POWER FROM THE PAST

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Upcoming Events

(All area codes are 520, unless noted.)

- January 7: Board Meeting, 6 p.m., Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church, 551 S. J Six Ranch Road, Benson 18-20: Southwest Forgotten Iron Show, Wellton, Info.: 602-568-8155 or 928-503-1256, (fellow club show)
 - 31: Membership Renewal Deadline

February 4: Board Meeting, same time and place

- **8-10:** Sahuaro Ranch Park Show, 9802 N.59thAve., Glendale, 602-762-1951 (fellow club show)
- *15-17: Days of Relaxing Fun (closed to public) Pecan Farm, 1625 Sahuarita Road, Jerry Hayes, 400-3547
- 23: Culver's Show, Broadway & Prudence, Tucson, (10-4), Mel Perkins 400-1948
- March 4: Board Meeting, same time and place
 8-10: Apache Junction Show, 1590 E. Lost Dutchman Blvd., 623-435-3955
 - **15-16:** Arizona Flywheelers, Verde Valley Fairgrounds, Cottonwood, 928-639-1453 (fellow club show)
 - 23: Culver's Show, Sierra Vista, (10-4) Lance Amatulli 234-6813

Play, Relax, and Show & Tell, Pecan Farm, Sahuarita, February 15-17 — New Fun Event! This will start Friday the 15th. Come or leave any time/day you want. Dry camping will be available on Friday and Saturday evenings. Play all day with horseshoes, corn hole, tractor plowing, tractor pulling, engine running and a Saturday evening potluck among us if you would like to join in. Bring old iron that you want to sell or swap or just show off. Clean behind yourself before leaving and make it easy for everyone to just enjoy one another.

Membership Renewal, By January 31, 2019

Individual or family membership (children under 18) is **\$30**, per year, plus **\$17** for each family member that does tractor pulls or runs engines. Lifetime members only pay the \$17 insurance cost,



unless they have EDGE&TA insurance from another association. Club dues and the insurance each increased by \$5. Please remit to Power from the Past & mail to

Ruth Senkbeil, 2721 W. Cranbrook St., Tucson, AZ 85746.

Past Events

Benson Pony Express Western Days, Sept. 22



We had good participation with the tractor pulls and exhibits of engines and tractors. Bucky Stevens used his old Caterpillar 30 to pull back the sled, then Dave Suter

drove the cat, and then Ryan Mattson used his Farmall 30 when Bucky was pulling. Tractors represented were Allis Chalmers, Caterpillar, International, John Deere,



high Allis Chalmers, and a John Deere were parked as a display. The running engine brands were Aermotor, Fairbanks-Morse, Flying Dutchman, Fuller-Johnson, Galloway, and International. Matt Stewart, Jim Fieber, and Joan St. Clair supervised the children as they



made ropes. Member participants were the families of Amatulli, Ball (Stephen & Stephen T.),

Bishop, Blough, Bott, Brobeck, Christie (Donald & Steve), Dwyer, Fieber, Hoyte, Kastens, Lange,



Mattson (Allan & Ryan), Rasmussen, St. Clair, Schmidt, Stevens (Bucky & Wayne), Stewart, Suter, Thomas, and White. Bryan Mattson and Stephen T Ball renewed their memberships and Ashton Thomas be-



came a new member. Thirty -three members participated.





Helldorado Days, Tombstone, Oct. 20-21

We had excellent member participation during Helldorado Days with 15 large tractors, 7 garden tractors, 8 engines, one of which was the 50 hp. Western which was used on the



first irrigation well in the Mohawk Valley, near Buckeye, and three antique vehicles. Lance & Liz Amatulli came on Friday, so they could set up the stanchions and rope barriers, so we would be in compliance



with EDGE&TA rules. Wayne & Phyllis Stevens had the run-

ent labor-saving machines, Mel & Ruth Perkins had a display of barn trolleys, and Clair St. Clair cut wood with his circular saw. At 2:30, Lance Amatulli, John Davenport, Matt Stewart, and Jim White cooked





hamburgers and hot dogs while our members provided the other fixings for a meal. Mel & Ruth Perkins ran the rope machine. The Sunday parade participants were the families of Amatulli,

