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President's Message

Ed Beals

Although we're a new organization, Branch 242 continues to move forward and participate in a variety of new activities, with each one a new learning experience bringing some unexpected challenges and a host of pleasant results. Recently, we have encountered a new problem; we have created a calendar of events that includes more than one event on the same date, in a few cases. Because we are actively looking for events and opportunities that meet our club's purpose, we're also being invited to civic events, store openings, car shows, etc., which in some cases has caused the problem noted here.

In order that we keep good relations with the community, and at the same time participate in those activities our membership most desire to do, it is necessary that we look farther ahead with our calendar planning. First, we need a general calendar that extends out six months forward, with detailed planning covering the short-term of about three months. This short period pattern is needed for our members to plan their personal commitment and family calendar.

Branch 242, working as a team and following the direction of the Event Committee in planning, preparing and executing the calendar events will reduce confusion and conflict as we participate in those events. As "team members" you may be called upon to take-care-of-the-details for an event, such as a parade or display. It is advantageous to utilize a local member for an event, if possible, since they generally have knowledge of places, people, and events in their own home town.

Our members have demonstrated what fellowship is all about. Those showing their tractors, iron, or items of historical value have been joined by members coming to events and helping to unload/load, set-up the area, carry equipment, etc. This team effort makes for easy work all around. A side benefit of this team effort as shows, parades, and events comes from contacts with the public, with more members making contact with more public faces.

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Every member should be justly proud of what Branch 242 has accomplished in such a short time, and remain committed to achieving our purpose. Mark Bergthold reminded us at the last meeting that our "Purpose" is shown on our web site cover page: a good reminder of who we are, and want to be.

Ed Beals
President



Branch 242 members and guests at the Hemet Grand Opening of Tractor Supply Company.

"The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short, but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark."

Michelangelo

Minutes – August 23, 2014

Etta Dunn, Secretary

GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ed Beals, President. In attendance were eight directors, six members, and one guest. Roger Kindle introduced his guest, Nick Maudin.

Sunshine Report: Ed Beals reported that he is doing well with current treatment.

Treasurer Report: Mark Berthold reported the balance in the checking account is \$383.00. There is a new form available on line if you need reimbursement for a club expense or event; must have pre-approval for an event.

Membership Report: Paul Liverman Jr reported 27 current members.

Board Minutes: Minutes to be included in newsletter, reduce to only report discussions that effect members; membership, and rule changes at regular meetings. Meeting minutes are to be published in monthly newsletter and read at monthly meetings.

Old Business: National Nite Out Report: Received a good response. City representative will stay in touch with club for future events.

Tractor Supply Event: Event a very good response in spite of the high temperatures.

Meeting Place: Still looking. Roger Kindle and Ed Beals will visit wood grill and other possible locations.

Event Committee: Need to make a Calendar of Events in detail for at least six months of activities. This is for member information and planning. Report due at next meeting.

Promotional Information: Paul Dunn has received a preliminary price for sample patch, \$7-\$8.00 each. T-Shirts with logo and pocket has a minimum order of 100. Signs minimum order is quantity 10 @ \$22.00 - \$25.00 each displaying the logo and website. Paul

Dunn has banners available now for lead tractor in parades. Large patch is on hold at this time.

Planned Events: We now have a sign-up sheet for the next 5 upcoming events. The Flabob Airport planning session will be Friday, 9/5/2014, representing #242 will be Ed Beals, Paul Dunn, Roger Kindel.

Phelan Phun Days Parade: 9/13/2014 – The application has been submitted, staging area will be behind Desert Community Bank on southwest side of Johnson Road and Phelan Road. Details will be posted on website.

Hesperia Days Parade: Paul Dunn has submitted the application the Saturday, September 20th event .

Mohave River Trails Days: Helendale Community Park. Event October 4th and 5th will be coordinated by Ken Woodward. The application has been submitted. The entry fee was waived. Ken will coordinate with Bob Hanson, #30 for event location and details. More information and details will be forthcoming.

Victorville Veteran's Day Parade: Tuesday, November 11th on 7th street in Victorville. More details to come.

Safety Committee Discussion: Ken Davis made suggestion for donations be made in regard to purchasing safety equipment for the club. Items include: first aid kit, yellow safety vests, hold down pipes/bags for easy up canopy, and a stop sign. If members have these items and would like to donate, items would be gladly accepted.

General Discussion: Would like antique items from members to display on tables for attraction and education of historical value; i.e. cameras, phones, radios, cameras, etc. - James Marlow was given a name badge hangar indicating "Pit Crew" for his help with loading and unloading. - Recognition to the Pope's: Richard and Jo, for pictures and videos for the website enhancement of events. - Don Young suggested Show Display Cards for historical facts and history.

Motion to close by Mark Berthold; Second by Ken Woodward. Closed at 10:55 am.

