

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Paul Dunn

My term in office is rapidly ending, and I am looking forward with mixed emotions. The experience has been very enriching, and I step aside with many memories. I do look forward to whatever need I can fill to keep Early Day Tractor & Iron reaching out to our community and growing.

At our October, meeting the Nominating Committee will present the names of those nominated to be our new Board Members. Our By-Laws stipulate that Board Members may only serve two consecutive years in a single position. In my situation, that means, it is time for me to step aside.

The task of the Nominating Committee is to interview and enter names into nomination of those willing to serve for the next year as a Board Member. There may be some, for whatever reason were not approached by a committee member. Don't let that stop you from being on the ballot. There will be an opportunity for you to have your name entered. Ballots will be mailed and returned. The newly elected officers will assume their position during the November meeting.

Thank you for your encouragement and support. I will always remember these last two years.

Paul Dunn

Vice President's Message

Gary Provansal

As I sit here having watched the news all weekend and being Monday 9/11, I have a great sense of thankfulness in my heart for my loved ones and my friends, 242 counts in both categories. I am thankful that I have been blessed with a few things older than myself to share with others, and some knowledge that I can help share to make the lives of others better through lessons of the past. Self-sacrifice for the better of the whole, values and ethics that strengthen us and the society around us, all learned from the lessons of the pioneers of this great nation. As the disasters in Texas and Florida begin to be fully realized my hope is that we will see these values rise above

the separation growing in this country and bring us together as one people, one country, one future.

In looking at a quick overview of the hurricanes in Texas and Florida one fact that stands out for me is that in Texas, less than 20 percent had flood insurance and maybe even less than that in Florida. With 30 years of experience in disaster response and recovery, here is how it works. Floods are not covered by your Home Owners Insurance. People tend to believe it is covered, or they believe with the billions of dollars allocated by the Federal Government they will have their houses rebuilt, and their possessions restored. The reality is the government will issue low-interest loans for them to rebuild, that means you have your original loan, then the new loan to pay. This is not an option for many and historically somewhere around 30 percent are never rebuilt, and it is the end of the American Dream for far too many. I don't sell insurance, but I do try to take care of my family and friends; you qualify for both. Some of us live in flood zones, and most of the club members live in earthquake land; your Home Owners Insurance does not cover either one. Consider protecting your American Dream, don't let it turn to an American Nightmare. Those that are Internet savvy might find some great information on a variety of things to prepare for, floods and earthquakes included, check out WWW.ready.gov/earthquake ..

Now to brighter things, the next meeting is October 4th. This is an important meeting, and you really should try to attend. This is the meeting where nominations are made and taken for the election of the officers of Branch 242. This year the President and Vice President are at term limits, all positions are open for election. Once again, think about protection, it may be the quickest way to get elected by not showing up and nominating someone else. All kidding aside, the nomination and the election process are an important one, please try to be there and participate in our future. The food is great, there is not a better group of people to be with, and the show and tell just keeps getting better, don't miss the fun.

Gary Provansal

Inspire, Challenge, Equip

*“The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith.”
— Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Minutes – September 6, 2017

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 7:02 p.m. with a flag salute. Present are 16 members and no guests. Members met earlier at 6:00 p.m. at regular meeting place, Country Kitchen Restaurant in Hesperia for dinner. All officers were present. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as published, motion by Roger Kindel, second by Nicky Kindel.

PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENT: Paul Dunn started that the signups for the Hesperia Parade will be passed around, please indicate if you are attending and if you are bringing more than one tractor so drivers can be arranged. We will meet at the same place as last year, in the back-parking lot off Jupiter and I Avenue at the Victor Valley Rescue Mission thrift shop.

On Saturday, September 30th will be the Apple Valley Parade, more information will be posted and sent to the members by email.

Branch 30, Palmdale, President Bob Hanson will be displaying their tractors and antiques at the grand opening of the Tractor Supply in Palmdale. Due to a previous commitment, our club was unable to be present. A phone call to Bob Hanson was made and he gladly accepted the invitation. Tractor Supply has been a very good promotion for our club.

The mayor of Boron has contacted President Paul Dunn and has stated that he would still like to have our club in their parade. The staging area will be around the school which is paved. It was mentioned that they would like for the tractors be displayed after the parade so viewers can come by and meet personally with the drivers.

OFFICER PROMOTIONS: The selected members of the Nominating Committee will be interviewing prospective members to fill the vacating seats on the Board. At the October meeting the committee will report the results of their interviews and report back to the club. A ballot will then be produced and mailed

to every member. Please vote and send it back to the addressee. The votes will then be counted and confirmed at the November meeting. The committee consists of Grant Gemel, Roger Meeker, and Paul Dunn. Every position is open and anyone is eligible to run for office. Next month we will let everyone know who has been nominated and according to the by-laws, they are eligible as long as they have not served more than two terms in a row. We will have everything ready for October and November the meeting will include the selection of officers as voted by the members.

