

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Paul Dunn

Do you make new year's resolutions, or even a single resolution? Before the turn of the century, when I was just a kid, that seemed to be the thing this time of the year. I can only remember one resolution that I stuck with, and that was to quit smoking cigarettes.

As of January 1, 1971, cigarette commercial ads were no longer allowed on TV. Sitting in front of the TV with a cup of coffee and watching the Rose Parade, you can bet I wanted a cigarette. I have not had one since.

We get to soon old, and to late smart, and I learned not to make resolutions as they are too easy to break. I certainly won't try to make even one little one for Early Day Tractor & Iron as we had a fabulous 2016 with all our activities.

December was probably our busiest month with events on three Saturdays. We started the month with the Victorville Christmas Parade, followed by a very rewarding display at Tractor Supply Co. The year was then topped off with a great gathering at Ken and Jan Woodward's home. Ken and Jan are fabulous hosts and this year in keeping with the season, Santa escorted by the Sheriff showed up to wish us a Merry Christmas.

With new members and enthusiasm, we had some great outings to look back upon. Give yourself a hand. Those of you who know me, know my biggest enjoyment is watching the young ones when they see us drive by. For the same reason, I am encouraged by participating at schools.

OK now, it is 2017. What are we going to do this year? Can we be bigger and better than last year? Sure, we can, with your involvement. Please step forward and

let us know your ideas and how you can help us reach a new goal. You don't have to have a running tractor to be involved; there is plenty to do, or drive another owner's tractor.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Paul Dunn,
President

P.S.: Your membership dues are due before March 1st. You may get the form from the website, or a Board Member. Send it in or bring to next meeting.

Inspire, Challenge, Equip

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

Special Guest

At our next meeting, February 1st, Tim Harris of the Victorville Kiwanis Club will be joining us. Come early for dinner at 6 PM, and stay for the meeting and an encouraging message at 7PM.

VP's Message

Gary Provansal

It's almost time for the second meeting of the new year, hard to believe that time is moving so fast. We are geared up for another great year of fun with strong leadership and most importantly a dedicated membership, also known as friends, this is where our strength really lies and what makes what we do more fun than a barrel of monkeys.

I look forward to sharing a part of where this country came from and how hard work and strong values made this county what it is today. I look forward to the young minds looking upon yesterday in amazement as we tell the stories of our country's history. Just think of the hundreds of people we have met and shared with and the hundreds more this year that we will tell our stories to. What fun!!! Playing with our toys and sharing history, it doesn't

get any better than that, except we get to do it with our friends.

We will begin to draw out our schedule in February as we will soon be back on the road with another busy year. I hope we can begin the new year with some new members (friends) to share in our fun so if you know someone that maybe would like to join grab them by the collar and drag them on over.

Thanks again to all our friends for everything you do, see you at the meeting in February.

Gary Provansal

Minutes – January 4, 2017

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 7:00 p.m. with the flag salute. Present are 10 members and one guest, introduced by Grant Gemel, his wife, Barbara Gemel. The members met earlier at 6:00 p.m. at Country Kitchen Restaurant for dinner. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as published, motion by Gary Provansal, second by Roger Kindel.

PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENT: Paul Dunn started the meeting by informing everyone that the PayPal feature is now on the website and is set up for making donations to the club. When the Treasurer resigned, the feature was closed. It is currently not set up for dues payment and cannot distinguish between income, merchandise and/or a donation.

This is the time for the annual membership drive, please fill out the member application and return with dues before March 1st. The new Board for 2017 is now seated and in attendance and presented the newest member of the Board, LT Burks, Treasurer, with a John Deere Treasury Kit, cleverly disguised as a tool lunch box.

Paul Dunn also commented on all the activities during last year and thanked all the participating members.

VICE PRESIDENT COMMENT: Gary Provansal was present and thanked all the members for pulling together to sponsor the numerous events. Gary also commented on the great time at the Woodward's Christmas Party.

It is time to meet with the members and help plan the year's events with the new staff. There are lots of events to choose from; sometimes three in a month, one has to choose which event to attend. With a membership increase, the load can be shared, and we can be able to attend two events without burn-out.

TREASURER REPORT: Current balance in the account is \$2,142.73, which is balanced to the latest bank statement. There are no outstanding debts now. During December, there were two member donations to the club along with the \$100.00 award from Apple Valley for First Place in their parade. A hundred-dollar withdrawal was made for December year end event. All records and files will be relinquished to the newly elected treasurer.

SAFETY: Roger Kindel spoke about having a good year for EDGE-TA, observing there were two minor claims that did not impact the price of the insurance. This is a good time to make sure all vehicles, tow vehicles, tires, and equipment are ready for the new year parades and events. Make sure there are slow moving signs for the street traffic; California law states sign must be on the rear of moving vehicle. Make sure you have your badge with the current 2018 sticker displayed on badge for every event. EDGE-TA is re-negotiating to get lower insurance rates since there were no significant claims. Right now, the rate is \$12.00 per person annually for each membership.

