

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Paul Dunn

Welcome Anita!

Last month, I started my message by welcoming a new member. This month I get to do it again. Our newest member is Anita Gentry, and she lives in Oak Hills. Maybe this can become a monthly occurrence.

Since our last newsletter, we have had two events to be proud. The first was a family day at Hesperia Church of the Nazarene. This was a new venture for the church, and it was very successful. I have already heard rumbles about doing it again in the fall. This is a great opportunity to share with the local community, and for the younger attendees to see and touch old and different pieces of history.

The latest outing is one of my annual favorites; the 4th of July Parade in Lucerne Valley. It reminds me of small-town America, and the patriotism associated with the day. This year Hailey Rank, our youngest member, and granddaughter of Roger and Nicky Kindel lead our group by towing our club banner. Counting Hailey, we had nine tractors in the parade, and it is with pride that we were recognized as first in our category.

To see more of both events, go to our website at www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org and view the many professional photos and videos produced by members Richard and Jo Pope.

One of the ways I measure our outreach success is the many calls and emails I receive. I strive for the day we can respond to more of these inquiries that range from help with selling a tractor, restoring a tractor, locating parts, displaying at a school assembly, and many other requests. Pulling together we will get there. Volunteer to help, it is rewarding.

At our July member meeting, in an effort to be more visible and effective, we agreed to a Classified Ad section in our newsletter. Since our newsletters are posted on our website, the visibility is expanded. The postings will be free for Branch 242 members, and a small charge for non-members, renewable monthly.

In closing, let me ask for even more from you, our members. Get involved, or at least call or email me with what is on your mind, so that we may make this a club you can be proud to belong. Why pay your dues to be a member if you miss the opportunity and benefits of participation? Leave a legacy!

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

Paul Dunn,
President

Communicate, Encourage, Recruit

Donation

Tractor Supply Center of Hesperia made a very generous donation to Early Day Tractor and Iron, Inc. worthy of front page recognition, and a big thank you. Their donation will help us reach out even further in our community.

When you visit their store, please let them know we appreciate their support.

Lucerne Valley 4th of July Parade



Hailey Rank, our youngest member, lead our group driving Grandpa Kindel's little John Deere in the Lucerne Valley 4th of July Parade.

Thank You Hailey, you make us proud.

VP's Message

Gary Provansal

I AM IMPRESSED!! ... What a great group of people we have in our club. We have such talent within our membership and great vision. We had a fun meeting this last month.

I believe we have reached a point of synergy and there are great things ahead. New members are bringing new talent, ideas, and resources. We have developed a strong desire to teach our younger generation where this country came from and I look forward to the opportunity especially in the troubled times we live in today. The opportunity to teach about our ancestor's resourcefulness, dedication to hard work and family, helping our neighbors, the sharing resources for the common good, and most importantly our pride in our country is a message our nation needs to rediscover.

As we get closer to the new school year we will be teaming up with our membership to schedule events at schools throughout the year and I look forward to your input and help. I would like to take this opportunity to also welcome our new member Anita Gentry to our group, welcome Anita and I hope you enjoy your new journey with us. As always if any of you would like to talk about something or have any questions, please give Paul or myself a call, your comments, ideas, or yes even complaints are welcome. I hope to see you all soon.

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

– Henry Ford

Minutes – July 6, 2016

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 6:58 p.m. with the flag salute. Present are 9 members and President Paul Dunn introduced our guest, Anita Gentry. The members welcomed the visitor. Many members met at 6:00 p.m. at Los Domingo's Restaurant for dinner. Minutes from previous meeting were approved, motion by Mark Berghold, second by James Marlow.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING COMMENT: Paul Dunn reported that last Monday, July 4, there were nine tractors for the Lucerne Valley Parade. Roger Kindel's granddaughter, Hailey, led the parade with the club

wagon and banner. Early Day Tractor Club won first place for the category.

The static display on Saturday, June 18th at the Nazarene Church in Hesperia was a very good event, with Jo Pope hosting the children display of churns, shellers, and items of interest from yesteryear. There were five tractors on display and a lot of interest in the exhibit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Treasurer Mark Berghold was present, reporting the treasury contains \$1,678.55, and no outstanding bills.

SAFETY: Roger Kindel noted that the loading and unloading procedures at the previous events were correct and were safety conscious. He noted that the display event and the parade were doing correct anchor of trailers. The partner concept is working.

