

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Paul Dunn

Welcome David!

David Moore, of Apple Valley, joined Branch 242 during our June General Meeting. David was invited by Richard Pope and he owns a 1951 Ford 8N.

Organizations grow, break-up, or die off for a number of reasons. A shrinking membership is most usually due to health, and age-related issues. EDGETA is experiencing this issue and yet; they have over 10,000 members. For small branches, losses can be more severe. So what are the answers if we want to have an active viable organization.

The "experts" whoever they are have many opinions and recommendations for having a viable group. I too have my opinions, and I know you have yours so let's pull them together and grow.

I will start the discussion, and ask you to email me, or any board member with your thoughts, contributions, or whatever.

So far, this year the most popular event has been the potluck and tractor ride at Ken and Jan Woodward's. I agree, and we need these fun times, but that event did not fill the charter objective of educating, preserving, and reaching out to the community and schools.

During the Strawberry Festival, and the Bob's Big Boy event many attendees spoke of their interest in tractors and memories of rural living and farming. When talk shifted to joining a group and keeping this history alive, the excuses came out. In the case of these two events, most people commented about a lack of time, and that we were too far away. There are a couple of points we can take from this. The big one, I think is a lack of commitment.

Simple Definition of *commitment*:

- a promise to do or give something
- a promise to be loyal to someone or something

- the attitude of someone who works very hard to do or support something

*Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary*

The latter point jumps out at me, and I am thankful for those members who fit this definition; you know who you are.

Reading on in this newsletter, you will see our planned events calendar is filling. There are many more annual events for which dates have not been established. Add to the list at least four schools expressing an interest for this next school year, and we will have a good full year.

Thanks to all that share their time and toys. Our community benefits from your time and generosity.

Paul Dunn,  
President

*Communicate, Encourage, Recruit*

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## Bob's Big Boy - Norco Memorial Day



Members of Branch 242 displayed their tractors at Bob's Big Boy on Memorial Day, along with scores of custom and classic cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

Roger Kindel again was awarded the Best Overall Tractor with a gift certificate from Rockland Auto.

It was a long hot day, with a large crowd of visitors. We knew when we entered that we would be outnumbered by all the cars and trucks. For EDTI though, we did talk with many, and it provided additional exposure and contacts for future events.

Members in attendance were Mark Bergthold, LT Burks, Paul Dunn, Roger Kindel, Gary Provansal, Hailey Rank, Tracy Rank, and Don Young, along with their seven tractors; for a branch our size that was a good turnout, particularly on a holiday weekend.

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## VP's Opinion

Gary Provansal

First off, I would like to thank the members who turned out for the Bob's Big Boy car show. We had a great turnout with eight members and seven tractors on a holiday weekend, great job guys. We were noticed by several people for future shows, and we were invited to another show in Rancho Cucamonga the following weekend but with the event of the 18<sup>th</sup> ahead we chose to decline. Roger Kendel won the award for best of show in our category. Lots of things in the works and the Program Development Committee are running full steam (no hit and miss going on there). We will be trying to get a calendar of events going so we all have a little notice on what is coming up, one of our main concentrations of effort will be school programs as the next school year begins. We have some great ideas on the program in the schools and are looking for more ideas.

Branch 30 is having a fire up and swap meet Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. There are always good things to see and or buy along with food and good friends. WAPA also does a similar event, and both are always a fun day. This has got a few of us thinking about doing a like event where we can sell, buy, and show (play with our toys). Bring your thoughts on this to the next meeting. Speaking of selling stuff, we are working on posting listings for our membership who have something they would like to part with that is of interest to the group. Our President has some good ideas that are being discussed to try this out.

I had a thought (I know it doesn't happen often) maybe we can even do a show and tell. A member could bring in something of interest and related to life long ago, doing a short presentation at our monthly meeting, say 15 minutes or so. Any other fun ideas out there? Send them in, bring them up at the next meeting or bribe someone else to bring it up. Have fun out there and be safe.

