

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Ed Beals

In this Branch 242 newsletter you'll read about our new meeting place, time of the meeting, and the fact we're not having breakfast at that meeting. Details of the new meeting place, etc. may change as we adapt to our new surroundings. But for the moment, we'll have a meeting place until the end of the year.

However, if you come across a meeting place that we can secure for our monthly meetings, please discuss it with a Branch 242 officer so that we can have the best meeting room available to us.

The one new feature we get with this room is a quiet place without distracting voices, traffic, diners, bus-boys, and the like. It will allow us to utilize our meeting time to include presentations about tractors, engines, and items of historical value. Or, such thing as the history of a particular brand of tractor or what is required to repair a hit-and-miss engine. Perhaps we can hear about Cream Separators, and become more knowledgeable about them, thereby making all members better prepared to answer visitor questions when we have the Cream Separator on display.

The above new feature of a quiet place for our meeting will also offer more opportunities for open discussions of a members' current hurdle with a restoration or a guests' explanation about present day ECO fuels, or auto-type electrical issues. We have the place to learn more about what makes our hobby fun, historical, useful, and understandable to those we come in contact with us at shows, parades, and displays.

First, I'd like to thank Roger Meeker for helping to acquire the meeting room at Hesperia United Methodist Church. The church is located at 18623

Main Street, Hesperia. (Near Choiceiana - Walnut on Main Street) Parking on the east side of the church is suggested as exiting from that parking lot after the meeting is safer.

Meeting begins at 8:00 AM, and we should be dismissed not later than 9:30 AM. There will coffee and goodies, but no breakfast.

See the calendar in this newsletter for meeting dates, and other important dates.

Ed Beals

## VP's Opinion

Paul Dunn

One thing I have plenty of is opinions. I am also certain you have opinions, and suggestions, as to the future direction and events for Branch 242. We want to hear from you. Please pass along your thoughts, suggestion, and talents to me or another board member so that we may discuss them at our next board meeting.

The founders of Branch 242 came together with ideas, and dreams, knowing what they did not want, and what they would like to see accomplished. That was over a year ago now. It also goes without saying that we will not all want to do the same things, and that is OK too. As we grow though, we will have a greater variety of activities and tasks, so everybody should find an interest to keep you motivated, active, and enjoying our branch as we grow and become an organization of proud and participating members.

*Let's Pull Together*

## Minutes – No May Meeting

Paul Dunn, Acting Secretary

# Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

## EARLY DAY TRACTOR & IRON, INC. *Financial Statement*

**Cash on Hand as of May 31, 2015 = \$392.00**

Early Day Tractor & Iron, Inc. is a Federal Tax 501(c)3 corporation with benefits for members and supporters.

## Safety

Roger Kindel

When we participate in events, whether it be parades, or static displays, it is at the invitation of the organizers. As the old saying goes, it is their football and their rules. Whether we agree, or disagree is not important. What is important is that we respect their policies and procedures, and be thankful for the opportunity to display our toys.

When Branch 242 enters an event, we must comply with the organizer's safety and insurance mandates as well as those of EDGETA. Most often the safety issues will be the same. If in doubt, check with the Branch 242 Safety Director or their delegate.

Most safety requirements are the same and are worth repeating. Following is a partial list.

- When in a parade, all tractors must have a "Slow Moving" sign on the rear.
- 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.
- Electrical interrupt so that tractor, engine, or other display cannot accidentally started.
- Insurance does not allow anyone to climb or sit on tractors when on display.
- An attendant or operator to be with each display for added safety.

- Viewer control barriers (fencing) around all moving, or running, machinery. For specific requirements see the EDGETA.org website.

Roger Kindel, Safety Director



## EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

One of the downfalls of the National Safety Director position for EDGETA is I hear about accidents. Being the chairman of the accident review committee after I receive the accident report I must make many phone calls to determine what happened and was it preventable.

Recently, a friend of mine was attempting to load his tractor after the conclusion of a show. The engine was sputtering and part way up the ramps it corrected itself, first instinct, hit the brakes, over it went severely injuring the driver. Possible solution, depress the clutch and let the tractor roll back.

I back my tractor on my trailer, but that's not for everyone. Some operators possibly cannot turn their head to see where they are backing. Possibly the safest way is winch it on. When I do I attach a chain to the trailer and to the tractor, lengthen or shorten the chain as needed. In the event of winch failure, the tractor won't go far.

Loading and unloading is the most dangerous part. A few years ago, a member was loading his tractor, same issue; not running well, it went over the member was lucky, only minor cuts and bruises. Many years ago, again the tractor not running well went over with fatal results.

Take the time to be careful.

Don Young

## Henry Ford Said

*“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”*

*“There is one rule for the industrialist and that is: Make the best quality of goods possible at the lowest cost possible, paying the highest wages possible.”*

*“Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is the probable reason so few engage in it.”*

*“It is well enough that people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning.”*

*“I cannot discover that anyone knows enough to say definitely what is and what is not possible.”*

*“Don't find fault, find a remedy.”*

*“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.”*

*“There are two fools in this world. One is the millionaire, who thinks that by hoarding money he can somehow accumulate real power, and the other is the penniless reformer who thinks that if only he can take the money from one class and give it to another, all the world's ills will be cured.”*

*“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.”*

*“You will find men who want to be carried on the shoulders of others, who think that the world owes them a living. They don't seem to see that we must all lift together and pull together.”*

*“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.”*

*“My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me.”*

## July Birthdays

*Happy Birthday to -*

**July 14** – Brad West

**July 19** – LT Burke

**July 24** – Gary Provansal

**July 29** – Don Young

If your birthday is in July and we did not say, “Happy Birthday,” Please pass along your birth date so that next year we can light a candle for you.

## 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](mailto:paul@EarlyDayTractorIron.org) .



Maybe they are discussing a pay raise for the newsletter editor. Do you think?



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**Invite a Friend to an Event**

# Calendar of Planned Events

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

**TBA** – Tractor Supply Center – Norco

**TBA** – Bob’s Big Boy – Norco

**TBA** – Osh - Hesperia

**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](http://www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org) for the latest news and schedules.

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

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