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President's Message

Ed Beals

At each turn in the road, Branch 242 has found something new. This past Saturday morning our September meeting was held at Carrows Restaurant in Hesperia. Unlike past meetings at the Beals' home, we were able to order our breakfast and eat while the meeting took place. We have reserved the large meeting room for October.

It has been suggested that we move our meeting time forward one hour, beginning at 8 AM since we can combine breakfast and meeting agenda and thereby better utilize our Saturday time. I am interested in how each of you feels about starting our monthly meeting at 8 AM at Carrows? Please email edb9528@aol.com or telephone 760-948-1786 with your comments or suggestions.

Our elected nominating committee, Jim Marlow, Stevie Mote and Richard Pope, has the task of putting together a list of nominees for our 2015 Officers, which they will present at the October monthly meeting. Volunteering to be a nominee is a good thing, if you're so inclined, let the committee know your wishes.

Dig out your copy of the Branch 242 Bylaws and review the Standing Orders portion, the last section of the Bylaws, where there are brief "job" descriptions of the elected offices. You can better judge what you'd like to do, or even change the description if needed, so we function smoothly and get the job done.

Branch 242 can be proud of our visible success, the recognitions received (plaques, trophies, etc.) for participation in various events. But more than those visible items has been the willing members that have taken on leadership roles for the events, been hands-on loaders and unloaders, cheering members, and have come out to support our club in all that it does. Your dedication to Branch 242 is greatly appreciated.

We have a number of events scheduled as we approach the last quarter of 2014, and we'll close the year with a Christmas Luncheon at the Woodward's home in

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Helendale, December 20th. Ken and Jan have invited us to their home for a potluck luncheon. We'll have some fun and wind up the year in a party mode.

Ed Beals
President



Is Don Young doing a drive by safety inspection? He may tell us he is, but he more likely is checking out Kenny Woodward's new tailgate lift assists. The tailgate lift kit is available from most farm and tractor supply stores.

Think of the safety, and relief to the back, in being able to lift a 250 to 300 lb. tailgate-ramp with just two fingers.

"We are born charming, fresh and spontaneous and must be socialized before we are to fit to participate in society."

Miss Manners

Minutes – September 27, 2014

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. with a flag salute. Present were a total of 11 members consisting of seven board members and four members.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Ed Beals is doing well, and Mark Berthold's eye is also doing better.

TREASURY REPORT: Mark Berthold reported the balance is the same as last month, \$383.00.

CLUB BUSINESS: The club met for the first time at Carrows Restaurant for an "Eat and Meet." The arrangements were ample and were received quite well by the members. We will be meeting there again next month.

Ken Davis, Safety Director, resigned from the committee. Roger Kindel is the designated Stand-In until elections. Paul Dunn took safety responsibility for the Hesperia Days Parade.

A major safety violation was noted at the Hesperia Days Parade by another EDGETA branch. Branch 242 members were reminded of the requirement to drive parallel to the crowd at all times and not leave the parade route. Reference EDGETA Safety Section 9, Paragraph 12.

Greg and Mark did a great job with the Phelan parade. Club had a good time and attained a Certificate of Recognition. There was a good turn-out for the event.

Ed Beals suggested there be a check list for parades and events emailed to members prior to each event.

Paul Dunn reported the Hesperia Days Parade was a smooth event, registration and organization was done early. Ken Davis volunteered his premises for loading and unloading; this turned out to be safe and close-by to the staging point of the parade. Branch #242 took First Place in category.

EVENT COMMITTEE: A Formation and Duty Report is needed to start the committee. Ed Beals will make a

concentrated effort to form plans to make a three to six month calendar window, sign up for responsibilities of the events, Information and Check List for each member on the Committee. A second member could then be in charge to fill in during an absence. The working document would include Guidelines, Logistics, and Contacts for all events.

SERRANO HIGH SCHOOL, PHELAN: Paul Dunn had a conversation with an FFA Lead Person regarding a static display at the school. Mark Berthold will be included in discussions for the display, including tractors and rural life antique equipment.

ELECTIONS: The Nominating Committee will consist of three members. The duties will include 1. Check with all member officers to see if they are willing to serve another term. 2. At the October meeting, present their list of nominations, one or more can be nominated for an office. There are no limitations and there could be eligibility for two jobs. 3. Make nomination report at the October meeting. The committee will make their report at the October meeting and present the Slate of Nominations. There will be floor nominations and volunteers accepted. The process is to fill in all the open slots.

At the November meeting, additional members can be added, if you're nominated, you must be notified ahead of time and agree to run for office. The election floor will be open, the vote taken by ballot with write in ability. At the conclusion of election, Officers will take charge between the November and January meeting. 1. Elected officers meet informally to discuss duties. 2. January Executive Board meeting with the new officers will meet to make plans. 3. At the October meeting, the Committee will make their final report.

The election in November will be run by three people, to collect ballots, Tally, and Report the final count and declare the election over.

