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### President's Message

Ed Beals

As we approach the end of the year, the daylight portion gets notable shorter. Halloween is almost here, and we'll soon be changing our clocks again. In the next couple of months we'll be displaying at Victorville Vet's day, Flabob Veteran's Day, and waving at the kids and parents wrapped up warmly along Victorville's Christmas Parade route. We will wind down 2014 in style with a few trophies' and some fine memories of the beginning of Branch 242.

Branch 242 came about because we, a group of folks with a common interest in tractors, engines, and things of historical value, wanted to share our knowledge, skills, and attitude with others. We have chosen a path to make that sharing happen, laying down "crumbs of bread" for others to follow. This next year our efforts will (hopefully) touch the lives of youth through 4 H, etc.

Officially, we are now a corporation in the State of California. The recognition of our club name, Early Day Tractor & Iron, Inc. has been approved in the mail received from the California Secretary of State. We must remember to refer to our club as Branch 242 as EDGE&TA requires that designation for legal purposes, such as our insurance coverage with EDGE&TA. Next we will apply for IRS and Franchise Tax Board non-profit, tax-exempt status, and other requirements.

Monthly meetings are now held at Carrows Restaurant in Hesperia, Main Street at I Avenue, on the third Saturday of each month. Breakfast is at 8 AM, so come on out and join us; meeting is 8 – 10 AM.

If you have family, friends or acquaintances' that like tractors, engines, and things of historical value, encourage them to join us as we like that stuff, too. This is a reminder that we'll soon be renewing our membership with EDGE&TA and can always add more members to Branch 242.

The opportunities for recognition of military veterans are just around the corner, and I hope you'll be participating as Branch 242 joins in the recognition programs with parades and displays.

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**Veterans Day** is an official United States holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. It coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day and

Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.)

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day; Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving.<sup>1</sup>

If a man does his best, what else is there?

George S. Patton

## Minutes – October 27, 2014

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Ed Beals followed by the flag salute.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** This week there was a contact from the website regarding help for a Fairbank Morris Engine, a welcome gesture proving the website is available and being used for outreach.

**ATTENDANCE:** Ten members present.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Paul Dunn reported that Don Young is being treated for carotid artery blockage, surgery to be scheduled.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mark Bergthold, Treasurer, not present at meeting.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Roger Kindel, Interim Safety Officer gave an informative report of what to do in case of an accident. Call 911, give police report, Fire Department Report, Rescue Report. Get a copy of each one as evidence of compliance. Locate and get witness statement, names and address. Take pictures; use a disposable camera kept in First Aid Kit. Accident report is to be reviewed by President, Vice President, and Safety Committee within 24 hours to report to EDGETA.

EDGETA cannot exist without responsible club members. Goal is to stay safe and review safety rules.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:** Board met on October 8<sup>th</sup>, application for Incorporation has been completed and re-submitted. The Board discussed safety issued and the need for barriers to be placed around engine exhibits and tractor displays. We need to maintain membership of 20 members for next year's charter, recruiting members is always primary goal. Regarding the upcoming election vote, a reminder that primary members only can vote in election; associate members are non-voting because of multiple club membership eligibility.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Club is still seeking an Event Committee Chairman and Member Committee. There are 4 Board Meetings a year, each one with a specific purpose of business. This year's election we will do a mail-in ballot thereby giving everyone an opportunity to vote. The club members voted to change the time of the general meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

The Mojave River event had good attendance on Saturday, Sunday's attendance was fair, not a busy event, although the displays were adequate. Chairman of the event, Bob Hansen, expressed appreciation to the Pope's for their video and pictures.

**Christmas Party Committee** is needed to plan and arrange the Pot-Luck Lunch and Party at the Woodward's home.

**Mail In Ballot Business:** Paul Dunn will put out the ballot that will list each officer positions that the Nominating Committee has contacted to run for office. There will be a blank line for write-In. Send Roster with the Ballot along with an information sheet. All Elections will be by majority of ballots received, Ballots will be mailed out with return address of Secretary Etta Dunn's address on envelope. Returns will be signed on the back of the envelope and returned to Etta by mail or brought to the November meeting un-opened for the election committee to count. Ballots will be kept an additional 30 days after election and then destroyed.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Stevie J. Mote contacted everyone and all agreed to take another term in Office. Roger Kindel agreed to be on the Safety Committee Ballot for another year. Officers can hold one position at a time. A conflict was resolved by Roger Kindel taking Safety Officer, resigning as Board Director Member. James Marlow agreed to be nominated for Board Director.

**FUTURE BUSINESS:** members were given Veterans Day information for Flabob Event on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup>, Victorville Veterans Day Parade Event. Next meeting, Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m., Carrows Restaurant.

The Meeting closed at 9:50 a.m.

## Safety

Paul Dunn, Editor

General Liability insurance is vital for branch 242 to exist, and it is every member's responsibility to have a basic understanding and adhere to all safety rules

*Note: The following appears on the EDGETA website.*

The intent of the Commercial General Liability policy is to insure EDGE&TA and its Branches for any liability they may incur as a result of events and arising out of acts or omissions of EDGE&TA and its Branches.

**Review your personal insurance policies with your independent insurance agent to be sure your coverage is sufficient to protect your assets.**

Understanding that the purpose of EDGE&TA is to "promote the collection, restoration, preservation and exhibition of gasoline and oil engines, gas and steam tractors, power driven machinery, and any other equipment of historical value". The pricing along with terms and conditions have been established for the association liability and excess liability policies.

Every participant in EDGE&TA events MUST be a member of an EDGE&TA branch to be covered by the EDGE&TA Insurance policy.

