



ARIZONA FLYWHEELERS

November 2011 NEWSLETTER

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AZALENE CURRY
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Fellow Flywheelers;

On behalf of the officers we wish all members "Happy Holidays" including Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year.

We have several activities coming up in the month of December. On Friday, December 2nd we will gather at Nina Williams house at 9am to decorate the trailers and tractors for the Cottonwood Christmas Parade. The parade is Saturday, December 3rd. We will gather again at Nina Williams house at 9am and proceed to the Fairgrounds to line up for the parade. The parade begins at 11am. Anyone bringing tractors be at the Fairgrounds at 10am. On Sunday, December 11th at 6pm is our annual Christmas Party at Randalls Restaurant in Cottonwood. Contact Azalene Curry for tickets. Tickets must be purchase prior to the date of the party so Azalene can give the restaurant a count of how many for dinner. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$5 gift marked for either a man or woman. If you want alcoholic drinks, it is permissible to bring them in. Saturday Nov. 5th we held our Annual Meeting and Officer induction at the Fairgrounds. The turnout was very good and thanks to all who brought food and participated. Annual dues are payable in January.

Old time members Dan and Shirley Bell are having health problems. The officers and members of the club wish them well. See you all at the Parade and Christmas Party.

Jim Mager, President

Editors letter

It may seem a bit early but the club has started preparing for next years show. A postcard questionnaire is included with this newsletter to help us plan for the Friday and Saturday night meals. The traditional Stew Dinner will no longer be served on Friday night. Members will be able to make a choice between Hot Dog & Beans or Pizza on the enclosed postcard. The Saturday night meal will still catered by Rosie and the menu will be announced in the first quarter newsletter. Indicate your attendance for Friday, Saturday and your meal choice for Friday night. Return the card by 1-1-2012.

Meeting minutes



August 3 Meeting;

- Called to order at 7am, minutes were read. Correction was made to clarify that the club provided a “kiddy tractor event” rather than garden tractor at the Camp Verde Cornfest. Minutes were then approved.
- Finance report from Azalene Curry, as of August 1st we have a balance of \$7189.56.
- Gary Covert reported that the club had several engines and 2 tractors on display at Camp Verde’s Corn Festival and were well received.
- Beat the Heat show in Flagstaff had a successful show.
- Illness - It was announced that Shirley Bell has a severe case of shingles.
- Camp Verde asked the club to provide extra insurance for their show. Motion was made, seconded, passed that we pay the \$50.00 cost.
- Leo Vriesekoop said he will take our garden tractor sled to Nina Williams for storage and will need help in tarping it. A work party after the meeting was called for.
- We are set up for the club Fun day at Riverfront Park party October 8th. A suggestion was made to have H&H BBQ provide the food at \$7.00 per person. The club would need to supply flat ware, paper plates, rolls & drinks. Motion was made, seconded, passed to order 30 meals.
- The Clemenceau museum “Settlers Day” is October 1st. Lunch will be supplied and Jean O’Loughlin will take a count at our next meeting. A suggestion was made that we display some engines.
- Cedar City, UT has a engine - tractor show October 28-30.
- The Watson Lake show is August 6th & 7th. Members can set their engines up on Friday.
- Gene De Camp suggested our PA system which had been provided by Vic Williams be replaced. He stated we could purchase a new portable unit for Approximately \$100 plus shipping. Motion was made, seconded, passed to purchase a new unit. Rich Lahti will order the new system and post our old unit for sale on Craig’s List.
- Meeting adjourned originally at 7:30 AM
- Post Script - Air compressor discussion - The owner of the compressor we had been using at our annual show has decided not to loan it for future shows. Since there is a electrical problem at the fair grounds it was suggested we investigate purchasing a gas powered compressor with sufficient capacity. A couple members will investigate Craig’s List and other options in obtaining one.

September 1st meeting:

- Meeting called to order by president Mager at 7am, minutes were read and approved.
- Finance report from Azalene Curry. As of September 1st we have a balance of \$7073.79
- No vice president report from Gary Covert, he is on vacation
- Illness - Shirley Bell is recovering from her shingles.
- Speaker system; the new system is at De Camp’s house, cost was \$140. The old one is listed for sale Craig’s list.
- A used air compressor was donated by a member from Kingman. The machine is at De Camp’s house. It needs new tires, hitch, and new fluids and a number of mechanical issues need to be fixed. It has a Hercules engine with a rotary compressor.
- Settlers day at Clemenceau will be October 1 from 9 AM to 2 PM and a lunch will be served.
- There will be a yard sale at Betty Gaudy’s after our next meeting, members are encouraged to drop by.

