

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Gary

Provansal

Well, it is here!!! The busy time is about to begin. It starts with Tractor Supply static display providing a draw of customers for TSC and for us an opportunity to show our wares as well as a chance to recruit new members. Before you know it, we will be setting up for the San Bernardino County Fair, a two-week run of fun. Speaking of busy our Board as many of you know, has been expanded by adding two positions. We have added the Past President (Paul Dunn) and a Member At Large (L.T. Burks) to share the load, and they already are hard at work. Paul has taken the lead in researching insurance options for our club along with help from L.T. and Grant. L.T. is busy helping fellow members get ready for the season by lending his expertise and mechanical assistance to several of us. One of Paul's duties is editor of our newsletter and maintaining our website. Other Board members are working on reports to the IRS, State Franchise Tax Board, updating and filing annual reports to the Secretary of State on our Corporation. Much more is going on as well. Normally, it is the Presidents job to motivate the membership and Board, but in our case, my job seems to be trying to keep up with all the things our Membership and Board are doing!

I would like to welcome our new member Bill Karp, who attended his first meeting and brings with him a wealth of knowledge about engines and how to restore them, including making his own parts when they are not available, he also has tractors, even a fire engine. I hope Bill feels a part of our family.

As always, I would be remiss if I didn't say something about safety. Each task you are trying to accomplish requires a plan and most of us do that. Often what we neglect to do is look at the plan and ask ourselves what could go wrong. That simple step can often discover a flaw that we had not considered when we decided how we were going to accomplish a task. I know it has saved me more than a few times. Discover the flaw before it becomes an accident.

Thanks for all you do and see you at the show.

Gary Provansal



**Tractor & Engine Display**

12543 Main St. – Hesperia, CA

Saturday, March 31, 2018

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## Vice President's Message

Grant Gemel

While I remain confident that our Board will find the best solution to our insurance dilemma. I cannot stress the safety issues enough. Pay attention to the condition of your equipment and take the initiative to make any repairs as necessary now instead of later.

We have our upcoming display at Tractor Supply in Hesperia on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Hall Aiken, Store Manager has taken this opportunity to print up flyers to give out to customers announcing our event. I think this event may be our best at Tractor Supply.

We have already received word that the San Bernardino County Fair has asked us back again this year. I encourage the membership to submit any suggestions for improvement that you may have, so this event can really stand out as one of our signature events in the future.

I appreciate the support that all of you have given me. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Grant Gemel

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## Minutes – February 7, 2018

**Barbara Gemel, Secretary**

**Board members present:** Gary Provansal, Grant Gemel, Barbara Gemel, Roger Kindel, Etta Dunn.

**Flag Salute**

**Guest:** Bob Karp introduced himself and told us about his extensive engine and tractor collection.

**Treasurers Report:** We Currently have \$3,404.17 in our account. Members were again reminded that membership applications must be in by March 10<sup>th</sup>, so that the money can be sent in to EDGETA by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Safety:** Roger Kindel again reminded us to make sure our equipment is ready for the upcoming season. Be sure to check your trailers, tire condition, wheel bearings, fire extinguishers, fuel lines, etc.

Gary Provansal brought up the issue of our insurance again. National EDGETA has determined that we are not covered for accidents involving other participants. Which the board is working on resolving.

Paul Dunn mentioned that EDGETA has been around for 40 plus years. Changes have been made slowly throughout the years. Changes have been made to the insurance policy over the years which have not been communicated to the branches. Paul gave the analogy of a football game whereby the participants and spectators are well defined.

We and all of EDGETA need to recognize we need more comprehensive insurance coverage. Assurance was given that the board is working hard to find a better solution. Especially due to running engines. We are currently asking other clubs who their insurance carriers are, and what their insurance covers.

By-Law changes: Changes to the by-laws were presented and approved by the membership. Main changes were:

- Adding the position of Paul Dunn as Past President.
- Adding he position of L.T. Burks as Member at Large.
- Extending the position of Treasurer past the current limit.
- Increase a quorum from three (3) board members to four (4).

**New Business:** We will hold a static display at Tractor Supply Center in Hesperia on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Show and Tell:** Lance Wilson again brought out some items for us to enjoy. The first item was a 1920's era automotive "creeper". Lance also displayed an old volt meter and tire gauge. Also presented was a set of four "Depression Glass" dishes. The green color indicated that uranium was used in manufacturing the glass.

**Next Meeting April 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Gemel, Secretary

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## Treasurers Report

Etta Dunn

Each member needs to fill out a new application for our records and should have been submitted with your dues. Our current balance is \$3,404.17. The close of our books is at the end of our physical year March 31, 2018 to meet California and Federal filing requirements.

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*The secret of getting ahead is getting started.*  
- Mark Twain

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## New Members – Welcome!

Bill Karp – Phelan  
Sharon Witter - Hesperia

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*Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory.*  
- George S. Patton

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## Tractor Safety

**Check Your Surroundings:** Before moving a tractor, you should be sure the area is clear. An unseen child or adult near the tractor is at risk of being run over. Children should not be permitted to play where tractors and other machinery are running. You should always drive tractors at a safe speed, especially near populated areas.

**Read Operator's Manual:** We often rely on repair methods taught to us by our parents and grandparents without reading the operator's manual.

Be familiar with the safety features of your tractor and any heavy equipment before using. Have you lost your manual or never had one? [Find the tractor manual for the model you need.](#)

**Maintenance and Repairs:** It's critical to keep your tractor current with safety features as they become available. This includes stability, tractor safety decals, operator comfort and control and protection from other hazards. Guided by your operator's manual, set up a daily maintenance routine to check:

- Engine oil and hydraulic fluid levels
- Radiator coolant level
- Brakes and brake fluid
- Tire pressure
- Fan belts

Check to ensure implements are secure and properly connected. Check carefully for hydraulic leaks by using a piece of cardboard or wood rather than your hands.

#### **Wear Appropriate Attire**

Loose-fitting clothing is easily caught in the moving parts of tractors and other equipment. Wear fitted pants, tuck in any loose shirt tails, and avoid wearing scarves when working on or around machinery. Protect your feet by wearing sturdy work shoes or boots with non-skid soles and steel toe caps. Heavy work gloves and safety glasses may also be useful when working with machinery.

#### **Mount and Dismount Tractor Safely**

Many tractor-related injuries occur because of falling while mounting or dismounting the steps of the tractor. The steps on the tractor should be used like the steps of a ladder; either two hands and one foot or one hand and two feet should be in contact at all times. Be sure your pant cuffs or boot loops are clear of the pedals when you exit the tractor to prevent tripping or falling.

#### **Avoid By-Pass Starting**

Avoid starting a tractor or equipment while standing outside the cab or on the ground. An operator who starts a tractor while standing on the ground cannot be sure if the transmission is in neutral or park. When a manual transmission is in gear when the engine is started, the tractor could run over the operator because the tractor will start moving as soon as the engine turns over. If your tractor does not have a shield covering the starter motor, retro-fit shields are available to prevent by-pass starting. This shield

should not be removed from the starter motor except when servicing the starter motor, then replaced immediately.

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*In times of great stress or adversity, it's always best to keep busy, to plow your anger and your energy into something positive.*

*- Lee Iacocca*

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month to [pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org](mailto:pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org).

## Calendar of Planned Events

**2018 Schedule** – In Planning and Open

**March 31, 2018** – Tractor Supply Center – Hesperia

## EDGETA – Branch 242 – Board of Directors

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