Stephen T. Ball, Bishop, Bluemel, Christie (Steve) and Christie (Donald), Day (Darrell) and Day (Darren), Dixson, Eppley (Jeff), Fieber, Hardy, Kastens, Lawhead (Tony), Mattson (Ryan), Pope, Schmidt, Stewart, Welch, and Wright. We won the **Doc Holliday Award for our parade entry.** Erika Way of the Tombstone Courthouse permitted us to use their rest rooms. Doug Rohe and Kathlyn Cole provided free parking for our RV's, trailers, trucks, and other vehicles. We had 51 members who participated, the largest number that I remember for Helldorado Days. Member families who participated were Amatulli, Ball (Stephen) and Ball (Stephen T), Bluemel, Bessler, Bishop, Christie (Donald) and Christie (Steve), Culp, Davenport, Day (Darrell) and Day

(Darren), Dixson, Dwyer, Eppley (Jeff) and Eppley (Johnathan), Fieber, Fisher, Hardy, Hoyte, Johnson, Kastens, Lawhead (Tony) and Lawhead, (Scott), Mattson (Allan) and



Mattson (Ryan), McNeely, Perkins, Pope, Rasmussen, Ross, St. Clair, Schmidt, Stevens, Stewart, Welch, and White.



White Elephant Parade, Oct. 27 submitted by Seth Hoyte

Eleven tractors and two cars were in the Green Valley parade which Bucky Stevens organ-



ized. The participants were Stephen Ball, Jr., Neil & Susan Bourgois, Darrell Day, Tiny Dixson, Jim Fieber, Jerry & JoBeth Hayes, Kevin Lange, Allan Mattson, Bryan Mattson, Bucky

& Tara Stevens, and Wayne & Phyllis Stevens. (video on web site)

Sahuarita Pecan Festival, Nov. 10

Jerry and Jo Beth Hayes organized the event in cooperation with Farmers investment Company. We were the first venue as spectators came from the parking lot, so many turned left and experienced the ice cream and rope stations, an antique Best Show





truck, an Air Stream 50's trailer, the featured IHC Cub Lo Boy tractor, a manual pump station, and photograph board. We had 14 running en-

gines of different sizes as well as a "Do Nothing" machine. In the center isle there were static dis-

plays of tractors, Jeeps, garden tractors, farm machinery, antique trucks, and cars. On the south side we had 26 large tractors, 6 garden tractors, and two crawlers ready to show their strength in the individual pulling event, but first

the tractors were weighed so they could be placed in classes by overall weight. The greater the weight, the faster the weight box would move



lies, but there could have been more than those I recognized. Nearly everyone was busy at their stations and/or explaining differ-

ent aspects of how the exhibits contributed to the building of American agriculture, mining, and supporting industries. Ruth Senkbeil, treasurer, reported that we received \$180.22

for rope donations, \$218.22 for merchandise sales, and \$1,409.18 for ice cream donations.







Old Tucson Show by Ruth Senkbeil, November 23-25

Power from the Past put on a great three-day show. Ruth, the organizer of the show, thanks the members who showed and worked hard to make the show a success. Thanks to Jo Beth Hayes, Zane Parker, Teri & Frank Bessler, Lance & Liz Amatulli, Barry Kanner, Mel Perkins, Jim Fieber, Jim & Darlene Blair, War-

ren McKay, Darrell & Darren Day, Tiny & son, David Dixson, Wayne & Phyillis Stevens, Len Becwar, Jane Bright, Jerry Alexander, Lyle Rasmussen & daughters, Connie & Kristin, and myself. There were 12 tractors, two small engines, and Jim Blair ran the Western. The public loved us, and some remembered us from the Pima Fair. Old Tucson wants to talk about future shows and are willing to make changes for our good.

Gathering Around the Rope Machine by Mel Perkins

On November 23-25, Power from the Past was honored to be invited to the Western Heritage Festival at Old Tucson. Old Tucson is a tourist destination for the city of Tucson, Pima County, and the state of Arizona. The volunteers for the rope machine were privileged to cooperate with those who ran engines, displayed tractors, made and served ice cream. In gathering

around the rope machine, the volunteers had the unique opportunity to converse with the children, parents, grandparents, and friends who approached the area to make ropes to take home. We had customers from Tucson, Sierra Vista, Phoenix, Sahuarita, California,

Colorado, Iowa, Germany, Pakistan, Czechoslovakia and other unnamed locations. Finding out where a person is from usually opened the conversation so that the kids are not hurried in making their prized colored rope. Our volunteers received an education on family dynamics as well as trying to educate the younger generation on the history and mechanics of rope -making. Most of the time, the adults were mesmerized by the mechanical process as the kids were excited as to which

color blends worked best for them. By offering three colors, they could make an individual choice apart from their parents, in which they walked away with a cherished prize. Those who volunteered on this detail speak highly of their interaction with the children and their adult sponsors. If you haven't had the opportunity to volunteer on the rope ma-

chine detail, please consider

"gathering at the rope machine" to enjoy the interesting dialogues that take place. See you there!







