

EARLY DAY TRACTOR & IRON - NEWSLETTER

EARLY DAY GAS ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION - BRANCH 242

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you all for supporting the effort of getting Branch 242 to begin rolling forward from the dead-stop of one month ago. Your enthusiasm and encouragement have been the levers needed to make things move.

Thanks to Richard and Jo Pope for donating Mr. Coffee maker to Branch 242, it was put to good use immediately.

Rising to the need, Mark Bergthold volunteered to be Treasurer. He did not hesitate to jump in with both feet, and his service is appreciated.

Also, a call for Directors-at-Large was met with more volunteerism when Roger Kindel, Stevie Mote, and Ken Woodward agreed to accept those three positions.

We have collected a fine bunch of tractor and engine folks, interested in promoting their hobby and having a good time doing so. As we look forward we must take on the task of translating our good intentions into action based successes, all doable because we want to be successful.

Our calendar will expand with new events as we become more attuned to our capabilities, and we will increase the lead-time to make personal planning easier, and involve more members in making all this happen.

As I write this at 6:45 PM on March 15th, the EARLY DAY TRACTOR & IRON web site has been online 5+ hours, thanks to the good work of Paul Dunn. Have a look.

www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org (Don't put & in there if you really want to view it.)

If time is available, join some friends at breakfast on Thursday mornings. This isn't about tractors nor is it about Branch 242 activities. Just friends discussing the state of the world, health, taxes, or about anything else that comes up. We meet at Corral Family Restaurant, 15550 Main Street, near 11th and Main, every Thursday morning, eat at 8 AM.

Ed Beals,
President

MARCH 15, MEETING SUMMARY

Opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

11 Members in attendance.

(Out of order but fun to report, the Branch number confirmed after the meeting closed.... We are Branch 242)

RECOGNITION: Jan Woodward was recently hospitalized and current status was unknown as Ken was late arriving. Update, she is home, under care, but doing OK per Ken.

Richard & Jo Pope donated a Mr. Coffee maker to Branch 242. Jo Pope is our Branch photographer. A

reminder that member-spouses are welcome at meetings, and that had been announced in the meeting notice recently sent.

STATUS OF THIS NEW BRANCH - We applied for EDGE&TA Branch status with 22 members. Our membership materials will arrive soon and we will be effective April 15, 2014.

Also, the officers were listed as Ed Beals, President; Paul Dunn, VP; Ken Davis, Safety Officer, Paul Liverman, Jr., Membership Director, Paul Dunn, Editor; and, Roger Kindel, Stevie Mote, Ken Woodward as Directors-at-large.

Noted that all officers and directors will be known as Directors and they form the Board of Directors.

The offices of Secretary and Treasurer have placeholder names of Eric Beals and Paul Dunn, which will be changed as those positions are filled by volunteers or through election.

Since filing our roster, two more members have joined, Bill & Addie Cooke, friends of Roger Kindel and others in Branch 242. These will be registered with EDGE&TA along with "new Secretary and Treasurer" shortly.

Mark Bergthold volunteered to be Treasurer, and assisted by Paul Dunn and Roger Kindel (and any others) will propose Branch 242 dues at the April meeting. This is in addition to EDGE&TA dues of \$ 12.

EVENT CALENDAR

Next Meeting: Sat. April 19, 2014

April 25 - 27, 2014 - California Antique Farm Equipment Show in Tulare, California. Friday and Saturday, 8 AM to 5 PM; Sunday 8 AM to 3 PM.

May 10, 2014 - Cal Poly Tractor & Car Show on the Cal Poly Pomona Campus.

May 31, 2014 - 9 AM to 12 PM, Bob's Big Boy 3rd Annual Truck and Tractor Show at 3521 Hamner Ave. in Norco.

June 14, 2014 - 8 AM to 4 PM - Branch 30, Rusty Relics, Swap Meet & Tractor Fire-Up in Palmdale.

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

This is the first publication of the Early Day Tractor & Iron, EDGE&TA Branch 242 Newsletter.

It is your newsletter and will contain news, announcements, articles of interest, humor, and whatever the membership desires.

Please help me by sending your photos, suggestions, links, information, etc. to: pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org then read future publications to see your contributions.

Thanks in advance.

Paul Dunn,
Editor