- Leo Vriesekoop Announced a tractor ride on September 17th, in Williams. Call 928- 699-8084 for details.
- George Lauman announced a spaghetti dinner at the Rimrock fire station on September 23, from 5 to 7PM. Members are encouraged to attend.
- Lawrence Mathews announced the Camp Verde business group wants a Flywheeler display on October 8th. There would be no security or insurance fee. Their event conflicts with the Riverfront park Playday event.
- Riverfront Playday is 9 AM until 2 PM. H&H BBQ will supply BBQ beef, pulled pork and a side each of coleslaw & BBQ beans 2 sides at a cost of \$170 for 30 people. We need to supply our own utensils and drinks. Motion to do H&H was seconded and passed. Jean O'Loughlin will do the coffee and members were urged to bring items for a drawing.
- Saturday November 5th we will have our pot luck at the club house Verde Valley fairgrounds at 11 AM We will have the installation of our officers.
- Rich Lahti announced the Chandler museum is having a "Chuck Wagon Cookoff" at the November 12th. They have requested engines and tractors for display.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 AM

October 5th meeting;

- Meeting Called to order at 7am by president Mager, minutes were read with the following corrections; The engine mentioned was a Hercules engine with a screw type compressor. Dixie Bartels will be doing the coffee and provide the eating utensils for our playday at Riverfront park.
- Finance report from Azalene Curry. As of October 1st we have a balance is \$7073.79.
- Gary Covert is still on vacation, due back Friday so there was no report from him.
- Adam Fiedler was a visitor from Colorado.
- It was reported that Dan Bell had fallen at home and when Shirley went to check on him, she fell on top of him. Both had to go to the hospital and are currently home under treatment.
- Our annual election was held with all officers retaining their positions; Jim Mager as President, Gary Covert as Vice President, Azalene Curry as Treasurer and Barry Adico as Secretary.
- Our annual stew dinner was discussed with the fact that only 60 attended last year. Azalene suggested a mailing of post cards to determine those interested in attending. Jean O'Loughlin had suggested a open house with dessert served. Gene De Camp offered to do a pork and beans fare at no cost to the club. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow him to do the dinner. Again, Azalene said she would enclose post cards in the news letter to determine attendance.
- Playday is this coming Saturday, October 8, from 9am to 2 pm. Five members said they would bring engines. Azalene asked members to bring items for a drawing.
- After the meeting it was announced that a yard sale would take place at the Gaudy home, located at 998 N Rio Verde in Cottonwood. Members were encouraged to participate.
- Steve Rench will use our people mover for Halloween party with no liability to the club.
- Annual installation of officers will be held at the fairgrounds on November 5 at 11am followed by a potluck lunch.
- Azalene is looking for a Flywheeler shirt with the blue engine.
- We have equipment stored at the late Matt Busick's residence. As it needs to be removed, Don Finney a chance first to see if he wants it.
- The air compressor we received was donated by a salvage yard. Ed Noli provided assistance as he works there.

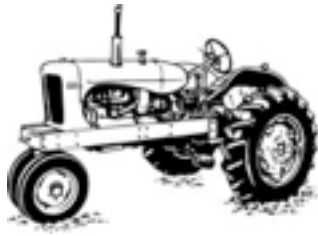


Gene De Camp described how he performed maintenance and also purchased two tires at \$54.00 each. He discovered it is a Waukesha. He estimates it will require about \$500 to get it into running condition. A motion was made, seconded and passed to provide him \$500 for his efforts.

- Rich Lahti was thanked for acquiring the new PA system. He then announced that the club was invited to a Chandler chuck wagon cook off which will be held in conjunction with the train museum there. It will be held November 12th.
- A motion was made, seconded, passed then amended from original \$25 to \$50 to send to Clemenceau Museum for their efforts on Settler's Day as they provided a free lunch.
- President Mager displayed a recent issue of Two Cylinder magazine which contained pictures of 4 tractors displayed by member Chuck Adelsman.
- Rich Lahti suggested we investigate a father and son chuck wagon caterer from Camp Verde. They offered to provide a Tri Tip dinner for about \$15 per person, depending on the price of meat. We will also contact the new owner of H&H BBQ
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45am.

