

The Crank Calls

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NEXT MEETING
 Jan 17, 2009 at
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 Doors open at 9 AM
 Meeting Starts at 10 AM

Upcoming Events

MEETING NOTES

12-13-08

Carl Wilson

Good eats, good friends and engines made for a wonderful meeting for December 2008. An engine builder could hardly ask for more.

But first there was a bit of business to transact: Mike Rehmus moderated a brief discussion on the Western Engine and Model Exhibition for 2009. A member asked why the show managers had decided upon a one day show. The main reason was money: the cost of renting the hall for the second day. We lost money on the 2008 show, and most of the money was lost on Sunday. The show managers decided that the best choice for 2009 was one day. That has changed with the donation by Ken Kelso of a hit-n-miss engine. With the sale of that engine we will have enough money to fund the show without asking the club membership to loan money to the show in advance. Paul Bennet proposed that the club could absorb some small losses in the show: the purpose of the show is to provide a place and time to meet the public and display our craftsmanship and also to meet our friends within the hobby who are able to attend the show. We don't have to make a profit. The show managers will meet and discuss this issue again.

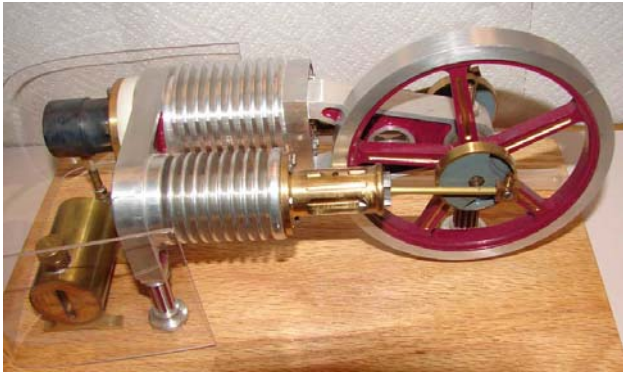
The show urgently needs a publicity manager to handle advertising and needs more participation by club members in its operation. The greatest need is for members who are not exhibiting engines to help with the "front desk" and with managing the operation of the show, specifically security, safety and parking lot shuttle.

Last but not least: Dwight Giles' daughter can make badges for the exhibitors & guests. It would be nice to have several designs to choose from. So how about it? If you can draw, make some sketches for us to look at in January.

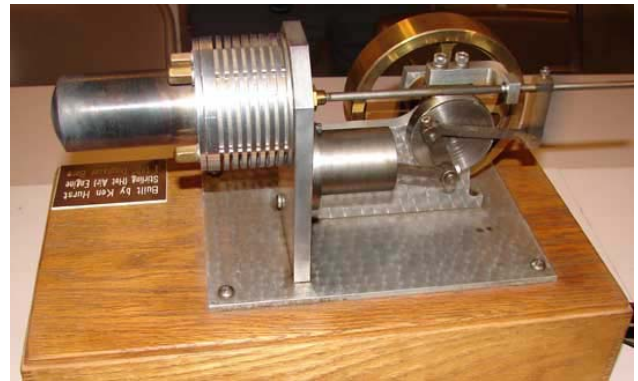


Peter Lawrence continues his build of the Rolls-Royce Merlin. This view shows the top of the

cylinder head – the brass colored pieces are the valve rocker arms.



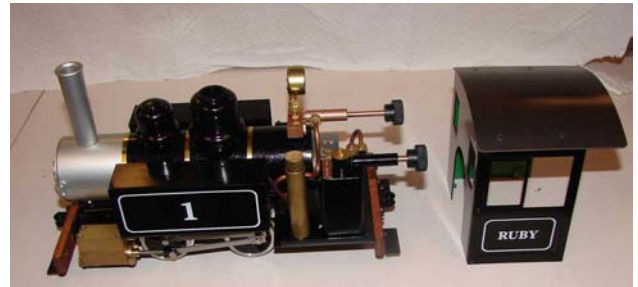
Lew Throop's Stirling engine to a design by Jerry Howell



Ken Hurst's Stirling engine with unique linkage for the displacer piston.



Rick Levesque's oscillating steam engine $\frac{3}{4}$ " bore $1\frac{1}{2}$ " stroke Design by Rudy Kouhoup.



Dennis Mead ran "Ruby", a live steam locomotive in G scale. This is a kit from Accucraft.



Dwight Giles 4 cylinder engine is one-half of the Black Widow V-8. Cylinder lap in front.



George Gravatt's model of the Palmer ZR-1 marine engine: design by Hamilton Upshur.