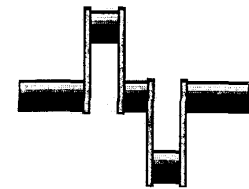


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Meeting Notes

October 18, 2003

Bob Kradjian, Secretary

Club meeting and Blackhawk Report:

We had a rollicking good time at our fifth Blackhawk appearance. This was a combination club meeting and engine show. Members Hurst, Gravatt, Lile, Adams, Pretel, O'Connors (both Pat and Brian), Levesque, Meyers, Nickels, Bennett, Mecchi, Schutz, Cave, Vlavianos, McDole, and probably others I failed to mention.

The weather was perfect, the setting delightful, and the elegant museum held a new batch of four wheeled wonders. A knowledgeable and respectful group of onlookers appreciated our offerings and asked intelligent questions. One nice, older gentleman brought a nifty two-cycle engine that he built 60+ years ago.

Museum director Jon Hart has already invited us back for next year. Will this become a fall tradition for the BAEM group?

I was pleased to see that Ken Hurst brought

along the Harley-Davidson "Evolution" engine produced by Virgil Jeffries of Corbett, Oregon. Ken converted the little engine to electronic ignition with a Hall effect timer. He also throttled down the carburetion and the result was a sweet runner with a good idle and mid-range transition. Virgil was at the Visalia show with no less than three of his fine-running little gems. Virgil took a long, careful look at Ken's modifications to the little engine. I suspect Virgil's subsequent engines (12 are planned) may show some of the Hurst modifications. I've got my order in for one. Other news is that Virgil has joined our club. Welcome Virgil.

Visalia Report:

The very first "Men, Metal, and Machines" is now history. Promoters Gary and Jared Schoenly who produce the successful "Cabin Fever" shows in Pennsylvania, were the guiding forces. They did a great job. The vendors were plentiful, and most of them left the show very happy with the results of the two days. The exhibitors were scanty, but I am confident that there will be a much bigger turnout for next year. I'm glad that our club made a strong showing; things would have been a bit thin without our group.

What seems uncertain is the exhibitor contribution from the southern part of the state. I didn't encounter any except our two fine So-Cal members, Haagensen and Butzen.

Here's what is certain; the Schoenlys have done a terrific job of arranging the show at an absolutely splendid setting. Visalia's convention facility is spanking new, spacious, and best of all--connected to the host hotel. This adds up to the best setting for an engine show that I've witnessed. The Schoenlys are firmly committed to next year's show, and the good news is that young Jared (21) has joined our club! Gary Schoenly offered a conference room to the BAEM members for the purpose of holding our monthly meeting. This would not be fair to the members unable to make the trip to Visalia, but it might be a splendid idea to have such a room for our group with a catered dinner for the Saturday night next year. It's impossible for all of

us to get together in a restaurant. We might even have a microphone and can yack at each other. Think it over, it could be fun! You can keep up with developments at cabinfeverexpo.com. If anyone who missed the event wants to catch up, buy Mike Rehmus's video when it comes on market. It should be excellent. (Incidentally, the Visalia newspaper had a photo of Steve Meyers and Dick Pretel's engines.

I won't attempt to name all the many members who traveled to Visalia, but it was good to see Bob Haagensen back after his injury to his left hand. He's doing well and even had the culprit rotary engine on exhibit. His partner in the hobby, Roger Butzen is making progress on a lovely, small Harley engine.

See you at the November meeting!

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TECH TOPICS

BY PAT O'CONNOR

At the November 15th meet Steve Jasik will talk on buffing, deburring, etc.

First Annual "Men, Metal, and Machines Model Engineering Exposition" held at the Visalia, California Convention Center on October 25 & 26, 2003.



1918 Bentley BR-2
Rotary Engine 1/6 Scale
Built by Louis Chenot

Photos by Bill Nickels



Pratt & Whitney R985 WASP Jr. 1/4-Scale by Paul Knapp



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John Garis' remote controlled boat powered by a



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