 551 S. J Six Ranch Road

**November 29-Dec. 1:** Old Tucson, Western Heritage Festival, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., 201 Kinney Road, Lyle Rasmussen, 780-2487; information will be emailed

**December 7:** Benson, Christmas Dinner, Board Meeting, Ruth Senkbeil, 240-1130; Information will be emailed

### Future Events

**January 17-18:** Wellton, SW Forgotten Iron Show (not our show)

**February TBA:** Sahuarita, Play Day

**February 22:** Tucson, Culver's, Broadway & Prudence

**April 25:** Tucson, 46<sup>th</sup> Rodders Days, Speedway & Stone



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## Benson's Fourth of July Parade & Lunch, July 4, 2019

Parade participants were Jerry Alexander, Stephen T. Ball, Donald, Steve, & Justin



Christie, Mike Culp, Darrell Day, Adrian Dixon, John Farrar, Jim Fieber, Larry Kastens, Allan & Ryan Mattson, Mark Riley, Virgil Schmidt, Gregory Skaggs, Bucky Stevens, Wayne & Phyllis Stevens, Matt Stewart, and Jim White. Matt Stewart led

the parade with his Gibson Model A. Thanks to Jim Fieber and Ryan Mattson for assisting John Farrar and Mark Riley in starting their tractors and a special



thanks to Gregory Skaggs for attempting to find our parade number. We had 15 large and small tractors.



We had an excellent showing of present and past members for the potluck hosted primarily by Bucky and Tara Stevens at their home on

Covenant Lane. Families who participated were Alexander, Bessler, Blair, Danny Clark, Sonny Clark, Tom Clark, Culp, Day, Dixon, Fieber, Hawley, Hayes, Kastens, Kern, Mattson, Parker, Riley, St. Clair, Bucky Stevens,



Leland Stevens, Nathaniel Stevens, Wayne Stevens, Stewart, Suter, and White. A special treat in the afternoon was the driving of Jim & Darlene Blair's 1929 Sterling truck with the second oldest Cummins engine known to exist in



the world. The Stevens's families have an array of trucks besides the many crawlers, tractors, machinery, and engines dotting the landscape. We thank all those who helped with the potluck and meat preparation as well as those doing the serving and dish washing.



## Pioneer Day at St. David, July 20, 2019

We had a good showing of Power from the Past participants, beginning at 7 a.m. for set up and the parade which began at 9 a.m. We had 8 large tractors, 3 garden tractors, and six engines. Kent and Carol Hardy brought the 50 horsepower Western with the 1929 Model A Ford starting engine. Probably a hundred ropes were made. Participants were Lance & Liz Amatulli, Stephen T. Ball, Julia Davis, Darrell Day, Darren Day, Tiny Dixon, Kent & Carol Hardy, Jim & Marilyn Hawley, Seth Hoyte, Larry Kastens, Allan Mattson, Ryan Mattson, Lyle Rasmussen, Jonathan Rasmussen, Clair & Joan St. Clair, Gregory Skaggs, and Matt Stewart. New member, Gregory Skaggs offered to transport our enclosed trailer with the rope stands and other materials to our events. Karen Reid, is always a silent participant as she designs and makes our buttons.



**Apple Annie's Orchard Show, Sept. 7**

We had a fabulous show in north Willcox on Sept. 7. We had six pulling tractors belonging to Darrell Day, Tiny Dixon, Jim Fieber, Jon & Cindy Griebel, Pat Griebel, Wayne & Phyllis Stevens, and Leroy and Paulette Welch. They took turns pulling the sled back and



pulling it. Leroy Welch & Kent Hardy supplied the sled. Static tractor displays were two John Deeres owned by Frank & Teri Bessler and Jim Fieber. We had 10 engines



owned by Kent & Carol Hardy, Glenn & Debbie Johnson, Larry Kastens, Tim Kundrat, PFTP, and Lyle & Cheri Rasmussen. We had 5 garden tractors owned by Lance & Liz Amatuilli, and Matt Stewart. Lance & Liz Amatuilli and Matt Stewart helped the



youngsters make ropes. Donations of \$51 was given. Others who participated or viewed the show were: Sonny & Gail



Clark, John Davenport, Ed DeBruiler, Jim Hawley, Connie Rasmussen, Johnathan Rasmussen, Bucky & Tara



Stevens, Ed Trent, Jim & Bobbie White.