**Only Association Members, with all membership fees paid, are provided coverage under the terms of the insurance contracts.**

A non-member exhibitor will not be considered a Volunteer.

ANY family member who exhibits or operates any machinery at a Branch event MUST be a member of an EDGE&TA branch.

1. Annual dues and insurance premiums for each member are due to the EDGE&TA Secretary/Treasurer by March 15<sup>th</sup> for the forthcoming year. Branches are encouraged to submit as many members' dues and premiums as possible by March 15<sup>th</sup>. With the payment of the annual dues and insurance premiums,

each branch shall submit a current Branch membership roster and a list of the Branch directors & officers.

Note: Each member's membership must be renewed by April 15<sup>th</sup> to continue to have EDGE&TA insurance coverage. Those that are not renewed by that date do not have insurance coverage until they are renewed.

2. If an event requires an "**Additional Insured Certificate**", the Branch MUST make the request thirty (30) days prior to the date the certificate is needed for the event. The "Additional Insured Certificate" request form is on the [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org) home web page. It can be filled in online and submitted to the Insurance carrier. The "Additional Insured Certificate" will be sent directly to the event party requesting the "Additional Insured Certificate". When the property owner requests an "Additional Insured Certificate", the branch is to request the property owner to sign an "Addendum to Lease Agreement". The signed form is to be returned to our insurance agent. This form is also found on the [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org) home page.

3. If an event requires a "**Proof of Insurance Certificate**", the Branch MUST make the request thirty (30) days prior to the date the certificate is needed for the event. The "Proof of Insurance Certificate" request form is on the [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org) web page. It can be filled in online and submitted to the Insurance carrier. The "Proof of Insurance Certificate" will be sent directly to the event party requesting the "Proof of Insurance Certificate".

4. All EDGE&TA members do have coverage at any events as long as they follow EDGE&TA safety requirements.

5. All EDGE&TA safety requirements, including, engine display set ups, antique tractor and garden tractor pull requirements MUST be abided by.

6. There is no pro rata premium adjustment for members joining during the policy period, nor any premium refunds for members who leave the branch during the policy period. Insurance cannot be transferred from one member to another.

## Treasurers Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

Bank balance September 30, 2014 is \$407.00

## EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

At this writing, Don is recovering from a stroke and waiting for surgery to relieve artery restrictions. You may txt Don at 661-773-6816 or email well wishes to him at [DonsRedTractor@Hotmail.com](mailto:DonsRedTractor@Hotmail.com).

November Birthdays

**Nov. 24** – Roger Kindel

**Nov. 26** – Richard Pope



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

## A Moment in History

Fairbanks Morse and Company began in 1823 when inventor Thaddeus Fairbanks opened an ironworks in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, to manufacture two of his patented inventions: a cast iron plow and a heating stove. In 1829 he started a hemp dressing business for which he built the machinery. Though unsuccessful in fabricating for fiber factories, another invention by Thaddeus, the platform scale, formed the basis for a great enterprise. That device was patented in June 1832, and a generation later, the E. & T. Fairbanks & Company was selling thousands of scales, first in the United States, later in Europe, South America and even Imperial China. Scales were integral to business as marine and railway shippers charged by weight.

Fairbanks scales won 63 medals over the years in international competition. It became the leading manufacturer in the US, and the best-known company

the world over until Henry Ford and the Ford Corporation assumed this title in the 1920s

In Wisconsin, L. Wheeler designed a durable windmill for pumping water, the Eclipse windmill. Wheeler set up shop in Beloit just after the Civil War. Soon half a million windmills dotted the landscape throughout the West and as far away as Australia. At about the same time, a Fairbanks & Company employee, Charles Hosmer Morse, opened a Fairbanks office in Chicago, from which he expanded the company's territory of operation and widened its product line. As part of this expansion, Morse brought Wheeler and his Eclipse Windmill pumps into business with the Fairbanks company. Morse later became a partner in the Fairbanks Company and by the end of the nineteenth century; it was known as Fairbanks Morse & Company and was headquartered in Chicago. Canadian and American cities had branch dealerships, with Fairbanks first coming to Montreal, Canada, in 1876 and later opening a factory there.

In the late nineteenth century, business expanded in the Western United States, as did the company's catalog. It grew to include typewriters, hand trucks, railway velocipedes, pumps, tractors and a variety of warehouse and bulk shipping tools. The company became an industrial supplier distributing complete "turn-key" systems: tools, plumbing, gauges, gaskets, parts, valves and pipe. Its 1910 catalog contained over 800 pages.

The Fairbanks Morse Company began producing oil and naphtha engines in the 1890s. The firm's gas engine was a success with farmers. Irrigation, electricity generation, and oilfield work also benefited from these engines. Small lighting plants built by the company were also popular. Fairbanks Morse powerplants evolved by burning kerosene in 1893, coal gas in 1905, then to semi-diesel engines in 1913 and to full diesel engines in 1924. In 1914 the company began production of the Model Z single-cylinder engine in one, three and six-horsepower sizes. The Z was soon made in sizes up to 20 horsepower (15 kW). Over a half million units were produced in the following 30 years. The model Z found favor with farmers, and the Model N was popular in stationary industrial applications.

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## Calendar of Planned Events<sup>5</sup>

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

**November 11, 2014** – Victorville Veteran’s Day Parade

**November 15, 2014** – Annual Meeting & Elections – 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

**December 6, 2014** – Victorville Annual Christmas Parade

**December 20, 2014** – Christmas Party and Potluck

Remember to Vote  
California and Early Day Tractor & Iron