

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Paul Dunn

"Slow down and pay attention to what you are doing." How many times have we heard that in our lifetime? I can remember family members telling me that more times than I can count. I will bet you have too. Obviously, I haven't paid attention as evident by my experiences at the National Night Out event.

Upon arrival at the parking area, my pit crew, James Marlow, was already there and ready to unload and get setup. Now the fun and learning began. The IH Lo-Boy wouldn't start, so with James in the seat I gave him a push and got it off the trailer. Gary Provansal was close by and quickly diagnosed a dead battery. He brought a jumper pack over, and we got it running.

While James was spotting the Lo-Boy, I unloaded my Earthmaster and drove it over to the display area. James and I agreed the best thing to do was have him stay with the running tractor and charge the battery while we got everything else ready. Some minutes later the tractor stopped running, and James said it acted like it was out of gas. No so, it had been running down the battery until it died.

By now, everybody is in place, and the visitors are gawking, so I change hats, and grabbed my camera to take pictures. No, I am not as my camera batteries are dead. I go to my truck for batteries only to find that I do not have the AAs I need. I have AAA, C, D, and 9V, not any AA. Obviously, it is not my day to be around batteries.

At closing, with James in the seat of the Lo-Boy, I proceeded to tow him back to the trailer. My plan was to short couple both tractors and drive them on to the trailer. After shortening the strap my Earthmaster won't start: yep, battery issue. By now, I was ready to sell both tractors, but I decided the best thing was to winch them on and worry about it the next day.

Obviously, I need to take my opening advice, slow down and pay attention to what I am doing.

How about checking our personal body batteries as well?

Paul Dunn

Vice President's Message

Gary Provansal

Another great month with a wonderful group of people has passed. The good news is a new month begins and we are ready to share the fun with anyone that will hold still long enough for us to capture their imagination. We have plenty of fun left this year with some of the best events yet to come. I had the opportunity to attend the auction at the Vista Steam Museum and brought back a few treasures including a hay wagon that I hope to get parade ready and tow behind a tractor. My hope is that it will be full of our extended families smiling and waving to the crowds. It will take some time to assure the wagons safety aspects and to rubber line the steel wheels for passenger comfort but when done it should provide yet another aspect to our parades and to our members and families.

Speaking of new things or should I say old things, the meetings of the last few months have a new attraction. At the end of each meeting members are bringing interesting items of the past, some are obscure and we have to think a while to try to guess its use, great fun and we all get to learn something new about something old.

Some of the members and I have been talking about straps vs. chains when securing our tractors to our trailers. I have done a little research on the Department of Transportation requirements for securing tractors, and it seems that straps are ok but must be rated twice the weight of the tractor, this may be a problem for some of the bigger (heavier) tractors. The biggest thing I discovered is that separate tie downs are needed, and a four-point method must be used. Several of us are using a single chain for the front and another for the rear running the chain through a single point on the tractor. I will bring the DOT information to the next meeting for discussion.

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon, take care and be safe.

Gary Provansal

Inspire, Challenge, Equip

*To raise new questions, new possibilities,
to regard old problems from a new angle,
requires creative imagination and
marks real advance in science.
- Albert Einstein*

Minutes – August 2, 2017

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 7:05 p.m. with a flag salute led by Laura Gemel. Present are 11 members and no guests. Members met earlier at 6:00 p.m. at regular meeting place, Country Kitchen Restaurant in Hesperia for dinner. Officer LT Burks was absent. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as published, motion by Roger Kindel, second by Grant Gemel.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING COMMENTS: Paul Dunn started the meeting by reflecting on the National Night Out held on August 1st in Victorville. The event was started thirty years ago for the community to interact with local law enforcement and community services to improve communications and to know how and when to contact them.

Our club had a great representation of eight tractors and a lawn mower. The event was without any safety issues, and members were pleased to attend the event.

The first item of business regarding events will be to form a nominating committee for the new officer slate to be introduced in October for change of officers in November. The club needs three volunteers of which Roger Meeker, and Grant Gemel volunteered to open the committee.

