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President's Message

Ed Beals

The past month has seen Branch 242 busy, four weekends in a row the Branch members have been doing Branch business with participation at Bob's Big Boy in Norco, Tractor Supply Company in Norco, Branch 30 Swap Meet & Fire Up in Lancaster, and finally, the June Meeting, with ever increasing members either displaying a tractor or visiting the event. Thanks to all for making a good showing at these events it makes us "successful".

Our members have taken an interest in looking for more events that we can participate in, and reporting back the details of such events. With this evolving interest in future events, the need for a calendaring committee responsible keeping the Branch informed as to short and long range events is needed. We have established such a committee, with Roger and Nicky Kindel, Stevie Mote and Don Young.

Thank you to members Richard and Jo Pope. They recognized the need for another EZ-Up awning at events: particularly, during the hot days. They very generously purchased a new awning, and donated it to Branch 242 at the general meeting.

Recent work by the Executive Board and the membership on the Branch 242 Bylaws (dated 6/8/2014) has resulted in adoption of the Bylaws at the June General Member Meeting. This allows us to move forward in applying for incorporation and tax-exempt status. Also, it lays down the parliamentary rules by which we will operate into the future. These Bylaws of Branch 242 are "your" bylaws; the membership created them, can change them and can enforce them. Of course, only by following the rules for doing so as described in the Bylaws.

I suggest that each of you become familiar with the content of the Branch 242 Bylaws, and when in doubt or if clarification is needed, bring your questions to the meetings so that all may benefit from the discussion.

The 4th of July parade at Lucerne Valley represents the

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beginning of the parade season, and it is appropriate that Ken Davis, Safety Director, discussed the need for keeping hydrated during such summer month events. I am suggesting that members attending the 4th of July parade, who are not driving a tractor, take our two EZ Ups and set them up along the parade route, to share with others as a club gesture of service to the community. Roger Kindel is coordinating this event.

Special thanks to Paul Dunn, a longtime acquaintance and friend, and to all present, for the prayer at the June meeting. I am having surgery on June 24th and will be out-of-service for a couple of weeks it appears. VP Paul Dunn will handle things in my absence. (It says so in the bylaws)

Ed Beals
President



Branch 242 tractors on display at Tractor Supply Company - Norco

Minutes – June 21, 2014

Paul Dunn/ Mark Bergthold

Meeting called to order by President Ed Beals at 9:05 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer's Report – Mark reported that although we have a small deposit to make, there has been no change in the bank account since last month's meeting. We now have checks, deposit slips, and an endorsement stamp.

Membership Committee – Paul Liverman Jr. brings membership info with him to events.

Safety Committee – Ken gave a short talk on buddy seats, which included a review of fire extinguishers, correct protocol of starting a tractor at an event, the use of wheel chocks, and the SMV placard requirements.

Elect Secretary – no volunteers. Later in the New Business discussion, Paul Dunn volunteered on acting basis, as we believe a secretary is one of the signatures required on state and federal nonprofit/501(C)7 application forms.

Executive Board Meeting – Ed Beals reported on the 6/8/2014 Board Meeting. All members were present except for Mark Bergthold. Members completed the draft of the Bylaws in preparation for member approval and submittal with Non-Profit Filing.

BBB, TSC, and Swap Meet – brief reports were given by Ed, with additional feedback by attendees. Later in the meeting Ed asked if we were interested in participating in these 3 events next year, the overall consensus was yes.

EDGETA changes to bylaws – primary change was that committee chairpersons were now considered directors, and on the board.

Meeting Place – We need a bigger place to meet. The Pope's will check with the Sterling Inn and the Kindels will check with the Hesperia Senior/Community Center.

Bait Display – The idea of a "Bait Display" was discussed in May. There was further discussions, but no conclusions.

Event-Activity-Show Committee – Ed Beals shared that we needed one. Nicky and Roger Kindel, along with Ken Davis to be the committee.

Branch 242 Bylaws – Ed Beals went over several sections of the bylaws, said we had several choices – approve now, review and discuss/approve later, or change. Mark requested that since the bylaws need to be submitted to the state and fed to obtain nonprofit/501c7, we approve now so we can submit to state now and avoid paying the \$800 fee at year end to file a tax return. Mark made motion, Ken Woodward seconded. After a brief discussion, this was unanimously approved. Following discussion of filing requirements, a motion was made by Paul Dunn authorizing anything necessary to file the state and federal paperwork – motion was seconded by Stevie Mote. – Approved.

Calendar – Additional details were shared re the Lucerne Valley July 4th parade – meet at County Styles parking lot at 6:30, CHP closes road at 7:00, parade begins at 7:30am. The July meeting was changed to July 26, 2014 to allow for Branch 242 display at NAPA in Norco. The Flabob show on November 8 was added to the list. The Phelan Family Phun Days parade will be held on Sept 13th. Ken Davis offered his lot for parking trailers for the Hesperia Days parade – it is secure and tractors can be brought in the day before and parked overnight. TSC is opening a new store in Hemet in August, and 242 have been asked to bring tractors/equipment.

Adjourned – 11:00 am

Respectfully Submitted by;
Paul Dunn, Secretary (Acting)

*Farming looks mighty easy when
your plow is a pencil, and you're a
thousand miles from the corn field.*

Dwight D Eisenhower

Safety

Ken Davis

Don't get overheated.

