

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Paul Dunn

Another month has gone by already, and I am looking for another one or two to go by so we may have cooler weather. I am also looking forward to some of the best attended events and parades.

As it is, not an event goes by, but which I meet somebody that has their story to share about tractors and the farm. While talking with them, they almost always let you know how they wish they could join a group, but they do not have a tractor. I am quick to let them know we welcome those who have a like desire. There is room and fun for all.

Taking these chance meetings further, I explain that we are about more than just tractors. We enjoy appliances, engines, radios, and the early American way of life. Then we strive to share these pieces from the past with all that are interested and particularly the younger population.

I know many of you have heard my sales pitch before, and I thank you for humoring me. I will now put my soap box in my truck until the next opportunity.

Shifting gears, we will soon be electing new branch officers. The timing is that at the next meeting three members in good standing, will hopefully, volunteer to be the election committee. Then the three will select a team leader with the charter being to get volunteers for the five Board Member positions. As you select candidates, you need to confer with them to verify they are willing to assume the position if elected. Their selections will be presented at the October meeting. Ballots will be mailed to members in good standing. And, all returned ballots will be counted at the November meeting, and those elected will assume their positions at that time.

Why do we elect in November? Maybe, because that is the way the U.S. Government does it. That is not a good enough reason though, is it? Branch 242 founders reasoning was that December is a time to relax and enjoy the holiday season before getting back to the task at hand in January. It is also a good time for the newly elected to get together and plan for the upcoming year.

And finally, Richard Pope has posted a video of the National Night Out to our website. Click on Photos in the left margin and then on the event listing. The video started with the unloading and closed the evening as we were getting ready to leave.

Thanks to all that supported the National Night Out.

Paul Dunn,
President

Inspire, Challenge, Equip



Gene and Jackie of J&L Upholstery in Victorville visited out display at Victorville National Night out. Maybe the next time we meet will be at a meeting.

VP's Message

Gary Provansal

Another month has gone by, where do all those days go? It seems they go faster each month.

I have been thinking I need to write something intelligent for the newsletter, but I seem to be a little short on wisdom, and so I will rely on the membership for the source of what I have to say this month. It struck me several times in the last few months just how much our members are participating in all we do, from attending the fun stuff, shows, and parades, but also participating in all the background work to set up these events.

Each event has been adopted by one of our members who did all the not so fun stuff like

phone calls, driving to chamber offices, filling out paperwork, and following up. Thank you for your efforts to make our club a success.

Members continue to work on our restoration of the JD 140 even as the fun part is done, and we work through the not so fun part. Again thank you.

Members new and old timers continue to work at events and "off duty" to advertise our organization and to increase membership, again thank you and keep up the good work; it is noticed.

Paul and I have received new ideas and opportunities from several members that we will discuss in the coming months, there are some great ideas and opportunities, again thank you!

Last but not least I can't help but notice the sense of excitement and team work within our organization. It comes from within, and it is all due to our membership. I guess my message for the month is a heartfelt THANK YOU for all we are and what we will be.

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

- Thomas Edison

Minutes – August 3, 2016

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 7:05 p.m. with the flag salute.

PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENT: Present are seven board members, seven members and one guest, Cheryl Hokanson. The members welcomed the visitor. Members met at 6:00 p.m. at Los Domingo's Restaurant for dinner prior to the meeting. Minutes from previous meeting were approved, motion by Mark Bergthold, second by Ken Woodward.

Paul Dunn reported that last Tuesday, August 2nd, the Victorville National Night Out event had nine tractors displayed at the Early Day Tractor Booth. It was a

successful outing with sheriff's and public officials thanking the club for their participation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Treasurer Mark Bergthold was present, reporting the treasury contains \$1,785,73, with no outstanding bills.

Safety: Roger Kindel informed the club that there is improvement in securing tractors to trailers. The goal is to be safety conscious whenever loading and unloading; there should be no movement in the vehicles on the trailer. The observation process is working very well, mainly the extra eyes in movement, pedestrians, ramp positions, just general observation process proceeding with caution and safety. At the Night Out everyone had a spotter and others were aware of the safety procedures.

TRACTOR RESTORATION: Roger Kindel reported the situation is the same as last month.

EVENT SUPPORT: President Paul Dunn reported that the same circumstances prevail as last month. A chairman is still needed to plan events with a committee and be responsible for equipment brought to events.

