

POWER FROM THE PAST

April-May 2016

Upcoming Events

Please bring your aluminum tabs to the Pima Show. We support the Ronald McDonald House with the proceeds.



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Antique engines and tractors
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April

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April Board Meeting after lunch. Relocation Committee Report. **Passes Distributed.**

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14 Supper, 6 p.m., for those who helped set up the events.

15 Steam Lesson, 8:30 a.m., Jim Blair, instructor, Pima County Fairgrounds

14-24 Power from the Past Engine & Tractor Show, Pima Fairgrounds, 11300 S. Houghton Road, Tucson, 971-2944

25 Work Day, Putting everything away

May

7 Annual Meeting, Election of Directors, Dinner, 11 a.m., eat at noon. El Camino Baptist Church, 7777 E. Speedway, Pod D, Tucson. **RSVP by April 25 to Candi Eppley, 419-3856 or cepps_1966@yahoo.com.** Meat will be provided by PFTP. Members are encouraged to bring salads or desserts.

14 Culver's Show in Sierra Vista, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 632 S. AZ 92, 234-6813



Wayne G. Senkbeil, Sr. went to his heavenly home on January 23, 2016, from complications of a head injury in April 2015. He was born on December 9, 1937 in Milbank, South Dakota. He is survived by the love of his life, Ruth, son, Wayne Senkbeil, Jr. and daughter, Debbie Rutherford. Another daughter, Sandra Sue, preceded him in death. He spent 24 years in the USAF and retired in 1979. He was a charter member of Power from the Past and served as Spokesperson, May 13, 2006 – June 2, 2007.


“I would like to thank everyone that attended Wayne’s memorial service. Also, thanks for the generous donations to our church and for the many cards sent to me and my family. Your support is much appreciated.” Ruth Senkbeil and family

Ice Cream Production at The Pima County Fair

Ice cream will be made on April 15-18 and on April 22-24. **Volunteers are needed.**

Ropes will be made each day. Volunteers are needed.

Tractor Pulls, Pima County Fair

Tractor pulls will be conducted from Noon to 3 p.m. on April 16, 17, 23 and 24. On April 18, Senior Day, the pulls are from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The pulling area is on the southwest side of the Fairgrounds, the same place it was the past two years. Bob Brobeck and Jay Rodriguez will be the announcers in the booth with the amp. 

Passes for the Pima Fair Show

A payment of \$5 will give a member, their spouse, and their children under 18, an **Eleven Day** people pass and one vehicle pass. RV passes and an extra vehicle pass are \$5, each. Wayne Stevens will issue RV passes on a priority basis.

You may purchase the Passes during the Work Days.

Silent Auction will be held on April 18, the first Saturday. 

Please, do not sell products before the auction. When the gates open, you may place your bids. The auction closes at 2 p.m. Jeff Eppley is the chairperson.

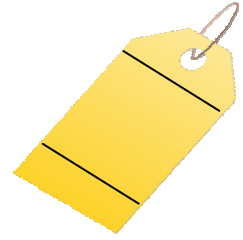
Leadership (Area Code is 520, unless noted.)

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Candi Eppley, Jon Howard, and Ruth Senkbeil have new phone numbers.

Silent Auction Procedures

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Purpose

1. To recycle vintage items among club members and to the public, propagating our historical heritage.
2. To provide PFTP with a source of income generated by a percentage of the price of the articles sold.

Procedures

1. All articles for the silent auction shall be taken to the auction site on Thursday, Friday, and before 10 a.m. on Saturday.
2. No negotiations to buy or sell items will be made prior to the sale, once placed in the fenced area.
3. All items shall be securely tagged prior to the 10 a.m. opening of the bid process, on the day of the sale. The seller completes the top part of the tag with the name of the item and the minimum price which will stay with each item until the item is removed.
4. The bottom part of the tag has the number which corresponds with the top part and all the bidders and their bids are placed on the lines below.
5. Power from the Past will receive 10% of the sale price of each item sold.
6. All personnel working in the Silent Auction will be instructed on the procedures, prior to the sale, by the Silent Auction chairperson.
7. All PFTP personnel, working the silent auction, are required to wear the green safety vests.
8. At the close of the Bidding Process, PFTP personnel will secure the entry and make sure all bidders leave the fenced area, at which time all tags will be highlighted as closed bids.
9. After the last bidder's name has been highlighted, the bidders will be permitted to enter the fenced area. If they were the winning bidder, they will tear off the bottom portion and give it to the treasurer. The bidder will pay the treasurer who will then mark it "paid" and give the tag back to the bidder.
10. The winning bidder will take that portion to an attendant who will match it to the original tag. As the bidder exits, the original tag will be given to either gate attendant.
11. A separate exit will be manned by two PFTP personnel to check the items as they leave the fenced area.
12. No items shall be handed over the security fence but will leave through the designated gate.
13. After all the Paid Tags have been claimed, items not bid may be purchased for the minimum bid, if approved by the owner.
14. All items which were not sold shall be picked up or moved by their owners, within three hours, after the Silent Auction ended, to make room for other displays.

