



Exhaust Fumes Newsletter

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Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association Branch #245

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online on our website.

President's Message

First off, thank you so much to everyone who helped out with the swap meet back in April. Great turnout and amazing weather, you couldn't have asked for more!

Unfortunately, that amazing weather didn't stick around for the Matlock Old Timers Fair. We braved the rain to have a little fun. It was great to see our members there promoting the club!

Things have been busy at the Buetow house! Our boys started their baseball season, so several days in June were spent at practice and Saturday games, so I wasn't able to attend the Port Orchard or Pendelton shows. Sorry to miss them, but heard we had great club representation at both!

We are getting ready to head into summer with our show right around the corner. Wow time flies!

See you all at the meeting July 8th at the show grounds!

Justin

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Jim Beeler

Brian Edwards

Mike Linnell

Randy King

Board Meeting Minutes

950 am at Dale Fye's shop on March 8 2023

Old business was reviewed and included the porta potty donations by the King Museum, upcoming events and needs for the work party and show grounds. Set up and prep for the swap meet was discussed and suggested that a mid week possible Wed 26th would be a good day to suggest.

Discussion about upcoming officer elections and committee report was given on the conversations had by prospects; discussion was had about the longevity of the club and hobby; committees could be a member at large, board member and an officer to form committees to accomplish jobs for the show

Shirley gave treasurer report, April Step down for signer of bank account; George made a suggestion that we should donate to charity; a motion was made to consider farm days as a charity and further discussion was had about funding or sponsoring scholarships for youth heading to trade schools. Adjourned 1040 am

Minutes provided by Ben Lyon



General Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at 11:18 am with the flag salute led by Justin's son Anders. Board minutes were read by Ben and minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. A general discussion was had about the health and wellbeing of members and members we have lost recently including Randy Squance, Gordy Clauseitzer, Jim Davis, Steven Gay and Bob Myers. Shirley gave the treasurer's report and reminded all to pay their dues because she needed to get a check off to the National immediately. Old business was discussed and The King Ag museum donated three porta potties, relieving many. Dates for the swap meet work party were bantered and March 26th was agreed upon with the duties to include the normal; put potties and signs out, parking lot set up, mow, lines on the ground, garbage cans, tables and some weed whacking to be done. Swap Date is April 28/29 but it was advertised in the WAIT as 29/30. The committee idea for swap and show jobs was bantered. New Business of Officer Nominations and the elections committee chair, Mike King gave a brief talk about twisting Justin Buetow 's arm clear up behind his back until he begged to be nominated, there were no other nominees and all other board members agreed to stay on to support him if elected. Voting ensued and it was a landslide! Dale presented Justin with a few necessary items including the Golden Screw that has been handed down from Presidents passed. So officially our 2023 until most likely, eternity President is Justin Buetow, Vice President George Rhoads, Secretary Ben Lyon, Treasurer Shirley Miller, Newsletter April Campbell, Board of Directors; Dale Fye, Randy King, Brian Edwards, Mike Linnell, Ed Murphy, Jim Beeler. A round of applause was had for all. Further business included removing April Campbell from the bank account and unanimously nominating Ben Lyon to be added as a backup signatory. Show and Swap advertising was discussed briefly and George made a motion to donate to Farm Days; all in favor of a \$500 donation. Discussion ensued about donating and setting up a donation jar for students headed to trade school; all agreed with the amount and school or way to be researched by George and Mike Linnell. Dale made a statement about handing the microphone to Justin officially at the next meeting; Date set for July 8 2023 10am at the show grounds.

Adjourned and all enjoyed the running of engines and a huge potluck.

Minutes provided by Ben Lyon, lost, found and printed

by April Campbell



Jeff, left, The Prankster at Heart, pulled off a doozy at the March Meeting!

Some how keeping a grand secret- Jeff rented a trailer and came to the Showgrounds last fall and stole Mike King's 15 HP Reed Engine. This particular Reed has been the property of several members in the past, including Jeff, Durbin and Mike. It has been sitting on the sidelines at the show grounds for several years, stately but derelict. If you've had the pleasure to meet Jeff you'll know that that engine not running was slowly eating his soul. So he masterminded a plan, swooping it up and repairing it to perfect running order over the winter. It was staged at the March meeting with a for sale sign as a joke to surprise Mike. I think the look on both faces in this photo says it all! Cheers to good buddies and those that can keep a secret!

Show / Swap Guide was published in the last newsletter; please refer to the exhaustfumes.org website if you need to review prior to show set up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14-21 Calkins Estate Auction chehalis 360-520-4150 bid online clmauctions.hibid.com

June 23-24 2023 Branch 15 Swap Meet Brooks Oregon Contact Steve Johnson 503-932-0323

June 24-25 PSATMA pull Lynden WA Diane 360-319-2404 Jeff (360) 815-5979

July 8th Branch 245 Board Meeting at 10AM General Meeting at 11AM at our showgrounds with Show Set Up Party begins and Lunch to follow meeting.

*BYO Chair, gloves and a dish to share. BBQ burgers will be provided.

*Major items to do will be weedeating; lay out the lines; set up signs, potties and trash cans.

*Club members are welcome to camp out and bring equipment for the show.