EVENTS SUPPORT:

Paul Dunn mentioned that there was an EDGE-TA issue to vote on regarding changing the rules to relax the standard of club participation to decline below 20 members for membership in EDGE-TA. His vote was against the change as participation without at least 20 members will allow the club to become stagnant and unresponsive; there must be new members to keep up morale, grow, and increase activity participation.

The Christmas Party at the Woodward's was a great event, the home was cheerfully decorated for Christmas and the meal was outstanding. The Host and Hostess did it again; a fun time was had by all.

The club needs an Event Chairman and committee to arrange, plan, and organize before arriving at events. Mark Berthold suggested an Event check-list to prevent missed deadlines and share all the responsibilities to make events run efficient. He will write a list and send to us when he returns to Oregon.

James Marlowe was recognized as a faithful member, always showing up at events willing to participate and work where necessary. Gary Provansal agrees with sharing the responsibility and share in the event. Make sure check list is always available to members in charge, publicity, information, coordination, implementation, and expedite. Have a Point Man for each event, make everything the same procedure.

NEWSLETTER: We need Newsletter Content, articles, suggestions, we will do the research. People like the tech articles. These may be a member profile or personal story; it helps the club to know the members better. No experience necessary to participate. Contact the publisher Paul Dunn with any info or articles you may have.

NEW BUSINESS: Roger Meeker invited the club to participate in the swap meet at his Church on March 23-24th at the Methodist Church. Participation is \$20.00 per table; let him know if we're interested in attending,

Next month we will have a speaker from Lucas Oil to make a presentation to the club. There will be a question and answer time available so come with your questions, if research will be needed, give to Paul Dunn or Keith Hokansan before the February meeting. Tractor Supply is a Lucas Oil supplier in our area.

Apple Valley Superintendent of Schools has 17 schools. They may want a display of engines, antiques, machines for students. Barbara Gemel commented that she has participated in re-enactments, has old sewing machines, washers, dress pattern, spinning wheel, and three looms for weaving she would like to demonstrate and display at school events.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Paul Dunn mentioned the Spring Tractor Ride and the need to make early planning without any inconvenience to our host, more details to continued. Without any further comments, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion by Mark Berthold, second by LT Burks. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. Meet next month for dinner at the Country Kitchen at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Treasurer Report

LT Burks, Treasurer

Bank balance as of 12.31.2016 is \$2,142.73. No payables outstanding.



Donations may be placed on your credit card using PayPal. For more information, go to www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org and click on the **Donate** button, then click PayPal.

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society. The optimist invents the airplane; and the pessimist, the parachute.
— Gladys Bronwyn

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



However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.
— Winston Churchill

John Deere History

EVOLUTION OF THE SHELLER

John Deere one-hole shellers

The first three John Deere shellers are commonly referred to as "one-hole" shellers; all were manufactured in Moline, Ill. All of them were manually operated initially; later, external belt-drive pulleys were offered.

The No. 1 John Deere sheller was manufactured from 1915 through 1924. It consisted of an angle iron frame for its lower level and a segmented cast iron top body in three major pieces. Internal pieces were mostly made of cast iron. Upper and lower side panels, as well as the internal baffles were made of wood.

The No. 1A, Deere's second one-hole sheller, was manufactured from 1924 through 1936. The No. 1A utilized an extended angle iron frame to include the upper portion of the sheller as well, replacing the cast iron portions of the No.1. The internal pieces remained almost unchanged.

No. 1B was manufactured from 1936 through 1949 and perhaps into early 1950s. Strangely, this model seems to relate back to the No.1. Gone were the upper portion of sheet metal and angle frame. The entire top portion was redesigned to be integrated into two casting halves. Several attachments were offered, including feed trays, power pulleys, corn numbers and an electric motor power option.

John Deere two-hole shellers

The No. 2 was Deere's first two-hole sheller. Its design was very close to that of the No. 1 with the added ability to shell a complete additional path. Built in Moline, the No. 2 was manufactured from 1915 through 1931. A larger machine, it had an angle iron frame for its lower level and a segmented cast iron top body in three major pieces. The internals were primarily made of larger cast iron pieces and a "back-to-back" arrangement for shelling two ear paths simultaneously. Upper and lower side panels, as well as the internal baffles, were made of wood.

The big news was the availability of a sacking elevator that collected and elevated shelled corn for packaging

into sacks. Large feed tables were available as well as power pulleys for external belt drive connections.

The No. 2A echoed its counterpart, the No. 1A. The newer model had the added ability to shell a complete additional path. Also, manufactured in Moline, the 2A had a relatively short production run, from 1930 through 1936. The internal pieces were mostly made of cast iron and a "back-to-back" arrangement allowed two ears to be shelled simultaneously. The 2A was offered with a "stacking elevator" and other options.

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Submitted by Stevie J. Mote, member.

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
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Classified – For Sale or Trade

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

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.

NOTES:

We need help, and suggestions. Please use the following space to write your ideas and suggestions. Then bring that information to the next meeting and get involved.

Calendar of Planned Events

Events, yes, we do events.

Discussions are progressing for entry in many events. Please visit www.EarlyDayTractorIron.org for the latest news and schedules.

EDGETA – Branch 242 – Board of Directors

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