

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Paul Dunn

Officially, Early Day Tractor & Iron, Inc. is starting its third year this month. Does that mean we need to make a new year's resolution, or two? I have made at least two, but I am not sharing them, not yet anyway. Instead, I encourage you to make at least one resolution for yourself and one related to Branch 242.

The March meeting was lightly attended. I have heard that illness kept some of you away, so I hope you are feeling better. You were missed, and you missed some interesting discussions.

Gary Provansal presented a guideline for backing and unloading safety. Gary, Mark Bergthold, and Ken Woodward, all three retired firefighters participated by sharing their experiences and the mandated polices of Fire Departments. Of course, firefighters are very serious about safety and as well as we should be. Publishing this new guideline will take time and more discussion before it is finalized. Paramount in this safety approach is that we do not back, or unload, without a safety spotter. The spotter, beyond being another pair of eyes, will be watching for things that the driver cannot see.

I remember an incident at the Victorville Fair Grounds that scared me and could have been eliminated by adhering to this new policy. I was backing my tractor off the trailer and had my rear wheels on the ramps, which is always an awkward moment as you are watching the ramps and looking in all directions. Just then a father grabbed his son, and ran behind me. That was pucker time. A spotter, or flag man, would have stopped this from happening, and just maybe would have been a positive learning experience.

Safety, and insurance go together. Thankfully, EDGETA did not have any reportable insurance claims in 2015. This safety record is necessary for all EDGETA branches to have affordable insurance. Without it, we would not be able to participate in parades and events while enjoying our toys.

Having Safety Guidelines is much more than words. It means that we take safety seriously, and strive to protect all persons from injury.

We will have more discussion before publishing.

Paul Dunn, President

Communicate, Encourage, Recruit

Minutes – March 2, 2016

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 7:00 p.m. by President Paul Dunn with the flag salute. Present are 10 members and no guests. Members met at 6:00 p.m. at Los Domingo's Restaurant for dinner. Minutes from previous meeting were approved, motion by G. Provansal, second by J. Marlow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Mark Bergthold present, reported treasury contained more than \$2,150.00, EDGE-TA insurance not deducted and membership not sent in as of meeting date.

SAFETY:

Roger Kindle: There was no new safety report.

VP Gary Provansal did an excellent safety procedure presentation on backing up, unloading, signals, commands by verbal and hand. A proposal was made to put the presentation in the form of a guideline safety procedure, as the information was extremely valuable and significant to safety in loading/unloading tractor trailer. President Paul Dunn suggested we revisit the remarks made for a future meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

Paul Liverman, Jr. was not in attendance at meeting to make report.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Tractor Ride: Director Ken Woodward reported that due to medical issues, the event has been postponed and the next date consideration may be in April.

Tractor Restoration on Ed Beal's John Deere Lawn and Garden Tractor as a club project has again the hood put on, it is ready for wiring and painting. Help is needed with the wiring. Progress has been made.

President Paul Dunn reported on the Air Compressor Donation. When the club visited Flabob Airport in November, the club was approached by a Mr. Bob Lange who offered a donation of a Jaeger Air Compressor. Members Paul Dunn, LT Burks and Roger Kindel went to Costa Mesa to pick up the compressor. The decision was made to contact Craig's List to sell as-is at a reasonable offer of \$500.00 or best offer.

Patches: President Dunn reported that he visited 5 Badge makers, and went with the third design. The club purchased 100 Iron On and/or Stitch On patches. Members were informed and agreed to a \$10.00 per badge sale price.

Events: Please let club know if there are events that the club would like to attend. The club is currently seeking exhibitors for fund raising events. Club will pursue further information at next meeting.

Newsletter: Please send articles, ideas, and/or sharing for publication in the monthly newsletter. Send articles or information by email to Paul Dunn, Editor.

Guest Speaker: Roger Kindle is bringing a guest speaker to the club to speak on rebuilding starters and generators. A motion by Paul Dunn was made to sponsor the dinner for speaker and his wife; with a second by Roger Kindel. Motion passed unanimously.

Cal Poly Festival: Event will be held in May. More information will be forth coming.

Lucerne Valley 4th of July Parade: Volunteer is needed to interface with club and Chamber of Commerce to insure a successful event.

