

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Paul Dunn

Happy New Year! - I hope you join with me in looking forward to a prosperous 2016, having fun with great strides for Early Day Tractor & Iron.

Before anything else, let us remember our friend and first branch president, Edward H. Beals, February 17, 1932 to November 24, 2015. Ed was born and lived in Long Beach, CA until moving to Hesperia for retirement.

I and others surely remember two years ago at our first meeting in Ed's dining room when we joined to form EDGETA – Branch 242. Ed was a very talented manufacturing engineering manager with attention to detail and organization. Those skills were put to good use with the Boy Scouts of America, and Tribe of Tahquitz (Honor Scouting Organization).

With his experience, it was no wonder that he would want to form a new EDGETA branch in the High Desert; a branch with many objectives. It was to be an opportunity for all members of like mind to group and share antique tractors, other implements and appliances in early America. His vision was that these pieces of history should be shared with students and the community. Ed's attention to detail, and deployment skills laid a very sound foundation for us to grow beyond.

Members and friends of Ed have forwarded their remembrances and appear later in this newsletter.

I am honored to be your President and as I am sure Ed would want us to do; let's now look forward to 2016 and beyond.



On January 9, 2016, we started the year with seven tractors on display and many visitors at the Grand Opening of Tractor Supply Co. in Hesperia. Our own photographers Richard and Jo Pope, once again exhibited their professional skills. If you haven't already, I encourage you to visit our website at www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org and click on Photos at the left.

At the expense of possibly overlooking a member by name, I will simply say, many have come forth with ideas and suggestions for displays, trail rides, school exhibitions, and projects. This type of enthusiasm and interest is infectious. One project is already started.

Ed Beals started restoring a John Deere 140 L & G tractor. Ed's daughter, Karen, expressed an interest in it in the memory of her father. At our January meeting, it was agreed that Branch 242 would take up the challenge and complete the restoration. The tractor has been moved to Roger Kindel's garage. Get with Roger if you would like to participate.

Paul Dunn, President

Communicate, Encourage, Recruit

Memories of Ed

Let me start by saying Ed was a GOOD Man. I know that gets thrown around a lot but in this case it actually applied. He had a deep love for all things mechanical. Guess that comes from being an engineer. He carried over his passion to start our club and pass his passion on to the community; teaching children and adults about the old tractors, engines and related equipment. You had to shake your head at his silly jokes, but that was Ed. At our Christmas party this year I remember it was Ed last year that wanted to read a story in only a way that he could. Ed Beals you will be missed but not forgotten. I know you're up in heaven. How about telling my Dad Hello when you run into him. – Stevie J. Mote

I met Ed Beals and Eric about three years ago at the Corral Restaurant; we became great friends right from the beginning. I was able to get in on the club tractor restoration from the very beginning and he was right there showing me everything that I needed to know. What an experience that turned out to be. I will always remember him for the positive way he had in life clear till the end. It was a true blessing to know him. Thank you. – Chuck Burtron

Whenever I attended any of the Branch #242 events or your club meetings, I always enjoyed talking to Mr. Ed Beals. I missed him at the Mojave Trail Days event this last year, and myself and our Branch, will sorely miss him. I considered Ed a real friend. RIP Mr. Ed Beals. – Bob Hanson, President Branch 30

I first met Ed in 1984, when following a sales lead for a high speed inspection system. That single chance meeting evolved into a friendship, and many life and technical exchanges. Ed retired and moved to the High Desert. As often happens, we lost contact with each other. Fast forward 20 years, to a tractor meeting. Ed said, "I know you." He recognized me, before I recognized him. - We know Ed was a collector. A few weeks later he brought me my old business card. Not to be out done, I found his card in my collection. Friends to the end. – Paul Dunn

Small World – Ed Beals was born February 17, 1932 in Long Beach, CA. Don Judkins, tractor collector, and member was born February 18, 1932, also in Long Beach, CA, but a different hospital.

