

# **NEWSLETTER**

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## **President's Message**

Ed Beals

We had a few “firsts” last Saturday morning, Oct 10th. It was the first breakfast general meeting of Branch 242 held at Los Domingos Restaurant in Hesperia, and breakfast was available before the meeting began. Also, we had the Greeno family from Wasilla, Alaska visit us.

Many members in attendance wore their new Branch 242 T-shirts, which really look nice and let others know that we're in the valley. Thanks to Paul Dunn for putting the “good-look” together.

Richard Greeno is the VP of Branch 52 in Wasilla, AK as mentioned above. He and his wife were in Victorville helping their son move, and had asked to join us at our meeting. Branch 52 is hosting the EDGETA meeting in 2016 and all Branch 242 members in attendance were inspired by Richard's tantalizing description of their events next year. He described the turnout they have at their Branches annual events and he expressed the expectation of that being exceeded next summer for the annual meeting. He invited all to attend and explained how their Branch is developing plans to assist visitors.

Tracy Rank, the daughter of Roger and Nicki Kindel, is a schoolteacher in Ontario. She was at the meeting to invite Branch 242 to their school for the harvest event. She is asking for tractors and other display items to be shown at the school on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Details are in this newsletter. Tracy and husband Scott are members of Branch 242 and drive Roger's tractors in parades from time to time. We must support Tracy in this event and also recognize our obligation to promote our program.

The nominating committee list of Branch 242 officers for 2016 was received, but members may nominate others any time before the vote is taken at the

November meeting. Balloting will be by mail with tally and announcement at the November Annual meeting. Thanks to nominating committee members Mark Bergthold, Roger Meeker and Gary Provansal for their service.

I was thinking Fall is upon us, but it has been like mid-July lately. We have a number of activities upcoming that need your support and participation. Check the calendar and load your equipment, wear your badges, and as Fall may really fall, take a spare jacket with you. Branch 242 will be on display for October, November, and December with parades and shows, so what's keeping you back?

Reminder that the November general meeting is the Branch 242 Annual meeting; we'll have few end-of-year reports, and elect our officers for 2016. I encourage you to vote your choices and be present to welcome the officers for 2016.

Ed Beals



## **VP's Opinion**

Paul Dunn

As we near the end of our second year as EDGETA Branch 242, we can look back and be proud that we have come a long way from our beginning around the dining room table in Ed Beals' home. It makes me proud to be associated with such a great group.

As we planned for the Apple Valley Happy Trails Parade, it was great to see our members rally that we might make a good showing. Members without their own tractors were driving for other owners. And, we still had tractors sitting at home because we could not find drivers. This got me to think.

During the last year, we have had many visitors at meetings and the Thursday morning breakfasts at the Corral. I can recall that they were looking for potential buyers of a tractor that they or a family member had for sale. Of course, a single visit limits opportunity. We need to get them to visit again. How?

Then there are those who come for breakfast, but they do not own tractors, or engines, so they are hesitant to join EDT&I. That should not stop them, for like in Apple Valley, we were looking for drivers. At static events where we have more than tractors, there are even more opportunities.

In several recent columns, I have closed with "Communicate, Encourage, Recruit." I stick with that. We need to be more open. How else are we going to make our branch more visible, as we reach out to the community and schools?

**Communicate, Encourage, Recruit**

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## Minutes – October Meeting

Etta Dunn, Secretary

October 10, 2015

Meeting opened @ 9:10 a.m. by President Ed Beals with the flag salute. Present are 15 members and 4 guests, the Greeno family from Wasilla, AK and Hayley Rank, daughter of Scott and Tracy Rank.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Treasurer Mark Bertholdt not present to make financial report.

**Safety Roger Kindel:** Club #242 is dedicated to adhering to all safety rules and policy according to EDGETA. Roger reported that there were 6 tractors at Mohave Trail Days'

**Membership:** Chairman Paul Liverman, Jr reported 28 active members.

**Nominating Committee:** There were three members present. The final report was submitted to the President. There are 9 members on the ballot; the vote is on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Additional names can be submitted with permission of the nominee before being submitted on the ballot.

**Voting Procedure:** Paul Dunn explained the process. A ballot will be sent to each member with an envelope to return confidential ballot for the final count at the annual meeting in November. Envelopes will be opened by the nominating committee and counted and tallied and reported to the President for validation.

**Activity Report:** Hesperia Day Parade in September. Meeting at Ed Beal's was convenient and suitable. The club had a good attendance, good spacing and staggered groups. Ken Woodward reported that the bicycles were weaving in and out of tractors; dangerous; if situated ahead of them again would be to ask for a better parade position. Richard Pope mentioned that he did not hear club bio as he passed the judging stands. Narrative was submitted in timely manner and was announced.

