

### President's Message

Ed Beals

In a first attempt at writing a President's Message for Branch 242, it is a struggle to make it meaningful and to the point, while expressing my thoughts about our Branch 242 in its current state and what may lie ahead.

In April, the concept of taking an idea, planning, and commitment; along with the labor of members can result in a successful event or program. That is similar to taking aggregate, water and cement adding the labor to mix it thoroughly, to create "Concrete." The end product is strong and useful. That is what I feel should be our overall objective with all we strive to achieve, in making Branch 242 the best.

Here is a call for calendar planning -- there are advantages in making a year-long calendar of events. First, it causes us to look forward to those types of activities in which we may have an interest. Second, seeing a list of activities we've made helps us choose those that can lead us toward our club objectives. Third, it helps our personal planning in balancing family, community, and club involvement.

As we become known, we will likely add more members. It will soon be time to mix some Concrete with regard to a meeting place. We can still accommodate a few more at my home, but success breeds success and that should be forthcoming as we participate in parades, shows, schools, or other venues.

By the time you read this, Mark has established our checking account, and stuffed the bank with the Branch 242 dues recently collected. Thanks to Mark, and all the dues-paying members, for getting this done.

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I want to recognize Don Young, EDGE&TA Vice President and Safety Director, as well as Southwest Region Director. We are fortunate to have Don join our Branch, and he is now on our Safety Team.

I am always pleased when the third Saturday rolls around and we have a good turn-out for the meeting.

The door is open by 8:30 AM and may not close all day. You are welcome to come and talk before and after the meeting. Your comments, constructive criticism, ideas, improvements, and temperamental tractor/engine remarks are always appreciated.

June meeting will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at my home. See you then.

Ed Beals, President, Branch 242 of EDGE&TA  
Early Day Tractor & Iron



## Cal Poly Tractor & Car Show – May 10, 2014

Ed Beals

Let's discuss the major problem of the day which we had to confront. The large spikes, nails that we brought to stake the EZ Up were bigger than the holes in the pads on the EZ Up. Other than that issue, it was a great time.

Those attending were Roger and Nicky Kindel, Paul Dunn, Brad West, Eric Beals, Ed Beals, Don Young, and Gloria Flores. Roger and Paul each brought two tractors, Ed one tractor, and Don had his "General" there, too. Gloria brought her 1917 Singer Sewing Machine, a hand-crank model which was an attention getter.

The club EZ Up and new banner were initiated as we placed it near our tractors. Paul Dunn worked out the details of the banner, and it was delivered to him at 9 PM the night before.

The climax of the day was our small group received four trophies, Don, Roger, Paul and Ed. We felt especially proud since we had been an official branch for only three weeks.

Next year, it would be a good thing for all members of the branch to show up, with or without tractor/engine just to visit the Cal Poly Strawberry Festival – Tractor & Car Show and support the club participation. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a report by a member of Branch 22 that describes much about the Cal Poly festival.

That's the great thing about a tractor.  
You can't really hear the phone ring.  
[Jeff Foxworthy](#)



Branch 242 at Cal Poly Strawberry Festival May 10, 2014

## Branch 242 Members Meeting – May 17, 2014

Paul Dunn

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by President Ed Beals.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a sunshine report was given regarding the recent health issue of Jo Pope, her husband stated she was now home and recovering.

Attendance was 13 members.

Two Breakout sessions commenced, a) Discussion of Events; and, b) Safety. The President failed to call for reports from both sessions.

Paul Dunn requested that newsletter contributions, meeting minutes, President's Message, etc. be emailed to him within one week following the monthly meeting.

Mark Bergthold reported he is receiving dues from members for the recent change.

An amendment to the Membership Dues was made by Ken Woodward, seconded and passed.

**Regular Member** - \$30.00 per year – Full Rights  
**Associate Member** (Spouse or Significant Other) - \$20.00 per year – Full Rights  
**Dual Member** (Regular Member of other EDGETA branch) - \$12.00 per year – No voting rights  
**Associate Member** – TBD

Ken Davis reported on trailer safety issues and solutions, along with other safety awareness tips. He stated that Don Young had joined the safety team.

Those that attended the Cal Poly Tractor & Car Show all spoke about the good time had by all members, the trophies won, and that is a quality event. Those attending were Roger and Nicky Kindel, Paul Dunn, Brad West, Ed Beals, Eric Beals, Don Young, and Gloria Flores. Gloria had a 1917

Hand Crank Singer Sewing Machine that was an attention getter. Paul Dunn displayed the new banner with logo's and Early Day Tractor & Iron font. This was attached to the EZ Up at Cal Poly.

An Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 24th, 8:00 AM, at Old Town café, formerly Shelley's, late Mary Ann's; now under new management. Ed Beals will confirm location and provide directions via email.

Brad West reported on the Branch 30 Swap Meet & Fire Up, to be held Saturday, June 14th in Lancaster. 9 Members plan to attend, take EZ UP and several will be swappers.

Ed Beals alerted the members to be on the lookout for a suitable meeting place, as we intend to grow and need to provide for a larger group.

A "Bait Display," (a device or object to attract attention) was discussed. Its purpose would be to break the ice and initiate conversation at shows and displays as guests walk by the Branch 242 EZ Up. The "Bait" project could be a Tractor Carburetor or other unique gadget.