Gary Provansal mentioned that he sees everyone trying to watch out for each other for the safe load and unload. The club is aware now of safety at every event.

TRACTOR RESTORATION: Roger Kindel reported that the wiring is not finished as yet. He took the starter for repair as it was not working properly and took it back for additional correction. The tractor has a gas valve leak and he will tackle the wiring to complete the task. The owner, Karen, is aware of restoration efforts.

EVENT SUPPORT: A chairman is needed to plan events with a committee.

MEMBERSHIP: Acquiring new members is a challenging task or can be an easy task. Past membership Paul Liverman is unable to continue his chairmanship at this time due to a health issue. The club will need a replacement.

NEWSLETTER CONTENT: The publisher, Paul Dunn, gets lots of remarks regarding the content and interest in the newsletter. It is mailed out to various clubs in the region and to EDGETA. There is interest in what our club is doing. Because of our unique mailing list, all copies are sent via e-mail. Without this procedure, mailing hard copies could cost the club up to \$1.50 an issue each month. The internet is saving our club revenue that can be available for other projects. There is always a continual need for content and any contribution to the newsletter is appreciated. Please feel free to submit your articles or stories.

CLUB GUEST: Our guest at this month's meeting, Anita, was through a third party. She found our website on the Internet and was interested in selling her 1947 Ford 9N tractor complete with a grill. A member, LT Burks, was contacted and was a perfect match and he bought the tractor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Vice President Gary made the announcement that the Phelan Parade is set for October 8th, a Saturday. An application has been completed and a possible combination of Club 65 and 242 invited to spend the day after the parade at their display area.

EDGETA SAFETY CHAIRMAN: Don Young noted there is a loss of membership and some rules of membership have been changed to accommodate the clubs. Established branches with 10 members can remain; unestablished branches are still at 20 members or more for the insurance benefits.

At the National meeting in Wasilla, AK, the insurance issue of sanctioned event and unsanctioned event mentioned Rule 18: To insure when covered, must be a club event. If unsure, best to contact the President of the branch and document the event in the minutes.

We as Board members must agree on participation in any event, get approval and agreement.

CLUB DONATION:

The Tractor Supply gave the club a very generous donation of oil that cannot be sold in California. Due to our 501(c)3 status, we can be the recipient of such a donation of the non-detergent oil manufactured for engines before 1930. The proceeds of the sale of the oil donated to the club will go directly to the treasury. Motion made by Paul Dunn to sell oil to members only, second by Gary Provansal, motion carried.

POTENTIAL CLUB PROJECT: Contact was made to Paul Dunn from an Apple Valley resident regarding the restoration of a Farmall M. The Farmall Tractor was his dad's in Nebraska. He would like to restore the tractor and if anyone is interested in a single project or club project, all parts and labor will be reimbursed by owner. The engine is in operable condition.

A referral from the Veteran's Day Parade at Victorville was made to Paul Dunn regarding the sale of a 1955 Farmall 300 Runner. Contact Paul Dunn for further details.

NEWSLETTER CLASSIFIED ADS: Member Gary Provansal made a motion to open classified ads to be

placed in the newsletter from non-members. Second made by Mark Bergthold, 8 yeas, 1 nay vote, vote carried.

Members will receive free listing with ad renewing every month and will require an email for any update. Removal will be automatic unless it is renewed by the 10th of the month.

Non-members will pay \$5.00 monthly with renewable ad every month and email for updates or removal.

UPCOMING EVENTS: National Night Out...Mark will contact Stella at the Victorville P.D. for application and information.

Hesperia Parade: Richard Pope will be chairman to make all arrangements.

Flabob Veteran's Day: Paul Dunn will chair the event and arrangements.

Apple Valley Parade: No information at this time.

School Events: There are four events on the agenda. Member Tracy Rank wants the club to return for another display in Ontario, in October. Roger Meeker will coordinate the others.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark Bergthold would like to pursue the sticker decal of the club logo. Decals are planned to be sold for \$1.00 each. Set up and art work to be done by Paul Dunn through the Patterson Print Shop.

Deadline for the classified ads is the 10th of the month.

Our guest Anita was invited to join our club and given an application. Congratulations to our newest member, Anita!!!

