

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Paul Dunn

Memories, memories, memories, we all have them. You may have heard me share about my U.S. Navy service time when I say, "I wouldn't give you a dollar to do it again, nor would I take a million dollars for the experience." With my term as President of Early Day Tractor and Iron nearing its end, I too look back with many memories. Are they worth a million bucks? A million dollars sure sounds tempting, but no.

It was about this time four years ago; some twenty of us met in Ed Beals' dining room on a Saturday to select the name for a new Branch, and to plan and organize our club. Most of us had previously belonged to other groups, and we came in bright eyed as to what an aggressive group could be.

Looking back, we have come a long way. Ed Beals was elected President, and I was to be the Vice-President. I remember sitting there without volunteering to be the VP, because I truly believed somebody else could do a better job. When nobody volunteered, I agreed to take the position. I am glad I did, as we went through many experiences in getting organized.

Here is where the million dollars' worth of experience comes in. The members of 242 have taken on new events like the San Bernardino County Fair, more Tractor Supply displays, parades and the list goes on. As I finish off this newsletter, we have just returned from Boron. Boron, what an experience it was; I loved it. This is small-town America at its best, and the people opened their community, and we were welcomed. Thank you, Boron.

Please don't ask me my favorite event of the year. Put them all in a hat and pick one; they all have memories.

Next month, there will be a new President occupying this space. I know you members will jump in and support him just as you have me. I know I will, and I look forward to seeing Branch 242 grow even more.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, to all of you for the memorable experience.

Paul Dunn

Vice President's Message

Gary Provansal

Team 242

Last Saturday we participated in the Town of Boron's 20 Mule Team Days Parade. It was a great day, and I believe that the whole town was lined up to watch or be in the parade!!! It really reminded me of small-town America as I envisioned it many years ago with all its glory. There were the typical delays and organizational juggling and the always present late start. This was offset by the recognition of every local organization and school program, the respect shown to law enforcement who was recognized as a positive force within the community just like the old days we remember with great fondness. There was even the recognition of their history with the 20 Mule Team dual borax wagons drawn, as the name implies, by a team of 20 mules. Everyone made us feel at home, and the Mayor took time for a special thank you to each member of our club.

And now for the tag line header of Team 242.... We had tractors with trouble starting, we had those that had to be towed (by LT and Grant), we had a tow vehicle that wouldn't start and had to be jump started several times (LT, Roger Kindel and Roger Meeker) saved the day. After several trips to check in to get our place in line (Paul, LT, and Roger Meeker). Each difficulty was met by members helping members; one member stayed behind to work on a tractor that quit several blocks into the parade. He fixed it, returned to the staging area and stood with a watchful eye over all our tow vehicles and equipment (James Marlow). James also taking his usual position as the official pit crew, of one, helping to unload and load tractors for members. When I attended my first meeting it became obvious that this was not an ordinary club but a collection of people that loved the technologies of the past, loved teaching others of the people of the past and what their lives were like, and they enjoyed helping each other, 242 understands the meaning of Team and understands why the word has no "I" in it. The world needs more teams like TEAM 242 and a lot less I and me. Thank you all for being a member of TEAM 242.

Gary Provansal

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

— Will Rogers —

Minutes – October 4, 2017

Etta Dunn, Secretary

Meeting opened @ 7:03 p.m. with a flag salute. Present are 11 members and one guest, Dale Robertson, courtesy of Laura Gemel. Members met earlier at 6:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place, Country Kitchen Restaurant in Hesperia for dinner. Three officers were present; Treasurer and Safety Officer were absent. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as published, motion by Gary Provansal, second by James Marlow.

PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENT: Paul Dunn started the meeting by mentioning a recent incident, and that this meeting is not the time or place to discuss at length. Members will be kept apprised of all occurrences at the appropriate time.

This weekend is the Boron, CA. 75th celebration of the Borax 20 Mule Team parade. A detailed information email was sent out to all members. If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the reverse side of the Attendance Sheet.

Euclid Ontario School Display: The club has been invited again this year to bring their antiques and if possible, the tractors, to the Ontario Elementary school for their Fall Festival later this month. Further details will be sent to all members when we get more information. However, last year we were invited back and the club had to decline as we were unable to sign the extensive contract obligations that exceeded our club’s authority, and we were unable to enforce and comply with the contract terms. Tentative date is two weeks from tomorrow, October 18th. The club has maintained a busy schedule this year; there are several members who have expressed their interest to attend even if it was just for the antique display items.