NEWSLETTER: The editor is getting desperate, please, we'll take anything of newsworthy content.

VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE: Our most important issue is always safety and liability. Secure vehicles on your trailers with properly rated tie downs with straps or chains. The commercial haulers sites are not inclusive – DOT does not have good information. Gary went to the Perdue University Internet site and procured books for members regarding safety procedures. We all must operate according to standard rules, it is up to us to make safe decisions. Speak out for safety reasons. The book “Securing the Load” was given to members. Straps are legal, they must be rated 2 times the weight of the truck, spotting and backing instructions are on our website and in pamphlet form, it can be printed out. Highway Patrol has the rule of the highway. Anyone can go down to the weigh scales run by the Highway Patrol to get information, The weakest link binder-strap-chain is rated by according to weight assignment.

TREASURER REPORT: The balance in the club account is \$2,668.17 with no outstanding debts.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Roger Kindel reported to the members present that it's time to get ready for the parades. Make sure there is a full fire extinguisher on board, a slow-moving vehicle sign for highway use is on board and take down or cover when tractor is trailered. Cross the safety chains at the tongue site so it won't go down on the street. Loading tractors on a trailer on a downhill slope will lift the tow truck on its front wheels, possibility of truck taking off on its own. Put jacks or chucks down, they take the weight off the back of the truck. Roger mentioned he may make the trip to the scales to get valuable information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Hesperia Days Parade Saturday, September 16, 2017

Apple Valley Parade Saturday, September 30, 2017
Phelan Fall Parade Saturday, October 14, 2017

With no other official business to conduct, the meeting is called to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion made by Mark Bergthold, seconded by Nicky Kindel.

The drawing this month was won by Barbara Gemel; the proceeds were graciously donated back to the club for the treasury. Gary Provansal won the drawer cabinet.

Submitted by:
M.L. Etta Dunn

*“Pro and con are opposites, that fact is clearly seen.
If progress means to move forward, then
what does congress mean?”
— Nipsey Russell*

Treasurer Report

LT Burks, Treasurer

Bank balance as of 9.6.2017 is \$2,668.17.



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.

*“Restlessness is discontent — and discontent is the first necessity of progress. Show me a thoroughly satisfied man — and I will show you a failure.”
— Thomas A. Edison*

SHOW AND TELL

This month was another interesting display of antique items brought in by Lance Wilson which included a Brownie Duster Fumigator made by Leggett Brothers, New York, U.S.A. The spray duster was used to

fumigate chickens from fleas and lice. The next item was a nail puller made by Sure Grip #56, Bridgeport Hardware Mfg. Corporation. The third item was a 6-volt utility light for a car made by Energizer, Morse Eureka. The last item from Lance was a collection of vintage Chauffer and Taxi Badges worn by qualified drivers for taxi cabs or other paid car services.

The badges began in New York in 1903 and they provided an easy way for drivers to display their certification while operating their vehicle. In the 1950's the paper licenses replaced the metal badges. Their value is determined by the condition and the age of the Badge, oldest one in the collection is from 1919, the badges were first produced in 1903.

Barbara Gemel brought a Singer Pinking Machine from circa 1930. The small version of the cutter was portable and it cut edges of the material in a zigzag pattern to prevent unraveling of the material. The machine was in excellent condition, Barbara had just bought the item the previous Sunday from a friend of hers, a unique machine.

Gary Provansal brought the last item, an Argentinian Meteorite carbon date about 5-6 thousand years. The item is 4.5% iron meteorite; iron in a molten state is rare. The iron also has a nickel content of 6.6%. To preserve the iron, Gary cleans it with deionized water, bakes it in the oven, cleans it with transmission fluid and bakes it again to regenerate the metal. The item was small and extremely heavy to hold in your hand. All the items brought are wonderfully displayed and explained to the members. We encourage you to bring your favorite item and preserve our past through maintaining and saving history.

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.

*No one is completely worthless. . .
They can always be used as a bad example.*

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.

- **For Sale** – 1957 International Lo-Boy, original with quick hitch and other extras. For more information contact Paul at 760-956-6460.
- **For Sale** – NorthStar 3-Pt Broadcast and Spot Sprayer – 55 Gallon, 2.2 GPM, 12 Volt. Has not been used. Catalog price is \$499.99, plus \$120.00 Shipping. First reasonable offer gets it. – Pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org
- **For Sale** – 11.2 x 28 8 Ply Rating tractor drive tires, mounted. New and used. Prices vary, and below market. Come look. Pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org

Calendar of Planned Events

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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