

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Paul Dunn

Another year for EDTI as come and gone. We engaged in more displays and parades than last year, and just as any growing child we had fun, pains, and missteps. That is growth, isn't it?

To start our new year, at our November meeting, we counted the ballots and installed the Board Members for next year. The Board has only one change. Mark Bergthold earlier resigned as he is moving out of state. We wish him the best and thank LT Burks for stepping up to be our Treasurer.

We still have several scheduled events this calendar year, then we can take a quick breather and enjoy Christmas, New Years, and the season, before planning our next year.

One of our big steps this last year, in my opinion, was the Adelanto Rodeo. The Rodeo was filled with time consuming challenges unlike any we have experienced. One of our first hurdles was security for our tractors. With the Rodeo being a two-day event meant we would have to unload and load our tractors each day and take them to the security of our homes. We had meetings with the event organizers and was assured our toys would be secure and protected. The event organizers provided 24-hour security and it was very very good.

The Rodeo did give us exposure to many visitors expressing interest in knowing more about tractors and our group. It also opened doors to new events in 2017. Gary Provansal and I have already had preliminary discussions regarding our participation in unplowed lands and we will keep you updated.

Recognizing all our growth opportunities brings with it the need for member support. Fortunately, we have many new members; our newest is Grant Gemel.

Thank you for your confidence in allowing me to be your club President one more year. I proudly take up the challenge.

Paul Dunn,  
President

*Inspire, Challenge, Equip*



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*The world is changing very fast.  
Big will not beat small anymore.  
It will be the fast beating the slow.  
– Rupert Murdoch*

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## VP's Message

Gary Provansal

Our elections were held at the last meeting, rather easy compared to the "other election." We have been again blessed with great leadership at the top with Paul again leading us into a great year. I would like to welcome LT Burk as our new Treasurer, thanks for stepping up and grabbing the reins.

Before we end the year, we have some great events ahead the end of the week with the Victorville Veterans Parade and the Flabob Airport Veterans Show on Saturday the 12th. If you have never been it is a great place to bring your family and friends! You name it and it will be there, Classic cars, Airplanes (real and flying models). Free plane rides, antique motors and tractors, 1940s singers, 1950s music, food, and a lot of really great people. It is a great day and by far one of the greatest shows of the year.

The last but always the best of the year is our last meeting of the year. The event will be held on December 17th at Ken and Jan's and if the weather holds (it never rains in California))) we will have a tractor ride across the desert!!! Ken and Jan always make our tractor family welcome; it is like going to

mom and dads for Christmas, only better! We have a lot to be grateful for and lots of new excitement coming for the next year, fresh relationships with the schools, and with the County Fair are sure to keep us busy, as well as more shows than we can possibly attend.

This brings us to welcoming new members as our membership grows our ability to do more activities grows. I would like to welcome new member Grant Gemel to our family.

Thank you for a great year, it is truly a privilege to serve our club family, and I look forward to the coming new year and our ever-growing family.

Gary Provansal

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## Minutes – November 2, 2016

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 7:08 p.m. with the flag salute. Present are 12 members and one guest, introduced by Roger Meeker, Grant Gemel. The members met earlier at 6:00 p.m. at Los Domingo's Restaurant for dinner. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as published, motion by Ken Woodward, second by Roger Kindel.

**PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENT:** Paul Dunn started the meeting by mentioning this was the completion of his first year as President. There were a lot of activities, events and involvement with the community and the club. While attending the activities, it was noted how many did not know that a tractor club existed in the High Desert. There are two events scheduled for November, the Victorville Veteran's Parade and the annual trip to Flabob Airport for the Veteran's Day celebration.

Unfortunately, it was announced that the Harvest Day at Orchard School in Ontario, CA was canceled due to excessive legal requirements imposed on the club that were not in compliance to participate.

**VICE PRESIDENT COMMENT:** Gary Provansal was present and had no comments now.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Current balance in the account is \$1,874.73, which is balanced to the bank statement. There are no payable debts at this time, there is an outstanding check in the amount of \$20.00

for the annual filing with the Secretary of State. All records and files remain in safekeeping until relinquished to the newly elected treasurer.

