

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Ed Beals

Our September meeting, held at Los Domingos Restaurant, was a trial run of what hopefully will be a place we can utilize as a kind of home base. It is important that we have a home base that can be used when talking with potential members and inviting guests to our meeting place.

It is with some hope that our use of Los Domingos for future meetings will be mutually beneficial to the restaurant and ourselves, as we dine there before meetings. You are not obligated to eat there, that is your choice to eat or not eat, there isn't any pressure applied. But, whichever you choose, please be comfortable and attend meetings.

At the September meeting it was agreed that future meetings would be held at Los Domingos on the Second Saturday of each month, breakfast available 8:00 – 9:00 AM. The business meeting will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude by 10:30 AM (hopefully).

This morning, Paul Dunn and I were discussing a few future thoughts about Branch 242 and we recalled what an unusual year this has been. There have been serious family matters, health issues, and other personal concerns that have diverted the attention and time of our members. Thrown into the mix was the closing of Carrow's, which disrupted normal communication and event planning with the members. So as we looked ahead we'll all hit the trail at a run and hope to make up time in the months ahead.

During all that has recently occurred as "speed-bumps" in the life of Branch 242, the members have been upbeat and of good spirits through it all. It speaks well of our club-friends and their desire to make Branch 242 successful. We'll close out 2015

with parades, shows/displays, the annual meeting and election, and maybe a Christmas party.

The upcoming officer election in November should be important to each of you, both as a voting member of Branch 242, and to serve as an officer if called upon. Frequently, we hear of volunteer organizations that once were successful and now are in trouble. Usually, the trouble is too few members doing too much of the work, and too many members just sitting in the canoe, not paddling. So take on a job for a year, do the job, and keep Branch 242 successful..... One year at a time would be a nice record.

Ed Beals



Hesperia Days Parade - 2015

VP's Opinion

Paul Dunn

In 1969, I was offered a job, by our neighbor, Dennis, working in the computer industry. It was nice to be wanted, but I was enrolled in college working towards a mechanical engineering degree, so I had my doubts. I remember telling him, "I don't know the first thing about a computer." To which he replied, "So what, not many do."

Now, nearly 50 years later, computers have changed our lifestyle in so many ways most never give it a second thought. I won't go any further with that, other than to encourage you to daily use your email, the Internet, phone and other devices to stay in contact with our club members, and up to date on future events, etc.

In an old, undated, Case Parts Catalog, they used a whole page stressing how to communicate the necessary information for ordering, and getting your parts delivered. Here is a portion of the instructions.

In telegrams use cipher code when necessary to save expense, but if it is possible to transmit the order intelligibly in a ten word message do not use code. The key word INFORM CASE has been adopted as a code by which any Case parts number may be transmitted by wire.

Each letter of the key word represents a numeral as follows:

I N F O R M C A S E
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

The Letter Y is used to separate the code letters from the prefix and the suffix letters of the part number. Letter Z indicates ½.

A code word of not more than five letters will be accepted and charged as one word by the telegraph companies, over five letters and not more than ten will be rated as two words. Prepay all telegrams.

There are an additional 24 five character codes.

In conclusion, in "my opinion" it is very easy for us these days to communicate. Please check regularly and reply to your emails. This will unify our group and help organizers make plans.

Communicate, Encourage, Recruit

Minutes – September Meeting

Etta Dunn, Secretary

September 9, 2015

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Ed Beals followed by the flag salute.

Branch 242's first dinner meeting at Los Domingo's Restaurant.

ATTENDANCE: Present are 16 members and no guests.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: Roger Kindel gave detailed safety meeting regarding loading and unloading tractors with belts, straps, and chains. Be sure and wear yellow EDGE-TA Badge.

GENERAL BUSINESS: The Hesperia Days Parade is on Saturday, September 19th. Parade tractors will stage at Ed Beal's home 9528 Grapefruit Ave, plenty of trailer parking around cul-de-sac. Departing from Ed's to parade route at 7:30 a.m. A tractor member needs to inform check-in to get parade position. Parade starts @ 9:00 a.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mark Berthold, Treasurer, present at meeting. Approximately \$1K in bank. Ed Beal's donated \$100.00 and The Pope's donated \$625.00 in memory of Richard Pope's mother, Beverly Cooper Applegate who passed away earlier this year at age 97.

MEMBERSHIP: Paul Liverman. Present, no report.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion regarding meeting day, time, location. Previous meeting place at the church is not available on the 3rd and 4th Saturday of the month, the second Saturday is open at 8:00 a.m. however many members have conflicting meetings on that day. There are objections to evening meetings with members having to drive at night. Members were polled as to preference for meeting day. Unanimous choice is for early morning on the 2nd Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Paul Dunn spoke with management of Los Domingo's and they have agreed to open for meeting with breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., meeting at 9:00 a.m.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Volunteers include Roger Meeker, Mark Berthold, and Chris Burks.

Volunteers are requested to talk to each person being nominated. Have a current roster and a copy of the bylaws available for questions. The report of results of nominating committee is due at the October meeting.

