

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Gary

Provansal

Well, it is already February, and by the time you read this it will be half gone!! March begins our schedule of events with Tractor Supply hopefully being our first event. Date to follow so stay tuned. If you are like me, none of my winter projects and maintenance on my tractor and motors is done its time to start or finish to be ready for the new show and parade season. Getting ready for the new season entails many things, including that trailer of yours. Be sure to check those tires for serious checking (cracking) caused by the ozone in the air and the harsh rays of the sun. Check the tread depth by placing a penny in the groove of the tire, check several of the grooves across the tire and if Lincoln's head is covered, then you have 2/32 or more. 2/32 is the minimum required by law. Tires sold in the USA are required to have wear bars that will show up at 2/32 as a flat strip across the tire tread at 2/32. Keep in mind that during driving in the rain you need at least 4/32 to avoid hydroplaning (tire riding on top of the water and not the road) and 6/32 to have a chance of control in the snow. Think about purchasing a tire depth gauge at the auto parts store so I don't have to describe how to measure 4/32 and 6/32 depth with coins using Washington's head on a quarter for 4/32 and the other side of a penny measuring from the memorial for 6/32. Remember your prized toys are on that trailer. Please don't take chances.

Speaking of trailers, Grant mentioned the trailer accident in his remarks this month and in the monthly meeting notes, but I want to make sure we all know the cause, and no one ever has to repeat this very sad accident. The trailer was on a slight slope. Only one chalk block was used. The safety chains were unhooked prior to raising the trailer off the ball. The slope caused the trailer to roll backwards. The single chalk block stopped one wheel causing the trailer to make a hard turn, the safety chains being undone allowed the trailer to move unrestrained. The trailer swung around, and the tongue came up, hitting the Member in the head causing his death. This was a very sad ending for a very nice man and a very large loss to his family. I venture to say that it could have happened to me as well. I now use two chalk blocks, try for a level spot to load or unload, and always

disconnect the safety chains after the trailer is proven stable, after it comes off the hitch ball.

As many of you know a member experienced an accident at one of the parades we participated in. The accident consisted of bumping against a vehicle with a tractor. After a long series of events, the insurance company used by EDGETA decided they would not pay for the damage to the vehicle. This has prompted a review of the insurance we pay for as Branch 242 EDGETA. It has been determined that the insurance is not sufficient for our membership, and the Board is hard at work researching other avenues to obtain insurance for our members that meets the reasonable definition of insurance for the majority of our membership. More information will be provided as the Board obtains more information. The membership will be kept informed at the monthly General Membership / Board meetings, and through the news letters as we move through the process. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact any of our Board Members or myself.

A note to our membership.

Dues are due by the next meeting, March 7th, 2018. Dues can be paid by check in the mail (be sure to include the member application information sheet available on line), or you can pay online using the Pay Pal option on our website. We would also like to see you at the meeting in March where you can enjoy some good company, maybe if you are early, enjoy some good food as most show up at 6 for dinner before the meeting. We will gladly accept even good old cash at the meeting and look forward to your input on how we can make the club more enjoyable for our membership.

Gary Provansal

*My father kept me busy from dawn to dusk
when I was a kid. When I wasn't pitching hay,
hauling corn or running a tractor, I was heaving a
baseball into his mitt behind the barn... If all the
parents in the country followed his rule, juvenile
delinquency would be cut in half in a year's time.*

- Bob Feller

Vice President's Message

Grant Gemel

I hope February finds everyone well. My family has all had the flu bug, despite taking preventative measures by getting flu shots. Hopefully, everyone fared better than we did.

We are still planning to have a static tractor display at Tractor Supply in Hesperia sometime in March. I will try to coordinate with the Store Manager to find a date which corresponds with a spring sale.

On the subject of safety, it was mentioned at our February meeting that a WAPA member was accidentally killed while disconnecting his loaded trailer, which shifted, striking him, which ended tragically. I cannot stress enough the fact that we need to be focused on all aspects of safety at our events.

