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Vice President's Message

Paul Dunn

Our President, Ed Beals, was released from the hospital on Wednesday, so he could be home with his family for Thanksgiving. With more rest and recovery, he should be back with us very soon.

Branch 242 had a very busy month, and I am sure all of you enjoyed the experience. I, personally, am very proud of our group considering the time and energy expended to participate at Flabob Veterans Memorial and in the Victorville Veterans Day parade. We received many rewarding comments and thanks from the event organizers for our participation.

Sometime ago, somebody said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." That is surely true for Early Day Tractor & Iron, and I would hate to have to write about all that goes on at an event. Of course, we have Richard and Jo Pope behind the camera cranking out hundreds of pictures and hours of videos each month. There are many links on the website. Take a look at www.earlydaytractoriron.org/Apages/Photos.html.

On November 15, 2014, at the monthly meeting, the election ballots were counted for the first Branch 242 election; the results, by majority vote, were.

President – Ed Beals
Vice President – Paul Dunn
Secretary – Etta Dunn
Treasurer – Mark Bergthold
Safety – Roger Kindel
Director 1 year – James Marlow
Director 2 year – Ken Woodward, Sr.
Director 3 year – Stevie Mote

Congratulations and thank you to all.

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.

An upcoming fun event is the Christmas gathering. Kenny and Jan Woodward are hosting the event at their home in Helendale, on Saturday, December 20th, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This will be a great time to get together socially and have a potluck.

Jan, Jo, or another will be calling all members to get ideas and thoughts as to what you might be bringing. Kenny said something like "it would be a shame to have six pumpkin pies and no whipping cream."

In an email, we will provide a map to Jan and Ken's home with more information. – Watch for it.

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Minutes – November 15, 2014

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:55 a.m. by Vice President Paul Dunn followed by the flag salute.

GENERAL BUSINESS: President Ed Beals was unable to attend today's meeting, Paul Dunn presided over the proceedings.

ATTENDANCE: 14 Officers and members, three guests, Roger Meeker, LT and Chris Burks, father and son.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Don Young attended meeting and Ed Beals called in sick.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mark Berthold, Treasurer, present at meeting, no report given.

ELECTION RESULTS: Three volunteers, Brad West, Nicky Kindel, and Etta Dunn opened the mail in ballots and counted the returns.

RESULTS:

Ed Beals, President
 Paul Dunn, Vice President
 Etta Dunn, Secretary
 Mark Bergthold, Treasurer
 Roger Kindel, Safety Officer
 Liverman, Jr., Membership
 James Marlow, Director
 Stevie J. Mote, Director

Election unanimous, confirmed and motion to accept by Ken Woodward, second by Brad West.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Saturday, December 20, 2014, 12:00 p.m. at Jan and Ken Woodward's home. Jo Pope and Jan Woodward will be making the arrangements and will be contacting members for further details.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Victorville Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 6, 2014

GENERAL BUSINESS: Ken Woodward inquired about application for membership posted on-line and the indication of "Abide by all Club Laws and By-Laws". Statement will be evaluated and re-worded.

There will be no general meeting in December in lieu of Christmas Party. Next meeting will be Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Carrows Restaurant, 8:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Berthold, Second, Brad West. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Submitted by Etta Dunn, Secretary

Treasurers Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

Bank balance as a October 31, 2014, was \$402.00.

Veterans Day



Veterans Day at Flabob Airport

Many more photos for both Flabob Airport and the Victorville Veterans Parade are posted on the website at www.earlydaytractoriron.org/Apages/Photos.html.

*To all who have served in our military,
 thank you. The sacrifices you made in honor
 and duty to our country are worthy of
 praise. You truly are American heroes!
 Happy Veterans Day!*

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EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

In the past year, membership has declined from 11,147 to 9,764. Main reason two branches were dissolved because they did not have twenty members and others had a decline in membership due to aging, and fewer new young members. Two branches got insurance elsewhere.

I only investigated two accidents this year, one of which showed too many red flags, such as not following safety rules.

The importance of following safety rules. This was a private outing not reported, with some EDGETA members. A governor failure allowed a large tractor to rev up at a very high RPM throwing the driver off and running over him with the rear wheel. If this had been in a parade, and the driver was not driving parallel to the spectators it would have been a disaster.

Happy to report after several days in the hospital and weeks of recovery, he could attend a recent show with his "new" antique tractor.

Safety is the number-one priority. Driving a tractor in a parade is much different than driving it in a field.

Don Young VP, SW Director, Safety Chairman, Youth Driver Coordinator, Accident Review Chairman of EDGETA.

December Birthdays

Dec. 9 – Paul Liverman, Jr.

Dec. 26 – Nicky Kindel

Tractor History

DRAWBARS

Until the 1940s, plows and other tillage equipment usually was connected to the tractor via a drawbar. The classic drawbar is simply a steel bar attached to the tractor (or in some cases, as in the early Fordson, cast as part of the rear transmission housing) to which the hitch of the implement was attached with a pin or by a loop and clevis. The implement could be readily attached and removed, allowing the tractor to be used for other purposes daily. If the tractor was equipped with a swinging drawbar, then it could be set at the center or offset from the center to allow the tractor to run outside the path of the implement.

The drawbar system necessitated the implement having its own running gear (usually wheels) and in the case of a plow, chisel cultivator or harrow, some sort of lift mechanism to raise it out of the ground at turns or for transport. Drawbars necessarily posed a rollover risk depending on how the tractive torque was applied. The Fordson tractors (of which more units were produced and placed in service than any other farm tractor) was extremely prone to roll over backwards due to an excessively short wheelbase. The linkage between the implement and the tractor usually had some slack, which could lead to jerky starts and greater wear and tear on the tractor and the equipment.

Drawbars were appropriate to the dawn of mechanization, because they were very simple in concept and because as the tractor replaced the horse, existing horse-drawn implements usually already had running gear. As the history of mechanization progressed, however, the advantages of other hitching systems became apparent, leading to new developments. Depending on the function for which a tractor is used, though, the drawbar is still one of the usual means of attaching an implement to a tractor. Δ



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

Calendar of Planned Events

December 6, 2014 – Victorville Annual Christmas Parade

December 20, 2014 – Christmas Party and Potluck

EDGETA – Branch 242 – Board of Directors

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