



# ARIZONA FLYWHEELERS

## DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



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This is the time of the year when we are thinking about celebrating Christmas and the New Year. I hope that all members and their families have a healthy, wonderful holiday season.

At our Annual meeting in November the members voted to amend the by-laws and created the office of Vice President and Gary Covert was elected as our new Vice President. Also at this meeting we discussed incorporating the club. As Azalene checked, she found that we are already incorporated. I was not aware of this. At the January meeting we will be discussing the March show and it is important that all members be there. We need all members to be volunteers as well as members for our show. Again the very best wishes for Christmas and a productive New Year.

Jim Mager, President

### CLUB MERCHANDISE

BADGES	\$6.50
HATS	\$7.50
TEE SHIRTS	\$12.00

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### A word from your Editor;

Wow, the last three months have certainly been busy with a club fun day at Riverfront Park, the Apple Festival, Clemenceau Museum and Buckeye shows. I hope you had a chance to attend one or more. During our Nov business meeting Gary Covert was elected as vice president. He will assist president Jim Mager with club duties. Please welcome him to his new post. And a reminder to save books and garage sale items for our upcoming show. The Holiday season has begun so may I wish you a Happy Holiday and a healthy New Year.



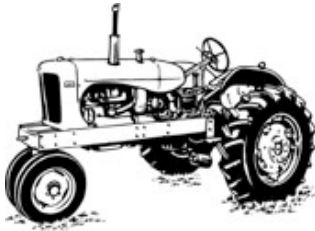
## Meeting minutes

September 2,

- Meeting Called to order 7 AM by President Jim Mager, August minutes were read.
- Financial report from Azalene Curry, as of September 1st we have a balance of \$7219.05.
- Audrey Weideman will have a garage sale weekend of September but will have a private showing for club members on Thursday, September 10.
- Bob Lytle is continuing cancer treatments after changing medicines but is not doing well. Shirley Bell said she is doing fine since her accident.
- Club Play Day is September 12 , at Riverfront Park. Donations were asked for a proposed drawing. President will bring plates and set up the coffee.
- November 14, is reserved at the fairgrounds for our installation of officers. It will start at 11 AM and lunch will be at noon. . Election of officers will be held at our October meeting. Terra Shanks is now in charge of the fairgrounds.
- Mr. Mooney from Cottonwood Airport again contacted us for our presence at the October 17 show. Some members volunteered tractors and engines. President Mager stated he would bring his tractor and Mr Joens will bring an engine.
- Insurance problem was discussed. The National Organization requires membership to receive insurance. Spectators are covered but not our members. Dues are \$8 with \$4 going for the insurance. It was stated that the organization imposes too many rules. A Mr. Haggarty quoted \$102 for complete coverage with engines not included. Our club events at other shows when announced will be covered insurance wise. There was a motion to leave as is until further information is gained. There was a motion to retract the original motion. Lawrence Mathews will investigate on his own and present findings at next meeting.
- Jean O'Loughlin is have a medical procedure and will not attend October's Settler's Day at the Clemenceau Museum.
- It was announced there was danger in transporting the garden tractor sled. Leo Vriesekoop will build up the trailer for safe handling. Motion was passed to pay him \$100 for his work.
- Adjourned at 8 AM.

• October 7,

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- Meeting Called to order 7 AM by President Jim Mager, September minutes were read
- Finance report from Azalene Curry, as of October 1st we have a balance of \$7008.95
- Gene De Camp's sister & brother in law - Caroline & Francis Earl made \$50 donation.
- Jean O'Loughlin had her cast taken off and stitches out. She is doing well. Bob Lytle still undergoing chemo treatments and is not in good shape.
- Lou Barnes made motion at a previous meeting to change the by-laws to include a vice-president resulting in its being tabled. He proposed a vice-president position and stated his reasons. Gene De Camp raised concerns (1) Conflict of interest (2) Wondered who the candidate was and how were they selected. The motion was made and seconded. It was stated that a family would have only one vote. Also announced that a 3/4 vote was required at the annual meet which is the pot luck in November and that was only means of changing by-laws.