*"Someone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." – Albert Einstein*

## Minutes – June 1, 2016

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened at 7:12 p.m. without the flag salute due to the change in meeting location. Present were eight members and Richard Pope introduced two guests, David and Mary Moore. Board members and members welcomed the visitors. Members met at 6:00 p.m. at Los Domingo's Restaurant for dinner. Minutes from previous meeting were approved, motion by Gary Provansal, second by Roger Meeker.

### PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENT:

Paul Dunn reported that last Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day, was the Bob's Big Boy Car/Tractor Show in Norco, CA. The show had a large display, including the seven tractors brought by the eight members; there was considerable interest at the show. The distance traveled was easy both ways, no heavy holiday traffic. There needs to be an agreement ahead of time as to how many are actually going and give a response reply to emails that are sent in order to plan and prepare for the event.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Mark Bergthold was not present, a prior email from Mark stated that the treasury remained the same as last month and contained \$1729.15, no outstanding bills.

**SAFETY:** Roger Kindel reported that the club was still practicing the new loading/unloading parking procedures. Roger reported the importance of anchoring and stabilizing tractors to trailers with chains and straps. The goal of the Safety Chairman is to make everyone aware of safety always and follow to the best of our ability and to keep us safe.

**SAFETY:** Gary Provansal reported that the anchor down and watching out for each other is becoming easier now with practice. There is a definite improvement in the chains, straps, and tie downs procedures.

### OPEN ISSUES:

Roger Kindle reported that the starter solenoid is inoperative on the John Deere and needs to be replaced by purchasing one at Tractor Supply.

**Event Support:** Please volunteer when the events chairman announces activities. Your help is needed to complete the event and be successful.

**New Membership:** Two guests were present at the meeting, David and Mary Moore. Dave joined EDTI this evening with the completion of an application for membership. Let's support and welcome new members to our club.

**Newsletter Content:** Publication of this month's Newsletter will be starting this week. All members are encouraged to submit articles of interest. Stories, activities, articles, events pictures, anything that is printable will be considered. Please email to Editor Paul Dunn any submissions for publication in the monthly newsletter.

**BUSINESS:**

Static display on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Hesperia Nazarene Church Family Day, members need to arrive at 8:30 a.m. Bring chairs, water, ice chests. Paul Dunn and Roger Kindel will be on site contacts.

Gary Provansal reported that the Phelan Phun Days will tentatively be on October 7-8-9<sup>th</sup>. Due to poor participation by volunteers, planning events are limited; there will either be a parade or static display.

Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> is the Lucerne Valley Parade. Roger Meeker has already submitted our application for participation. Members can start arriving at 7:00 a.m. to unload. Staging is from 8:00 -9:00 a.m.

Ontario Middle School Harvest Festival will be in October. They have requested the Club to return for another event.

Mesquite Trails School Harvest Celebration has asked for our continued participation; event will be in evening.

Member Roger Meeker relayed information regarding a free tour at the Lance Manufacturing facility in Palmdale, the Peterson Antique Auto Museum tour if there is interest expressed by members.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Hesperia Days Parade**, September 18, 2016.

**Apple Valley Parade**, no date as yet.

**National Night Out**, TBA

Meeting opened to board/member comments in a Roundtable Discussion. All members expressed their sincere thanks and earnest appreciation for a very

successful Tractor Ride and BBQ last month at the Woodward's.

With no further discussion or comments, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from James Marlow and second from Roger Meeker. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary M.L. "Etta" Dunn

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**Treasurer Report**

Mark Berghold, Treasurer

Bank balance as of 5.4.2016 is \$1729.15.



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**Next Meeting**

**July 6, 2016 @ 7:00 PM**

Los Domingos

Main & 9th, Hesperia

Come early for dinner and stay for the meeting.

**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.**

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**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!**

# 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

**August 4, 2016** – National Night Out

**September 18, 2016** – Hesperia Days

**October 15 & 16, 2016** - SW EDGETA Regional Show

**November 12, 2016** – Flabob Veterans Day

Discussions are progressing for entry in many additional events. Please visit [www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org](http://www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org) for the latest news and schedules.

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