

The Crank Calls

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NEXT MEETING
 April 21, 2006 AT
 Robert Schutz's Shop
 366 40th St. Oakland CA
 Doors open at 9 AM
 Meeting Starts at 10 AM

Upcoming Events

April 29 Benicia Car show
 May 6 Hillsborough car show 10am to 4pm
 Maker Faire, May 19, 20 San Mateo Fairgrounds
 July 29 1st B.A.E.M. engine show in Vallejo
 Aug 3 - 5 Goodguys @ Pleasanton

MEETING NOTES

By Carl Wilson

The club greeted one guest at the March meeting: Charles Miglia a retired machinist who is interested in single cylinder gas engines.

Mike Rehms has subscribed to Engine Technology magazine, which covers current developments in automotive powertrain technology. The website is:

http://www.ukintpress.com/mag_engine.htm.

Mike also gave us a sneak preview of two of his centerfold pictures: issue # 9, which subscribers should have by now, features Roger Butzen's 426 Hemi and a future issue will have Jim Moyer's Cadillac V8.

The Western Engine and Model Exhibition has been officially launched with it very own website: <http://wemeshow.com/>. At the March meeting we spent some time discussing the details of the show. One of the matters is pertinent to all of the readers of this newsletter. Our club has operated for years on a minimal budget that pays our EDGTA membership and newsletter costs. There was nothing in the kitty to launch this venture so we decided to have a raffle of white elephants to start things off. As the raffle pre-empted the Tech Topics, this newsletter is shorter than usual.



In addition to the raffle, president Pat O'Connor asked individuals to contribute to the show kitty. Contributions will be repaid to the extent that the show makes money. \$1500 was subscribed at the meeting and this is a great start. Please consider making a contribution/loan to the club for the show.

Someone noted that PM Design is for sale, and that it might be a good idea to buy any kit that you are planning to make in the near future.

We have been selected to display our engines at the Make Faire in San Mateo in May. We will have one table. The show overlaps our meeting date of 19 May.

We are at this show to advertise our club. We will need 2 exhibitors for each day. Please contact Pat.



Mike Rehmus is quite delighted with his \$30 find at Wal Mart: a super bright battery powered LED desk light.



Dario Mecchi presents his current project, a Root and Vandervort hit-n-miss.



At the top of this photo is the crank and connecting rod for George Gravatt and Dwight Giles' latest project, the Red Devil. George drilled the rod 3/32" diameter from the crankpin bore to the wrist pin for lubrication. Cylinder blocks by Jerry James ?

Stuff for Sale

Five (yes 5!) welders , must pick up near San Jose, CA 95140. I will load them:

Airco DIP STICK 160 - 160a MIG/STICK/TIG (no HF) 230v 50a 1ph, integral wire feeder to 30# spools, Tweco gun, spare 0.030 tips, 25 cu ft Ar/CO2 tank, regulator/flowmeter, stick lead, on casters \$450

Lincoln IdealArc 250 - 250a MIG, 230v 50a 1ph, integral wire to 0.045 feeder to 30# spools, recent new Magnum 250 gun, regulator, microprocessor control, no wire or tank. \$1100

Miller EconTIG - 160a TIG/stick, 230v 50a 1ph, current model, exc. condition, regulator, TIG torch, foot control, stick lead, cart, no tank \$950

Miller SRH333 - DC only stick 300a @ 60% duty cycle, max 425a, 230v 60a 3ph, lay down some serious metal with this beast, on a pallet, no leads \$400

Craftsman Oxy-Acetylene Gas welding outfit - weld and cutting torches, tips, cart, regulators, hose and tanks - user owned 80 cu ft Oxygen and 80 cu ft acetylene tanks \$375.

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