Our first parade for the year is on the 4th of July, in Lucerne Valley. In addition to safety, we need to remember the heat for this time of the year.

Starting a day or two before the fourth, drink lots of water to hydrate your system, and stay away from the alcohol. Plain water is the best for you, and you should continue to consume water during the parade.

Wearing light colored, loose fitting cloths is the most comfortable. You may also want to wear a wet kerchief around your neck, or one of the store bought head bands. Both moisture methods help keep your head cooler.

Should you become overheated and feel weak, get into the shade, cool down, and drink water. Seek assistance, which may include calling 911.

Slow Moving Vehicle.

Each tractor needs to have the "Orange Triangle" mounted on the rear to indicate a slow moving vehicle. Be sure to remove the triangle when trailering, or cover with a black bag so as to not confuse regular motoring traffic.

Kill Switch

Each tractor must have an easily accessible kill switch that will disconnect the electrical system so that engine does not receive spark.

Fire Extinguisher

Don't forget your fire extinguisher. Every tractor must have one that is accessible to you while standing on the ground or when driving. If you do not have an extinguisher, you will not be allowed in the parade.

Let's have fun safely.

EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

We began our journey on June 9th heading for Lewistown, Montana for the yearly National Show hosted by Branch 51. National Shows are selected on a rotating basis east west in numerical order.

Friday evening at our board meeting I was reelected SW Director and retained my positions as VP, National Safety Director and Youth Driver Coordinator.

Saturday the show began with light rain, temperatures in the 60° range and a breakfast after a fly-in at the Lewistown Airport next to the show grounds.

On display were approximately 100 tractors, 30 engines, also a threshing machine, hay press, shingle mill, blacksmith shop and many vendors.

Saturday evening the general meeting and dinner were held in Jacks Hangar
http://www.oldcarsweekly.com/features/jacks_hangar

The \$1000 deductible has always been in place, but EDGETA has been paying the smaller claims to avoid an increase in the premium. With the increase in unworthy claims, it was necessary to pass the deductible on to the member.

The safety rules were implemented for all branches. A rule which may not seem applicable in your area may apply to another area. People movers and buddy seats require photos to be sent to myself for approval.

The Youth Driver Program was put in place to assure the youth understands the operations of the tractor and can safely operate it. The youth must be tested on each different tractor. This certificate does not allow the youth to drive on a public street.

Concluding the meeting was a dinner of tri-tip. The soft drinks, water and homemade ice cream were supplied by our host Jack.

Website Updates

Paul Dunn, Editor

Each week, new pages and links are being added. The most recent addition is the "Classified" section. This section is open to all Branch 242 members, EDGETA members and friends. To keep the section fresh and stimulating, posted ads will be removed after 30 days. To repost your items, and wants, send me an email at pdunn@earlydaytractoriron.org.

Jo and Richard Pope, photographers, nationally recognized and spotlighted on Southern California TV, are doing a great job of taking pictures and making videos. In addition to tractors, ask Richard about his interest in RC Planes, trains, crew cars and much more. The next time you see Richard find out how many YouTube videos he has posted. See if you get an exact count.

Others have contributed pictures also for posting. Please keep them coming. We all remember that "a picture is worth a thousand words." Right?

Badges

As dues paying member of EDGETA, you were issued a yellow Membership Card. You need to keep that card with you for insurance, identification, etc. You may see members wearing Branch 242 badges with name and position hangers. These are optional, and are a badge of pride. To purchase yours, if you haven't, place your order with pdunn@earlydaytractoriron.org.

Updates – Important News

We want to keep everybody informed about events; the latest news, etc. Since the newsletter is only issued once a month, we need to do more. We do not want any member to say, "nobody told me."

All efforts are taken to keep the Branch 242 website updated. Go to www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org. Emails are also very good for keeping you up to date. Make

sure Paul Liverman Jr., has your correct email and phone number, so we can contact you.

The 4th in Lucerne Valley

The Lucerne Valley Parade will travel Highway 18 starting at Trade Post Road. We will be allowed to park our tractors and trailers at Country Styles located on the north side of 18, west of Trade Post Road.

Law enforcement will be closing Hwy 18 at 7:00 AM necessitating that you get through before then. You need to allow time for unloading and line up before 7:30 AM.

The schedule is:

- 7:30 AM Line Up
- 8:00 AM Judging
- 9:00 AM Parade Starts

The parade will proceed east on Highway 18 to Pioneer Park. Trophies will be awarded about 11:00 AM at Pioneer Park.

Safety Director, Ken Davis, talked to the importance of being hydrated and keeping cool. Ask anybody that has been in this parade before, and they will tell you about the heat. – **BE SAFE**

Tractor Safety

- Maintain a "no seat, no rider" policy.
- Remove the key, set the brakes, lock the transmission and lower implements before leaving the tractor.
- Make sure there are slow moving vehicle emblems on all tractors.
- All tractor operators should receive safety training.

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Calendar of Planned Events

July 4, 2014 – Lucerne Valley 4th of July Parade – 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM

July 19, 2014 – Car and Tractor display at NAPA in Hesperia

July 26, 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 4 & 5, 2014 – Mojave River Trail Days

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

November 8, 2014 – Veteran’s Day at Flabob Airport