MEMBERSHIP: It is time for the club to accelerate the efforts to acquire new members. Every event needs to have members at the booth table available to answer questions and promote membership. Member Keith Hokanson volunteered to assist with the responsibility at the National Night Out; he was instrumental in obtaining 5 new member prospects. There has to be follow up to contact them and email our newsletter to spark interest in joining our group.

OPEN ISSUES: On Wednesday, July 27th, board members met for a Board Meeting to discuss an unfinished item regarding the reduction of the board from nine members to five members. We would be eliminating the 1 year, 2 year, and 3 year Director positions, as well as Membership. A discussion ensued, and a vote was taken signifying that by a unanimous decision of the board, starting with the election of Officers in November, these responsibilities will be absorbed into committees. The rationale is that members can be used in other volunteer positions such as committee chairmen and committee members to replace or chair the support teams like events, membership, and/or promotions.

In November, elections will be held and prior to that time. Starting in September, we will need a nominating committee to interview and procure members to present to the club in October for the November elections of new officers. We need a volunteer to chair the committee, preferably 2-3 members to be responsible for the assignment.

NEWSLETTER CONTENT: Last month Mark Bergthold wrote an article regarding a tractor ride for publication in the newsletter. It was well received, and the publisher welcomes new stories for the Newsletter. Everyone has a story to tell as to how and why your tractor was obtained, was it restored, how did it look before, was it brought to interesting places for display, did the tractor help meet people of compatible interests, how did the tractor get to your house? These are things that interest members and are certainly different in each member's story. Just send it to the publisher, Paul Dunn at his website for publication.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 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. Ontario Elementary School is having their harvest festival on Friday, October 28th and would like club participation. Roger Meeker will coordinate the other school displays.

NEW BUSINESS: Hesperia Days Parade on Saturday, September 17th is progressing and arrangements being made by Richard Pope. Application has been completed; the Chamber has taken on responsibility for the event rather than the Kiwanis Club. The parking issue is not settled as yet; suggestions are needed to park trailers near parade route. Our usual place, Cal Herbold's, is no longer available.

Gary Provansal reported on a new promotion to have tractors at the 2nd annual Adelanto Rodeo being held on October 21-22nd. This is a two-day event. Members can bring a motor home for security overnight. The Event is being held at Maverick Stadium. If there is sufficient interest, we will proceed for club participation.

Another prospective event for the club would be to consider a swap meet as a fund raiser. It could be a one-day occasion; it will take many volunteers to organize and run the event. More information is needed and will be discussed at the next meeting.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

Submitted by M.L. Dunn, Secretary, August 8, 2016

*"Nothing can be made except by makers,
nothing can be managed except by managers.
Money cannot make anything and
money cannot manage anything."
– Henry Ford*

Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

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



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Next Meeting

September 7, 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.

Logo Stickers (4") – Peel and stick.

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!**

Purdue University

Securing The Load - A Guide to Safe and Legal Transportation of Cargo and Equipment

This is a very exhaustive study 85 pages in length, and has more information than we will require for hauling our tractors.

When it comes to safety we never know too much.

<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/ppp/ppp-75.pdf>

Next Outing

Hesperia Fun Days, September 19, 2016

Monitor your email, or contact Richard Pope for more information as it becomes available. This a very well attended Saturday parade with a lot of viewers and opportunities.

Stevie's Story

by Stevie J. Mote

I have a short story that I wish to share.

I really enjoy the Veterans Day show at Flabob in Riverside. It is a well-attended show and a good turn out by the local community. The last two years Roger Kindel has let me drive his John Deere H in the parade. I really enjoy that.

I knew that my Grandfather and Father were watching over me as I got to drive the parade route. I am sure they were smiling! It brings back memories of stories my father told me.

My Grandpa Mote had a John Deere H that he got "second hand" from his neighbor during the second world war. It was the tractor that replaced my Grandpa's horses. They also had an Allis-Chalmers WC 1938 (Unstyled) that was used for the heavy tillage work and plowing. It could pull a three bottom plow but they used a two bottom mostly. The H was used to plant corn, rake hay and pull wagons.

I remember them saying they used a grain drill with it too. These two tractors stayed in our family until my Grandfather moved to town and retired from farming in 1962.

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 give me a 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.

Wanted – Brinly 14TL Moldboard Plow – The part number will be stamped up near the top on the backside. 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

September 17, 2016 – Hesperia Days Parade

October 1, 2016 – Apple Valley Happy Trails Parade

October 15 & 16, 2016 - SW EDGETA Regional Show

November 11, 2016 – Victorville Veterans Day Parade

November 12, 2016 – Flabob Veterans Day

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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