CALENDAR ITEMS: October 3-4 Mohave River Days.

October 17th Apple Valley Parade begins @ Central & Hwy 18, Paul Dunn, Liaison

October 10th Los Domingo's Breakfast meeting, breakfast 8-9:00 a.m. Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.

Nov 7th Flabob Airport, 13th Annual Veteran's Day Celebration.

Nov 11th – Victorville Veteran's Day Parade

NEW BUSINESS: Paul Dunn reported on club patches, badges, and shirts. Shirts with logo are going to be approximately \$12-\$15 each. Small Club patches with logo, \$8-\$10.00 each. There will be more information forthcoming at next meeting. Club interest and participation was polled and there is interest in the project.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by
Etta Dunn, Secretary



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Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

EARLY DAY TRACTOR & IRON, INC.

Financial Statement

Cash on Hand as of September 9, 2015 is approximately \$1,000.00 (Not Reconciled)

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

Safety

Roger Kindel

Safety issues have been reviewed, at each meeting and before show events. It is easy to get lax and not pay attention by thinking you have "already heard this." Maybe so; but we need constant reminders just like the speed limit signs along the freeway.

Complying with EDGETA safety rules is necessary for us to have our insurance coverage. More importantly, they are there to protect life and limb.

The entire Board and I are here to assist you with your safety questions and concerns.

Roger Kindel, Branch 242 Safety Director

EDGETA History

EDGETA (As received from EDGETA and not edited)

In 1957, a group of engine and tractor clubs form EDGE&TA. The purpose was for insurance to cover all clubs that was part of the EDGE&TA group. With all clubs under the same insurance, they could attend an EDGE&TA club show and be covered. To be an EDGE&TA officer you had to be a club member in good standing and be voted in by the clubs. Today the officers have the responsibility to get the clubs the best insurance at the lowest cost. Set up a national show and a regional show. Because

insurance companies do not regulate safety, they will drop you if you have too many claims. The officers can set safety rules. They also have the power to approve or disapprove a club from joining EDGE&TA for any reason.

This being said these officers work for us. They put our safety rules with no way a club can protest that rule. What is an EDGE&TA EVENT? To our club any time you have a group of your members attend an event that should be an EDGE&TA Event. Insurance should cover you even if you are not the promoter and anything that is covered if you are the promoter. We have clubs that could not put on a show if not for other promoters. (Republic and Steam Engine Club in MO. To name just one)

We lost are insurance because of the Tractor pulls. EDCE&TA has let these tractor puller join are insurance coverage. Some pulling clubs follow the rules, and most do not. They have pulls almost every weekend and charge a hook up fee. The biggest claim was a person was on the pulling sled a weight fell on his foot. By the rules, he should not be on the sled. If I own a pulling sled I could put up \$240.00 give EDGE&TA Twenty names and have coverage. If a tractor should have a claim, I have thirty days to put in his name and the \$12.00 for his insurance.

Any tractor pull under our insurance should not have a hook up fee and no trophy given that way it would be for fun, and they would be more in cline to follow the rules. There is no show tractor or engine at these tractor pulls.

Tired Iron joined EDGE&TA in 1992. We have never had a claim but our insurance has been double. The insurance has always had a \$1000.00 deductible now that is passed on to us. EDGE&TA has over \$60,000.00 in the bank for what. We have a few events that we go to. But some of the exhibits that we take we are told are not covered in the safety rule. (Like our train, people carrier) Tired Iron of the Ozarks tries to follow EDGE rules, but sometimes you go too far and take the fun out of our hobby.

A safety rule should only be made when you have proven that it is the cause of your claims not by someone thinking it could.

EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

Safety is our number one priority.

Loading and Unloading

RAMPS: Correct length, width and weight for the equipment that you will be loading and unloading and secured so they will not slip or tip.

WINCH: Check before use, cable, hook, securely mounted to the truck or trailer. Do not exceed the capacity of the winch, three full turns of cable on the drum, do not use the winch to secure the load, stand clear, keep spectators away, wear gloves, place a heavy blanket on the cable to help prevent whiplash in case the cable breaks, never attach the hook back onto the cable, a safety chain attached to the load and to the trailer in case of winch failure, never place the cable on top of the drum. Use a shackle or strap at the anchor point.

TRACTORS: Allow them to warm up before driving up the ramps. Many accidents happen when the tractor is not running well, and partially up the ramps suddenly it runs well and flips over backwards.

NEVER GIVE SAFETY A DAY OFF.

Don Young

October Birthdays

October 2 – Chris Burks

October 7 – Mark Bergthold

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

Calendar of Planned Events

October 3 and 4, 2015 – Mojave River Days

October 17, 2015 – Happy Trails Parade in Apple Valley

November 7, 2015 – Flabob Veterans Salute

November 11, 2015 – Victorville Veterans Day Parade

TBA – Victorville Christmas Parade

TBA – Tractor Supply Center - Hesperia

Discussions are progressing for entry in many additional events. Please visit www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org for the latest news and schedules.

EDGETA – Branch 242 – Board of Directors

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