November 2nd meeting;

- Meeting called to order by president Mager at 7am, minutes were read and approved.
- Finance report by Azalene Curry. As of November 1st we have a balance of \$6338.93
- Vice President Gary Covert commented that he had a good vacation and managed to attend shows in North Carolina and Pennsylvania.
- Sickness and health; President Mager said Don Graham had a knee operation, Gene De Camp said that the Bells are not doing well.
- The storage of Flywheeler items at Matt Busick's place was brought up. They will check with Don Finney about moving the items.
- Discussion about the stew dinner on the Friday of the show. Gene De Camp said he was to be assisted by Rich Lahti. However, there was still opposition to this plan. Gene commented that even though there was no kitchen, all he needed was a burner. President Mager said his wife Valerie will bring a sheet cake and that he will supply the drinks. The idea of pizza was brought up and Jean O'Loughlin will contact pizza places in the area for pricing to present at the next meeting. It was asked again if the membership wanted the hot dogs and beans. A count of hands was inconclusive. Rich Lahti will include a choice of hot dogs or pizza's on the postcard meal questionnaire.
- Jean O'Loughlin confirmed that Rosie will do the Saturday dinner. Jean suggested a meal change and will get menu options from Rosie for the next meeting.
- President Mager opined that the Riverfront Day was a success.
- Installation of our officers will take place at our pot luck on Saturday, November 5th.
- The Cottonwood Christmas parade will be held Saturday, December 3rd, Members need to be at the fairgrounds by 10am. Friday the 2nd we will meet at Nina Williams at 9am to decorate the floats and that volunteers were needed. Engines were asked for and various members responded that they would bring engines. Candy distribution was suggested, however Jean O'Loughlin said it was illegal to throw candy. The entrance fee this year will be \$10.00.
- Christmas dinner will be at Randall's on December 11th at 6pm. People can bring their own alcohol. The cost will be \$12 per person.
- Zeke Taylor's BBQ will be at Clemenceau starting at 11am Saturday November 12th.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:35 AM



Christmas Parade

The annual Cottonwood Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday December 3rd. The parade will start at 11am and members should be at the Fairgrounds by 10am. Float and tractor decoration will be done at Nina Williams house Friday starting at 9am. Coffee and pastry will be provided. See you there.

Flywheeler Christmas Party

This year's christmas party will be held at Randalls restaurant starting at 6pm Sunday December 11th. There will be a gift exchange, members should bring a wrapped gift and indicate if its for a man or woman. Also, members wishing additional Christmas cheer may bring their own alcohol.

Leo's Tractor Ride

Thursday the campers, trailers and tractors started arriving with more on Friday and Saturday. We had a total of 23 tractors. Unfortunately Doran Cain from New River became ill and didn't make the ride, so 22 of us departed at 9:30 Saturday morning.

We stopped at the Country Store for a drink and a break. One tractor was having a problem so we left it parked at the store. It was Connie from Page so she jumped on Jim Caddy's tractor with the big seat. I think she planned it that way, later her tractor ran fine. We saw some deer, had lunch in the forest and continued our ride. We had 8 to 10 people riding in the wagon who also had a wonderful time. We stopped and took pictures of all 22 tractors in a large meadow and on to the house for the BBQ.

There were folks from Phoenix, Mesa, Apache Junction, Page, El Mirage, New River, Williams, Parks, Flagstaff, Cottonwood and 2 college girls from San Diego. One of them being my grand daughter. The weather was beautiful, not too hot or cool. Just right.

We got home at 3pm. My neighbors Tom and Bonnie Fancy cooked all the meat in their smoker and did a very good job. Thank you Tom and Bonnie. Everyone brought a dish to share so there plenty for everyone. We counted 51 people at the meal. Around 5pm some folks started leaving, some stayed later in the evening and some stayed until Sunday.

Next years ride will be the last Saturday in June. Hope to see you there.

Leo Vriesekoop

Early Settlers Day Clemenceau Heritage Museum

This is an annual event at the museum with demonstrations of ice cream and butter churning, biscuit baking, whittling, farm implement demonstrations, cattle brand and blacksmithing, bee keeping, quilting, rug hooking, needle arts, sewing bee's, cornhusk dolls and fiddlers. A group of Flywheeler members brought a variety of engines and hand tools for display. A lot of folks were very interested in the old engines kept us busy answering questions.