- The Applefest show at Slide Rock had a nice turnout.
- Insurance comment resulting in \$2 million coverage. Larry Mathews announced he will not chair the pull sled, however, he will do the water wagon. Our insurance premium is currently \$403 which covers \$1 million. A sliding scale of \$500 per million coverage thereafter resulting in an \$8 levy per member. The consensus was to leave the insurance matter as is.
- The Cottonwood Airport show is October 17th from 9AM until 3 PM with a pancake breakfast at 7:30 AM for \$5.00
- Election of officers was taken resulting in Azalene Curry remaining as treasurer, Barry Adico continues secretary duties & Jim Mager remaining as President.
- The annual Christmas Party will be at Murphy's on December 6.
- Dues are due and payable November 1st.
- An article about our March show will appear once in the Gas Engine Magazine and the National Directory.
- Two new members were present - James and Dave Sibert. Carol Miller is now a member.
- Jim Blair has organized a new branch #206 of the National Engine Club. Their meeting is the same weekend as the Quartzite's Antique Gas & Engine Club.
- Jean O'Loughlin thanked those who attended Early Settler's day at Clemenceau Museum.
- The Buckeye show was announced for October 25-26. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 AM

November 4,

- November 4th meeting called to order at 7 AM by President Jim Mager. October minutes were read with correction that Lawrence will do water wagon and not the pull sled
- Finance report from Azalene Curry, as of November 1st we have a balance of \$7119.51. 2010 dues are due in November.
- Flagstaff club (Northern Arizona Antique Tractor & Engine Club) will disband if officer volunteers are not forthcoming.
- Sickness & health- Dan Bell had mild stroke and expects to be released from hospital today.
- Bob Lytle is in a hospice and not expected to be discharged.
- Truck and airport shows were a success. Dixie Bartels had her 1941 Plymouth pickup on display at the Oxendale truck show. Lou Barnes had his 1932 Chevy Coupe on display at the airport show.
- December 5th at 11 AM is the Christmas parade. A request was made for engines for the float. Float & tractor decorating will be December 4 at Nina Williams starting about 9 AM.
- The annual Christmas Party will be 6 PM December 6th at Murphy's - Question was raised as to whether buffet or menu selections will be offered. Azalene will check on this and also as to prices.
- November 14th the officer installation & club potluck will be held in the same building at the VV fairgrounds at 11 am. Dixie will provide coffee and place settings in case people forget to bring theirs, club will furnish beverages. Comment that there is a huge mound of dirt next to the exhibition building blocking access to certain areas, Jim Mager will check on this.
- VV fairgrounds has a new manager and no changes in past practices are planned.
- Buckeye show had a good turnout in its second year at its new location at an old mill in downtown Buckeye. They had a good turnout with 60 tractors registered for the pull and about 100 engines on display.
- Notice of 2 shows near Wellton next year. Adjourned at 7:40 AM

## INTERNATIONAL HOT AIR ENGINE SHOW



The hosts of this show were Perry & Judy Kolb of Winfield, Kansas located about 90 miles north of Oklahoma City on Route 25. They did a thorough job of organizing this event. Plenty of parking for RV's with electrical hookups, outside area for large engines and a large building for inside display of models and static displays. A fork lift was available for heavy items and ice water was always available. I don't know how they arranged it but even the weatherman cooperated. In addition to their being hosts the Perry's also had a nice display of hot air engines. They deserve a big thank you from all who attended.

Betty and I departed Cottonwood with our trailer loaded with engines Monday morning thinking we would be among the first arrivals. I should explain our route to Winfield. We picked up Interstate 40 byway of Winslow, then on to Tucumcari, NM. We then took US 54 to US 160. If your familiar with this road it is two lane with little or no traffic with the exception of a few towns. It's miles and miles of farms growing soybeans and corn with quite a few oil wells.

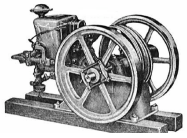
We stopped for lunch by the entrance to a farm and the owner came out and inquired if we had trouble. We said we had stopped to have a bite to eat so he invited us up to his farm for lunch. While eating I asked him how things were going, he said we're "barely covering the taxes." I felt sorry for him and started to reach for my wallet to make a donation. About that time his wife asked him if the trip to the Bahama's was off. "Oh no" he said, the oil wells are doing great, we can buy the island if you like. Needless to say I put my wallet back. I must ask our farmer friends (Sam & Bob) how their oil wells are doing.

What a surprise when we pulled into the fairgrounds, hot air engines were lined up like a platoon of soldiers at attention and the display area inside of the building had many more. Remember this is Wednesday noon, we still have Thursday and Friday for more folks and their engines to arrive. Arrive they did with a final count of 108 large engines, some one of a kind and 89 models. I have to mention here that this event will never be repeated! As you may have noted I did not mention anyone's names or the engines they brought. Why, because I did not want to offend anyone unintentionally by omitting their name. Jerry Swedberg from Minnesota will have a video available of this show. This was truly a fantastic show and I'm sorry if you missed it. Until next time....

