

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Paul Dunn

It seems like we were just celebrating the holidays, and here it is Spring already. Are you ready?

I am ready for the many events we have planned throughout the year; I think. I say I think, because we have a big challenge in front of us. Go ahead, jump to the last page and see the many planned events. Then, please come back and join in the effort.

We have scheduled the many local parades that are always a fun time, seeing the smiling faces of the youngsters and talking about other events. The biggest of our new events is the San Bernardino County Fair. At the fair, we are planning to display more than tractors. There will be engines, implements, sewing machines, appliances, tools and room for even more. Of course, this requires many members to greet and share with the fair visitors.

Later in the fall, Early Day Tractor and Iron has been invited to join in the 60<sup>th</sup> Boron 20 Mule Team Parade and Show. We will get to parade our tractors along with the Wells Fargo stagecoach, and the Borax 20 Mule Team. As a youngster, in Illinois, we had cans of Borax for cleaning the ground in dirt from our hands. That started my interest in the 20 Mule Team. Now, decades later, I am excited to parade with them.

Still later in the year, there is the Flabob Veterans event, a very popular outing. This is a fun-filled Saturday to recognize our Vets, enjoy the many displays, and have a good time.

Last, but certainly not least, welcome to our two newest members, Cheryl Hokanson and John Eastlick.

Sincerely,

Paul Dunn

*Inspire, Challenge, Equip*

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*There's no trick to being a humorist  
when you have the whole government  
working for you.*

*- Will Rogers*



## Vice President's Message

Gary Provansal

Big, heavy gas tractors began appearing on a few farms early in the 20th century. At the time of the 1910 census, there were 10,000 tractors counted on U.S. farms, along with more than 21 million horses, mules and oxen. How times have changed! Today thousands of people in the United States have not seen a horse much less a tractor (except maybe by accident on their computers). It is left up to us to explain the roll of tractors, old motors, equipment, and farm life. More importantly to tell the story of families working together to make a living, multiple generations of families living with each other struggling to make a living working from sun up to sun down with their hands and hearts to create not only a living but a future for their children through strong work ethic, strong backs, and strong families. Communities worked together helping one another and sharing resource for the common good. Everyone had their own jobs on the family farm that contributed to the success of the family and community. Churches provided strength to all who were struggling, a place to strengthen their soul and provide a place for community fellowship and communication. Much of the story is fading off and without the story tellers (you and I) much is being lost

today where we don't even talk to people even on the phone, we text, tweet, Facebook, etc. Relationships are computer generated by online dating, and community churches struggle for attendance. Our jobs take us away from our families, and companies house our elderly. Concrete walls between properties separate our neighbors and many don't even know their names. We have a legacy and a story to tell through our collections of tools from the past that is much bigger than the tractors and toys that we share and for me, and I know all of you, enjoy sharing.

We have a strong membership that has shown strong support, we have new members that are excited to join and share and last but not least we have some great opportunities coming up to do just that. Speaking of opportunities, we have, as many of you know, the invitation to show and tell at the San Bernardino County Fair in May. This will be the first time for our group to participate and the first time in many years that anyone has been invited. The fair is a big commitment and we have a strong level of support and excitement about the coming event. We were awaiting the decision on what the end of the day (closing time) for us would be for the days we participate. I have just received the answer from Jennifer Monter the Exhibits Director and they are asking us to stay each day until 10 PM in the evening. Some of the days the Fair will close at 10 and some days it will close at 11 PM but they agreed that 10 PM would be our closing time for every day. Paul Dunn has the master schedule and please if you have not signed up send him and email regarding what you are bringing and when you will attend. We would like at least 4 members there always during the Fair. I thank all of you for being a part of a great group of people and for supporting our organization. This is one of the greatest joys in my life and hope we can make it one of yours to. – Gary Provansal

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*“Even if you're on the right track,  
you'll get run over if you just sit there.”  
- Will Rogers*

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## Minutes – April 5, 2017

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 7:05 p.m. with the flag salute. Present are 13 members and three guests, Cheryl Hokanson, John Eastlick, and Bob Cushman. Minutes

from previous meeting were approved as published, motion by Roger Kindel, second by James Marlow.

**PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENT:** Paul Dunn started the meeting by referring to the visit that was made by Paul and Etta Dunn at Arrowhead Hospital where member Donna Burks, wife of LT Burks, referring to her recent stay where she is to have surgery on Thursday. Members wished her their sentiments for fast recovery and speedy return to normal.

President Paul Dunn mentioned that our core group, EDGETA, made note in their newsletter that there were no claims this year, with a good safety record the insurance premiums stays the same, no increase this year.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Keith Hokanson introduced our first new guest, John Eastlick from Phelan, CA. He owns many tractors, a diesel Massey Ferguson, and three John Deere's. His main interests are in trucking and farming. Our second new guest is Bob Cushman from Silver Lakes. He saw our display at the Helendale event last weekend. Club members welcomed the guests and thanked them for their presence tonight.

**HELENDALE EVENT:** The event on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> as the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the city of Helendale. There were 8 tractors, for a excellent showing. The event was a small-town get-together with excellent music. The event was well represented by our club members. Barbara and Laura Gemel attended, and Cheryl and Keith Hokanson brought their grandson. Our club was invited by Branch 30, Bob Hanson, President.

**SAN BERNARDINO FAIR:** Our group has been invited to represent the tractors-engines-antiques display at the Fair from May20-29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are already signed up for shifts, including afternoons and weekends and over the Memorial Day weekend. Please let us know what you're bringing to display. We have an allotted area with expansion room available. Everything brought can be left at the site. There are armed guards patrolling 24 hours a day. It is important to know who is bringing what to make the best use of available space. All safety requirements will apply. We must adhere to our insurance guidelines and rules. Watch your email for the latest information that will be sent to all members.