Safety

Paul Dunn, Editor

Trailer Safety

Most all of us have heard of somebody, or witnessed for ourselves a trailer connection problem. In this issue, we will take a look at just one common concern.

For us, the three most common trailer balls and hitches are 1 7/8", 2", and 2 5/16". Smaller, lighter trailers will use a small ball, and larger loads will use one of the bigger ball sizes. It, therefore, is very important to make sure the proper ball size is used with your hitch. Just image fitting a pin into a hole: a small pin will go into a large hole, but a large pin will not go into a small hole.

Thus it stands to reason a small ball will fit into a large hitch, but the retaining fork will not capture the ball. In this situation, the hitch and trailer can be lifted, unintentionally or accidentally, off the ball, and now we have an accident waiting to happen. Double-check your connections before driving off.

Branch 242 member Kenny Woodward has a simple and colorful solution as a safety reminder. Between his log splitter, small trailer, and tractor trailer, he uses all three ball sizes. Each size has its own color code.



Thanks Kenny, for the colorful and enlightening safety suggestion. Surely you have protected somebody from possible injury, or property damage.

EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

The insurance company that now represents EDGETA has always had a \$1000 deductible. In the past EDGETA has chosen to pay the smaller claims to reduce the possibility of increased premiums.

Many of the claims that I receive to investigate are unfounded. One example I received was a picture of a freshly painted car with a note stating this guy's tractor ran into my car, send me a check for \$1600. Since a notice was sent informing the individual or branches would be responsible, I haven't received any claims.

A few things on trailer safety worth repeating. Most state laws require two safety chains to be crossed and short enough that in the event the trailer should become uncoupled, the tongue will not hit the ground.

Periodically check your trailer brakes, most are not self-adjusting.

- Check and repack wheel bearings as necessary.
- Check tires for wear and inflation.
- Check coupling devices, breakaway switch and battery.
- Lights, reflectors.
- Check for structure damage.

In most cases it is safer to back a tractor on the trailer.

Place blocks or stands under the rear of the trailer to avoid it tipping up in the front.

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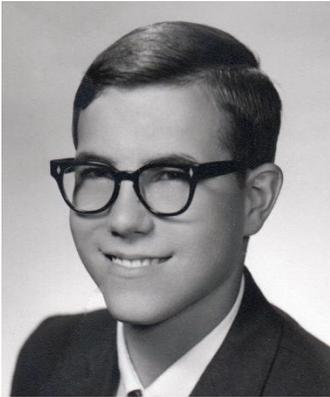
September Birthdays

- 6 Paul Dunn
- 30 James Marlow

If you were born in September, and your name does not appear above, Happy Birthday. - Please pass along your birthday to Paul Liverman for next year.

Member Spotlight

Paul Dunn, Editor



This member knows tractors. He was raised on a farm that had two John Deere A, that he learned to drive. The first tractor he bought was a 1942 Ford-Ferguson. He bought the tractor and his Dad bought the scoop so he could clean the barn. He would clean along the walls and then drive his tractor spreading the manure.

Our member has lived some of those good old days on the farm where they grew corn, soybeans, wheat, rye, and barley.

Other family members had a variety of tractors that he learned to drive. An uncle had a 720 and 730 John Deere and then moved into 3010 and 4010 series. His Grandfather had a Farmall H and a John Deere 530. He had a belt driven feed grinder, usually belt driven from the Farmall H, for grinding chicken feed.

This farm boy also worked for his neighbors. There he drove W-9, Oliver 88, Farmall M, IH 656, and a White 1800. They pulled corn pickers until they bought a Massey-Harris 2-row self-propelled corn picker. Of course, on the farm there was more to do than drive tractors. Additional tasks included pulling hay bales from the bailer, running the grain elevator to store the grain, and mowing the hay.

He talks about being raised during the changing periods on the farm. Yet, he remembers well the hand cranked telephone, and when lighting came through the area. Other memories are of the smokehouse, the ice box, and the kerosene cooking stove. The stories can flow for many more pages.

After having served over 10 years in the Air Force it was decision time. Should he go back to farming? At that point, he decided to stay in service and served

from 1969 to 1990. Then he worked for Roadway from 1990 to 2010. Now he donates his time to serving others, by driving visitors from the outlying points of St. Mary's Hospital parking lot to the lobby and back to their vehicle; plus many other volunteer tasks.

If you haven't guessed who you have been reading about, you need to get to know Mr. James Marlow. Get him started talking about tractors and you will surely hear a lot of interesting stories.



Branch 242 is now listed on Facebook, thanks to the time and talents of member Mark Bergthold. While visiting Facebook, search for **Early Day Tractor & Iron** and there you are.

Thanks Mark.



Victorville National Night Out was enjoyed by all.

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

Winston Churchill

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Calendar of Planned Events

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 AM

October 4 & 5, 2014 – Mojave River Trail Days

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

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

November 11, 2014 – Victorville Veteran’s Day Parade

November 22, 2014 – Monthly Members Meeting – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM