

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Paul Dunn

Are we having fun?

I have heard from many of you, and I echo the comments regarding the desert trail ride and BBQ. The most frequent comment was in appreciation of Ken and Jan Woodward's efforts in planning and sharing of their home. We had a large turnout and the opportunity to do something different. – Thank You, Ken and Jan.

There are many opportunities close to home for fun, education and support for our communities. We simply need to seek them out. Beyond the Board members, I have heard from many of you with suggestions, and volunteering to help. Great!

While planning and speaking of fun, Branch 242's youngest member, Hailey Rank received her official yellow badge and took one of Grandpa Kindel's tractors around the field at Cal Poly Pomona, congratulations Hailey. We look forward to having you join in more of our coming events.

While on the subject of events, please remember the many parades, and static displays that occur every year. Looking forward, we have the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Lucerne Valley, Phelan Parade supposedly is returning, Hesperia Parade, National Night Out, Flabob, Veteran's Day Parade, Victorville Christmas Parade and many of the other events in the planning stages, and or have slipped my memory.

All of these events take work, and we can sure use volunteers to help. I always remember my Dad saying, ". . . You have to get your work done before you can go play." And, just because you don't own a tractor, don't let that hold you back, we have many needs. And, there are often more tractors than drivers.

Again, I ask, are we having fun?

Paul Dunn, President

*Communicate, Encourage, Recruit*

## Cal Poly Pomona Strawberry Festival



The Branch 242 tractors, engines, and antiques are getting ready for the opening of the Cal Poly Pomona Strawberry Festival.

Roger Kindel was awarded the Best Overall Tractor, but he didn't get home with the trophy. Ask Roger, but it sounds like Roger was taking credit for his daughter's Farmall.

## Minutes – May 4, 2016

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 7:02 p.m. by member Roger Meeker 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 Roger Kindel, second by Roger Meeker.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Mark Bergthold present, reported treasury contained \$1729.15, no outstanding bills. On hand is an inventory of patches and shirts. Mark will inquire into the procurement of club decals. A discussion of inventory ensued regarding design and stitching for a large club patch. Mark mentioned that the Treasurer's job may be open by October 1<sup>st</sup> because of a move to Oregon. Report approved, motion by E. Dunn, second by Roger Kindel.

Safety Roger Kindle: Reported that the Procedure for safety issues on trailer loading/unloading/hand signals presented by Gary Provansal at our last meeting to be made uniform as guidelines only, to make aware of safety always and follow to the best of our ability and to keep us safe.

#### **SAFETY:**

Gary Provansal reported that the opportunity to use the new backing/loading/unloading procedures at the tractor ride was made available. Hand signals are different and perhaps cannot be used while person backing is watching too many angles to back up, unload, watch ramps, etc. Instead, be an observer, be the extra set of eyes to watch for potential backing hazards. The procedure is new and has to get used to being implemented. A new email roster is needed to send procedures to all members for uniformity. Be a good lookout, shout loud for clarity. Do a walk around, know where you will land and drive off from ramps. Use blocking for highs and lows, use safety chocks on wheels. Make sure equipment in good running condition before loading and unloading. When driving small tractors and narrow wheel tractor be sure to use three ramps. Remember to park as much as possible on level ground, especially with a large, heavy tractor. Make sure the equipment is the right size hitch ball, the trailer is in good condition, lights work, check tire pressures. Safety chains must be crossed, tight enough to make sharp turns, chains keep trailer in line to be able to back and drive safely.

#### **OPEN ISSUES:**

Don Young reported the Bob's Big Boy event in Norco on May 30<sup>th</sup>, more info to come. Cal Poly Pomona event, fill out yellow registration cards. Don gave directions for parking, loading, unloading, arrive by 7:00 a.m. and finish by 7:30 a.m. Set up next to farm store.

Roger Kindle reported the tractor restoration is complete except for the wiring assembly. LT Burks and Mel may come over to get the wiring done. Tractor will be ready for Ed Beal's daughter Karen to be contacted to pick up tractor.

#### **Event Support:**

The club needs volunteers to set up information desk, set up Pop-Up Canopy, and keep club equipment in one place.

#### **New Membership:**

Attracting people is easy, getting a commitment loses them. Need enthusiasm to get new members, any ideas, suggestions, experience not necessary to volunteer to support events.

#### **Newsletter Content:**

All members are encouraged to contribute to the monthly newsletter. A picture, story, biography, compatible interest is always welcome to be published. Contact Paul Dunn to donate your thoughts to the newsletter.

#### **BUSINESS:**

Gary Provansal reported the following regarding membership; Strike up an interest in people with enthusiasm, youth are recruited by programs at their school. Try to procure youth activities/program invitations.

#### **Program Development:**

We're all good at something, from hands on skills to helping another member carry out a project. If kids have no exposure, they cannot develop interest. Gary has a rope maker, make butter with a churn, let them see old implements, handmade tools, let them see how things were done before automation. Roger Meeker has a block and tackle made for display to show kids how they work.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

May 30, Bob's Big Boy Event, Norco, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Needs participation, Let Don Young know if you are attending so there is time to make trophies.

May 28-30 Flabob Memorial Day Event, more info is needed to publish. The Memorial Day weekend may be unpopular for members due to the loading/unloading on a holiday heavy traffic weekend. Tractor Supply is always eager to have club displays.

At the last Board Meeting, it was decided that the Vice President should be the ramrod and chairman for all events, contacts, and sign-up. The event committee can be formed and implemented with enthusiastic volunteers to have the events organized and set-up for the members. It takes a commitment to engage and have success. Please let Gary know if you are the one who wants to volunteer to work on his committee.

**The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade at Lucerne Valley:** Roger Meeker will make the necessary inquiries at the Chamber of Commerce to file the application to join the parade.

**Phelan Parade:** Gary Provansal will make contact to get information for the event.

Don Young reported that the EDGE-TA Regional Conference has been cancelled.

With no further discussion or comments, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from James Marlow and second from Roger Meeker. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

## Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

Bank balance as of 5.4.2016 is \$1729.15.



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*"Coming together is a beginning,  
staying together is progress,  
and working together is success."*

**- Henry Ford**

## Next Meeting

**June 1, 2016 @ 7:00 PM**

**Los Domingos  
Main & 9<sup>th</sup>, Hesperia**

Come early for dinner and stay for the meeting.

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## Club Wear

Logo Patches (4") – Iron-On to Hats, Vests, etc.  
Tan Baseball Hats with Logo Patch.  
T-Shirts – Tan with screened logos front and back.

Available at all meetings and events.

## Safety

Work continues on publishing guide lines for loading, and unloading of trailers. This is recognized as an important project requiring thorough study before implementation. More information is recorded in the General Meeting Minutes.

***All the guidelines in the world will not keep you  
safe if you don't adhere to them. Be Safe!***

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*"There's no trick to being a humorist when you have  
the whole government working for you."*

**- Will Rogers**

## Classified

1947 Minneapolis Moline, RTI – A complete tractor ready for restoration, or show as is. Will accept a reasonable offer. Contact Paul Dunn at 760-956-6460

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*"If you don't have time to do it right,  
when will you have time to do it over?"*

**- John Wooden**

# Calendar of Planned Events

**June 18, 2016** – Family Celebration Carnival at Hesperia Church of the Nazarene

**July 4, 2016** – Lucerne Valley – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

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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