**2017 EVENT SCHEDULE:** Members were given the newest schedule which is quite extensive and an event filled year. On the schedule is a new event. Our club has been invited to participate in the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 20 Mule Team Celebration at Boron, CA. The event takes place on October 7<sup>th</sup> with the US Borax 20 Mule Team Wagons, Wells Fargo Stagecoach. A motion was made to approve the participation in this event, motion by Barbara Gemel, seconded by Nicky Kindel, club voted unanimous. Motion passed.

Flabob Veteran's Day Event this year conflicts with the same weekend as the Victorville Veteran's Parade. A choice by members was made to participate at the Flabob Airport Event and forego the parade this year.

The schedule this year is very busy and there will be an effort to make all the scheduled events with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of December reserved for our Christmas event.

A final mention is that a Wagon was donated to the club that can hold a second club banner, one at the front and one at the back of the tractors. We thank Brad West, the donor for the generous gift to the club.

**VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE:** Thank you to all the members who are participating in our club. Our greatest assets are the members, and our greatest resource are the guests. We are a good friendly group; we always have a resource of help, support, and care. A guideline packet was published and sent out by email regarding the safety parking, loading, and unloading guidelines.

**TREASURY REPORT:** The current balance in the club account is \$2,514.73 with all dues paid to the EDGETA for membership. There are no outstanding debts.

**SAFETY:** Roger Kindel reported that now is the time for members to check your equipment before the event season is upon us. That includes the fire extinguisher, slow moving signs, safety vests, trailer tires, tie downs, chains, belts, etc. Take special effort to check the wheel bearings and make sure you use the correct ball size for the hitch. We are coming into a busy season, use safety and common sense.

**NEW ISSUES:** As a roundabout, members were asked to comment on what is important to them. Spoken

subjects were the San Bernardino Fair, volunteering, member support at the fair, concern for parking passes, entrance passes, and that members must always wear their yellow EDGETA badge at all events for proof of insurance. Roger Meeker made a special appeal to all members to support this effort.

**GUESS THE ITEM:** Lance Wilson brought two mystery objects that held the member's attention, one was an elaborate incense burner and the other was a Sears and Roebuck seed planter from the 1930's in good condition. Our second display was brought by Barbara Gemel. This was 1898 Singer hand crank, Model 27 with Serial number sewing machine in excellent condition. The machine was the first portable issue with the Singer machine emblazoned with the trademark gold embellishment covering the machine. Barbara noted in her description that when the inventor of the sewing machine in 1846, Silas Howe, produced the machines, he was unaware that it could put many seamstresses out of work. It brought instead, convenience to the homemaker with the ease of sewing in their homes. Barbara also pointed out the features of the bullet bobbin, the vibratory shuttle and that the copyright was the Memphis Design. This was a very beautiful piece of machinery and an interesting presentation.

**FINAL REMARKS:** Laura Gemel had fun at her first club event, Cheryl Hokanson brought her 9-year-old grandson to the Helendale event and he wants to drive tractors. Keith Hokanson mentioned that the Helendale event was organized with perfect command; there was good feedback from the attending group and from our hosts, Branch 30.

Before the meeting adjourned, we had two new members, Cheryl Hokanson and John Eastlick. Our club website has application forms that can be downloaded under the heading, "About Us, Members". With no further discussions, the meeting was closed at 8:32 p.m. with motion by Etta Dunn, second by Roger Kindel.

Respectfully submitted:

Etta Dunn, Secretary

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*"To invent, you need a good imagination  
and a pile of junk."  
- Thomas Edison*

## Treasurer Report

LT Burks, Treasurer

Bank balance as of 4.1.2017 is \$2,514.73. No payables outstanding.

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*“Capital punishment is as fundamentally wrong as a cure for crime as charity is wrong as a cure for poverty.”*  
- Henry Ford

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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.**

## Classified – For Sale or Trade



**1942 Farmall B** – Asking \$5,500. Serious offers will be considered.

Complete restoration finished in 2012, including working exhaust lift system and IH B238 cultivator. Tractor has approximately 26 hours since restoration, less than 200 miles. Paint is Valspar single stage urethane with hardener. Radiator rebuilt, water pump installed, new Ball jar air cleaner with 1/64 JD inside, dual OEM seats, tool pan. Also included are a new temp gauge, extra water neck, road gears, and new trans bearings. For further information contact Mark at 760.963.9092 or [mbergthold@aol.com](mailto:mbergthold@aol.com).

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

**April 29, 2017** – Tractor Supply Center, Hesperia

**May 13, 2017** – Cal Poly Spring Farm Show

**May 20 thru 29, 2017** – San Bernardino County Fair

**June 17, 2017** – Tractor Supply Center, Barstow

**June 24, 2017** – Hesperia Nazarene Summer Festival

**July 4, 2017** – Lucerne Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

**August 1, 2017** – Victorville National Night Out

**September 16, 2017** – Hesperia Parade

**September 30, 2017** – Apple Valley Happy Trails Parade

**October 7, 2017** - Boron 20 Mule Team Parade and Show

**October 14, 2017** – Phelan Phun Days Parade

**November 11, 2017** – Flabob - Veterans Day

**December 2, 2017** – Victorville Christmas Parade

**TBA** – EDTI Christmas Event – Adelanto Rodeo – Adelanto Christmas Parade

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