

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Ed Beals

As I look out into the backyard, the Farmall Super AV is sitting half undressed with its underwear showing. It has been waiting for me to come out and begin putting on a new suit of clothes on it. When I began to "fix it up" some time ago, the plan was to clean it well, and put on a nice coat of paint, since it ran OK before tackling the "fix it up" project. There was a drive train seal and some mechanical issues that were repaired.

Well, it did need a clutch repair, and that was done long ago. At the encouragement of other members, some additional seal changes, etc. were suggested, and those have yet to be done. The clutch issue was required; all other work is subject to whimsy.

Perhaps you've encountered a tractor project which at the onset, almost demanded a complete stripping, sandblasting, priming and painting with the best paint available, etc., later to realize that while all the labor, time and expense only deprived you of the joy of a great tractor ride in parades, or the fun of a display. I have realized that an Old Tractor, with a less-than-excellent paint job, mechanically sound, and ready to go, is what will satisfy my demands. So, there is hope for that Farmall Super AV sitting in the backyard.

Branch 242 is just six weeks away from celebrating the first anniversary as an EDGE&TA branch; it has been an interesting ride. We've learned a lot, met new friends, (now members all) we have the best web site around, and are looking forward to more growth, programming, community involvement, etc. in 2015 and the future.

Ken Davis recently was visiting in Northern California, and had the opportunity to visit the

Heidrick Ag History Museum, Woodland, California. Woodland is just a short distance from Sacramento. During his visit, he learned of the Branch 158 tractor rides, one of which is a couple of days in length. Beginning in Woodland, the tractors drive north to Colusa, California. Stay at the casino in Colusa overnight and drive back to Woodland the following day. Other EDGE&TA branch members have come to Woodland to be participants in the Branch 158 rides. Sounds like a great idea.

A long-range program idea may develop for Branch 242, where we find suitable roads in our area so that we too can "practice" driving longer distances, how to prepare for the logistics of a long trip, and later join in such a trip as Branch 158 hosts. Mark Bergthold has taken his tractor to Iowa for a similar trip.

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## Minutes – February 21, 2015

Etta Dunn, Secretary

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** President Beals thanked everyone for paying dues and membership.

**ATTENDANCE:** A total of 16 members, including officers and no guests.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Ed Beals and Paul Dunn scheduled for surgery.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mark Bergthold, Treasurer, present at meeting, reported balance in treasury as \$402.00. Club has filed for IRS 5013C exemption.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Paul Liverman reported total membership at 27. New roster will be made and distributed at next meeting.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Roger Kindel, No report at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ken Davis reported on a trip to Woodland, CA with Br 158 that had a Tractor Ride with an overnight at a Casino and a return ride. Suggested we organize a similar type of event as a future activity. Ken Woodward has offered his home and grounds as a club event with a ride in the desert and a pot luck get together, made a suggestion to pursue the possibility with a formed committee.

**Bob's Big Boy Event:** Club #242 had a display area, easy up, banner, two tractors, and two attendees. Tractors moved from the parking lot to North Parking lot. It was elevated and better parking.

Calendar open for month of March. Tulare Tractor Show on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Ag Center, information on the Internet. Three members are attending, Ken Woodward, Mark Bergthold and Roger Kindel. This is not an EDGE sponsored event, put on by city of Tulare. Club can make a one-day trip with Parade starting at 9:00 a.m., and a Swap Meet. Entry form is on line.

Cal-Poly Pomona May 16<sup>th</sup>, Tractor Supply, Osh, NAPA events. Opportunity to do a fund raising, cannot pay tractor club for attendance, can donate items for raffle. Suggestions were made to reorganize as possible fund-raiser and report back at next meeting.

Future event considered to attend San Bernardino Fair in May-June, information available next month. Parades in Phelan, Victorville, Lucerne Valley and Hesperia will be organized; Flabob in November is reserved along with National Night Out in Victorville. NAPA July 17, Veteran's benefit Car and Truck show.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m. Carrows Restaurant. Meeting concluded 9:50 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary Etta Dunn

## Invite a Friend to an Event

## Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

Bank balance is \$402.

The IRS has approved Early Daily Tractor & Iron, Inc. as a 501(c)3 charitable organization, retroactive to October 14, 2014. Dues and donations after that date are tax deductible.

