

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Ed Beals

Branch 242 is affiliated with Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, Inc. (EDGETA) which is spoken as edge, like the *edge* of a razor blade.

EDGETA is a national organization comprised of branches, or clubs, with members interested in tractors and engines. Membership in EDGETA is gained only through the branches, and is contingent upon a branch having a minimum of 20 members with dues paid, their names appearing on the roster submitted by the branch to EDGETA, and the adherence to the rules set forth by EDGETA.

A benefit of membership in a branch, and therefore, membership in EDGETA, is liability coverage for every member. This liability insurance coverage is provided by EDGETA as a benefit of membership, though a contract with an insurance company.

Specifically, the liability insurance coverage requires compliance with the EDGETA Safety Rules, and members or branches that do not follow the rules, and are involved in a claim, may be denied the liability insurance coverage. This liability insurance coverage is to protect the other person, not the member.

Upon joining a branch, the new member receives a Yellow plastic card/badge and a white sticker, with a year on it, that must be applied to the Yellow card. The purpose of the Yellow badge with year date sticker is to indicate current membership in EDGETA. Each member is issued only one card and replacements for loss or damage must be made through the branch. Year stickers are issued annually when membership dues are paid.

Branches have access to additional insurance products that are sometimes needed for shows, displays, etc., and all elected Directors and Officers of each branch have Directors and Officers (D&O) coverage.

So here are what you, a member of Branch 242 must do:

- Have your Yellow card, and year sticker, with you at all Branch 242 events.
- Familiarize yourself with the rules described by EDGETA on their web site at: www.edgeta.com
- Be diligent in following the EDGETA rules.
- If you should be involved in an incident that is EDGETA related, inform the Safety Officer, or another Branch 242 Officer.

Be Safe, Be Careful, Have Fun

Ed Beals

Minutes – March 21, 2015

Ed Beals, Acting Secretary

ATTENDANCE - 15

Meeting called to order by Ed Beals @ 9:10 AM

FLAG SALUTE

SUNSHINE REPORT: Silent Remembrance for the Dunn family, Paul & Etta visiting daughter in Arizona, and Don Young at home resting.

GUESTS: Not strangers, Keith Hokanson & Roger Meeker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Mark, we're in the black. Sent check for membership dues to EDGETA. - Received 501 (c)(3) Charitable status, tax deductible charitable deductions.

SAFETY: Roger K. No safety problems.

Recommend trailer inspection before next function. Tie downs, tires, brakes, etc.

Safety Rules on EDGETA and our own web site.

Procedure in case of accident.

Insurance liability coverage.

We may want a Member's Guide to explain and verify what needs to be covered.

BOARD MEETING: Executive Board meeting at Ed Beals, 7 PM, Tuesday, April 7th.

Updated Branch 242 Roster issued at April Meeting.

Mark: Regarding email about reporting year's progress.

Number of events, participants, etc. and impact on the purpose and goals of Branch 242 in 2014, creating a history of our club, where we've been and where we're going. Achieving our purpose. Goals & Objectives.

Ed asked Treasurer, Safety, and Membership to provide a report, as outlined above, due March 27th.

CALENDAR:

April 17-19, California Antique Farm Equipment at Tulare. Not a Branch 242 event.

April 25, April meeting moved from third Sat to April 25th.

May 16th, Cal-Poly Strawberry Festival, Branch 242 to hold May Meeting at Cal-Poly.

May 23-31, San Bernardino Co. Fair at Victorville. Waiting for approval.

COMMENTS:

Roger Meeker reminded all that information signs about items displayed at parades, shows, displays, etc. are needed. Signs giving more information, rather than minimum details of the item.

Close and Round Robin Comments: 10:30 AM



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Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

EARLY DAY TRACTOR & IRON, INC.

