

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Paul Dunn

Our branch is supported by a very detailed and outstanding secretary, my wife Etta. Nothing seems to slip by her without being recorded, or at least a comment.

I am willing to bet that nobody, but Etta, noticed, that Gary Provansal and I started our articles last month with the same five words; "Another month has gone by. . . ." To me that just proves Gary is a good team player, and how much we think alike.

This time though, another year has almost gone since we elected our Board. At the October meeting the Nominating Committee members Anita Gentry, and LT and Donna Burks will present their slate of candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety. Mark Bergthold tendered his resignation at the last meeting and will be moving to Oregon later in the year. The remaining four are eligible. Should they agree to serve another term.

Ballots will be mailed and returned during October. The ballots will then be tallied during the November meeting, and those elected will take their elected positions.

As a reminder, "The Board" has been reduced from nine members to five. The plan with this change is to make our branch more efficient. Another design of the change is to have short term committees that will attract volunteers who are willing to take a project, while not committing to a full year. Gary and I are available should you have suggestions, questions, or wish to tackle a project.

We still have many events scheduled for the balance of the year. They are listed on the last page of this newsletter. In addition, we are talking with groups and event organizers interested in our participation. To me this is exciting, but it takes teamwork and support.

On the schedule, during October, we have Euclid School in Ontario. This was a very rewarding event last year, and I know I speak for many when I say I am glad we are going back. To contribute to the school's teaching programs and see the enthusiasm among

the students is what it is all about for me, and a big part of our charter. For these young students, they are seeing a part of history and learning, as we try to answer questions from their inquisitive minds. Just think back, if you can, to when you first got close to a tractor, butter churn, or other interests of the farm. Those are memories for us as they will be for them.

Then we have Veteran and Christmas programs before we set out to repeat this year's events and take on new challenges in 2017.

There is not time for us to become complacent when we have so many opportunities for fun.

Paul Dunn,  
President

*Inspire, Challenge, Equip*

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*Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.*

*- Michael Jordan*

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Is Craig Rich coming home from a hard day in the fields? That is doubtful, as the tractor is too clean, and the area is surrounded with rock. There must be more to this story. – To be revealed.

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## VP's Message

Gary Provansal

**Editor's Note:** Gary is never lost for words, but this month he has run out of time to put his message on paper. A very busy man he is! He will be back next month.

## Minutes – September 7, 2016

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 6:55 p.m. with the flag salute.

Present are 16 members and one guest, Cheryl Hokansen. Members met earlier at 6:00 p.m. at Los Domingo's Restaurant for dinner. Minutes from previous meeting were approved, motion by Gary Provansal, second by Keith Hokansen.

**PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENT:** Paul Dunn reported that this is our busy activity season with all the parades, Veteran's Day celebration at Flabob and a possible participation in a new event, the Adalanto Rodeo. Tractor Supply has also requested another static display at their Hesperia store in the upcoming weeks.

The revised Board was voted in unanimously at the Board Meeting on August 17, 2016 and is now a five-member Board instead of the nine-member size, and the By-Laws were amended. The advantage is to reposition members to committee assignments. The Events Committee is a big project, now the load can be divided.

**ELECTIONS:** Nominations are due in October for the election of officers in November. The Nomination Committee consists of L.T. Burks, Donna Burks, and Anita Gentry. All present members on the Board have to be re-nominated. If you get a call from the committee, it's because you have been given serious thought and consideration for the office. Each present officer must be contacted as it cannot be taken for granted that every member is going to serve another year in office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Treasurer Mark Bergthold was present, reporting the treasury contains \$1,815.73, and no outstanding bills. Mark also used the opportunity to announce his resignation from the treasurer position due to moving out of state. All accounting and monies were relinquished to the President.

**SAFETY:** Roger Kindel reported that it is necessary to print out copies of the Safety Requirements from EDGETA for hand-outs to new and existing members and to have on hand for easy reference.

A discussion regarding tractor displays at schools and having children allowed to sit on a tractor for a picture ensued. Suggestions include having a mandatory safety meeting beforehand; get a sticker for proof of attendance. Designate one tractor only for picture

with child and parent; obtain parent permission along with member assistance. Discussion to be continued.

**TRACTOR RESTORATION:** Roger Kindel reported that the parts for the John Deere were picked up, and that it involves a Point Ignition Conversion. The recipient of the tractor, ED Beals' daughter Karen, is currently looking for property and will be in touch when they have a place to store the tractor safely.