We will soon be taking the final step in this process by filing with the California franchise tax board.

The club's tax year is April 1 to March 31.

Submitted by Treasurer Mark Bergthold

## March & April Birthdays

**March 12** – Etta Dunn

**March 21** – Stevie Mote

**April 12** – Eric Beals



### Presidents Day at Bob's Big Boy

Cars, hotrods, and trucks were everywhere, along with a few motorcycles. Not to be out done, Early Day Tractor and Iron was there.

Family issues and illnesses took its toll on our display size, but Roger Kindel and your editor had a good time, and as you can see it was a beautiful day.



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

# Safety

George Christmas, EDGETA President

The following directive was taken, in part, from EDGETA's President, George Christmas' letter in the January newsletter. The full content is available at [www.edgeta.com](http://www.edgeta.com).

**It is very important that everyone take safety seriously! If you see a member acting in an unsafe manner it is your duty to point it out to that member. You should also bring it to the attention of the branch safety officer and the other members. When members are allowed to act in an unsafe manner, there is much at stake! First innocent people may get hurt, this is senseless. That person may be putting their own health in jeopardy. They risk the loss of liability coverage for the entire membership of our association. This activity can no longer be tolerated. It is up to each one of us as members of the association to police the safety of all of our activities. The safety guidelines are posted on the website for everyone to reference. There is not an excuse for any branch to not have access to the guidelines and review them with the members. The website also has a section for frequently asked questions. We continue to update that section as we can add information to help. Please visit the website [www.edgeta.com](http://www.edgeta.com) and familiarize yourself with all the information contained there.**

Insurance

By Dick Tombrink, EDGEGA NW Regional Director

The following information was taken from Dick Tombrink's latest report to EDGETA members.

**Our insurance will no longer cover those situations. If your branch does take one of these to a non EDGETA event, you need to ask them for a certificate of their insurance naming your branch as additional insured. If you as an individual take your tractor and trailer to a non EDGETA event to be used as a people mover, you need to ask them to give you a certificate of insurance naming you as additional insured under their policy. You do not have EDGETA insurance coverage for this situation.**

The question follows then, where to do we have coverage. Obviously you have coverage at all EDGETA events as long as you follow the EDGETA safety requirements. But we all display our tractors and engines at non EDGETA events like State Fairs, car and truck shows, the local Tractor Supply Store, community and church festivals, local parades, etc. You have EDGETA insurance coverage for those activities. It all boils down to the amount of exposure that our insurance carrier is willing to take. There is a lot less exposure when you are exhibiting your tractors or engines at a static display or at a parade where you have total control over your exhibit. When you are operating a people mover at a non EDGETA event, for example, you have little control over the people that are riding, and therefore the exposure is much greater.

I would like to remind you how signing up new EDGETA members works. When you sign up a new member, and take his dues money and give him a membership card, he is an official EDGETA member. The card is proof that he can show that he is a member. He does not have EDGETA insurance coverage until he has that membership card. It is then the responsibility of the branch to report the membership and send the National dues to our EDGETA National secretary within 30 days. It has come to our attention that one branch has not been issuing the yellow membership cards to their members. Also it has come to our attention that a branch has been collecting the membership dues and not reporting and sending the National dues to EDGETA unless they needed the insurance. This is not acceptable. It is not fair to the rest of the EDGETA branches to not report and send the National dues. We rely on the honesty of the branches to send the National dues to our EDGETA National Secretary. If you are not honest with us, we do not need you as a branch.



**Dues are being collected for 2015 membership.**

## Calendar of Planned Events

**May 16, 2015** – Cal Poly Pomona Tractor and Car Show – 10 AM - 4PM

**July 4, 2015** – Lucerne Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

**TBA** – Victorville Police National Night Out

**TBA** – Phelan Phun Days Parade

**TBA** – Hesperia Fun Days Parade

**TBA** – Victorville Veterans Day Parade

**TBA** – Victorville Christmas Parade

Discussions are progressing for entry in many additional events. Please visit [www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org](http://www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org) for the latest news and schedules.

To recommend an event contact at Paul Dunn at [pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org](mailto:pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org).

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