

# POWER FROM THE PAST

June-August 2017

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Antique engines and tractors  
**POWER**  
from the  
**PAST**  
"No Style Like Old Style"

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**Upcoming Events (All area codes are 520, unless noted.)**

**June 12 Board Meeting**, 6 p.m., at Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church, 551 S. J Six Ranch Rd., Benson

**July 4 Fourth of July Parade in Benson.** Assembly is between 7 and 8:30 a.m. on the corner of Union and Ocotillo. The parade begins at 9 a.m. The theme is "Let Freedom Ring." Please show your spirit by participating.

**Potluck Lunch at Bucky & Tara Stevens's Museum,  
AFTER THE PARADE**

**Aug. 7 Board Meeting**, 6 p.m., Peace in the Valley Luth. Ch., Benson. Agenda to come

### **Independence Day Celebration**

Once, again, Bucky & Tara Stevens have opened their home and museum to our members after the parade. Take Mescal Road, Exit 297 off of I-10. Go north one mile and then turn west on Covenant Lane until its end. There is ample room for trailers, big rigs, and vehicles.

## Past Events

### Plow Day, March 18 by Marilyn Hawley

"We had a beautiful day. Everyone enjoyed meeting the Collins family. Three generations were there to join us. Josh, a senior in high school, was helpful to all. His dad, David, and grandfather, Toby, does the farming, plus they have a hired man year around. They are growing alfalfa that goes to Saudia Arabia. They also grow cotton near Elfrida.

Members present were the tractor drivers: Wayne Stevens, Mark Bott, Jim Fieber, and Ray



Robinson with his crawler. Other members present were Kay Robinson, Clair & Joan St. Clair, Lloyd Baker, Seth Hoyte, Virgil Schmidt & his Nebraska friend, Harold West, Darrel Day, Tiny Dixon, Jim & Marilyn Hawley, and Roy



Drewis. Plow participants received a wooden shovel with the words, "Willcox Plow Days," provided by Lloyd Baker.

We had 20 for lunch including three of the Collins. We served sandwiches on croissant rolls, potato salad, potato chips, watermelon, strawberries, brownies, water, and soda to drink. We had lunch in the shade of what they call a hay barn. It had a very high roof and maybe six feet of siding from the top. Bruce Tingle provided a porta-potty and Jim Fieber took pictures with Seth's help.



### March 24, Buena Technology Day

Michael Chudomelka, one of our members, was a co-sponsor of a special day at the high school in Sierra Vista. Old and new technologies were represented. Wayne Stevens brought an Allis Chalmers tractor and his Mack truck. Two of Tony Lawhead's John Deeres graced the parking lot. Michael Chudomelka brought his friend's 1952 Caterpillar road grader. Jim White had his line shaft powering several machines and a Jensen pump

jack, run by two International engines. Darrell & Pat Dwyer had their 1915 six horsepower Associated and Larry Kastens had his 1911 six horsepower International Famous. Clair & Joan St. Clair had their Aermotor pumping water while their Sterling hot air engine ran, silently. Mel Perkins showed off his cut-a-way engines. Jerry & JoBeth Hayes plus two grand girls displayed their 1950 Dodge pickup. Val Owen displayed his 140K 1938 Chevrolet car. With over 2500 students, our members "taught" the principles of engines or showed off their restorations. As a result of the Technology Fair, the shop program increased by fifty per cent, according to Mike Chudomelka.



## March 25, Culver's Show

Participation of Power from the Past members was terrific. Darrell & Pat Dwyer had their six horsepower Associated; Jim & Bobbie White had their two IHC engines running a line shaft and a Jensen pump jack; Glenn & Debbie Johnson had a hot tube engine; Lance & Liz Amatulli had their Fairbanks/Standard



Twin tractor and a Fairbanks engine; Clair & Joan St. Clair had a Stirling hot air engine and



an Aermotor with a water pump; Mel & Ruth Perkins had their cut-a-way engines and they made ropes; Don, Steve, Tammy, & Justin had an Allis Chalmers tractor, a John Deere garden tractor and a customized garden tractor; Jim Fieber had a pitcher pump, a John Deere and a Minneapolis-Moline tractor. Since it was Clair St. Clair's **85<sup>th</sup> birthday**, he provided free meals for all of the exhibitors.

## March 25, Marana Heritage Days

Four tractors participated in the parade. Wayne Stevens drove his Case with a cab while Phyllis Stevens rode with Mark Bott on his Earthmaster. Neil & Susan Bourgois drove a John Deere and Barry Hoyte drove an Allis Chalmers.

