

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Ed Beals

The term “Static Display” is a misnomer, although we do park our tractors, run Hit-n-Miss engines, or show our other items of historical value at venues like the Cal Poly Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 16th, or other “park and show” type of events held throughout the year. The reason that “Static Display” is a misnomer is that while our hardware sits still and doesn't move, we expect the members of Branch 242 to be up and interfacing with the guests passing by. The object here is to answer any questions they may have, share your knowledge of your brand of tractor, engine, or whatever you are displaying; and, to make those who have stopped to see our “Static Display” feel better and more knowledgeable for having done so.

The tractors on display do not have to be surrounded by a barrier, but we must be aware of visitors around our tractors and remove ignition keys when present, set the brake or use wheel chocks, place the transmission in neutral, or disable your tractor to prevent accidental starting of it. It is best if visitors do not climb or sit on the tractors.

Some things to keep in mind when you “Static Display” your tractor: It is helpful to the visitors when your tractor is identified by make, year, model, no. of cylinders, etc. A good source of information is www.Tractordata.com. Additional information about the firm's history or lineage, i.e., the current or latest manufacturer's name. And, some recent owner history about acquiring the tractor, preservation or restoring efforts, what it was used for in its day and other interesting tidbits you may know.

The information you've gathered about your tractor should be displayed near your tractor, in large

enough type for easy reading. Make your information display “wind proof” and resistant to storage damage.

All the above rules and suggestions for the “Static Display” of tractors are also applicable to engines and all things displayed, except that engines and other mechanical devices that will be running must be surrounded by a safety barrier, defined by EDGETA, to prevent contact by the public.

Put simply, park your tractor, engine, or item of historical value, for the static display. Dazzle the passers-by with your knowledge of the above, and identify your hardware for them to learn more about our hobby. And lastly, be a greeter and pitch-man for Branch 242, every chance you get.

Ed Beals

VP's Opinion

Paul Dunn

A few weeks ago, I was talking with one of our members, and I revealed that I was going to write about the whys for a fresh branch that became 242. His comments were along the line that when there was talk about forming another branch in the Hesperia area, each member had their reasons for starting the group. They joined. We formed EDGETA branch 242, and now we are celebrating our first anniversary. I agreed, so what was I going to write about?

First, let's forget what other groups do or don't do. It is a matter of fact that each branch has its own personalities, methods, attitudes, ways, events, and opinions. That being acknowledged, why after that is there a need for another EDGETA branch? If you like the existing offering, join that group.

We must start with a clean slate, except for the obvious that brings us together; that being an

interest in our ancestor's way of life with tractors, engines, household items, tools, appliances, and implements. Basically, that means we will document, share our knowledge, and enjoy members with common interests.

I believe viewers come to parades, displays, and events for entertainment and an interest in the offering. Many show attendees do not have the assets, or depth of interests we do, but they do have an attraction to our collection of history. And, let us not forget our younger generations with their curiosity and desire to understand history?

Early Day Tractor & Iron members can be a very influential contribution to our community when we take our "toys" to schools, parades, store openings, and events. So, before our body joints get rusty, and we get left leaning against the fence rail, let's display and educate.

What are your thoughts?

Minutes – April 25, 2015

Paul Dunn, Acting Secretary

ATTENDANCE - 14

Meeting held at Goody's Restaurant was called to order by Ed Beals @ 9:04 AM.

NEW MEMBER: Craig Rich. Craig has previously been an EDGETA member. Welcome Craig.

SUNSHINE REPORT: A few minutes were taken to remember Richard Pope's mother passing away. Jo, Richard's wife shared a few of the many lighter memories. She lived a long, and interesting, life. RIP

GUESTS: Craig Rich, came as a visitor, but before the meeting started he had joined our branch.

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 Kendel addressed issues for the upcoming Strawberry Festival, and all similar events. These included items for safety that all us probably know, but it is always good to be reminded; like wheel chocks, lock outs, park in neutral, tire pressure, oil leaks, fire extinguisher, and general viewer safety.

Safety Rules are on both EDGETA and our own web site. Take time to become familiar with them.

BOARD MEETING: Executive Board meeting at Ed Beals, 7 PM, Tuesday, April 7th. Branch President, Ed Beals addressed why we registered as a 501(c)3, and spoke to a few of the benefits. More information on this subject through our newsletter and future meetings.

CALENDAR: 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. Paul Liverman, Jr. was still talking with expo representative, as he still does not have a yes, or no, as to whether we will be admitted.

PayPal: Paul Dunn addressed PayPal availability. Branch 242 now accepts PayPal for membership, donations, and is available as a means of collecting fees, and selling goods. Links have been placed on our website at www.EarlyDayTractorIron.

EDGETA: SW Vice-President, Don Young, and Gloria attended the annual meeting. Don talked to the highlights of the meeting and show. He was also reelected as Vice President

Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

EARLY DAY TRACTOR & IRON, INC.

Financial Statement

Balance as of 4.30.2015 \$404.00

Early Day Tractor & Iron, Inc. filing as a Federal Tax 501(c)3 corporation has benefits for members and supporters. More information will be presented by meetings, newsletters, and posted on our website.

Safety

Roger Kindel

Safety is everybody's responsibility. Remember - - -

- Tractors must be secured to the trailer.
- Also loading ramps must be secured to the trailer.
- All tractors must have slow moving sign on rear of tractor.
- Tractors must have a kill switch.
- Fire extinguisher must be on all tractors and accessible to driver.
- Tractors when parked must be out of gear with brakes set and chocks under wheels.
- Insurance does not allow anyone to climb or sit on tractors when on display.

Hope to see you at the Cal Poly Strawberry Festival.

Roger Kindel, Safety Director

EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

At the recent National EDGETA board meeting in Henderson, TX we updated the policies and procedures for the board members.

Some bylaw changes were made.

Insurance changes that affect us when we are selling items the insurance will cover.

The meeting minutes will be posted on the EDGETA web page at www.edgeta.org.

Buster Brown was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Spike and Sue Cordell were also inducted. Sad to report Sue passed away recently. They were all in the SW Region.

Buster Brown, branch 206 President, Yuma, AZ is our new Director at Large.

As always, safety is our #1 priority.

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I retained all of my positions at our board meeting as Vice President, National Safety Director, Chairman of the Accident Review Committee, and Youth Driving Coordinator.

It is suggested prior to an event that the Safety Officer of the branch to remind the participants of the Safety Rules that will pertain to them.

June Birthdays

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



Donations, membership fees may be placed on your credit card using PayPal. For more information go to and www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org and click on the **Donate** or **Join Us** button, then click PayPal.

Thomas Edison Said

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

"There's a way to do it better - find it."

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

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

August 4, 2015 – Victorville Police National Night Out

September 12, 2015 – Phelan Phamly Phun Days Parade

September 19, 2015 – Hesperia Fun Days Parade

November 11, 2015 – 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 Paul Dunn at pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org.

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