EVENT SUPPORT: After each event, it is always gratifying to see the participation and enthusiasm of the attending members as they load up their equipment, unload for the event, after the event reload their equipment and head home to put away their equipment for another occasion. President Paul Dunn expressed his sincere appreciation to all members for the great involvement and contribution to the community each time all this effort is put forth; a heartfelt thank you for all the hard work.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Hesperia Days Parade, Saturday, September 16, 2017. Then the Apple Valley Parade, Saturday, September 30, 2017.

VICE PRESIDENT COMMENTS: VP Gary Provansal commented on how much he was aware of how everyone helps each other, the way that the members take the time to make sure the equipment is handled safely and how each one is aware of the need to be available to lend their helping hand. He is very proud of our club.

TREASURY REPORT: Treasurer LT Burks was absent; the report was presented by Secretary Etta Dunn that stated the current balance in the account is \$2,614.73 with an outstanding check for \$20.00 to the Hesperia Chamber of Commerce that has not cleared the bank account.

SAFETY REPORT: Officer Roger Kindel was present and had no new business to report.

After viewing all the items and the interesting aspects of the antiques, the meeting was adjourned, motion by Paul Dunn, second by Etta Dunn, meeting closed at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by:
M.L. Etta Dunn

*It takes 20 years to build a reputation and
five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that,
you'll do things differently.
- Warren Buffett*

Treasurer Report

LT Burks, Treasurer

Bank balance as of 8.2.2017 is \$2,614.73. One payable outstanding for \$20.00.



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MEMBER ROUNDOABOUT

Member Grant Gemel remarked on the National Night Out Event, how the club had a good participation and the weather cooperated with a great evening of involvement.

Member Laura Gemel stated that she also had a good time and enjoyed being there for the evening.

Member Barbara Gemel having attended her first NNO, thought they needed a few more community groups to balance the event. Barbara mentioned how she thanked the officers for their service to the city and for always showing up on a person's worst day.

Member Roger Meeker thought we had a good presence, remembers when the event was held at the Target store at the Gateway. At that time, there was car show participation which drew a large crowd along with the members that brought their engines. For the event being 3 to 4 hours, it can be a lot of work for such a short time of display.

Member Lance Wilson reported that he is now the proud owner of a John Deere H.

*When America's early pioneers first turned their eyes toward the West, they did not demand that somebody take care of them if they got ill or got old. They did not demand maximum pay for minimum work, and even pay for no work at all.
- Paul Harvey*

SHOW AND TELL

Our items this month were interesting and unusual items found in the kitchens of long ago. Lance Wilson brought a glass rolling pin with a removable handle to pour ice in the rolling pin to keep the pie dough cold during the rolling process.

Another item was the Kerr McGee Toronto glass double boiler with a hand operated mixer lid to keep the ingredients for instance, pudding and pie filling from scorching or lumpy during the cooking process. The next article was an old crock with a wire lock down handle on the lid to cure fruit for compote or

for making olives. This crock was in excellent shape, there were no blemishes or nicks on it for its age.

The last item was the most unusual piece so far, this year. It was a water cooler from 1912 – 1924 called the Revigator. It was made of glazed ceramic with a porous lining that incorporated uranium ore. The water in the jar would absorb the radon and as a health element, users were to drink freely of the water that was filled each night and drink an average of six or more glasses daily. Its purpose was to give a new life element; water without radioactivity was like air without oxygen. "Nature's way to Health."

Safety

Gary Provansal covered several safety issues with his VP message. If you haven't read his column, please do so, and give thought about his remarks and how it might affect the way you do things.

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 pduinn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org.

- **For Sale** - 1956 Farmall International 200 Series tractor, runs good, tires OK, PTO works. Saw attachment on back. Good paint, red and silver. \$2800.00 or OBO – More info 760-885-4254 or 760-254-7005 or, email to shoes1450@yahoo.com
- **For Sale** - 1956 John Deere 60 series tractor. Runs good, tires ok, with 8' foot scraper on back. \$3000.00 or OBO. For more info 760-885-4254 or 760-254-7005 or, email to shoes1450@yahoo.com

Calendar of Planned Events

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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