Gene DeCamp

### Gary Covert's Great Adventure

Bud Knutson, I and our wife's left Aug 28 for the Mount Pleasant Iowa Old Threshers Reunion. We arrived the day before it started and set up our RV's on the shows campground with about 3000 other campers. It was rather rolling terrain so it was a challenge to get set up some where near level. There were 67 full size working steam engines and about 20 scale model working steam engines. Approximately 700 tractors and about 5 acres of small engines, cars and trucks. They have several buildings with permanent displays set up featuring large engines and other interesting displays on earlier farm life and machines used. We stayed at the show two days and we had to keep moving to see it all. As it is billed as the largest steam show and they had a lot of activities featuring steam engine demonstrations.



A steam engine was belted up to a baker fan on the first try in the dark. Something I thought was a good demonstration of an operators ability. What I thought was special about the show, several generations including small children were involved so hopefully these shows will be carried on . On Saturday we moved on to Pontiac IL for our second show over the Labor day weekend.

As this was Bob Peacocks old stomping grounds and when I mentioned his name we got VIP treatment. This show was smaller but they had a large swap meet which had a lot of old iron items for sale. Saturday night we watched the horse pulling which I hadn't seen in forty years. We had to leave before it was over as the only campground I could find in the area was way out in the tules so we had to get home before dark, or we would have been lost. Sunday evening we watched the 9500# and 12,000# Farm Stock tractor pulling. The only thing farm stock was the engine which couldn't turn more RPMs than original specs. The tire size was also set with everything else open territory, they would whiz right on down the track. After the tractors they pulled a 20,000# class of semi tractors. These pulls were sanctioned by the NTPA so the pullers were in it for the all points they could get for the national ranking. They really put on a show. We really enjoyed both shows as there were different things to see and do at each. After these two shows our wife's said this was enough farm shows, the rest of the trip would be directed by them. We headed to MI my old stomping ground. In MI Bud got to go to a show in South Haven which he said was real good. I had family obligations so I couldn't make that one. We traveled on to NY City, DC and Williamsburg VA. When I checked into a campground at Williamsburg I discovered the ladies husband was a tractor puller so we went to see his outfit. The only tractor part about it was the 1952 Oliver 88 rear end. It is powered by a 440 Chrysler and looked in front like a drag racing rail. He told us about a tractor museum in Charles City, VA and got us an appointment to visit it. It contained about 50 tractors of various makes. We had an interesting talk with the owners wife about what they raised on their 5000 + acres. Their home sits right on the banks of the James river. It was just as beautiful setting as Washington's Mount Vernon. When I was in Georgetown TX I visited with Richard Gillson who used to live in Cottonwood and is well known to a lot of the Flywheelers. Gary Covert

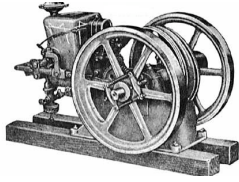
### Blue Mountain Antique Gas Engine Show

Upon opening the mail in August we received an invitation to Betty's brother's 60th wedding anniversary. Betty said we are going, aren't we? Not so fast say I, first lets look in the show directory to see if there are any shows in the area the same time. It would be insane to fly all the way to New Jersey just to attend a anniversary and not take in a engine show. We were in luck, the show in Bangor, Pa was celebrating their 38th year and I think we have attended most of those show's. It was at this show I witnessed my first hot air engine, a 6 inch Rider Erricson. It was rescued from a run down shed in Stokes State forest. Little did I know that someday I might own one or two.

The saying goes " you're supposed to learn something every day. Well my lesson after 4 days at the show was the economy and unemployment are a lot worse than advertised. Engines and related items were not selling. Although, the flea market doing well selling clothing and household items. Bangor is a big show and a good one with lots of engines, parts, etc. They offer a train ride and plenty of food vendors.

Gene DeCamp

## BEAT THE HEAT



Several of us took small engines and tractors to the show. Saturday was a great day and they had a good crowd. The large tractor pulling sled was kept busy most all day. The field on the farm was plowed with Jim Mager doing his share. Sunday was another thing it started raining about 9 AM, it would stop for a while and then rain some more. Back in Cottonwood they didn't get any rain. It was a good time to stay under the awnings and swap old iron stories, some of them may even have been true. It was cool, so for us from warmer places it was very welcome. They had their first swap meet for various items which seemed to be a success.

Gary Covert

## Meet your President



I was born on December 29, 1930 in the small town of Schererville, Indiana. My Dad was a carpenter and my Mom was a stay at home Mom. I had one sister and 3 brothers. My grandfather had a dairy farm and at the age of about 8 years old I spent my summers with them on the farm. I was not crazy about school but going to the farm was a treat for me.

During World War II my grandfather and my uncle had a lot of work as they farmed a lot of acreage. They had a lot of cows to be milked and I got to help with that too. At the age of 13 I worked in the fields behind 3 horses and a harrow. I drove the horses to make hay. Later they had an International Regular Tractor and I got to drive it occasionally. So I guess I could say I have a love of tractors since childhood.