Club Classifieds-





1931 John Deere GP Antique Farm Tractor, is an older restoration, been stored in a shed, has nice tires on round spokes, nice paint and tin runs great. \$5,000 Call Bucky



1938 John Deere unstyled G Antique Farm Tractor, Older restoration, always shedded, rear round spoke wheels with weights, F&H front wheels, tires 90%, pulls great, runs excellent, pto, draw bar. \$9,000 Call Wayne 520 909-0171



F. Jon Howard is looking for a **Buzz Saw** For an IH Farmall H tractor Please contact him fjonh@hotmail.com

FOR SALE: 1930 Caterpillar, Model 15. Restoration completed 2015. No missing parts. Original 1930 color. Propane conversion. Starts, runs & steers good. Asking \$6500 OBO. Call Ray or Kay (520) 495-4173.



"No Style Like Old Style"

Check us out at <u>www.powerfromthepast.org</u> For past events, meeting agendas, reports and newsletters in color. **Christmas Dinner at the Senior Center in Benson and A Festival of Lights, December 1** Sixty-four individuals participated in the Christmas celebration. <u>Virgil Schmidt enlisted</u> catering friends who prepared a delicious meal of ham, turkey, mashed potatoes and



gravy, green beans, a roll, drinks, and a choice of apple, cherry, or pumpkin pie. Ruth Senkbeil was busy collecting money for



the dinner and renewing memberships, as well as passing out chocolates. The members had ample opportunity to

visit with each other. Canned goods and half of the 50/50 proceeds were given to Benson's Food Bank. Afterwards, Lance Amatulli, Lloyd Baker, Virgil Schmidt, and Matt Stewart participated in the parade.



Huachuca City Parade, Dec. 8

Jerry Alexander, Lance Amatulli, Fred Bennett, Mark Bott, Mike Culp, Larry Kastens, Jim Lindeman, Matt Stewart, and Jim White participated in the Christmas parade in Huachuca City, even though the temperature was 38 degrees!



Thank You Mel Perkins for building the shelves in the Club's announcer's trailer. Now many things can be organized and be carried to shows easily. (What a thought, organization for our organization) Materials, time, design and effort were put forth to make an improvement for all of us.

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Leadership and Service positions — all phone numbers are (520) unless noted <u>Board Members and position</u>	
President; Lyle Rasmussen, 780-2487	Vice President; Seth Hoyte 971-2944
Treasurer; Membership, & EDGE&TA Ins.; Ruth Senkbeil, 240-1130	
Secretary; Matt Stewart, 360 813-2171	Tractor Chair: Virgil Schmidt, 429-0878
Button Creator; Karen Reid, 255-7670	Engine Chair; Jim White, 220-7615
Newsletter Editor, & Safety Chair: Larry Kastens, 378-2226	
Facebook; Jon Howard, 402-852-4002, constant contributing Mel Perkins, Matt Stewart	
Positions where volunteers are needed <u>Social Chair</u> , and a <u>Historian</u>	

Christmas Party Comments by Seth Hoyte

2018 was a great year as the club was active in Southern Arizona and participated in more than 18 events, namely 11 shows, 6 tractor events, and one educational event. Several hundred ropes were made, and thousands of ice cream cups were made and distributed. Member participation was outstanding, and this does not include our participation in other clubs. The mighty Western engine is being transported to different shows which supports us being a mobile club. I would like to thank everyone for supporting Lyle, as you have supported me, when I became president. I am looking forward to 2019 as we continue to educate the public with the contributions old iron continues to make.



Mel Perkins grandfather's barn buildings in New York



Clarence Fieber chopping corn in 1961 in Wisconsin

Club workers are needed... service to others as you are able

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