**Memories .....**



**Tony Lawhead**, charter member, Board member, 2004-2006, passed on June 6, 2019, at the age of 83. He loved John Deere tractors but also had other colors in his stable. He was kind and a faithful participant throughout the years. He leaves behind his son, Scott, and his daughter, Sandi Graham, son-in-law, William Graham, and grandchildren.



**Clair St. Clair**, rope maker and faithful participant whenever running engines were involved, passed on August 14, 2019 at the age of 87. He leaves his wife, Joan, and a son, Steven. Condolences can be sent to Joan St. Clair, 7860 E. Benson Hwy, Unit 182, Tucson, AZ 85756. There will not be any funeral services.

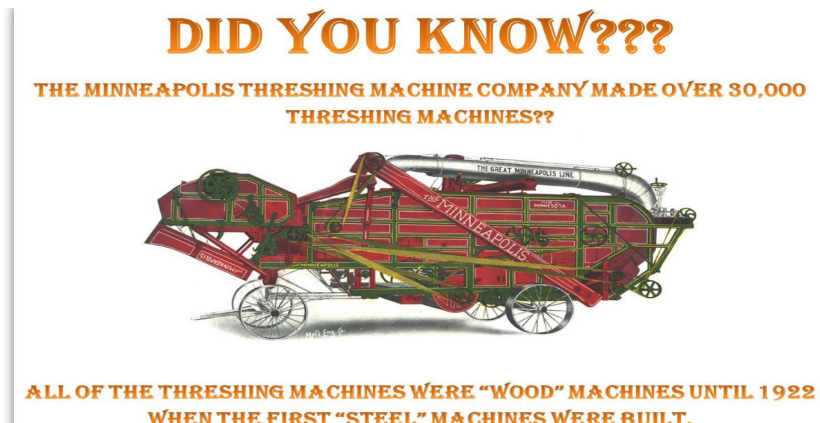


### Member Participation by Lance Amatulli

We are looking for a few good people. Since Power from the Past has refocused as a mobile club, with no set home base, the need for volunteers has become bigger with a need to make the events more successful. By volunteering, you free up individuals that are displaying their engines or tractors to interact with the spectators.

This is just one facet as to why you attend, if possible. Another is that it keeps us, as an organization, connected to each other. Many do not attend the monthly meetings and they may feel uninvolved. We all have things in our lives that also require time. By helping with the set up and interacting with other club members during the shows, we have an opportunity to find answers to our own projects as well as finding sources for pieces and parts we need, besides enlisting the help and assistance of others.

For those of you that do not have equipment to display, perhaps you could help with moving the club trailer from show to show. Members that would like to display lose the ability to bring equipment when they need to tow the club trailer. Working together will make the experience more enjoyable.



**We need a social chairperson** who can organize special fun days, workshops, potlucks, and gatherings which will enhance the commitment we have for preserving the past. If you can serve in that capacity, please notify any Board member.



#### Leadership and Service Positions, PFTP EDGE&TA Branch 240

President: Lyle Rasmussen, 780-2487      Vice President: Seth Hoyte, 971-2944  
 Treasurer, Membership, & EDGE&TA Ins: Ruth Senkbeil, 240-1130  
 Secretary, Historian, & Facebook Updates: Matt Stewart, 360-813-2171  
 Tractor Chair, newsletter layout, & photographer: Jim Fieber, 444-0098  
 Safety Chair & Newsletter Editor: Larry Kastens, 378-2226  
 Engine Chair: Lance Amatulli, 234-6813      Care: Wayne & Phyllis Stevens, 909-0171  
 Button Designer & Producer: Karen Reid, 255-7670

## **Our Family**

We are a family of members who work together, helping each other by phoning, emailing, visiting, and doing manual labor to assist each other. Since our last issue, Tony Lawhead and Clair St. Clair have passed, and Jim White is recovering from a broken femur. John Davenport had a tumor removed from his neck. Barry Kanner had cancer removal surgery and Paulette Welsh had a stroke. Both are recovering well. Wayne Stevens had multiple skin cancer snips.