Flywheeler Picnic

October 8th was the Riverfront Park "Fun Day". The weather was perfect and 23 members attended, including 5 from the Flagstaff area. Bob Peacock was able to bring his wife Fern who is recovering from a stroke. Members brought 8 engines and they all were able to run. H&H BBQ provided BBQ, coleslaw & beans for the lunch. We concluded with a drawing of door prizes contributed by members. All in all it was a fun day.

Lou Barnes

Gary Covert's annual adventure

Eleanor and I left on Aug 26 to go to NC, our first stop to see our son. While there I attended a Antique Tractor and Engine show in Siler City NC. It was good show with lots of small engines, tractors, trucks and cars. I seen a couple of engines I wasn't familiar with. It seems I always see something I haven't seen before. After leaving NC and heading to MI we stopped in Centerville PA for their Frontier Festival. They didn't have a lot of small engines or tractors on display. They had a lot of unusual activities such as arm wrestling and kiddy races with pedal tractors. They did put on a good show of various types of pulling. They pulled about 6 classes of different tractor weights plus a horse pulling contest. Something I had never seen before, they had pulls for ATV's, both three and four wheelers. That was pretty interesting to watch. Saturday night they were going to pull 3 classes of heavier tractors listed as stocks and hot stocks. I told Eleanor I would be home early that night as there weren't many tractors of those weight classes on the grounds. Well, when I went back for that evening there must have been over a hundred tractors there. Come to find out they pulled Fri. night someplace else. They really put on a good show and there were some tractors that where really hot. We continued on to MI to see relatives and on the way home we stopped in Branson. We lucked out as gas prices where coming down. I got some at \$3.14. Surprising that I think getting gas at \$3.14 is a real deal. We got home Oct.5. We really had a good trip but its good to get home.

Gary Covert

Installation of Officers

Our installation of officers and potluck lunch was held Saturday November 5th at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds clubhouse. Jim Mager, Gary Covert, Azalene Curry and Barry Adico were all re elected at the monthly meeting in October. The lunch was a success and enjoyed by all with a variety of food choices brought by members. Gene DeCamp & Rich Lahti brought hot air engines and Gary covert brought a unique model tractor he made from an old sewing machine to display.



Rear row Jim, Barry & Gary
Front row George, Baylen & Azalene



Our oldest & youngest members
George Lauman Baylen Mineer

Gary Covert's unique model of a tractor made from an old sewing machine. Note the dual wheels on the rear.



Event Calendar

- Flywheeler's installation of officers at 11 am Saturday November 5th at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds clubhouse. There will be a potluck lunch, bring a dish to share.
- Chuck wagon cook off Saturday November 12th, 2011 Chandler, AZ. Contact Mari Dresner 480-782-2874
- December 3rd. A hometown Christmas parade at 11 am Cottonwood, Arizona. Featuring the Flywheelers , floats, bands, old cars, marching groups, and of course, Santa Claus.
- Flywheeler's annual Christmas dinner 6 pm Sunday December 11th at Randall's restaurant Cottonwood, AZ. Contact Azalene Curry 928 282 9470
- AEDGETA Tractor & Engine show Sahuaro Ranch Park February 11th & 12th, 2012 Glendale, AZ Contact 623-435-3955
- AEDGETA Tractor & Engine show Apache Junction March 10th & 11th, 2012 Apache Junction, AZ Contact 623-435-3955
- Arizona Flywheelers annual show at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds March 23rd, 24th & 25th. Contact Jim Mager 928 282 7626

Classifieds

- Wanted dead or alive. Old Cub Cadets any condition. Call Leo Vriesekoop 928 635 9753
- 1945 Ford 8N with Gannon. Good rubber, runs Contact Leo 928 635 9753
- Don Meakin has numerous engines and other items for sale. The items are posted on the Arizonaflywheelers.com website in the classified section. Contact Don for further details. 602 882 3968

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Meeting Schedule

December 7th, 2011
January 4th, 2012
February 1st, 2012
March 7th, 2012
April 4th, 2012

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

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 January 1st

Dues are 15.00 dollars per year. Badges are \$6.50 each, Hats are \$7.50 and Tee shirts are \$15.00 (XL \$17.00). Order from Azalene Curry, P.O.Box 2012 Cottonwood, AZ 86326. Make checks payable to Arizona Flywheelers. Thank you