Contact Justing Buetow (253) 350-9409

July 8-11 Ken Lange Antique Engine Collection Auction Fruitland ID JBSAuctions.com

July 14 Friday Night Hot Rodder's Cruise In at Old Iron Park

July 14-16 Pioneer Power of the Pacific Northwest Show & Swap Meet at Old Iron Park, Shelton WA

Vendor Info: (360) 490-8441 Show Info Justin (253) 350-9409

July 29-30 Great Oregon Steam Up Brooks Oregon 503-393-2424

Aug 5-6 Great Oregon Steam Up Brooks Oregon 503-393-2424

In memory of Board Member Ken Christensen

Ken was a good friend to the club and to our past President Dale, enjoying many rusty adventures and trusting him for several years with the care of his big tractors and allowing them to be housed at the showgrounds. It was a pleasure to have them at the ready for Ken and his family to enjoy at the shows. Our love and condolences to family, his lovely wife Bernice, grandson Isaac who Ken regularly had in tow at our events and to his daughter Casey and her youngest son Hudson who we have grown to know over the last few years at some of our meetings and the tractor shows.

Kenneth "Ken" Christensen, age 85, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on June 12, 2023, at his home in Westport.

Ken was a self-made man and a credit to his generation. He was a go-getter from an early age. At 18, he started his own construction company — Ken's Construction. At the same time, he built a home and several motel units and called it Ken's Hilltop.

He met and married his bride, Bernice, more than 50 years ago. They were partners in love, life and business, and together they made a wonderful life and raised a family. In the late 1970s, Ken and Bernice turned the motel into rentals. Ken decided to change his career path and bought a shop in Aberdeen. He bought and sold equipment,

working also as a blacksmith and running the shop with Bernice. Traveling regularly between Westport and Aberdeen provided him with the opportunity to interact with a variety of people and to attend numerous auctions and swap meets. He was business savvy and loved to wheel and deal with great skill, resulting in a successful outcome for both parties.

When he could take a break from work, he loved to travel with his youngest daughter Kathryn (Casey), and two of his grandsons, Isaac and Hudson. After making the decision to retire, he was too full of energy and life, not to take up hobbies to keep him busy. He had a great appreciation for antique tractors. Not only did he collect them, but he could repair a tractor that hadn't run for years and make it show-worthy. He was a dedicated member of a small engine tractor club, and he enjoyed talking about and showing his tractors at shows in Grays Harbor and surrounding counties. He loved taking his grandson Isaac with him to the tractor shows from when Isaac was a toddler through his early adulthood.

Ken was an extremely generous man with his knowledge. He could take something broken and make it like new again. He treasured teaching the younger generations of his family and those he mentored.

He is survived by his wife Bernice Christensen, his daughters Kathryn (Casey) Hartill (Toby), Lisa Christensen, Cindy Long (Fred), and Jaymie Hirsch (Doug), numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and Buster the cat. He is preceded in death by his son Wayne Christensen.

In lieu of flowers or donations, please mentor or share a valuable skill with a family member or friend in Ken's honor. A celebration of life for his family will be held later this year.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Twibell's Fern Hill Funeral Home in Aberdeen, Washington.

LIKE everyone, Austin

Kenneth 'Ken' Christensen



Opinions are like...

Just returned from the National Show in Pottsville and the roar of activity is still running through my mind. After a 7 or 8 hour drive down on thursday with moderate traffic. We arrived and found a space between the swap meet row, a huge thrasher and a display of git'r done tractors. We dropped our three engines onto the scorched tundra, wore out a good sledge setting up ropes, through down a new rug, a few chairs, the old cooler and a sturdy pop up. Friendly faces greeted us and the gang down there working behind the scenes really didn't disappoint. Friends came from all over to enjoy the weekend and it really was a good time, fussing with engines, talking to the public, pilfering the swap meet and enjoying numerous BS sessions. I'm truly honored to know you all. The Pottsville branch has a nice rustic show grounds with some shade trees and a lot to look at. There are a few buildings that must house equipment; one labeled Museum but it wasn't open, a neat board and batten covered entrance building with displays, bit of a western town and a couple of metal buildings. There also was a huge well pounding rig, a shake mill and a giant engine that look to be permanent fixtures. The perimeter is a fence line full of implements and many other days- gone- by relics. Porta Potties a plenty- in all, the show was hot, breezy and pretty cool.

...tater chips, ya can't just have one...

With a National Show comes a meeting and changes be happenin'. The national secretary has a shadow and she will be taking over; welcome new secretary seriously, welcome. May we leave behind stone age pay? Tractor pull enthusiasts get a little boost of encouragement from the newly voted speed limit of 6mph.. ya'll don't get all wild and crazy now- keep 'em original and keep them front tires on the dirt and for the love of it- don't run into a Rolls or over a cactus! Lastly our friend and the hardest working most devoted Regional director was outvoted this year by the Alaska guy who's chummy with the National President. Things do change, some for the better, yet some changes do suck. Let's hope the Alaska Chum doesn't suck. We will miss you Morrie, you've been great to us with your guidance and good humor! See ya at a show.

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Living a mere 30 miles from Olympia, where our elections are mail in and have been stolen since Dino Rossi got beat on the 3rd recount, it was encouraging to see an outspoken populous not concerned about being silent with their political views in Oregon. A woman came to our booth on Saturday and asked us to join her at the courthouse steps for a public reading of the constitution. She didn't look crazy; she seemed educated and she appeared to be normal like Francette or Shirley. Then I had an hour-long conversation with a lovely western romance author who was growing frustrated by the two town council trumpsters' continued votes against funding for local homeless issues. I do hope they both can find success in their missions. I am also willing to bet those two couldn't set in a room together and it's a shame because they both want the same thing: Peace, kindness and the American dream to be everyone's reality.

... just food for thought



April Campbell, editor Branch 245

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Show & Swap Meet

July 14, 15 & 16 2023 9 am - 5 pm

Celebrating

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Old Iron Park

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Shelton, WA 98584**

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