

The Crank Calls

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NEXT MEETING
 Dec 13, 2008 at
 Chabot College, building 1400
 25555 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward 94545
 Doors open at 10 AM
 Meeting Starts at 11 AM

Upcoming Events
Xmas party is 2nd Saturday
Bring spouse, significant other,
and food

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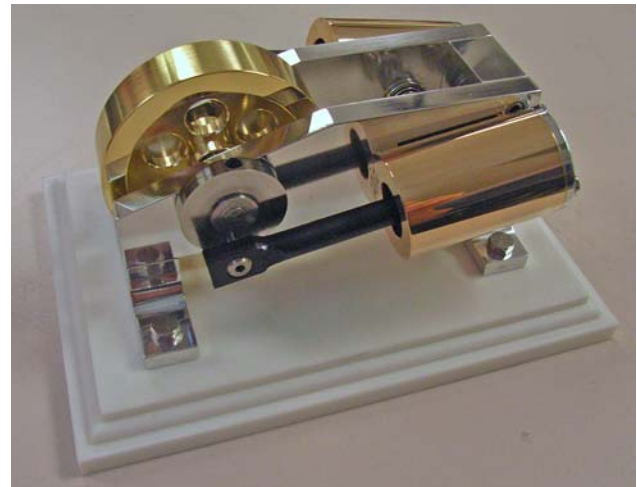
11-15-08 Carl Wilson

Folks, mark the month of November 2008 on your calendar of memories. We set a record for the shortest meeting, and to match, this newsletter will also be the shortest. We had the annual swap meet and various items went home with new owners, and a quick meeting. We had to vacate the room early and there was no Tech Topic so we didn't really miss anything, well, we didn't have any running engines so we were short on the fumes of burnt gasoline.

There was one piece of significant news: the Franchise Tax Board has approved our application for non-profit status. We are still awaiting a decision from the Internal Revenue Service.

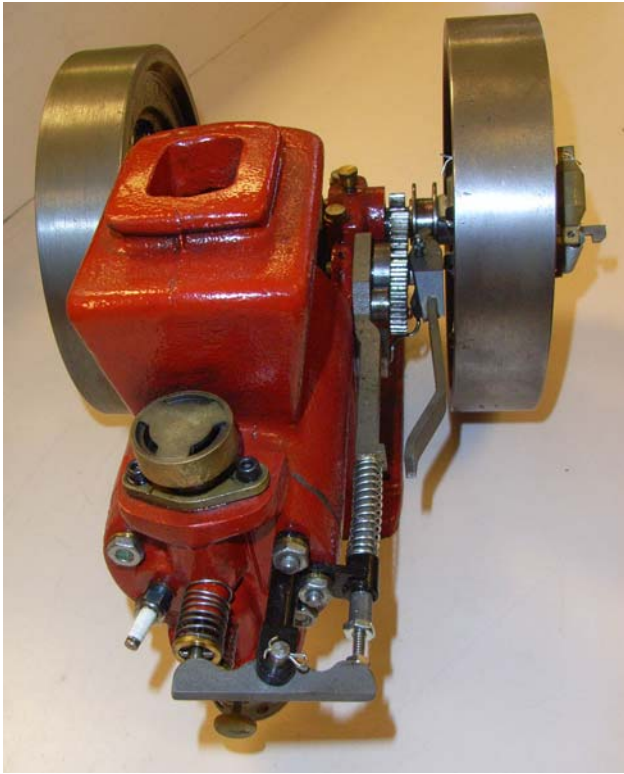
Special note: The December meeting is our annual Christmas party and is held on the second Saturday rather than our usual meeting date and an hour later. Details on the envelope. Bring food, appetite, and engines of all kinds to run. Also bring toys, whatchamacallits, and other fun things; also spouses and significant others. This is our day to party, talk, run engines and have a good time. BTW Irene Lile has organized the supplies for the party: the rest of us only need to bring food.

Rick Levesque displayed his superbly finished two cylinder oscillating steam engine. It was flawless! The aluminum looked like chrome, the brass flywheel glowed in the light, and the bronze cylinders had a beautiful color. This engine was featured in Live Steam Magazine Vol. 41 #5, Sept/Oct 2007. Steam Engines do not go Pop: they might go Hiss so First Hiss Honors are hereby awarded to Rick.



Ken Kelso lives in Modesto and is a bit far away to help with the club show. In lieu he has donated this nicely built hit-n-miss engine to the club for sale. A friend of Ken,s bought the kit of castings at a swap meet and Ken built it. It is a free lance design. George Gravatt took it home and will work his magic upon it before the club puts it up for sale. I'll publish more details

then. On behalf of Bay Area Engine Modelers I thank Ken for his generous donation.



Ken also showed his build of a Richard Shelly model of a Woodpecker hit-n-miss engine. Ken noted that the governor is on the driven gear (not visible in this photo) and was difficult to adjust. Took him a month to get it right.



Dwight Giles is helping sell the estate of the late John Vlavianos, member of BAEM. John assembled and sold complete engines from remnants of a production run by the designer, Bill Daniel. These are not reproductions but NOS (new old stock.) Proceeds from the sale of

the remaining parts and engines will go to John's widow.

Also for sale: John's Bridgeport mill. Never run under power: \$2500. Contact Dwight for details.

