

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Paul Dunn

It has been said many ways, that nothing stops the man, or woman, who desires to achieve. For them, every obstacle is simply a challenge to develop their achievement (success) muscle. It's a growing, a victory, and a strengthening of accomplishment. It also feels good.

The San Bernardino County Fair was filled with many challenges, frustrations, and accomplishments for our members. Then alongside of us comes Bob Hanson, Branch 30 President who brought engines, calmness, encouragement and support. Oh sure, we were all worn out at the end of each day, but we were there the next day ready for the many more visitors. And did we have visitors!

As your President, more than once I looked out across our display area with thoughts running in and out of my head. The thoughts ranged from a feeling of accomplishment, to how can we improve next year. That is a challenge and let me tell you why.

Gary Provansal, Bob Hanson, Grant Gemel, and Lance Wilson with fuel and oil cans making smoke and noise. They attracted a lot of attention.

On the opposite corner of the lot were Barbara and Laura Gemel with their old sewing machines, a washing machine older than me, a butter churn, and much more, including their period dresses, that attracted many many visitors. Thanks ladies.

Over on the tractor row, you could find LT Burks, Roger Kindel, and John Eastlick talking up the tractors. And of course, there were those discussions about red tractors verses green ones.

Then there were Keith Hokanson and Roger Meeker with paper and pencil in hand running around like used car salesmen looking for names and phone numbers.

Other members came by in support and to visit.

What a team!

Sincerely,
Paul Dunn



This will be our second year to reach out to the community and support the youth by displaying our tractors and other items from an earlier period.

Vice President's Message

Gary Provansal

I am writing this after just returning from Branch 30's annual swap meet and open house. What a great time and great weather. As I arrived, I was greeted by Bob Hanson, President of Branch 30 and got the grand tour and a meet and greet of many of the membership, breakfast, and some wonderful chats. Branch 30 began in 1990 and after 27 years of fun and hard work, they are an amazing group of dedicated friends having more fun than any "grown up" should have. What a great way to spend the day, there were many vendors with amazing finds (toys and stuff) for sale, knowledge abounded, and I even found one of the previous owners of my 15 hp Fairbanks motor!

This all reminded me of hanging out with Branch 242. Friends, fellowship, support, fun, toys, expertise, dedication, sharing, helping hands, and a love of telling the stories and lessons of the past, I can't imagine any greater qualities one could ask for in an organization and a group of friends. As we continue to grow in size, and strength let us not forget what draws us together. Family and Friends are, in the end, all that really counts. We have both in Branch 242, and I am grateful to be a part of your family.

P.S. I found another treasure at Branch 30's swap meet that I had to take home. My "new" motor is a 1905 model C, Vertical, 2.5 h.p. New Way engine, as seen strapped to Bob Hanson's borrowed trailer in Richard Pope's video on YouTube. Bob if you are reading this thank you and all of Branch 30 for a wonderful day. To Branch 242, although I have said it many times, I am very appreciative of each one of you and your hard work, especially in making the San Bernardino County's Fair event an amazing success. You all have reason to take pride in what was our greatest event to date. Finally, to our new members, welcome to our family. More fun to follow so rest up!

– Gary Provansal

Inspire, Challenge, Equip

Effective leadership is not about making speeches or being liked; leadership is defined by results not attributes.

— Peter Drucker



New Members – Welcome!

Charles Ash
Michael Aubuchon
Mark Bergthold
Bob Cushman
John Eastlick
Patrick & Dina Kelly



Minutes – June 7, 2017

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 7:00 p.m. with the flag salute. Present are 15 members and two guests, Ray Steitz and Cristina Beltran. Members met earlier at 6:00 p.m. at the meeting place, Country Kitchen Restaurant for dinner. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as published, motion by Roger Kindel, second by Gary Provansal.

PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENT: Paul Dunn started the meeting by introduction of guests and our newest members, Patrick and Dina Kelly, Charles Ash, Bob Cushman, and renewal of member Mark Bergthold. Prior to the regular member meeting, the Board met as required by law to discuss business at least once a year. The items discussed were the reconciling of an administration error referring to an application for the Exempt Identification Number. This error resulted in the incorrect name on the corporate records of the IRS. Our name was corrected to reflect Early Day Tractor & Iron, Inc. to appear on all records, all club business, applications for parades, displays, and attendance at events that require insurance coverage and an application. The situation has been corrected and a letter of confirmation stating that the records

are now correct has been received from the IRS and filed for future reference.

The second item discussed was the approval to conduct a 50/50 fundraiser drawing with proceeds going to the club treasury. The first drawing was conducted and proceeds collected were \$61.00, with half of proceeds going to the club treasury.

A home built trailer has been donated to the club, the disposition has been brought to the attention of the club to sell it or keep it for club use. It is a single axle, no brakes, 12'x16'x52 with a railing, tool box and no tailgate, the inside fender measurement is 48", anyone interested in the trailer please contact Paul Dunn.