By a vote, the Nominating committee will be Richard Pope, Stevie J. Mote, and James Marlow. Stevie J. Mote was named chairman and will report at the October meeting.

MOHAVE RIVER DAYS: Helendale, October 4th – 5th. Ken Woodward reported that we were registered; he has no direct information as yet and will email information when gathered. Ed Beals will be sending out a map.

In lieu of a December meeting, the members voted to have a Luncheon Pot Luck Christmas Party at the residence of Ken and Jan Woodward on Saturday, December 20th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. More details to follow.

NEXT MEETING: October 18th, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Carrows Restaurant, corner of I Avenue and Main.

Meeting closed at 10:45 a.m.

Safety

Paul Dunn, Editor

LOADING SAFETY

As much as we talk about loading safety, an accident can happen very quickly. I know, because I flipped over while loading for the Phelan parade.

I can't tell you how many times I have been asked, "how did it happen?" I will tell you what I remember. I was about half-way up the ramp when my foot slipped off of the clutch, and the front wheel slipped off the ramp. Which happened first, I don't know. Looking back, I was using too much throttle and when the clutch fully engaged the nose dug into the dirt and the tractor was spinning around on the upper right corner of the grill. There are details too numerous to list here, but suffice to say any one of them could have caused me to lose control: I just don't remember.

When in the air, I remember thinking, get away from it and let it go. Whether I jumped, or fell, I don't know, but I fell about three feet landing on my back and upper shoulders: yes, it hurt. The left rear wheel was in the air going around and around at full speed. The lower half of my body was under the tractor, being held off of me by the steering wheel and the right rear wheel. That is when I turned it off. Hurting, bloody, and mad I was able to crawl out from under my toy.

Be careful, and don't lose control when loading. Take it from me; it isn't any fun, and I thank my Savior for protecting me once again.

PARADE SAFETY

EDGETA has published rules for parade safety that must be followed. I can't tell you how many people have mentioned to me about improper tractor driving in both the Phelan and Hesperia parades. One lady told me that she got so scared when she saw a big green tractor coming at her, and after that she could not enjoy the parade. That is not good, and certainly not a stigma that we want associated with Early Day Tractor & Iron. Of course, I was quick to remind all of them it was that other branch exhibiting poor driving safety.

As the group leader for both the Phelan and Hesperia parades, we went over the safety rules before starting down the parade route. I can assure you that branch 242 drivers adhered to the rules; thank you team.

EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

Rather than being redundant this month, or writing two articles, I am suggesting you read the EDGETA Newsletter at <http://edgeta.com/Newsletters.html>.

Don Young EDGETA VP, Safety Director
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October Birthdays

Oct. 7 – Mark Bergthold

Oct. 19 – Jan Woodward

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

Hesperia Parade



A big thank you goes out to Ken Davis for opening up his property to Branch 242 parade participants. We had plenty of room to unload our tractors, and then leave our equipment in a safe and secure place.

A big plus was that we were only a block and a half from the parade check-in on Main Street.

What a beautiful day for a parade!



Branch 242 is on Facebook. While visiting Facebook, search for **Early Day Tractor & Iron** and there you are.

Tractor History



The Gibson Manufacturing Corporation, Longmont, Colorado, was founded in March, 1946 by Wilber Gibson. This company was an offshoot of the original company which had been formed by Wilber's father, Harry Gibson, in Seattle, Washington. The Seattle plant had made specially built rail cars and had begun experimentation with tractors. The decision to produce tractors at Longmont was, at least, partially motivated by the desire to escape a setting where pressure to unionize was great. Longmont, located 40 miles northwest of Denver, was a small agricultural community with little or no industry at the time. The millions of dollars invested in the land, plants, and equipment coupled with the job opportunities for hundreds of local residents meant that the company was welcomed with open arms.

The first production tractor was a model 'A' which, along with the latter models 'D', 'SD', and Super D, was powered with a six horsepower Wisconsin air cooled model AEH engine (some early 'Ds' had a nine HP AHH engine). The 'A' had 7.50 x 16 rear tires and 4.00 x 12 fronts. It came with a three-speed transmission and had two independent rear wheel brakes. Its wheelbase was 42' and it weighed 875 pounds.

Next came the model 'D' which began with 22' rear tires and ended up with 24' tires on rims that were adjustable, enabling a 33' minimum tread and a maximum 53' width. The 'D' had 4.00 x 12 front tires and its wheelbase was 46'. It weighed 955 pounds.

The model 'SD' followed and was distinguished by having a hood, grill and fenders (fenders were optional for the 'D'). The 'SD' tipped the scales at 1065 pounds.

All three of these models had the distinctive characteristic of being steered with a lever. Mounted on the right side of the frame, by pushing it forward, the tractor turned left.

Source: Gas Engine Magazine.

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Calendar of Planned Events

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 15, 2014 – Annual Meeting & Elections – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

December 6, 2014 – Victorville Annual Christmas Parade

December 20, 2014 – Christmas Party and Potluck