

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Ed Beals

Small coins are called “Change” when received from a sales transaction. Also, change is how we describe what has occurred in response to a customary event or action. Change may represent better or worse results when we invoke a change.

I think our August meeting did exhibit a positive change when we discussed the ideas for informational signage on our tractors, engines, and other items of historical value, i.e. Cream Separator. The openness with which the members present participated, giving their thoughts and constructive solutions, was a welcome change to our monthly meetings.

Although we have not laid out a concrete plan for this matter of signage, it was apparent that there can be a two-part solution to it. With both some signage, and member-visitor contact, we can have the best that both will provide in sparking an interest with signage, immediately followed by member contact with the interested visitor.

With regard to signage or a graphic source near the subject equipment, it can be balance of facts about the equipment, and its purpose or use, in its day.

Providing the necessary description without voluminous details, just enough to spark interest. The “member-jumps-from-chair” person then makes personal contact with the target to further answer questions and engages them in whatever interest they may have.

I want to thank all those that attended the August meeting as this topic was discussed, and to Paul Dunn for reminding us, that visitor contact is a part of the display process at such events as the Victorville National Night Out, and other display activities.

We did receive the Second-Place trophy for Vehicle – Farm Equipment for our participation in the Lucerne Valley 4th of July parade for 2015. Unfortunately, I forgot to have it at the August meeting.

One more CHANGE, the Phelan Phun Days parade scheduled for Saturday, September 12th has been canceled. According to the Phelan Chamber of Commerce web site, the reason for cancelling it is primarily a lack of manpower to make it happen this year. There is some indication that a few Chamber members have been doing most of the work, and members are too few. They anticipate having the parade in 2016.

Ed Beals

VP's Opinion

Paul Dunn

The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.

Babe Ruth

For this month's newsletter the word WE kept rattling around in my empty cranial cage. Merriam-Webster defines “we” as “I and the rest of a group that includes me.”

Just as Babe Ruth said, we can be individual stars, but to be worth a dime, we must pull together. I fear that our branch will experience the same shortages Phelan has that forced them to cancel the annual Phun Days parade.

Alex Brandon, Phelan Chamber of Commerce, posted on their website, "Honestly, I think there are too few people carrying too much of the burden for this wonderful organization." The unfortunate result is that a parade many of us have enjoyed for many years will not be held this year. I will miss it.

Come forth and share your thoughts as to what we can do to make certain that similar problems don't befall Branch 242. Please remember, it takes a team, and I am certain many of you have time and talents that are not being utilized.

Promote, Encourage, Recruit

Minutes – August Meeting

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:10 a.m. by President Ed Beals followed by the flag salute.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Betty Mote had foot surgery and was home recuperating with the help of Stevie J.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Discuss past event, National Night Out, Victorville.

ATTENDANCE: A total of 14 members including officers and no guests.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mark Berthold, Treasurer, present at meeting

MEMBERSHIP: Paul Liverman. Present, no report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Roger Kindel, Present, no report.

NEW BUSINESS: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: First time at this location at Victorville Civic Center. The antique and engine display were popular. Over 85% of people who visited booth were interested. Club

needs to have people available to explain purpose of displays. Make sure information sheets are displayed, has club name on all display sheets, posters, and handout sheets. Make name recognition primary purpose. Give tri-fold brochures to genuinely interested parties, make paper copies for handouts. When emailing directions to members at events, list if possible, the conditions and accommodations, i.e. food vendors, bathrooms etc. to interest more participation from members who come to support club.

Everyone should have uniform club sheet regarding equipment description in sheet protectors attached to grill of tractor for interested parties to be able to read.

Tractor Supply coming to Hesperia, opening in January, 2016 located near Escondido Avenue. This is an excellent opportunity for club tractor display.

NAPA Auto Parts Patriotic Parking Lot Event will not be occurring this year.

No meeting in September. There are two parades, Phelan Phun Days and Hesperia Days parade.

No further contact regarding the Serrano High School FFA event. Mark Berthold is interested in getting involved with FFA for future club growth, there is less agriculture activity and more animal husbandry here in high desert.

CALENDAR: Phelan Phun Day Parade, September 12th, meet at Johnson and Phelan Road behind DCB for staging. Be there at 7:00 a.m. American Flags only on tractors.

Hesperia Parade, September 19th. Meet at 7:00 a.m. possibly meeting at Ed's House for staging arrangements, tentative only until further instructions.

OSH October Display: Information sent to corporate, we have received no reply as yet. Tentative arrangements would be to display close to Main Street near the vacated O'Reilly's. Could put pop-up

in center, display around pop-up. Considering this is first time display, possible opportunity for OSH to donate tool items for club to raffle for fund raising. More information to come when received.

Norco Bob's Big Boy Display: Club still interested in taking tractors to Norco.

Tractor Supply: Club still interested in taking tractors to Hemet.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: James Marlow for always being available to do loading and unloading, EDTI official Pit Crew Member.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Paul Liverman for safety stations and chains for machine displays. They met EDGE requirements.

SAFETY SUGGESTIONS: Make sure stanchions are three feet out from engines. Keep tractor key in pocket rather than in ignition, always disconnect @ battery or have cut-off switch installed on equipment.

REMINDER: No meeting in September due to Phelan Parade.

October 10th, next club meeting at church.

Submitted by
Etta Dunn, Secretary



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Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

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EARLY DAY TRACTOR & IRON, INC.

Financial Statement

Cash on Hand as of August 12, 2015 = \$522.00

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

Safety

Roger Kindel

The following was written by George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director of EDGETA.

Please review the safety section with your branches. The safety requirements are not optional. You can't use the ones you like or agree with and ignore the rest. The safety requirements were put together by members of the organization with experience in operating tractors, engines and the other equipment. These requirements are not difficult to follow. These were put into place to protect the membership. If you are not following them, you could be putting the other members of the organization at risk. A club or organization is a group of people with the same goal or vision. They look out for each other. Please keep that in mind as you are showing off your antique farm machinery.

Roger Kindel, Branch 242 Safety Director

Affirmative action is a little like the professional football draft. The NFL awards its No. 1 draft choices to the lowest-ranked team in the league. It doesn't do this out of compassion or guilt. It's done for mutual survival. They understand that a league can only be as strong as its weakest team.

J. C. Watts

EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

At this writing we are experiencing very hot temperatures. It is important that we drink plenty of water, keep out of direct sun and not work too hard. Wear the correct clothing to protect yourself. If you must work on your projects be careful, your tools, anything metal will be extremely hot.

On the National level nothing new to report, I haven't received any accident claims which could mean the members are being careful. I have received seven Youth Driver applications and pictures of a people mover for inspection.

When loading or unloading your equipment, take your time and have help.

Don Young

Editor's Note: Don's article is short this month because his crayon kept melting.

September Birthdays

September Birthday to -

September 6 – Paul Dunn

September 30 – James Marlow

Please pass along your birth date so that next year we can light a candle for you.

NOTES-

The space to the right was intentionally left blank. Use it to write your suggestions, and list the projects that you will volunteer your time and talents. Then bring it to the next meeting and step forward. Your contributions to our branch will be appreciated.

Calendar of Planned Events

September 19, 2015 – Hesperia Fun Days Parade

November 7, 2015 – Flabob Veterans Salute

November 11, 2015 – Victorville Veterans Day Parade

TBA – Osh - Hesperia

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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