

# EARLY DAY TRACTOR & IRON - NEWSLETTER

EARLY DAY GAS ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION - BRANCH 242

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## **APRIL 19, MEETING SUMMARY**

Opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

16 Members in attendance with two guests

Guest Bob Hanson of Branch 30 - EDGETA, Rusty Relics of Lancaster.

Guest Ben Drake from Phelan.

Branch 242 officially recognized with the issue of member badges (Yellow) to all 24 members.

A trial of breakout sessions for Safety, Membership, and Finance allowed the two committee chairman and the Treasurer to begin putting together their individual programs for Branch 242. The discussions and conclusions made were to provide the basis for reports on "concrete" plans needed to move ahead.

It was felt the use of breakout sessions is a useful tool in gathering and sorting out issues, and may be used again, perhaps with other topics.

Without a Branch 242 Secretary, there were no minutes taken, nor were there any minutes read.

Mark Bergthold reported on progress to date on Finances and made a motion regarding Branch 242 Dues:

Dues Motion made by Mark Bergthold, Treasurer, to set the Branch 242 Annual Membership Dues for 2014-2015 as follows: Regular Member, \$ 30 (includes \$ 12 EDGETA dues); Regular Member's Spouse, \$ 20 (includes \$ 12 EDGETA dues); Associate Member (Current membership in another EDGETA Branch) \$ 20. All classes of membership have voting rights. Motion was seconded and carried.

Effective immediately, members with unpaid dues, because of this motion, should remit the balance to the Treasurer, Mark Bergthold, 13244 Fordham Circle, Victorville, CA 92392.

Paul Dunn reported on the Web Site, it is up with four pages available at: [www.earlydaytractoriron.org](http://www.earlydaytractoriron.org). Return often and watch us grow.

Paul Dunn also encourages all members to become Cub Reporters and furnish materials and reports of Branch 242 activities for inclusion in the newsletter.

Paul Liverman Jr. displayed the EDGE&TA national Decal (\$.50) and Patch (\$3.00) available to members. He also displayed a guest/potential member card designed by Paul Dunn. Let's use these to maintain contact

with those tractor/engine folks looking for a great branch to join.

The first Executive Board meeting will commence when a date, time, place can be agreed to.

## **EVENT CALENDAR**

Next Meeting: Sat. May 17, 2014

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **EDGETA – BRANCH 242 – WHY?**

All Branches should conduct activities under the Branch name. We insure Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association and its Branches. Other club names are not covered. If you expect to have coverage for a branch function you will need to add "EDGETA Branch XYZ" to your club name.

All EDGETA members have coverage anywhere they go if they follow the EDGETA requirements. But a branch sponsored event doesn't have coverage unless they include "EDGETA Branch XYZ" in their name. "Tired Iron of the Ozarks" doesn't have coverage. "Tired

Iron of the Ozarks, EDGETA Branch 37" does have coverage.

## **SAFETY**

Safety Director, Ken Davis, gave a talk about the safe handling of gasoline and flammable liquids. Ken spoke about a common situation whereby tractors with gravity feed gas tanks are often above the battery, or at least close to hot engine parts. These situations are fuel for a fire, and we need to take all precautions to avoid an explosion and flames.

We have two ex-firefighters in our branch, it is being planned for them to give the members a demonstration of the proper way to control a fire and use a fire extinguisher.

Ken additionally addressed:

**C P R** - We will be looking into a group class.

## **STARTING A TRACTOR**

1. Do not jump to the starter. If in gear, you could get run over: jump to the battery.
2. Make sure mechanical neutral devices are working, and you are on the seat when starting your tractor.
3. If you have a crank starter, it is a good idea to have somebody in the seat with the brakes applied, and wheels chocked.

### Event Safety Equipment

Remember, as a minimum the following safety equipment is required at all events. - *Help is just a phone call away.*

1. First Aid kit.
2. Fire extinguisher.
3. Safety barriers.
4. Eye wash station.

### Future Meetings

1. We will talk about the safe loading and unloading of tractors.
2. Buddy seat safety.
3. More

## EDGETA NATIONAL – SAFETY

EDGETA has an entire section of their website devoted to safety. You are encouraged to visit occasionally the website at [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org) for the latest information and safety at [www.edgeta.org/safety.htm](http://www.edgeta.org/safety.htm)

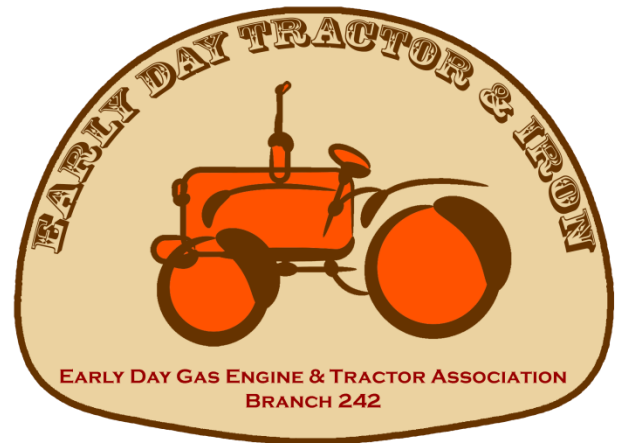
## TRAILER SAFETY

Good trailer safety while getting our tractors and engines to events is as important as what occurs at the event. In the EDGETA, quarterly newsletter for April 2014 is an article worth reading.

From the EDGETA home page, or go to [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org), click on the newsletter button at the left and then click April 2014.



## CLUB PATCH



An ad-hoc group collected their design thoughts resulting in the presented patch. After being presented at the meeting, every member was emailed the artwork and asked to respond with a thumb up, or a thumb down for approval. All members responding, which was well over half, responded with a thumb up.

The “club” will be participating at its first official community event at Cal Poly Pomona on May 10<sup>th</sup>. By then, the board has planned that we will have handouts, etc. promoting our group. We will display the patch/logo.

## EDITOR

Please send your photos, comments, technical information, articles, jokes, recommendations, and stories to me. I will make every effort to include them in future newsletters, or on the website.

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