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NEXT MEETING
 August 18, 2006 at
 Maggiora Baking Co.
 190 Garden Tract Rd, Richmond
 Doors open at 9 AM
 Meeting Starts at 10 AM

Upcoming Events
 Aug 17 Monterey Historics
 Aug 24 - 26 Goodguys @ Pleasanton

Message from the President's desk

WE DID IT - The first ever BAEM Western Engine and Model Exhibition, WEME, was a great success thanks to the efforts of many of the clubs members. Along with BAEM we had exhibits from:

Bay Area Tankers Club, Rich Upton, Robert Penman, Art Vicario, Bruce Skalisky Southern California Home Shop Machinists Club, Paul Chretien, EDGE&TA Branch 13, Don Dougherty, Joe Lund, The Metal Shed, Bruce Hebron, Donald Isaac Jr., Mary Isaac Tad Wicks, Tether cars, Gary Barnes, Richie Rich

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I'd like to thank our members who came from out of area to support the show, Roger Butzen, Randall and Amy Cox, Marc and Bobbin Cave, Bob Haagenson and a special thanks to Paul Knapp who brought 50 engines from his museum collection.

And finally to Barry O'Connor, who took pictures of all the exhibits, and all of you who

worked the front desk, security and did the tasks that needed to get did.

Pat

MEETING NOTES/ SHOW REPORT

Carl Wilson

Bob Kradjian used up a lot of the superlatives available in the English language in his report and all the words I have left are THANK YOU. Our work crew showed up at 3 PM Sat and by 4:30 or so the setup was done. Sunday's tear-down was equally efficient. I only had to point and someone took charge of the job and made sure it was done right.

I have a list of members who donated, built, or rented items that were used for the show:

Al Aldritch: borrowed the fire extinguishers
 Paul Bennet: rented the air compressor
 George Gravatt: built fire extinguisher stands
 Lenard Higgins: rented the exhaust fan
 Rick Levesque: donated electrical and pneumatic materials and printed the large signs
 Dennis Mead: made small signs and their stands
 John Palmer: fabricated the air distribution system and built stanchions for crowd control
 Grant Savier: sandblasted the bases for the stanchions

Please send your invoices for materials and rental fees to Joe Landau so you can get reimbursed.

The vision that we could put on a show was from Mike Rehmus; the overall leadership that made it happen was from Pat O'Connor. Thank you, Mike and Pat.

Western Engine and Model Exhibition
Report

Bob Kradjian, acting
secretary

It would be difficult to describe the first WEME show without resorting to superlatives, such as: fantastic, amazing, incredible, marvelous, outstanding, and wonderful. But, it was all that!

The vision and hard work of many dedicated club members came to fruition with the highly successful completion of the first WEME show in Vallejo.

There was a tremendous amount of pre-show work. Starting with show planning and finding a venue. Then setting up compressor, pipes, tables, making badges, signage, fire-extinguisher racks, arranging for food service and a variety of other tasks. Many trips were made to the Vallejo site by the hard-working organizers.

The major show sponsor was Model Engine Builder Magazine. Mike and Toni Rehmus paid for the rental of the three halls.

On show day, from beginning to end, all went smoothly. Club members and wives issued badges, monitored the doors in all three halls, helped with parking, unloading engines, took the donations, stamped hands, manned the compressor and air lines, and monitored all activities for safety. The good folks at the front desk worked steadily all through the day without a break. They even brought ice water to the busy exhibitors.

The advance publicity team, Tom Hares leading, did a great job with printing the flyers and cards, distributing them and contacting local news outlets. Dwight Giles even became a local celebrity with two newspaper articles.

Pat O'Connor and wife were extremely busy with general planning, registration, space allocation, publicity, and making badges. Pat also chaired the pre and post-show BAEM club meetings.

Now to the show itself---this was a fabulous showing of truly fine engines. I've been to all the PRIME shows and four NAMES shows, as well as shows in England. Not one of them came close to matching the number and quality of the engines in our Vallejo show.

Paul Knapp gave us a terrific boost with two long tables loaded with 50 superb engines. The term "museum quality" is often loosely used. Paul's engines are that, and more.

Our Southern California contingent, Bob Haagenson and Roger Butzen drove up with their usual collection of first-rate engines.

Randall Cox and daughter Amy, made the drive all the way from Wyoming to show his six-cylinder open engine and the "Hoglet". Both engines are build articles in Model Engine Builder.

John Palmer and his wife were just outside the door of one of the three halls. It seems his Rumley was too large to get in. Not a problem for John, he set up his tent and entertained folks all day with his fine display.

The Napa group with Gravatt, Giles, and Hurst were busy all day with their fine engines.

The remainder of our club members exhibitors ran engines, answered questions during a long day. Many of these engines have been award winners at other shows. Cory Renner burned the midnight oil to finish a fine engine that ran merrily on propane.

We had a variety of steam engines (operating on compressed air, of course) including Dario Mecchi's fine Corliss.

We even had a guest exhibitor with very realistic radio controlled WW II tanks patrolling the aisles (with an escort) to look for targets.

Don Jones was everywhere helping out.

Lenard Higgins not only provided security, he rented the large industrial fan that kept the air clear in hall C.

Joe Landau furnished his expertise to handle the finances.

Barry O'Connor took photographs of the displays.

Bob Johnson from Fairfield and son Tracy helped with security.

Tom Armstrong was busy overseeing operations during the day, also with door watch, and security.

Rick Levesque's major contributions will be covered in Carl Wilson's report.

Mrs. Mecchi and Mrs. Remington put in long hours at the front table.

Paul Bennett supplied the all-important air compressor and exhibited.

Al Aldrich helped in a variety of ways and even obtained a cash donation from his employers at Valero refinery.

Shannon and Irene Lile were busy with set up and tear down as well as the front desk.

Marc and Bobby Cave made the trip from Reno and were busy all day helping exhibitors and visitors. Also with set up and tear down.

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www.littlemachineshop.com

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<http://www.lasercenteredgefinder.com>

Carl Wilson was everywhere; developing facilities, setting up the air system, electricity, and working on set-up and tear down.

Show pictures





Stuff for Sale

As your newsletter editor I am sorry I missed the WEME show, but I was on my way to Peru that morning. I promise not to miss next year's show. I have lots of stuff for sale and will be bringing it to the next meeting, including a retractable air hose reel with 50 feet of hose, etc.

Bevan Gifkins

Contact: bevangifkins@hotmail.com
has the following Challenger V8 parts for sale:

Crankshaft \$ 450.00 NZD

Camshaft \$ 200.00 NZD

Complete ignition unit. \$ 150.00 NZD