Next Meeting

FEBRUARY 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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February 3, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Los Domingos

9th & Main, Hesperia

Come early for dinner and stay for the meeting.

Minutes – January Meeting

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Meeting opened @ 9:00 a.m. by President Paul Dunn with the flag salute. Present are 10 members and no guests. Members met at 8:00 a.m. at Los Domingo's Restaurant for breakfast.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Mark Bergtholdt not present, No report made.

Safety Roger Kindle: No accidents in 2015, reported by EDGETA. Roger gave a report regarding jack stands on trailers, safety chains, adjusting safety chains and dragging safety chains. There was a good display at Tractor Supply, all safety measures were followed.

Membership: As of meeting date, 13 members had paid their dues, club total members at 27.

GENERAL BUSINESS: A discussion ensued regarding the regular meeting time and dates. The meeting room at Los Domingo's is available on Wednesday nights. A proposal was made to amend the current By-Laws to allow changing meeting dates, and time, by the Board. Initial change will be to meet the first Wednesday of the month at the 7:00 p.m. A board quorum was at the meeting and an agreement to change the date was unanimous. The motion was made by Gary Provansal and seconded by James Marlow.

Event Report: The display at Tractor Supply grand opening was one of the best events. Lots of interest, and good attendance, with 7 tractors on display. Tractor Supply Co. managers would like a display a month if possible. An incentive to the club would be door prizes, gifts, and contributions for donations to give away or for fund raising.

New member P.J. will inquire of manager at antique store located on C Avenue across from OSH for a possible tractor display.

Club Apparel including a button down shirt was displayed. Members suggested a denim material with an embroidery patch rather than silk screen.

NEW BUSINESS: Past President Ed Beals now deceased, left a John Deere 140 hydraulic tractor in need of restoration. It was suggested as a club project to restore the tractor and give back to his daughter. There is no timeline, work on the tractor as a combined project. Roger Kindel agreed to take to his barn for the work. The club would like to put a plaque mounted on the tractor commemorating service in memory of Ed Beals. Motion made to restore the John Deere 140 at Roger Kindel's made by Stevie J Mote, seconded by LT Burke, unanimous aye vote from club members.

Volunteers are needed to store the club property consisting of pop-up shelters for events. Paul Liverman volunteered to store in his garage alongside the safety barriers and ropes.

Newsletter article about Ed Beals can be emailed to Paul Dunn for publishing in January Newsletter. All articles from members are welcome to be included in the club newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Possible display at Antique store on C Avenue, TBA.

Tractor Ride and Bar-B-Que, TBA

Stevie J. Mote volunteered to contact local radio station KATKountry 100.7, Community Calendar, regarding publicity of Tractor Club.

No further business was conducted, meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. by motion from Paul Liverman, seconded by Roger Kindel.

Submitted by
Etta Dunn, Secretary

Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

Bank balance as of Dec 31, 2015, was \$1,425.27.



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Safety

Roger Kindel

EDGETA ended up the 2015 year without any claims. That is great!! It means that everyone is paying attention to what they are doing and keeping safety in mind for all they do.

Congratulations to all of you.

Roger Kindel, Branch 242 Safety Director

EDGETA Report

Don Young, Vice President, Safety

Safety must be our number one priority.



2016 Early Day Tractor & Iron Membership Dues

At this writing over half of you have already paid your 2016 Membership. Thank you, that makes it easier and reduces the last minute panics.

- You can pay at the February 3rd meeting.
 - Mail to Paul Liverman, Jr.
12540 Rockinghorse Court
Victorville, CA 92392
 - www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org
Click on "Join Us"
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"What you get by reaching your destination is not nearly as important as what you will become by reaching your destination." - Zig Ziglar

Birthdays

January 12 – Ken Woodward

February – None on record

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

Calendar of Planned Events

January 9, 2016 – Tractor Supply Center – Hesperia

May 7, 2016 – Cal Poly Pomona – Tractor & Car Show

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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