I am looking forward to our upcoming events this year, sharing stories and visiting with all of you. We always have a great time.

Wishing everyone all the best,

Grant Gemel

Minutes – February 7, 2018

Barbara Gemel, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. By President, Gary Provansal.

Flag Salute led by Grant Gemel

Board members in attendance: Gary Provansal, President, Grant Gemel, V.P., Barbara Gemel, Secretary, Etta Dunn, Treasurer.

Dues Announcement: Members have until the March meeting to pay 2018 dues. Currently dues are \$30.00 per person or \$ 50.00 per couple. \$ 12.00 goes to EDGETA insurance.

Gary discussed combining the board meeting & membership meeting citing that it would be easier to include all members so that there is full disclosure of club issues.

Grant suggested that we have a static tractor display at Tractor Supply in Hesperia in March.

Insurance issues: Gary reviewed the accident claim from the September 2017 Apple Valley event. Explaining that the insurance company was denying the claim based on an amendment which was added into the policy a couple of years ago stating that they do not cover any loss to a participant involved in a parade or other event. It is felt that this clause was put in the policy in an effort to mislead with a broad definition of the word "Participant". Grant is exploring legal options regarding this possible "bad faith" clause.

Paul Dunn said that he talked with George Christmas, President of EDGETA for 45 minutes and he was unaware of changes but did not offer a solution.

Grant said that he checked with Hagerty insurance. For supplemental insurance coverage they quoted him \$65.00 per year per tractor coverage with the stipulation that the tractor be stored in a locked garage. Grant said that he was not concerned about the tractor theft coverage, just wants the liability coverage for transport and during an event.

L.T. Burks and Paul Dunn have also contacted their respective insurance companies to get additional information. Bob Cushman also indicated that he would check with other clubs that he is affiliated with to see what is available. Under some existing auto insurance policies tractors are covered until they are off loaded. Each member needs to know what their policy covers regarding this issue.

New Business: Gary read and discussed proposed changes in the by-laws as follows:

- Adding a Past Presidents position to the board.
- Adding a "Member at Large" position to the board.
- Changing a quorum from 3 to 4 people.
- Give the board power to exempt treasurer from the two-year limit.

Safety: Lance Wilson brought up an incident which a WAPA member was killed while disconnecting his loaded trailer, emphasizing the importance of being safe at all times.

Show and Tell: Lance Wilson brought a Borden's Milk eagle brand bottle from the 30's era. Lance also brought an old Weiss Mfg. receipt book and a bottle of Edison battery oil to share with the members. Again, special thanks to Lance for sharing with the group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gemel, Secretary.

Treasurers Report

Etta Dunn

Each member needs to fill out a new application each year in order to keep accurate records. Our current balance is \$2,994.17. Etta also turned over to Gary the clubs IRS paperwork. Etta also commented that she would like to make a donation to a charity on behalf of the club in remembrance of Gary's mother who passed away last week.

*A farmer and the weather are just alike.
You can't change either one.*

President's Plan

Gary Provansal

Last but not least, we are including some proposed changes to our By-Laws. The intent is to have the membership vote on these proposed changes at the next meeting on March 7th, 2018.

The changes proposed have become evident as the duties and the club membership grows in size and complexity. It is proposed to allow for the extension of the Treasures position of office to be able to exceed the maximum of two years. This is beneficial to the organization to maintain the expertise and consistency in the office to comply with corporate obligations, tax law, and other duties that require specific training and expertise. Also proposed is the addition of a Member at large to the Board to expand the number of duties across a larger group. This position will also provide a sounding board or method for the general membership to communicate their wishes and suggestions as well as complaints to the Board for consideration. The final position would be

to add the position of Past President which will allow a better means of transition in the clubs dealing with the public and for events as we transition leadership after elections. The value of relationships and knowledge gained in holding the office of President is vast and valuable and the Board wishes to continue to benefit from that leadership within the Board and with the community.