Paul Dunn thanked everyone who attended and or worked at the San Bernardino County Fair and put in many grueling hours of service and dedication to make the first club presence a rousing success and a tremendous effort. Dedicated members spent some days up to 11 hours greeting and participating in engine demonstrations, tractor displays, antique sewing machines with authentic prairie dressed presenters that captured the visitor's attention. The site resembled a turn of the century shade tree mechanic location. There were many contact cards filled out and all have been contacted and a follow-up email sent to invite them to our club. Thank you to all who endured long, hot days and many cold nights to make the first effort such a success. The fair this year was the most attended and financially successful in 17 years.

Our treasurer, LT Burks, is taking care of his wife, Donna and is not in attendance now. We want them to know we are here to help. We will remember them in our thoughts and prayers.

TREASURY REPORT:

Acting Treasurer, Etta Dunn, reported the club account has \$2,662.73, with no outstanding debts. The annual filings for the IRS and the State of California have been completed, the annual filing for the Secretary of State Information of Officers will be completed this month.

EVENTS: The exposure to the public opens opportunity to fulfill our mandate to serve the public by preserving and demonstrating implements from the past. The next club event will be on Saturday, June 24th at Hesperia Nazarene Church on Maple

Avenue in Hesperia. The church is having a fund raiser to send the youth to summer camp. Our club was invited back to display the tractors and other items to attract people to church BBQ and carnival. The Tractor Supply grand opening in Barstow is rescheduled tentatively to July 8th. Information will be published to confirm all details.

NEWSLETTER: Our club is one of a few in the EDGE-TA affiliation that does not mail out monthly newsletters. All communication and newsletters are done by email. Printing and mailing is expensive and every newsletter since the inception of our club is on our website. Email is very popular, economic, easy for club members to get information instantly.

VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE: Gary Provansal expressed many thanks for all the loading and unloading help with maintenance and visitors to our site at the fair. The 4th of July parade at Lucerne Valley is approaching, it is a hometown parade where the whole city comes out to line their street and enjoy watching their friends and relatives participate in the event.

SAFETY MESSAGE: Safety Officer Roger Kindel reminds the members that tractors in the parades must have a slow-moving sign on the back and a working fire extinguisher on board. The club guidelines for loading and unloading, backing trailers, and a person watching will help our club to be always Safety First. When hauling, don't forget to cross the safety chains for extra protection. Be sure to cover slow-moving triangle signs with a cover when hauling on roads.

With no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned, motion to close by Roger Meeker, second by Grant Gemel. Meeting closed at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully,
Etta Dunn, Secretary

"Trying to do business without advertising is like winking at a pretty girl through a pair of green goggles. You may know what you are doing, but no one else does."

- Cyrus McCormick

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Treasurer Report

LT Burks, Treasurer

Bank balance as of 5.7.2017 is \$2,662.73. 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.

Show and Tell:

Lance Wilson and Gary Provansal brought interesting turn of the century items, including a miner's leather formed helmet with the headlamp attached; it was a small size, possibly for a young man working in the mines. The helmet has carbide light with a flint lighter on the top. The next item was an old lantern with a magnified lens to make the flame seem intense. The lens glows red and green, very unique. The next item was an animal trap that opens in two directions, sideways and clamps in two directions. Lance also brought a wooden lantern with a magnifying lens made in England. The final item was a gas-powered home iron complete with the gas can refill brought by Gary Provansal. Everyone is welcome to bring items and stump the club members with their identity and use.

Roundabout:

New member Bob Cushman owns a Ford Tractor 850, it has massive wheel weights, and needs help with maintenance and questions about weights. Member Bob can contact the website and get numbers of members that might be of help to him.

Grant Gemel is still recovering from the fair, it was a good show. Barbara and Laura really had fun and enjoyed the opportunity to be with other people, lots of visitors. The site was very popular, attracted a lot

of people. They loved the antique tent with the various activities going on to attract visitors and their prairie attire. It was a lot of work and a lot of fun; they were surprised at the popularity of the site.

Roger Meeker stated it was an excellent club effort, was pleased to see how many members came out with their equipment, and enjoyed the engines, lots of interest. Hope we can do it again! Thanked the Board for all the work and organization it takes to have a successful event.

Jan and Ken Woodward attended the meeting; Jan is recovering from her illness and looking great. Ken has been in Arizona visiting his daughter and granddaughter, loved being with them and wanted to be at the Fair.

"Should any political party attempt to abolish social security, unemployment insurance, and eliminate labor laws and farm programs, you would not hear of that party again in our political history."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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

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

June 24, 2017 – Hesperia Nazarene Summer Festival

July 4, 2017 – Lucerne Valley 4th of July Parade

July 8, 2017 – Tractor Supply Center, Barstow

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

EDGETA – Branch 242 – Board of Directors

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