The Mohave River days was organized by Jo Pope, Branch 30 was in charge of the tractor group event.

Guest Richard Greeno, VP of Branch 52 in Wasilla, Alaska, visited our group to promote the June 2016 National Tractor Show in Anchorage, Alaska. The event is very popular and recommended that anyone coming make plans early as accommodations are premium and go fast.

Member Tracy Rank gave a presentation on the Harvest Celebration at the school in Ontario, requesting a tractor display on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Don Young, VP/EDGE-TA Safety Chairman attended meeting and gave report on the National EDGE-TA show in New Mexico.



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**CALENDAR:** Apple Valley Parade, meet at Southeast corner Central and Highway 18 at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Flabob Airport Veterans Day on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Club members can park on Friday night, our club is to park in same area as last year. Victorville Veterans Parade, November 11<sup>th</sup>, more info later as to where to park in school yard.

Club elections at annual meeting, Los Domingos, Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.

Christmas Parade, Victorville, Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Party, Ken and Jan Woodward's home, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Jo Pope to call members before Thanksgiving to make party arrangements.

Tractor Supply Display tentatively arranged for January, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.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 October 20, 2015 is \$1,336.32

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

## Safety

Roger Kindel

### Working Load Limit: The Bottom Line of Securement

The Working Load Limit (WLL) is the critical factor used to predict the dependable strength of a tie-down. The WLL is the maximum load, in pounds, that should be anchored by tie-down assemblies to attachment points that are in good condition. The WLL is calculated by multiplying the breaking strength by a design factor, often 1/3 of the breaking strength. For example, a tie-down with a 7,500-pound breaking strength has a WLL of approximately 2,500 pounds ( $7,500 \times .33 = 2,500$ ). This safety margin is critical because it is difficult to notice and allow for all of the weakened stress points on or within a cable, chain, or web: torn webbing or stitching; cracked, deformed, or broken hardware or link of chain.

Ref: [www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/ppp/ppp-75.pdf](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/ppp/ppp-75.pdf)

Roger Kindel,  
Branch 242 Safety Director

## Why are we members of EDGE&TA?

Before getting into all the whys, let's first review who EDGE&TA is and the reasons for their existence. Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, Inc. (EDGE&TA) is a non-stock, non-profit organization

incorporated in the State of Wisconsin in 1959. The Association consists of local Branches in six Regions of the United States.

The purpose of EDGE&TA is to promote collection, restoration, preservation, and exhibition of gasoline and oil engines, gas and steam tractors, power driven machinery, and other equipment of historical value. It also exists to promote the fellowship of those with common interests.

As members of Branch 242 we benefit in many ways. Let's look at a few of them.

- With hundreds of Branches and thousands of members of like interest, we are exposed to ideas, technical assistance, and restoration parts, beyond our local exposure.
- National, Regional, and Branch Shows for exhibiting and viewing.
- General Liability Insurance to insure EDGE&TA and its Branches for any liability they may incur as a result of events and arising out of acts or omissions of EDGE&TA and its Branches.
- Published uniform organization procedures, rules, and guidelines.

By being members of EDGE&TA, we have responsibilities to the organization.

- We must maintain an administrative core of personnel responsible to communicate with EDGE&TA Officers as is necessary.
- Comply with EDGE&TA requirements and policies.
- Ensure compliance with event safety requirements as published by EDGE&TA.
- Adhere to member and non-member participation in covered or sanctioned events.

There are many more benefits in belonging to EDGE&TA. To get all of this as a member in good standing for a dollar a month is a minimal

investment. Additional information is available online at [www.edgeta.com](http://www.edgeta.com) and the Branch 242 website at [www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org](http://www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org), or ask one of the Branch officers.

## You Know You Own An Old Tractor When. . .

- You start watching the weather on Thursday, hoping for good tractor weather on the weekend. – *Richard, is it raining on your hill?*
- Some days you talk to your tractor more than your wife.
- The dealer explains that the part you are looking for is called bailing wire.
- You turn the steering wheel left and you know the odds are slightly in your favor that tractor will actually turn left.
- When starting, you purposely leave the can on the exhaust just to see if you can catch it.
- The tractor is older than you and runs better.
- You find yourself explaining the functional improvements provided by what others perceive as bailing wire and scrap metal.
- You find yourself saying “come on baby, you can do it” to something made out of iron.
- It feels good to stand there and watch it run.

## EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

**Safety is our number one priority.**

*Editor's Note: Don will return next month.*

## November Birthdays

November 24 – Roger Kindel

November 26 – Richard Pope

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

# Calendar of Planned Events

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

## EDGETA – Branch 242 – Board of Directors

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