Catalina Tractor Supply Show and Lunch at the Residence of Darrell & Pat Dwyer

We had excellent exhibitor participation in our show at Catalina's Tractor Supply. Exhibitors were Lance & Liz Amatulli, Jim Blair, Mark Bott, Neil & Susan Bourgois, Justin Christie, Clair & Joan St. Clair, Darrell Dwyer, Jim Fieber, Gerald & JoBeth Hayes, Barry Kanner, Larry Kastens, Warren McKay, Mel & Ruth Perkins, Ken Petrick, Wayne & Phyllis Stevens.



Around 2:30 p.m. we loaded our equipment



and went to the home of Darrell & Pat Dwyer. Their



daughter, Becky, son-in-law, Joe, and granddaughter, Lacy, helped Pat with the cooking and serving of the hamburg-

ers, hot dogs, beans, chips, salad, and drinks. Forty-one members and friends were served for lunch. Darrell gave several tours of his 50 plus engines, most of them quite rare. His workmanship is exemplary.



Afterwards, some members visited the shop and home of Wayne & Phyllis Stevens who live in the Marana area.



Our website is www.powerfromthepast.org Jim Fieber maintains the site.

Tractor Ride: Sonoita/Parker Lake/Sonoita

Our 64 mile outing took us through ranchettes with a horse or more, grasslands, hills strewn with oaks and pines, a couple of wet spots, the lake, and then through the hamlet of Elgin, numerous abodes for wine tasting (I doubt that the revenue from the wine enterprises would pay for the large houses and gathering places.), and finally back to the parking lot of the storage units. Almost everyone returned without a tow but there were some minor hiccups along the way. Tony Lawhead had to



stop as he couldn't get the gear shift into road gear as the umbrella bracket was in the way. After its removal, we were on our way. Jim



White lost his grill and didn't know it, but Ed Weed graciously picked it up and bungee corded it on his tractor. Another time, Jim's self-leveling hitch bracket

came lose and it was removed. Thankfully, Darrell Dwyer and Jim Blair, riding in Darrell's quad, became the depository for fallen and discarded parts as well as providing fuel for others. Barry Hoyte and Ray Brutscher were available to transport tired tractors with Barry's trailer.

Along the way, Seth's Allis-Chalmers became thirsty for a drink of water and shortly thereafter, refused to go any farther, with a plugged fuel filter. Wayne Stevens's International got tired of running at quarter throttle and began to miss, so Wayne increased the throttle, passing all of us, to run to its destination, like a horse that runs to the barn after a long ride. The brands represented were Allis-Chalmers, Ford, International, John Deere, Minneapolis-Moline, and Oliver. Participants were Lloyd Baker, Mark Bott, Neil Bourgois, Darrell Day, Tiny Dixon, Jim Fieber, Jim Hawley, Seth Hoyte, Larry Kastens, Tony Lawhead, Mel Perkins, Wayne Stevens, Ed Weed, and Jim White.



Red ants are big around here

At Parker Lake, a number of our members prepared Costco's finest meats, cheeses, trimmings, bread, and water to the members. Two photographers were on hand to photograph the individual tractors and their drivers and then the group as a whole. We especially thank all the members who were tractor-less but cheered us on by visiting and giving us support.

Second Annual Culver's Vintage Tractor & Engine Show by Mel & Ruth Perkins

There were 37 members present on a beautiful, warm, sunny day, at Culver's Restaurant, Tucson, Arizona, on February 27. The families



represented were Amatulli, Baker, Bessler, Bott, Christie, Cox, Davenport, Dwyer, Fieber, Fritz, Griebel, Hayes, Hoyte, Kastens, Kern, Lawhead, McKay, Perez, Perkins, Robinson, and Trent.

There were 18 tractors, representing 8 tractor brands, namely, 3 Allis-Chalmers, 2 Cases, 1 Caterpillar, 1 Earthmaster, 2 Fords, 2 International Farmalls, 6 John Deeres, and 1 Minneapolis-Moline, representing a variety of colors. There were two garden tractors and a two-wheeled Allis-Chalmers. There were 9 running engines and two cut-aways. The rope machine afforded a gathering place to begin the PFTP adventure for the children.

Fairbank Day

Larry Kastens, Roland Kiesow, Art & Jay Rodriguez, and Jim White exhibited engines, tools, and old iron devices which used shot gun shells to work the items, at the ghost town of Fairbank. Five hundred and twenty-four spectators participated in the show.

