

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Ed Beals

Editor: No message this month.

VP's Opinion

Paul Dunn

Yogi Berra said, "It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future."

I am humbled and thank you members for voting me to be President of Branch 242 for 2016. As most of you will attest, I am sure, is I like being in the trenches, being involved and getting things done while promoting our club.

We have a great group of members and growth is ours as we display our historical treasures. Let's keep what we have as we reach for more fun and memories while enriching our community.

I look forward to our growth.

Thanks again,

Communicate, Encourage, Recruit

Minutes – November Meeting

Etta Dunn, Secretary

November 14, 2015

Meeting opened @ 9:10 a.m. by Vice President Paul Dunn with the flag salute. Present are 15 members and 2 guests. Club met at 8:00 a.m. at Los Domingo's Restaurant for breakfast.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Treasurer Mark Bergtholdt made the annual financial report on the state of the club.

SAFETY: Roger Kindle: No Safety Committee Report.

MEMBERSHIP: No Report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Three volunteers, Nicky Kindel, Richard Pope, and Ken Woodward opened and counted the sealed ballots for the new slate of Officers. All members nominated for office were voted in for the year 2016-2017. (Editor's Note: The complete list of officers appears on the last page of the newsletter.)

GENERAL BUSINESS: Branch 242, EDTI won a certificate and \$50.00 prize for 2nd place participation in the Apple Valley Parade.

Paul Dunn reported that the club is in need of extra drivers for parade events. Usually there are extra tractors available at the parade route, experience and driver license only requirement.

Victorville Christmas Parade Saturday, December 5th, 2015. There are no changes in the parade route, unload at the fairgrounds, drivers will be notified in time with website notification as to staging and parade time.

Club Christmas Party hosted by Jan and Kenneth Woodward is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Jo Pope passed around a sign-up sheet for whatever members would like to bring. The Woodward's are providing the ham and turkey. A motion was made and passed to reimburse the Woodward's in the amount of \$50.00 for expenses incurred.

Paul Dunn reported that there were three visitor sign-ups at the Flabob Veteran's Day Celebration. Recruitment for new members are always welcome. You do not have to have a tractor to join the club.

NEW BUSINESS: There will be plans made for a Board Meeting.

The Annual Dues for 2016 are due and payable before March, 2016. The Club is able to start collecting dues in January, 2016. Dues can be tax exempt for this year if paid before 12/31/15. Any expenses regarding the club, mileage, for any event are tax deductible.

The Club website is sponsored by Paul Dunn as a donation to the club.

This is the last meeting of the year until January, 2016. There were no member comments made before adjournment

The principal, vice principal and several members of the Ontario School Harvest Event thanked the members of the club for their generous participation and would like to have the club back next year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Submitted by
Etta Dunn, Secretary

Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

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

2015 Annual Treasurers Report

2015 was another landmark year for Early Day Tractor & Iron, Incorporated. In February, the Internal Revenue Service granted us an exemption from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), making contributions received from donors tax deductible. This was retroactive to October 14, 2014, and established our fiscal year as April 1 – March 31. In March we filed our first Form 990, which was accepted by the IRS on

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April 21, 2015. On July 31, 2015, the State of California Franchise Tax Board acknowledged that we were exempt from California taxes.

The club received donations during 2015, which as of November 1 totaled \$1,125. Ed Beals donated \$100 and Richard, and Jo Pope donated a total of \$1,025 in memory of Richard's mother, Beverly Cooper Applegate. These funds will help further EDTI's goal of promoting the collection, restoration, preservation and exhibition of gasoline and oil engines, gas tractors, power driven machinery, and any other equipment of historical value, as well as being tax deductible for the donors. Their gifts are truly appreciated, and a letter acknowledging this was given to each donor.

Our bank balance on January 1, 2015 was \$402.00, and as of November 1 the balance is \$1,536.32.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Bergthold

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Treasurer



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

Safety

Roger Kindel

Enjoy the Holidays.

Roger Kindel, Branch 242 Safety Director

Ole Farmer's Advice:

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life.. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around..
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.
- Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President

Safety must be our number one priority.

Editor's Note: Don will return next month.

December Birthdays

December 7 – Jo Pope

December 9 – Paul Liverman, Jr.

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

Notes and Ideas

In the remaining blank space, please jot down your notes and ideas for the growth and health of Early Day Tractor & Iron, Inc. Then present them to a board member, or bring to the next meeting.

Calendar of Planned Events

December 5, 2015 – 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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