**EVENT SUPPORT:** A big thank you for making contact at the events, it takes lots of effort, and leg work to attract and obtain prospective members and support the goal of our club. This is a unique opportunity to be able to display and demonstrate the implements and vehicles of the past and keep them in running condition. It is a position of interest and appreciation through our activities.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Research has proven that the most successful effort is to have a club representative designated as the Club Recruiter and run the promotional/recruitment booth to get contacts, mailing list, and follow-up to build membership.

**EDGETA REP:** Don Young reported that the new branches are still 20 members for eligibility in EDGETA. President Paul Dunn voted against letting clubs with less than 10 members be eligible as the club then will have no incentive to recruit new members. The most successful recruiting is through the events.

**NEWSLETTER CONTENT:** The publisher, Paul Dunn, is always looking for new stories, tech tips, tech news, anything interesting will be welcome. Stevie J Mote sent in his story and was published in last month's newsletter. There is always a need for content and any contribution to the newsletter is appreciated. Please feel free to submit your articles or stories as you have them.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No comments from the Board or members.

**CLUB DONATION:** There are still three 2 gallon 10W Non-Detergent oil containers and one 2.5 gallon 15W40 diesel oil available for club members. To purchase, contact Paul Dunn

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Hesperia Parade:** Richard and Jo Pope distributed maps and detailed the final arrangements for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Adelanto Rodeo:** We are awaiting further updates from the Rodeo Chairman. Tentatively, the Club would like to attend the event on October 21-22.

**Phelan Parade** is set for Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Application has been submitted, and we are awaiting more details. **Harvest Celebration**, Ontario School, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:00 p.m. check in and unload with same parking arrangement as last year. **Mesquite School Harvest Event**: No contact made as yet. **Apple Valley Happy Trails Parade**: Application has been submitted. **Flabob Veteran's Day**: Paul Dunn will chairman the event and arrangements.

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*“Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.”*  
- Colin Powell

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## Treasurer Report

Mark Bergthold, Treasurer

Bank balance as of 8.7.2016 is \$\$1,815.73. No payables outstanding.



Donations and membership fees may be placed on your credit card using PayPal. For more information, go to [www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org](http://www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org) and click on the **Donate** or **Join Us** button, then click PayPal.

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Look close, the passenger seat is empty. Tell us Craig, did you take your wife to town for shopping, and come back without her?

Will we see you at next month's meeting so that you may share your side to this story?

## Next Meeting

**October 5, 2016 @ 7:00 PM**

Los Domingos

Main & 9th, 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.

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.**

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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.

For a complete update, please read Gary Provansal's report in the minutes. There is progress with publishing the safety manual.

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*The first rule of any technology used in a business is that automation applied to an efficient operation will magnify the efficiency. The second is that automation applied to an inefficient operation will magnify the inefficiency.*

- Bill Gates

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## 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](mailto:pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org)

760-956-6460 or 562-706-1444

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## 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.

### Moving Sale

Are you ready for this? Don Young, long time EDGETA member and Vice President has bought a home in Golden Valley, AZ. For Don this is a major undertaking with many items to sell. Here is a partial listing.

Txt or call Don at 661.733.6816 in Pearblossom.

#### **Tractors**

Allis Chalmers WD-45, older restoration, wide front, recent radiator repair, new water pump, all new gauges, new battery box, rear tires cracked, needs rear tubes, sheet metal and fenders are good. \$2195.

Massey Harris 20, single front wheel, runs, wrong engine, replacement rear tire needs a tube, no side panels, fenders good, grille good, hood OK, \$500.

Massey Harris 30, narrow front, sheet metal rough, fenders good, rebuilt engine ready to install, has possibly .030 aluminum pistons, replacement rear tire needs a tube. \$1000.

Farmall Super C, single front wheel, not running, not stuck, one rear tire near new, sheet metal fair to good, \$600.

#### **Lawn & Garden**

Roto-Tillers, two cycle engine, have two, one on steel, one on rubber, not running, \$250 both.

#### **Misc.**

John Deere Model 55 three bottom trailer plow, needs tires, one Coulter doesn't match, one lever missing, \$325.

John Deere Model CC cultivator, needs tires, \$325.

John Deere Model #9 mower, \$35.

Farmall M fenders \$250.

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](mailto:pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org).

# Calendar of Planned Events

**September 17, 2016** – Hesperia Days Parade

**October 1, 2016** – Apple Valley Happy Trails Parade

**October 8, 2016** - Phelan Phun Day Parade

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

**October 28, 2016** – Euclid School Ontario

**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](http://www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org) for the latest news and schedules.

## EDGETA – Branch 242 – Board of Directors

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