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Submitted by Secretary M.L. "Etta" Dunn

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines! Sail away from the safe harbor and catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover!"
- Mark Twain

Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

Bank balance as of 7.6.2016 is \$1,678.55. No payables outstanding.



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.

Next Meeting

August 3, 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.

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!**

Next Outing

National Night Out, August 2, in Victorville.

Monitor your email, or contact Mark Bergthold for more information as it becomes available. This is a static display which offers many opportunities to chat with visitors, and maybe recruit new members.

"My B"

by Mark Bergthold

I was born in Iowa City, Iowa, almost 64 years ago. My grandparents, who owned an 80-acre farm just outside West Liberty, Iowa, made sure I had a pair of OshGosh overalls for "farm work" not long after my birth. For the next nine years, I spent a lot of time at the farm, so even though we lived in the Cedar Rapids suburb of Hiawatha, I was basically raised on the family farm until we moved to Southern California in 1961.

At about age 11, I learned to drive my grandpa's "Little B", a 1947 Farmall B, the same tractor my mom had done field work with when she was growing up. Several years later, my grandpa taught me to drive his F1 farm truck (my mom had a fit when she saw me driving it out the lane and onto the county line gravel road, I was probably 13 or 14 by then).

Fast-forward to 2003, when I began searching for a Farmall B of my own. I found a '42 B in Storm Lake in western Iowa and, with my friend Rod Ison, drove back to pick it up in October 2003. We drove straight there, and had just loaded it up and started back to California when I received word about the Old Grand Prix fires, and being employed by the San Bernardino County Fire Department at the time, was told to report immediately to work at the County's Emergency Operations Center. So we drove straight home, I showered, and then drove to work.

For the next seven years, the B sat and weathered, rarely driven. I retired from California public schools in 2010, and from County Fire in 2012.

Gene Bender, the Farmall guru in Iowa that I had purchased a B-238 cultivator from, invited me to bring the tractor back to Iowa, drive it in the annual WMT Eastern Iowa Tractorcade, and then we'd mount the cultivator. So I paid the tractorcade participation fee in 2011, but the B wasn't finished, so I didn't go. At first, I was just going to clean it up and paint it. But then I decided to do a total restoration, and replaced every seal and gasket before painting and re-assembling it.

With a week's help from my friend Tim Spaeth (a mechanical genius), the restoration was completed one week before the 2012 tractorcade. My youngest daughter Katie and I trailered it to Iowa, where I drove it in the 3-day, 180-mile tractorcade. It started right up every time, and didn't leak a drop of oil or water.

During those three days, I saw places in Iowa I had never seen before, all at 11 mph (Gene had tweaked the governor to its max).

The B even spent one night parked on the banks of the Mississippi River!

After the tractorcade, Gene and I mounted the cultivator, installed an exhaust lift system, and we headed home.

Every time I climb on the B and start it up, I think of my grandpa Alva Smith. He taught me well – when I first climbed on it after getting it home, I instinctively went through the same process to start it as I had 42 years before. My mom has driven it, and after the 2012 tractorcade, I replicated a picture taken of my Aunt Joyce on grandpa's Little B in 1947 with her sitting on my B.

When I brought the B home in 2003, I had no idea that it would become a connection to my Iowa heritage and upbringing.



How Old is My Tractor?

Do you know the age of your tractor? Maybe I can help you. I recently acquired a Serial Number Guide. Please let me try.

Please email me your tractor make, model, and serial number.

Paul Dunn

pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org

760-956-6460 or 562-706-1444

Classified – For Sale or Trade

Minneapolis-Moline 1947 RTI - A rare runner to show as is, or as a good candidate for full restoration. See to fully appreciate. Reasonable offers will be considered. Contact Paul Dunn at 760-956-6460.

Ads may be submitted each month, free of charge for EDTI members. All other ads will be posted at \$5 per month, payable to Early Day Tractor & Iron, Inc. - Submit your ad, or renewal, before the 10th of each month to pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org.

Calendar of Planned Events

August 2, 2016 – Victorville National Night Out

September 18, 2016 – Hesperia Days

October 15 & 16, 2016 - SW EDGETA Regional Show

November 11, 2016 – Victorville Veterans Day Parade

November 12, 2016 – Flabob Veterans Day

October 15 & 16, 2016 - SW EDGETA Regional 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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