Relocation Committee Report

As reported in the last newsletter, Jon Baker, CEO of the Pima Fairgrounds, has offered the Pima Hall indoor wing and the area north of that hall for our presence. The committee is further asking that a parcel of five acres elsewhere be considered as our future home.

This 7 member committee has been meeting frequently and also receiving some input from Jon Baker and Bert Rodriguez, the maintenance mgr.. When the use of area plans are created and agreed by the committee group, they will present them to Jon Baker so he can present them to his Board. The result will be voted on by our general membership, who will decide which plan would be best for us. (Originally, we planned to have that meeting on May 7 but on the March 7, 2016 Board meeting it was determined that all the steps could not be completed by that date, so the **Decision Meeting** will be held at a later time, which will be duly announced for a complete Club vote.)

When we have the Club wide Decision Meeting, the members will be considering the following options:

1. Stay where we are, for what appears to be, up to three years.
2. Accept to utilize the Pima Hall area and move with the fairground's help and a lease.
3. Develop a parcel of five acres on the fairgrounds with their help and a lease.

The following article is the general consensus of the Relocation Committee, at this time. ➔

New Home, Renewed Future (Recommendations from the Relocation Committee)

A number of doors will open for us with the increased area of a parcel of five acres on the Pima County Fairgrounds. What will we increase to justify the new larger home?

Looking at the purpose of the Southwestern Fair Commission, *Power from The Past* can help meet their prerogatives of educational and agricultural based programs.

For the last twenty plus years *Power from The Past* has maintained a presence at the Pima County Fair with displays such as stationary engines, small engines, vintage tractors, and interactive displays in Old West Hall. Other interactive activities have included tractor pulls, rope making, ice cream churning, 4H project tractor pulling, quilting and wool spinning. Last year 1,040 kids walked away with a jump rope that they made and over 2,000 cups of churn made ice cream were enjoyed by fairgoers.

Educationally our club has offered instruction in steam operation, engine troubleshooting, and the fact that engines were used prior to the advent of rural electricity for water pumping, washing clothes, grinding corn and sawmilling.

As *Power from The Past* looks to the future we would like to expand these activities not only during the 11 days of the Pima County Fair but also during the rest of the year. We can easily double the size of our stationary engine display of today and more in the near future. To mention just two additions, Club members own an 85 H.P. steam driven electric generator that powered Yellowstone National Park and we own a steam powered air compressor from Apache Powder of St. David AZ. Both of which cannot be currently activated. We will now be able to truly invite other antique tractor and engine clubs to our Fair which adds to our shows because of new adjacent RV spaces and parking. We would like to expand our presence with 4H and FFA programs interested in mechanical power. The steam power classes could also be afforded at other times during the year.

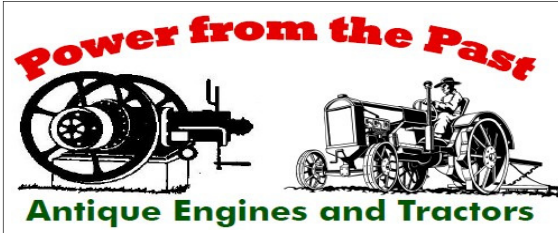
Other interactive activities that have been discussed by the relocation committee are broom making, metal smithing and other heritage arts and crafts. Activities could include Dutch oven cooking, chili cook-offs, dog herding sheep, car rallies, truck shows, equipment shows and other activities that would fit into the educational and agricultural programs of the Pima County Fairgrounds. Clubs and organizations such as the Model A and T Clubs, Arizona Cotton Ginners Assoc., Arizona Cotton Growers Assoc., and Rooster Cogburn Ostrich Ranch are being looked at to add more local interest and education.

With an expanded area for displays and activities, *Power from The Past* can provide the extra resources to make our fairgrounds more productive during the year especially during RV Rallies and some special events.

A new Home with areas and buildings dedicated to just us, will mean that we can manage our work load over our time schedule. There will be no creating the same build-up work for every event. Build it once and just improve it over time. It will allow more participation and unlimited potential. Discuss and share the plan with many and bring forth contacts that will aid in our future. Sponsors are requested, good planning is revered.

Election for Board of Directors, May 7

The terms of Seth Hoyte, Mel Perkins, and Ruth Senkbeil expire this year. Each one of these members wish to continue to serve as a Director, if elected. However, any member can elect to serve. If you would like to place your name in the pool, please send a fifty word or less summary of who you are and what you wish to accomplish, if elected, to larrykastens@hotmail.com or postal mail to Larry Kastens, 9956 S. Deer Trail, Hereford, AZ 85615, by April 12. Upon receiving those names, we will send out the information to those who have email, before the Annual Meeting.



New logo art for 2016
New pocketed POLLO SHIRTS
New SUMMER AND WINTER CAPS
Engine people, here it is!!

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