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### President's Message

Ed Beals

We move toward our second six-month existence, and will use our very brief history as Branch 242 as we plan, accomplish, and gain speed in making our branch the best thing going.

Our primary agenda topic is to complete the steps necessary for obtaining our non-profit tax-exempt status. Your Executive Board will all participate in getting this done. Also they have several other matters to discuss at the board meeting. From my viewpoint, it is interesting to witness the give and take expressed during the Board meetings, but in the end, it is the compromises that seal the topic, at least until it is revisited another time, if need be.

Thanks to those members and friends who come forward at parades and shows. The help you give with loading and unloading is greatly appreciated, also being supportive of your club friends is a nice service to Branch 242, as a whole. This helpful service has been especially useful with recent events where the temperatures have been high. I would be remiss if I didn't include the "volunteerism" that all you members demonstrate when a need is mentioned.

We have several pieces of "advertising" produced by Paul Dunn that can be used to recruit, or to inform potential members, about who we are and what we do. These are available to you, and to have handy at shows and parades. At the July meeting, we stressed the point that each part of our operation should handle all things under their own umbrella. For example, all things Safety should be in that committee's corner.

Likewise, all things related to Membership should be in that committee's corner, so if you contact a potential member or even someone showing a tiny interest, make sure Paul Liverman, Jr. is in the loop, with a name, address, telephone number, and be sure to give that person our website address since it has a way to contact us, etc.

On a personal note, I am recovering pretty well, need

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more walking (and less talking) and hope to be top notch in another couple of months. Jo Pope, photographer team, is doing better as well. It is good to see Mark is up and about again, and utilized his recovery issues to bring out his friend Gary Provansal, who drove him to Lancaster, and now Gary has joined us. Welcome, Gary.

A reminder..... We are using the Internet, via email, to keep you informed. The advantage of placing an announcement for your attention any time of the day or night is major time-saver. You can read it whenever you like, and you won't receive a telephone call at 2 AM, if that's when I sent the email.

Ed Beals  
President



**Branch 242 Safety Director Ken Davis is telling about his V-8 powered Ford tractor at a recent NAPA Hesperia Veterans Fund Raiser and Show.**

## Minutes – July 26, 2014

Paul Dunn, Acting Secretary

**Opening** - Meeting called to order by President Ed Beals at 9:01 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed acknowledged first meeting attendees Jan Woodward, and Gary Provansal.

Fifteen members in attendance.

**Sunshine Report – Ed Beals** provided an update on his recent hospital stay and surgery. **Jo Pope** acknowledged that she is feeling better after her brief stay in the hospital for a heart procedure. **Mark Bergthold** is recovering from his foot surgery and is now getting around on his own. And, sadly, it was announced that **Henry Monroe**, EDGETA member had passed away.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Treasurer's Report** – Mark reported that as a 5-31-2014, the bank balance was \$271.89. There was income of \$200.11 during the month, and \$56.00 in expenses, leaving a July 23, 2014 balance of \$416.00.

**Membership**– Paul Liverman Jr. reported that Branch 242 currently has 25 members.

**Safety** – Ken Davis, chairman, reported on safety inspection and the Lucerne Valley parade. The safety staff includes Roger Kindel, Kenny Woodward, and Don Young. Ken addressed the need for awning anchors/weights. For detailed information see the July Newsletter.

**Elect Secretary** – The Board position of Secretary needs to be filled: no volunteers. Paul Dunn will continue as Acting Secretary. This is an important position and needs to be filled. Paul suggested that maybe somebody would rather be VP, and that he would gladly be the Secretary.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Meeting Place** – we need a bigger place to meet. Roger Kindel visited A Little Bit of Country, and

suggested it as a possibility. Nicky Kindel reported that previously suggested city facilities were not available on Saturdays.

**Bait Display** – the idea of a “Bait Display” was discussed in May. There were further discussions, but no conclusions.

**Events – 8-5-2014**, National Night in Victorville. It was acknowledged that there is very little time for planning. Mark Bergthold will investigate to see if it is still possible to enter. **8-16-2014**, static display at Tractor Supply Center in Hemet, CA. Additional information will appear in the newsletter. **8-23-2014** meeting date change as a result TSC event.

**Board of Directors** – Meeting 7-29-2014 at Ed Beals residence. This is an Executive Board meeting for directors.

11:03 Mark Bergthold made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Dunn – Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by;  
Paul Dunn, Secretary (Acting)



Waiting to start 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Lucerne Valley

The first rule of any technology used in a business is that automation applied to an efficient operation will magnify the efficiency. The second is that automation applied to an inefficient operation will magnify the inefficiency.