**SAFETY:** Roger Kindel spoke about observing all the rules, especially during the parades. Roger mentioned there was a law suit pending at EDGETA regarding the use of an air horn on a steam engine. So far, there are still no claims. Safety issues remain paramount always. Always remember to wear your yellow EDGETA insurance badge at every event.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE:** Members LT and Donna Burks counted the return ballots for the annual club election. The results are President, Paul Dunn, Vice President, Gary Provansal, Secretary, Etta Dunn, Treasurer, LT Burks, and Roger Kindel, Safety Officer.

**TRACTOR RESTORATION:** The John Deere tractor is running, there is still an oil and vacuum leak. Roger replaced the tappet gasket. Even though it is now operating, it still blows blue smoke. Roger will contact Ed Beal's daughter to come pick up the tractor as the project has been concluded.

**EVENTS SUPPORT:** Paul Dunn mentioned that the Rodeo Event in Adalanto on the weekend of October 21-22 was attended by six members. Participation is the weak link in the club right now, there could be 2-3 events booked each month; however, there must be a commitment to attending the events for support and to help with the set up and membership table. We need members and extra drivers; the tractors are being left unloaded for the need of drivers. Ken and Jan Woodward were in attendance and would like to host the next Christmas Party at their home. A date will be selected for December, possibly the 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Members will be informed as soon as the information is received.

**NEWSLETTER:** Please send your articles, tips, or information to be published to Paul Dunn's email before next week. No experience necessary to participate.

**CLOSING COMMENTS:** Paul Dunn met the chief executive of the San Bernardino County Fair. He would like to meet with our club to discuss the possibility of displaying tractors, engines, and antiques at the fair. The meeting will inform the club of displays, security, and manning the event with personnel to cover the exhibit for the duration of the Fair. This will involve rotation of members to make

sure there is coverage. Tentative schedule for the Fair is in May. More information will be forthcoming after members meet with the director.

The Christmas Party will be a potluck and a short tractor ride. More information when received.

Veteran’s Day Parade scheduled for Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in Victorville, instructions coming via email. Flabob Veteran Salute on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, more information coming via email. Paul Dunn met the superintendent of Apple Valley School District and he is interested in our club participating in displays at their schools. Members were asked if they want PayPal arrangements set up for our club, issue put on hold for further discussion.

Stevie Mote has his 1945 Farmall A for sale, turns over, may not run but does turnover, asking \$750.00.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was called by Ken Woodward, seconded by Roger Kindel, meeting closed at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Etta Dunn, Secretary

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### Treasurer Report

Etta Dunn, Treasurer (Temporary)

Bank balance as of 11.2.2016 is \$1,874.73. No payables outstanding.



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### TEMPORARILY NOT ACCEPTING!

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*“Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the corn field.”  
- Dwight D. Eisenhower*

## Next Meeting Event Christmas Get Together

**Hosted by: Ken and Jan Woodward**

**Saturday, December 17, 2016**

**Details Will Be Emailed**

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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



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### Tech Tip – Check Spark Polarity

You can check spark polarity using an analog (moving needle) volt meter. Hook up a voltmeter with the negative lead to the plug terminal and the positive lead to the block. Set the meter on the highest volt range. Crank the engine over (no need to start it), and you should see an upward swing of the voltmeter needle (don't be concerned with taking a reading). If the needle swings down off the scale, your coil is hooked up wrong. To correct it reverse coil primary leads. Do not worry about the coil markings, but make note of them for future reference.

## Updates

Our schedule is very fluid and opportunities are constantly popping up. Your Board makes every effort to keep you informed. You can help yourself by frequently checking your email and visiting our website at [www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org](http://www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org).

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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.

**1945 Farmall A** – A good restoration candidate. - New Front Tires, Rears tires hold air. Has Pneumatic exhaust lift. Have not had it running since unloaded. \$750. - Contact Stevie Mote at 760-885-3823.

## Moving Sale

**MUST SELL** - 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.

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

**November 11, 2016** – Victorville Veterans Day Parade

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

**December 3, 2016** – Victorville Christmas Parade

**December 10, 2016** – Tractor Supply Center, Hesperia

**December 17, 2016** – Christmas Get Together – Ken and Jan Woodward home in Helendale.

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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