Upcoming Events, shown elsewhere, were discussed and signup sheets for Bob's Big Boy, Branch 30 Swap Meet & Fire Up; and Lucerne Valley 4th of July Parade. Members were encouraged to bring tractors/engines. For those without tractors/engines, your participation and attendance at these events in support of Branch 242 would be appreciated.

If there is a 50-50 chance that something can go wrong, then 9 times out of ten it will.

**Paul Harvey**

## Strawberry Festival, Cal Poly Pomona – Branch 22 Guests

Cindy and Chuck Koether

Don Young has been attending this California university agricultural program event for years, and I hope that he will continue to be our Branch 22 representative for this very spirited event for many years to come. The energy and enthusiasm of the young men and women of Cal Poly University made this an endless day of positive experiences. From the directing of traffic, the working of the farm store and nursery, to being accessible to answer any questions, every moment with these young people was memorable. These young men and women represent a hopeful outlook for America's future.

To show and display at this event, we must have all paperwork in two weeks ahead of the event date. Brenda and her administrative team at the university are very supporting and encouraging. However, with over 100 classic cars, 25 vintage tractors, 200 feet of engine displays, plus the university museum's collection, Brenda needs a headcount early. Please help her by contacting Don Young early.

The event is easily accessible! Even though it is on the Cal Poly campus, it is easy to navigate as it is only three turns after exiting the Pomona Freeway (Hwy. 57). The best route from La Mesa is to take Interstate 805 N to 5N to 57N to Temple Avenue. It is approximately 120 miles and about 2.5 hours (with a trailer). Don Young has received permission for us (Branch 22) to come in and set up on Friday. If not, you must be at the show site by 7:00AM on Saturday morning because the classic car and engine displays are starting to set up in the road, and gateways are narrowing. Try to come in on Friday, and you will be able to dry camp close to your display. The campus and local police and sheriff departments are in full force to ensure your safety and security. You may leave for Friday night dinner with confidence that

everything is safe. Plan to have breakfast Saturday morning on the site because there is much organized chaos with the classic cars and engine displays arriving and being set up.

If you want to buy lunch at the vendors, there are many items from which to choose. However, it's even better to go to the Kellogg Farm Store and purchase some bread, cheese, fruit, chips, natural juices, etc. ( a health food enthusiast's dream). While at the store, make certain to visit the nursery for a great variety of trees, fruits, vegetables, and flowers. I was fascinated by the five different types of fig trees, and at least twelve different types of tomatoes. Cindy and I bought four Hawaiian Pineapple Orange Tomatoes. We will let you know in 75 days how they performed.

Since my four year old granddaughter Kaylee came over from Placentia, we spent most of the day at the horse riding arena, the petting zoo, the insect display (focusing on butterflies), and the snow-cone (shaved ice) concession stand. Needless to say, there are numerous events for all ages. Dan (one of Brenda's associates) was planning on taking us on a tour of one of the massive greenhouses, but my granddaughter decided that picking strawberries and eating them was a more tangible and gratifying experience. The displays in the fields, with both the vintage equipment and the new modern working tractors, were spectacular. My wife Cindy found the Ford Mustang collection mesmerizing, especially the 1965 model that evoked fond memories of the past.

A good day! The drive is easy and safe. The people, including the college students, their teachers and staff, plus the volunteers (both high school and retired individuals) made this a fun-filled, spirit-lifting event. Please try to join us next year.

## Trailer Safety & Buddy Seats

Ken Davis, Safety Director

### **If it looks bad, it is.**

As glib as that may sound, it is very often true when it comes to loading and towing trailers. Just look at the loaded trailer: is it down in the front or back? How about from side to side? Are your binders tight?

Before using your trailer, check the brakes, tires, wheel bearings, lights, and inspect the frame for cracks or breaks that could cause complete failure.

Nearly 85% of trailer accidents are due to coupling failure. Failures from using the wrong ball size, a cracked ball, or no latch pin may cause the trailer to become disconnected.

Very important also is the tow vehicle. Is it too light?

Proper sizing means pulling, and braking power as well as size to provide stability.

Once loaded, it is good to drive a short distance, stop and check your load. Very probably it shifted, and you may need to tighten the binders.

Buddy seats are not original equipment and need to be inspected by branch safety officers. In addition to being structurally sound with good welds, they need to have restraint devices such as handles, back supports, seat belts, etc. There also needs to be guards to protect hands and feet from coming into contact with moving wheels.

Don't forget your fire extinguisher. Every tractor should have one that is accessible to you while standing on the ground or when driving.

**Let's have fun safely.**

## Calendar of Planned Events

**May 24, 2014** – Executive Board Meeting. Hesperia Old Time Cafe 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

**May 31, 2014** – Bob's Big Boy in Norco. Display hours 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM – More info to come.

**June 21, 2014** – Monthly Members Meeting – 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM

**July 4, 2014** – Lucerne Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM

**July 19, 2014** – Monthly Members Meeting – 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM

**August 16, 2014** – Monthly Members Meeting – 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM

**September 13, 2014** – Phelan Phun Days Parade

**September 20, 2014** - Hesperia Fun Days Parade

**September 27, 2014** – Monthly Members Meeting – 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM

**October 18, 2014** – Monthly Members Meeting – 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM

**November 8, 2014** – Veteran's Day at Flabob Airport

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