- Bill Gates

## Safety

Ken Davis

### Lucerne Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

All tractors were inspected prior to the parade start and were found to be in compliance with EDGETA Safety Rules. Good job, members.

Additional parade safety rules were presented to the drivers, reminding them of speed control, and maintaining a safe control distance between each tractor.

Drinking plenty of water the day before, and during the parade helped prevent dehydration. Still, it was very hot by the end of the parade, and everyone was exhausted and tired. That is when others chipped in to help with loading, chaining the tractors, and all the rest of preparing for the trip home. This was a big help to the exhausted drivers.

### Tent EZ-Up Safety

Tents and EZ-Ups offer an easy set-up and place for storing supplies and protection from the sun. Still, there are safety precautions necessary so as life and property are protected particularly from the wind. The canopy is just like a sail, and we know wind blowing on a sail can move big boats.

Each covering needs to have at least 30 # of weight on each leg, or other tie down that provides the same or greater restraint. If in doubt consult the safety staff.

### Buddy Seats

Buddy seats most often are a homemade arraignment for carry a passenger. As well intentioned as the seat fabricator may be, it needs to be inspected before use.

The passenger needs to have foot rests, and hand holds, so that they are comfortable and secure. Depending upon design, it may be advisable to have seat belts attached. The Safety Officer can advise you of belt configuration and extra caution required. When in doubt ask.

## EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

Loading and getting our tractors and displays to an event are most always first in our mind, but we need to think about the rest of the program. Here are a few tips for a safe successful exhibition.

In this hot weather it is important to drink plenty of water, wear the proper clothing and keep out of the sun as much as possible. Wearing a hat or other head covering helps reduce your body temperature.

Some medications require a person to avoid direct sunlight. If you are not certain about the medications you are taking, now would be a good time to check with your doctor.

A first aid kit needs to be on hand at all events right along aside the fire extinguisher. For major, serious, injuries and breathing or heart ailments stabilize the patient and call for emergency aid. The first aid kit though is very handy for the minor cuts and abrasions.

If your tractor or engine drips or leaks oil, place a pan with absorbent underneath. Keep a clutter free area with plenty of space between displays.

Have show cards on your display so spectators have an idea what they are looking at and then ask if you can answer any questions that they may have.

Be respectful to your hosts, I always thank them for allowing us to be there. Before you leave make sure the area is clean.

Don Young EDGETA VP, Safety Director  
661-733-6816

**Think Safety**

## Website Updates

Paul Dunn, Editor

As our branch president, Ed Beals, said in his message, "We are using the Internet, via email, to keep you informed. The advantage of placing an announcement for your attention any time of the day or night is major time-saver. You can read it whenever you like, and you won't receive a telephone call at 2 AM, if that's when I sent the email."

This was a decision made early in the formation process of Branch 242. In addition to the reasons given by Ed, we also save our needed funds by not printing and mailing. Still, we recognize there are a few that do not use the Internet. If you know somebody in the latter category, be a buddy: make them a copy and give it to them. Use the "Buddy System."

Visit "your website" frequently as it is being continually updated. This will keep you informed; plus you will be familiar with the latest for sharing. Tell your friends and potential new members about our website for more information about Branch 242 and the many activities.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org). Emails

are also very good for keeping you up to date. Make sure Paul Liverman Jr., Membership Director, has your correct email and phone number, so we can contact you. Contact Paul at [Farmalla1941@yahoo.com](mailto:Farmalla1941@yahoo.com), or call him at 760.605.8238.

## Personal Story

Paul Dunn

A couple of months back, Don Young and I were visiting and the conversation drifted to people we know that live alone that experienced health or safety issues. In a couple of cases, they had gone hours and even days before they received assistance. What a bummer. Don and I agreed that we did not want that to happen to our friends.

Almost simultaneously, we struck on a plan. Each morning when we are up and moving, we text the other to let them know we are OK. When we don't hear in a reasonable time it can create an anxious moment, so we start calling to check on the other.

Don and I have field tested this little touch of friendship, and recommend it to others. We will be happy to help you setup the procedure. It's easy.



**Member Scott Rank with daughter Hailey and son Evan wait for the Lucerne Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade to begin.**



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## Calendar of Planned Events

**August 16, 2014** – Display at Tractor Supply Center in Hemet – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**August 23, 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