Gary –

*Success is not final, failure is not fatal:
it is the courage to continue that counts.
- Winston Churchill*

Proposed By-Law Modifications

Article V Officers

Section 1. Officers and Duties

- A. The officers of the organization shall be President, Vice President, Past President, Member-At-Large, ^{Rev. 1}, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Early Day Tractor & Iron, Inc.
- B. The President shall be the Executive Officer of the corporation.
- C. The Vice President shall be the Executive Officer of the corporation in the absence of the President. Shall perform other duties as may be assigned.
- D. Secretary shall record the minutes of the business of the corporation, archiving such records, and making them available upon request in writing. Shall perform other duties as may be assigned.
- E. Treasurer shall be responsible for financial matters, keeping records, and reporting the financial status of the corporation monthly. Shall perform other duties as may be assigned.

- F. The Safety Director shall be responsible for all risk management matters, reporting at each Board meeting. Shall perform other duties as may be assigned.
- G. The Past President shall be responsible for the transition of organizational business – public content and shall assist in event contacts and public contacts with the organization. Rev.2
- H. The Member-At-Large will be the memberships contact for items of concern from the membership and duties as assigned. Rev.3.

Revisions 3-7-2018, Rev. 1, Rev. 2, and Rev. 3

Section 2. Nomination Procedure, Time of Elections

- A. At the General Member Meeting in September a three-member Nominating Committee shall be elected by the members present. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the Annual Meeting in November.
- B. The nominating committee shall report the candidates for offices at the October General Member Meeting.
- C. At the annual meeting, before the election commences additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted.
- D. Votes shall be tallied by a Tally Committee of members elected by the membership for that specific election.
- E. The Board of Directors may deem the office of Treasurer to exceed two terms. Rev.4

Section 4. Office Holding Limitations

- A. No member may hold more than one elected office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve three consecutive terms in the same elected

office, excepting the office of the Treasurer. Allowance for exception by majority of Board vote shall allow additional years of service to office of Treasurer. Rev.5

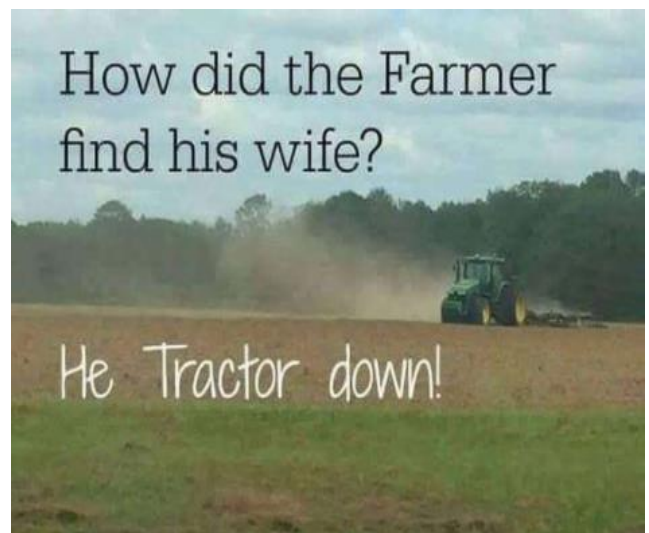
Article VII

Section 1. Board Composition

- A. The Directors shall be the Executive Board, also known as Board.
 - a. A quorum shall be four (4) Rev.6 Board members.

Section 3. Board Meetings

- A. Unless ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the Board shall be as part of the Board and General Members in the months of: January, April, July, and October. Rev.7.
- B. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President **and** shall be called on the written request of four (4) Rev.8 members of the Board.



*Life is like a ten-speed bicycle.
Most of us have gears we never use.
- Charles M. Schulz*

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.



For Sale - International W-6, \$1250.00 OBO
contact Richard Pope at epopr@me.com



For Sale - 1950 International H

Parade Ready with new tires for only \$3950.00
Contact Richard Pope at 760-240-3485

Ads may be submitted each month, free of charge for members. All other ads will be posted for a donation 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

2018 Schedule – In Planning and Open

EDGETA – Branch 242 – Board of Directors

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*All officers and directors are known as Directors and they form the Board of Directors.

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