Financial Statement

Period April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

Balance 4.1.2014 0.00

INCOME

Dues	1,384.00	
Donations	141.11	
Swap Meet	42.00	
Total Income		1,567.11

EXPENSES

EDGETA	588.00	
IRS/CAL fees	430.00	
Event fees	70.00	
Bank Supplies	75.11	
Total Expenses		1,163.11

Balance 3.31.2015 404.00

EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

Show season is underway. Make sure your equipment is ready. Up here in the desert beware of rattlesnakes.

We will be leaving on April 13th for the National EDGETA Show in Henderson, Texas which is hosted by Branch 89 on April 17th and 18th. If y'all have any concerns or issues that you would like discussed at the board meeting please contact me.

May Birthdays

If your birthday is in May, Happy Birthday. Please pass along to membership your birth date so that next year we can light a candle for you.

Did You Know?

- Did you know that diesel engines and Budweiser were funded by the same person? The famous German immigrant brought with him his brewery experience and opened a brewer's supply store. After that he bought the American rights to Rudolf Diesel's inventions and established the Diesel Engine Company.
- The word tractor comes from the Latin word "trahere" which means to pull. At first the meaning of this word was "an engine meant for wagons or other implements." In 1859, it got new meaning – traction engine.
- Cyrus McCormick is considered the "Father of Modern Agriculture." He invented the world's first mechanical reaper in 1831, which helped replace manpower for machine power to harvest crops. His invention is often cited as key in the westward expansion of the United States.
- In the late 1800s, the first steam-engine tractors were invented. Many believed this to be a crazy idea.
- There are over 16 million tractors around the world which means that one third of the total energy used in agricultural production is used by tractors.
- In 1890's, the first petrol-powered tractors were introduced but were not powerful enough to complete most of the farming tasks. However, later in the 1920's, the first all-purpose tractor appeared on the market and replaced horses.
- At age 33, John Deere worked as a blacksmith and designed his first plow for Midwestern farmers. The polished-steel plow became popular due to its ability to cut through sticky prairie soil and resulted in demand for Deere to build more over the next five years.
- Approximately 60% of the farmers in the United States are 55 years old or older. Aging farmers have led to concern about the long-term health of family farms.

Story of a Tractor Lover

Alan is totally obsessed with tractors: he has tractor pictures on the walls of his home, a tractor duvet cover and a tractor mug. If you look in his garden you will see funny tractor pictures mounted on posts. Naturally, Alan reads 'Tractor Weekly' magazine, which is delivered to his door.

One day, Alan sees a flyer for the local agricultural fair and decides to go; he wanders along and after looking around he sees, pride of place in the main ring, a brand new top of the range, gleaming Massey Ferguson 91hp 3645 Tractor. Supposing that no one is looking, Alan climbs over the rope and sits in the seat pretending he is driving the machine. Immediately there is loud shout. 'Hey, what do you think you're playing at on that tractor, get off!'

Alan, dismayed, looks around and sees the security guard and dozens of people laughing at him pretending to drive the tractor. He jumps down and runs off humiliated and vows his tractor days are over and that he will have nothing more to do with them ever.

Later that afternoon, Alan decides to have a beer at the local pub so he walks in and orders a pint; while he's sat there he hears this 'whoosh' and sees a huge pile of soot fall out of the chimney. Everything in the public bar is covered in soot. The landlord is beside himself, moaning, 'The best day of the year for takings, and my pub is ruined, what am I going to do?'

'Leave it to me,' says Alan and taking a deep breath, sucks in all the soot leaving the pub absolutely spotless.

The landlord is so grateful he says to Alan, 'Have free beer all day as a sign of my gratitude but I'm puzzled, how did you do that?'

'Easy,' smiled Alan, 'I'm an ex-tractor fan.'

Editor's Mailbox

For the lighter side of life, please send me history facts, articles, and stories for future publications. Email to paul@EarlyDayTractorIron.org

Invite a Friend to an Event

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 4th of July Parade

TBA – Tractor Supply Center – Norco

TBA – Bob's Big Boy - Norco

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 for the latest news and schedules.

To recommend an event contact at Paul Dunn at pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org.

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