Last Autumn (August 10, 2018) Darrell and Pat Dwyer experienced damage from a flood of water rushing across their property. Some of the engines and most of their tools were covered with two to four feet of water and debris. Some of the Conex structures were floating, even though they were weighed down with engines. Those who helped remove the water and dry out the equipment were Mark & Joyce Bott, Glenn & Debbie Johnson, Becky & Joe (daughter and son-in-law), and Darrell and Pat Dwyer. All of them worked for two days to do the main work.

On Saturday, August 3, 2019, Kevin Lange, Jim Fieber, Mike Culp, Will & Sandi Graham, and Larry Kastens inventoried Tony Lawhead's equipment which will be offered for sale at a future date. Kevin and Jim were the main workers who listed the serial numbers, models, years, and accessories of each piece while Jim and Sandi photographed the tractors and equipment. The completed inventory list with suggested prices and pictures were given to Sandi for her use.

When anyone of you notice a member, who can use some encouragement, a visit, or some manual labor, please give them a call and volunteer to help. Don't wait for someone else to do it.

## **Financial Standing**

Ruth Senkbeil, our treasurer, provided the following information, on Sept. 7.

Expenses: \$702 for 13 months rental of storage Unit 215, at Arizona RV Storage

Checking Account: \$329.61

Savings Account: \$9,413.22

Land Fund        \$42,164.87 (This increased by over \$2,000 since 2/16/18.)

Ruth has been our treasurer for six years, besides serving as membership chairperson.





### *Classifieds*

**Wanted:** -Fairbanks-Morse mixer (carburetor) for 3 hp. Z engine.  
 Contact Larry Denicke, 707-303-7775 or  
[mariadenicke@mac.com](mailto:mariadenicke@mac.com)  
 He thinks that the 6 hp. Mixer may work, too.

**For Sale:**  
 -Allis Chalmers four cylinder engine & Continental four cylinder engine.  
 Stephen Ball, 520-586-0992

-1937 F30 Farmall project tractor needs to be put together. \$1,200.  
 Call Bucky 520 429-0467

-1952 Chevy 2 ton flatbed truck made up as a John Deere Dealer truck, 235 six cylinder engine and 4 speed manual trans. John Deere tractor paint and black base and clear coat paint on fenders. Big Tex steel bed, 2 speed axle. \$7,000  
 Call Jim F.

-1945 John Deere H tractor with mounted corn cultivators mechanical lift, 6 volt with electric start, PTO, hydraulic pump, good tires. Light bar, shutters and generator goes with it. \$3500 call Jim Fieber 520 444-0098



Larry asked Jim and I to write a short review of our trip to Columbus, Indiana for the 100 year Cummins anniversary celebration. Jim is the proud owner of a 1929 Sterling that has a 1934 Cummins diesel engine in it. This engine is the second oldest, still running, diesel engine in the United States and Cummins wanted to display it at the celebration.



Jim acquired this truck from Buster Brown of Yuma approximately 25 years ago. Then it just sat until 2-3 years ago when Jim and Bucky Stevens started restoring it. A Cummins representative came a couple of times to check on the progression of this and was very excited it was running.

So, on Sunday June 9th, Jim and Bucky loaded this "large" truck(32 feet) onto a trailer and we headed out for our 1900 mile trip to Columbus. Arrived safely PM of June 12th to a very excited Cummins crew waiting to unload.

On Thursday PM, a private reception was held for the son, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Clessie Cummins. A very special moment was when Jim was asked to start the truck for the son, Lyle Cummins (who is 88 years old). Lyle went over to the truck, leaned on the large front fender and stated "and that is how a truck should sound".

The main celebration was Saturday June 15th. Jim had to drive the Sterling thru the streets of Columbus to get to the town square 4 miles away. Clocked him at top speed of 26 mph. Many townspeople stopped to watch. Once on display, many townspeople stopped, looked, checked out the engine and Sterling. Jim received many thanks by all for coming so far for them. Very proud moment. Jim was asked to start the truck a couple of times and people came from all over the mall to just watch and "listen". Fun time by all and then another 4 mile drive thru the town streets to reload back onto the trailer.

After 4075 miles, made it back to Bucky Stevens to put "Stanley" safely away. The Sterling was named "Stanley" by a hotel clerk secondary to her loving it as it reminded her of "Stanley" from the Cars movie.



Son Lyle, Grandson Matt in no. 8 race car 1930/1931

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