Adjournment: With no further business or discussion, a motion by Mark Bergthold to close meeting, seconded by Ken Woodward. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

Bank balance as of 3.8.2016 is \$2,199.15. After the \$312 EDGE check clears, balance will be \$1,887.15.



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.

"The national budget must be balanced. The public debt must be reduced; the arrogance of the authority must be moderated and controlled. Payments to foreign governments must be reduced, if the nation doesn't want to go bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance."

- Cicero in 55 B.C.

Next Meeting

April 6, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

**Los Domingos
Main & 9th, Hesperia**

Come early for dinner and stay for the meeting.

Guest Speaker

At the next meeting, Foster Holt, of Holt's Auto Electric, a family operated auto electric business in Pomona, CA will be our guest and speak to us about starters and generators.

Come early for dinner, stay for the meeting and to hear Foster speak.

New Member

Hailey Rank

Welcome Hailey, maybe Grandpa Roger will let you drive one of his tractors in the next parade.

Richard Pope Shares

Temecula to Tehachapi

We had quite an adventure on February 19 & 20th. I drove down to my sister and brother-in-law's ranch in Temecula early Friday afternoon. They moved there a year ago, but just didn't like it. They put the home on the market, and it sold within two days. I was there to transport their International 464 back up to Tehachapi for them. We loaded the tractor and tied it down and then 9 of us went to their favorite Mexican restaurant. Saturday morning, we started bright and early and stopped for breakfast at Bravo Burger, right next door to Maverick's Stadium. Jo came out and joined us, but had to return to Apple Valley for a knitting class.

We arrived in Tehachapi at the Glory Ranch at 11 AM. They bought this beautiful 10-acre ranch from the Chuck Connors estate, The Rifleman, 25 years ago. It was on the market for a year while they were living down below, but luckily nobody bought it. My brother-in-law unloaded the tractor and then we all unloaded the horse trailer. I was back home at 4 PM and traveled 437 miles in two days.

I was amazed at the new Dodge Cummins Diesel. I was going 66 MPH when I went over the summit of Cajon Pass, and I was at about half throttle all the way up. I couldn't believe it - that was my first real test of the Dodge. I've done some research on TractorData.com and found that the bare tractor weighs 7570 lbs. That doesn't include the front loader apparatus, roll cage and the two 800 lb. rear wheel weights + water in the tires. I'm guessing the tractor weighs about 9000 pounds?

At 5:50 into the video, you'll see 7 or 8 John Deere tractors. I've seen them parked there for years. My sister said the owner lost his wife recently and she "thinks" the tractors are for sale. She'll contact him and find out for me. Maybe LT needs another green one?

Video: <https://youtu.be/z3YJWDiJSFA>

Editor's Note: Richard and his wife Jo are our great photographer and videographers, and not paid spokesmen for Dodge.



Of Interest

Roger Meeker, Owner of 1951 Oliver 77.

In 1929 Oliver Farm Equipment Corporation in Charles City, IA was formed by combining four companies, Oliver Chilled Plow, American Seeding, Nichols & Shepard, and Hart-Parr Engine Co.

1935 – First produced their signature Model 70, with both 4 and 6 cylinder engines, with styled sheet metal and louvered side panels. The high compression engine required 70 octane gasoline for the high RPM. The green tractor had a 6 speed transmission and came with electric starter, headlights, PTO, and belt.

1948 – Introduced the Fleetline Series 66, 77, 88, and 99 with 6-cylinder engines from Continental.

1954 – New Super Series with disc brakes, live PTO, and live hydraulics. The Super 99 had a 3 cylinder, 2 stroke GM diesel. They had three manufacturing plants in Battle Creek, MI, South Bend, IN, and Charles City, IA.

1958 – The three number series, 440 thru 990, were introduced. They had power booster transmission with 12 forward speeds.

Oliver also built and sold a line of outboard engines, and produced B-47 jet bomber air frames under license to Boeing Aircraft in 1950.

Oliver Corp. was acquired by White Motor Corp in 1968.

The Charles City Plant closed its doors in 1974.

Calendar of Planned Events

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

July 4, 2016 – Lucerne Valley – 4th of July Parade

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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