We moved to Tucson and I spent my senior year in high school there. After high school I went back to Wisconsin to work on the farm again. I had joined the Marine Corps reserves when I was in high school, I was called to active duty although the Korean War was almost over. I returned to Wisconsin after my discharge. After the War I worked on my uncle's dairy farm in the summer. I always had the dream of being a dairy farmer but it did not work out. After 2 years I left the farm in Wisconsin and went back to Indiana where I got a job at the Inland Steel Company as a roll turner.



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A MAN NEVER FORGETS

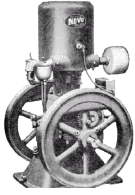
THE FIRST GIRL HE KISSED

OR HIS FIRST TRACTOR

I met my wife, Valerie, while working the in the mill. She was the secretary in the Roll Department office. We were married in 1959 and have 2 children, Karen and Michael. Karen was in the high school band and I chaperoned on band trips. Michael played Little League, Babe Ruth Baseball and I got involved with coaching. I retired in 1985 from Inland Steel Co. In January 1988 and we moved to Arizona where we purchased a lot in Sedona and built our home.

I love anything John Deere. I have 2 tractors, a 1952 G and a 1945 B. The B is here in Sedona and the G in back in Indiana. I became involved in the Flywheelers and being involved with the club is a real pleasure. They are great people!!!

Jim Mager



## COMING EVENTS

- Wellton-Mohawk Tractor Rodeo January 16th & 17th at the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation & Drainage District grounds. For further information, please call 928-344-2000.
- 1st annual Southwest Forgotten Iron show at Country Junction, AZ. January 23rd & 24th. Country Junction is south of Wellton. Take Interstate 8 to exit 37 (Wellton.) Go south 1 mile, show will be on your left. More info 602 309 9434 - 928 210 6751
- Quartzsite Steam Engine Show, Quartzsite, AZ Jan 22 - 23 & 24th, 2010
- Glendale AEDGE&TA Sahuaro Ranch Show - Glendale, Arizona February 13th & 14th Contact Debbie Geiger 602-723-8651
- Arizona Flywheelers annual tractor and engine show, March 19th - 20th & 21st, Verde Valley Fairgrounds Cottonwood, AZ.



## Christmas Party

On December 6th, 38 Club members enjoyed our annual Christmas dinner and fellowship at Murphy's Grill in Cottonwood. The unique table decorations were made and donated by Barb and Don Meakin. Eight happy winners took them home for further enjoyment.

## Welcome new members

Paul Laipple Prescott, AZ  
Daniel Selby Phoenix, AZ  
Wayne Peters

Wayne Peters Surprise, AZ  
Don Small Prescott, AZ

## Classifieds

- Clark 2000 # capacity propane fork lift. Runs good, hard wheels, needs master cylinder rebuilt. Perfect for your shop, small enough to fit in tight places. \$1950. Call Dan, 602 903 4588 cell (Rimrock)
- 2 David Bradley 2 wheel walk behind garden tractors, \$325. each. Attachments, plows, cultivators, etc \$50 each. 1950 Case DC w/Eagle 3 pt hitch, \$1850. Ford 2n w/Land Pride scraper, \$2800. Candy's Creekside Cottage - McGuireville 928 592 9310 / 602 402 9075 cell. Open Thursday - Monday 11 am - 5 pm
- For Sale: Grader, I believe it's a John Deere, but not sure. I find no name plate. \$1,000. Local delivery only. Ralph Weinberg 928 639 0813 - [dodgelodge@commspeed.net](mailto:dodgelodge@commspeed.net)
- For sale: 1953 Ford Jubilee tractor parts. Engine block, differential case with gears, transmission case and some gears, axle shafts, steering gear box, and more. Ralph Weinberg 928 639 0813 [dodgelodge@commspeed.net](mailto:dodgelodge@commspeed.net)

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### Meeting Schedule

January 6th, 2010  
February 3rd, 2010  
March 3rd, 2010  
April 7th, 2010

If you have attended or participated in a show and would like to see an article about it in the newsletter, please submit it to the editor - Rich Lahti 1101 S.10th Street Cottonwood, AZ 86326 or [rlahti@dslextreme.com](mailto:rlahti@dslextreme.com)

The Arizona Flywheelers breakfast meeting is held at 7am, on the first Wednesday of every month at Denny's Restaurant in Cottonwood, AZ

### Membership dues are payable by November 1st

Dues are 15.00 dollars per year. Badges are \$6.50 each, Hats are \$7.50 and Tee shirts are \$12.00. Order from Azalene Curry, P.O.Box 2012 Cottonwood, AZ 86326. Make checks payable to Arizona Flywheelers. Thank you