

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Gary Provansal

Well here it is, already April and for most of us, the sun is beginning to make us want to be outside. For those that come from the farm better get your fields in order it's time to grow things, for the rest of us, it's time to start pulling the weeds before they get bigger than we are. Branch 242 had its first show on March 31st at Tractor Supply, and all had a good time and even signed up two new members, Robert Oliveira and Robert Wicherts. A big welcome to our new members.

Winter is for the repair and maintenance of our tractors, motors, and pieces of the past to show in the spring. We all had great intentions of doing just that but as the cold set in and the days got shorter somehow the time just got away, and I know most of us, myself-included have a lot of work to do, let's "get her done" it's show time!! The County Fair is just a stone's throw away May 19th through May 28th. There are two days off during that time Tuesday the 22nd and Wednesday the 23rd. We will be contacting members on what they will bring, and when they can help staff our displays. Please give it all you can. This is our BIG ONE. We are the only club to be asked to represent our hobby and a chance to visit with the thousands of people a day who venture to the fair. It is a fun time and a a lot of work, but I wouldn't miss a day, where else can you have greasy food and watch pig races all day? It is also time for my SAFETY REMINDER for the month.

Several of us use straps to secure our loads on our trailers. That is ok if you are using load rated straps and are staying within the load limits of the strap, BUT, how old are your straps? How sun damaged or weather damaged are they? Is there chaffing damage on the material? Beginning to have doubts on how strong that strap really is? Are you sure that tractor or motor will stay on the trailer if you have to swerve or brake hard to avoid someone else's dumb move? Check those straps, replace them with a higher rating if you can find it, you don't want that tractor in the bed of your truck or worse. Please routine is not your friend, when we do something many times it becomes routine, which is another way of saying habit, which is another way of saying without thinking! Better

check everything, ask yourself what could go wrong and try to prevent that from happening. Try to maintain a presence of mind while doing the task even if you have done it a thousand times. If, in fact, if you have done it a thousand times, you are probably taking dangerous short cuts, it's human nature and we all do it. Let us all be mindful and safe and have a fun show season. We can't do it without you.

Gary Provansal

Tractor Safety



Is NOT Childs Play

Vice President's Message

Grant Gemel

I had a great time at our Tractor Supply static display on March 31st. It felt great to get out and display our Tractors and Engines after the long winter break.

A special thanks to all who participated. I would also like to recognize Lance Wilson, Gary Provansal and Bill Karp, who all shared a "special item" at the April monthly meeting. Sharing history is what we do as an organization. I feel privileged to serve in our club.

I hope everyone enjoys some good rest the next four weeks as the San Bernardino County Fair will start on May 19th, running through May 30th. We will be sending out "sign up" sheets in the next few weeks. I encourage everyone to participate as much as possible.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Grant Gemel

Minutes – March 4, 2018

Barbara Gemel, Secretary

Board Members Present: Gary Provansal, Grant Gemel, Barbara Gemel, Etta Dunn, Paul Dunn

Flag Salute

Gary welcomed our newest members Robert and Linda Oliveria, Bill and Colleen Karp, Pastor Bob Wicherts, as Club Chaplin.

Gary Provansal: Said that we had a good day at Tractor Supply, gained two new members.

Grant Gemel: Said that we had a good time at Tractor Supply was hoping for more visitors. We weren't thinking about the holiday weekend.

Treasurers Report: We Currently have \$3,302.19 in our account, after we paid \$312.00 in dues to EDGETA. We meanwhile have 28 members, including 6 new members since January. The end of the fiscal year was March 31st. Etta Dunn will take care of federal compliance.

Safety: Safety officer was absent. Gary said that there were no safety issues at Tractor Supply. Gary again reminded everyone to check their tractor and trailer brakes. Making sure that they are using the correct ball size, etc. Always ask, "What could go wrong?"

Unfinished/Old business: Gary Provansal brought up the issue of our insurance again. Reminding everyone that our insurance does not cover anything until you unload your tractor / engine at a sanctioned event. An analogy was given about a band member. At what point does he become a spectator when he walks over to his family watching on the sidewalk.

We reviewed the by-law changes notably that L.T. Burks was appointed as "Member at Large."

An order sheet was passed around for long-sleeve shirts. Paul Dunn also stated that "Tee" shirts and hats are always available from him.

The San Bernardino County Fair has asked us back this year. The Fair will be from May 19th through the 28th. The Fair is closed May 22nd and May 23rd.

Also mentioned is the EDGETA National Show June 29 and 30th, sponsored by Branch 107 in Kansas City, Kansas.

Opportunity Drawing: Won this month by New Member, Robert Oliveira.

Show and Tell: Bill Karp shared a photo of him on a tractor when he was 5 years old. Lance Wilson shared a 1925 era garden hose nozzle which was all brass. Lance also shared a hand washing bucket and handle. (unknown year) Gary shared an 1860 era "Camera Lucida."

Next Meeting will be Wednesday May 2nd.

Meeting was adjourned by Gary at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Gemel, Secretary.

Treasurers Report

Etta Dunn

Our current balance, as of 3/31/2018 is \$3,302.19. The close of our books is at the end of our physical year March 31, 2018 to meet California and Federal filing requirements.

*A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower*



More than Tractors at Tractors Supply

New Members – Welcome!

Robert Oliveira – Victorville

Robert Wicherts - Hesperia

***Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.
Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.
- Helen Keller***

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Calendar of Planned Events

May 19 thru 28th – San Bernardino County Fair - Victorville

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