## Financial Standing

Ruth Senkbeil has been our treasurer since May 10, 2014 and blesses us with detailed financial reports. She has listed the expenses and profits of the Pima County Fair show of 2017 in the chart above. As of April 30, 2017, our checking account had a balance of \$5,393.12, the saving account had \$19,241.71, and the Land Fund had \$36,108.11. The ice cream profits to date is \$6,652.25. Those figures represent many hours of labor on the part of our members.

### PIMA COUNTY FAIR APRIL 20-30, 2017

ICE CREAM SUPPLIES		INCOME ICE CREAM Donations		MERCHANDISE	
	Date				
4/15	540.00 MIX	4/21	157.17	4/21	45.00
4/25	540.00 Mix	4/22	460.43	4/22	186.00
4/28	216.00 Mix	4/23	629.96	4/23	156.11
		4/24	222.33	4/24	160.00
	1,296.00	4/25	18.00	4/25	0.00
		4/28	144.87	4/26	0.00
		4/29	964.32	4/27	0.00
		4/30	679.43	4/28	40.00
				4/29	0.00
				4/30	24.00
				10% of sales	213.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,276.51</b>		
			-1,296.00		
		<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>1,980.51</b>	<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>824.11</b>

ROPE SUPPLIES		ROPE INCOME		SILENT AUCTION		CLUB INCOME	
4/15	434.41 twine	4/20	29.00	4/15	1,926.25 Club Sales		
		4/21	134.00	4/22	648.50 Club sales		
		4/22	255.55		431.91 10% of sales		
		4/23	140.00	4/29	1,106.00 Club sales		
		4/24	106.00		427.40 10% of sales		
		4/25	151.25		3,049.34 silent auction		
		4/26	103.34	4/30	53.00 Club sales		
		4/27	96.15				
		4/28	164.76	4/30	93.75 Skinner Donations		
		4/29	364.43		3,000.00 SWFC payment		
		4/30	166.61				
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,711.09</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,736.15</b>		
			-431.41	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,820.45 total income</b>		
		<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>1,279.68</b>		-4995.33 minus club expenses		
					<b>9,825.12 TOTAL PROFIT</b>		





### Pima County Fair Show, 2017

We had 49 tractors, 4 crawlers, 8 garden tractors, 35 gas engines, 6 trucks, and 3 cars, all vintage. Ford was the predominant vehicle along with two Chevrolets, one Dodge, and one White.

The public silent auction went well with much of the merchandise sold. Jeff Eppley managed his crew of Len Becwar and Frank Bessler. Candi Eppley, Ruth Senkbeil, and Jamie Davenport picked up the tags, collected the money, and distributed cash, as needed, to the sellers. Zane Parker ran Ernie Oertle's fork lift and moved anything that needed to be moved.



JoBeth Hayes headed up the ice cream production with Lance Amatulli, along with John Davenport, Zane Parker, Jerry Hayes, Frank Bessler, Hunter Davenport, and Rex Patten, running the six horsepower Fairbanks throttler. Ice Cream distributors and washing staff consisted of Sandy Patten, Tracy Parker, Liz Amatulli, Teri Bessler, Phyllis Stevens, Ruth Senkbeil, Tammy Christie, Jamie Bishop, Ruth Perkins, Marcie Severson, Gail Clark, Candi Eppley, Joan St. Clair, Cheri Rasmussen, and Linda Kahle.



Wayne Stevens reported that we collected 130 pounds of aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Our friends in Woodland, Washington and Buckeye, AZ provided large amounts.

For the tractor pulls, Bob Brobeck and Marvin Blough manned the announcer's booth. Wayne Stevens was the chief organizer and Fred Bennett ran the sled most of the time,



Every Tractor Pull day you could find Fred Bennett out early prepping the pull track

while Mark Bott, Ken Burk, Justin Christie, Seth Hoyte, Pat Hutton, Ken Lange, Zane Parker, Ken Petrick, Tara Stevens, Dave Suter, and Tim Williammee, among others, took



turns weighing, pulling back the sled, hitching, flagging, running the water wagon, or leveling. Bucky Stevens set the concrete barriers, a feat in itself. Everyone was cordial and did what was necessary which made for an enjoyable experience.



Lyle & Cheri Rasmussen, along with their children, rebuilt the pedal tractor sled and also provided the tractor for young pullers.