PHELAN PARADE: This year the parade is being held on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Staging area and parking for trailers is at the corner of Phelan Road and Johnson Road, south of Phelan Road in the Desert Community Bank parking lot at the back of the bank; more information to follow via email.

OFFICERS NOMINATIONS: President, Gary Provansal, Vice President, Grant Gemel, Secretary, Barbara Gemel, Treasurer, Etta Dunn, Safety Officer, Roger Kindel. There were no further nominations made, with that the nominations were closed. The ballots have an option for a write in and will be sent to each member and be mailed next week. Return the marked ballot in the envelope provided or the ballot. The ballot can also be brought to the November meeting, Wednesday, November 7th, where all the ballots will be counted, and the officers announced. Not on the ballot for election and willing to serve on the Events Committee, LT Burks and Paul Dunn.

EVENT SUPPORT: The positive feedback from the events has been numerous, especially in the appreciation of showing up and bringing our equipment and tractors to all the events on our busy schedule. Many, many thanks for all the hard work and dedication to make these events a success.

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VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS: Gary Provansal expressed his gratitude for all the willing members and mentioned that all the bases were covered and had no further comments.

TREASURER REPORT: Acting Treasurer, Etta Dunn, stated that the balance in the club account is \$2,743.17 and there are no outstanding debts due.

SAFETY OFFICER: Roger Kindel was absent tonight. Gary Provansal thanked everyone for watching each other’s backs, the safety measures are working well.

FAREWELL APPRECIATION: President Paul Dunn expressed his heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for a successful term in office. With the many events and busy schedule that the club maintained, it is with a sincere thankfulness that he leaves office and the club in a steady position ready for the next president.

With the statement finished, the club meeting was closed at 7:49 p.m. motion by Laura Gemel, second by James Marlow.

Submitted by:
M.L. Etta Dunn



*"You can do what I cannot do.
I can do what you cannot do.
Together we can do great things."
- Mother Teresa*

Treasurer Report

LT Burks, Treasurer

Bank balance as of 10.4.2017 is \$2,743.17.



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*"My grandmother's house - she ran it just like her grandmother and her great-grandmother. They didn't have electricity. They had wood stoves that never got cold."
- Willard Scott*

SHOW AND TELL

Lance Wilson again entertained the members with several interesting items including an antique level over 100 years old that still had a perfect level bubble. The level was made by Federal Tool Manufacturers. The next item was a vintage Avon Men's Cologne bottle in the shape of an anvil, with the anvil top as the lid. It still had a cologne scent in the vessel. Next were antiquated bottles of pharmaceutical, beverage, and cleaners with various clear and colored glass.

RC Cola, Nehi, Centralia, IL, an old Pepsi Bottle, Brown Glass Clorox Bottle with a cork lid, Hydrochloric Acid Bottle, Rochester Germicide and Embalming Fluid Bottle, Circa 1888, a Dr. Baxter Mandrake Bitters bottle from Burlington, VT. And lastly, an Atwood Jaundice Bitters Elixir Bottle from Georgetown, Mass. Everyone waits for the surprises that Lance brings each month. Thank you to Lance and Stephanie for the fascinating displays of their antiques.



Boron Park after the parade.

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.

*"If you aren't in over your head,
how do you know how tall you are?"
— T.S. Eliot*

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** – 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
- **For Sale** – 1957 International Lo-Boy, original with quick hitch and other extras. For more information contact Paul at 760-956-6460.



For Sale - International W-6, \$1500.00
contact Richard Pope at epopr@me.com



For Sale - 1950 International H

PARADE READY. Excellent paint & decals. Four brand new tires. New clutch, carb and battery. New IH gauges. Lights, radiator shutters, PTO and belt pulley complete and operable. New rear main and PTO seals. Original 6-volt starting and charging system. Tractor starts easily and runs smoothly with no smoke or oil leaks. Narrow front end is tight with no shimmy.

Price: \$4900.00
Category: Tractors
Ad Number: 653113
Date Posted: 10/05/2017
Contact: Richard Pope
Apple Valley, CA 92308
USA
Telephone: 760 240-3485

Classified Advertising

This space is available for Early Day Tractor & Iron members free of charge. Submit your items, along with graphics to pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org.

Calendar of Planned Events

October 14, 2017 – Phelan Phun Days Parade

October 27, 2017 – Euclid School Harvest Festival

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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