Jim Blair, Lance Amatulli, and John Dav-enport kept the Skinner rolling while Frank Bessler maintained and ran the Western. Joe Mooney, Sonny Clark, Tim Kundrat, Zack Shore, and Warren McKay kept the big engines purring as well as the Nordberg steam engine.



### Getting Roped by Mel Perkins

The rope machine required a number of assistants as we were scheduled each day until 8 p.m. Our assistants helped the children make 1,577 ropes! We offered three colors of twine, so for some the most difficult task was to choose a color.

The comments from our assistants relay the underlining motive for volunteering, which is to educate and serve our community. The expression on the faces of the preschoolers to be able to crank in the correct direction while standing on a box is priceless. The patience of the teachers and sponsors of the special needs children, puts us to shame in our feeble attempts to help with special challenges, such as the teenage girl with a prosthetic leg who expressed no fear making a rope, while hanging out with her peers. Then there was the young lady with her husband who asked to make a rope in remembrance of her mother who succumbed to breast cancer at 43 years of age. (She chose the pink twine so she could hang the rope next to her mother's picture.) Parents who made ropes as children were now bringing their children to make ropes. We are certain the rope will be the longest lasting tangible item taken from the fairgrounds. And to think that if each child brought only one parent, we interacted with at least 3,000 individuals during the show.

I want to thank and mention those who helped, this year, in making ropes.

Jim Fieber, Jerry Alexander, Wayne &

Phyllis Stevens, Marvin Blough, Rex & Sandy Patton, Rick Comins, Seth Hoyte, Barry Hoyte, Ruth Senkbeil, Frank Bessler, Bob Brobeck, Paul Rousseau, Neil Bourgois, Virgil Schmidt, Cody Bishop, Ruth and Mel Perkins.



Perry Hitchcock stirred the pot, that is, made the tasty stew, and Jim Fieber made and installed the signs, commemorating 30 years at the fairgrounds. Jim also designed and produced the potato digger magnet.

Sharon Fieber sold PFTP's merchandise. Mel Perkins reported that fifty-two people signed that they went to a one room school. They were from 16 different states and two countries.



Karen Reid, unseen by all, made the colorful buttons.

The Disposal Committee is grateful to Donita Stevens and others who tagged the PFTP's items for the Silent Auction.



Jim Blair's restoration project being shown at Fair

We thank all of those who helped set up and remove the items which we have used in educating the public for over 30 years.



Metal Lathe Shop display of Larry Kastens



### Leadership (Area code is 520 unless noted)

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### Archie Titus Passed

Archie and his wife were frequent participants at our shows during Helldorado Days in Tombstone. They hailed from Baker City, Oregon and often drove out by spending less than a hundred dollars with their 80 something Chevrolet with a camper shell. They always brought hot air fans, an engine or more, and in 1999 they brought a motorized Casey Jones section car.



## Skinner & Atwood Boiler Removal

Floyd Adams, Lance Amatulli, Jim Blair, Seth Hoyte, Barry Kanner, Tim Kundrat, Al



Mattson, Warren McKay, Joe Mooney, and Zack Shore gathered at the Pima Fairgrounds on

May 6 to disassemble the Skinner and boiler for its trip to Las Cruces. Joe Mooney did the heavy



lifting with his boom truck. Appreciation is also extended to those whose names I could not determine.

Barry Kanner and Jim Fieber took photos to record this major, sad event. It is odd to say but it was emotional to reflect on what was happening in front of us, said Jim.



## Transition Time

The Pima Fairgrounds was an annual event in which we came together to run the big engines and equipment, as well as other activities. Now, we will become a mobile group, having events at residences and communities. This is the time for each of you to participate in various communities, in bringing your expertise and knowledge in educating the young and old, with the machines that ushered in the Industrial Revolution.

## Annual Meeting, May 13, 2017

At the Annual Meeting, Lyle Rasmussen, Karen Reid, Virgil Schmidt, and Jim White were unanimously elected as members of the Board of Directors. On a separate ballot, a unanimous vote gave the Board permission to purchase two trailers, one for transporting the Western engine and one for the Announcer's Booth. It was also unanimously agreed that a Conex would be purchased and that it, and other equipment, will be stored at a location near Valencia Avenue, at \$550, per year.

Seth Hoyte recognized Jeff Eppley and Tony Lawhead for their many years of service to PFTP, by giving them a memory box.

In recognition of Mother's Day, Linda Kahle gave each woman a pair of earrings. Some men received a hand-made pot holder in the shape of a tractor.

The offices which each director will hold will be determined at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting . These directors were voted in at the May Annual Meeting



Thank you for the Memories

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