

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Gary Provansal

Want to buy something you don't want ..... BUT everyone needs?

That's just what your Board is getting ready to do! What the heck are you guys up to now?

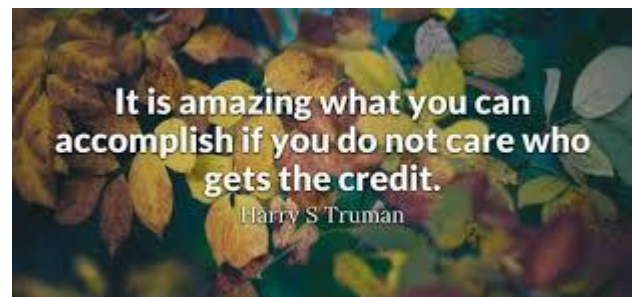
We are very close to closing a deal on our new General Liability Insurance. The complete set of details are almost finalized and will be released as soon as we sign the deal. Why are we doing this you ask? Well, here is the deal. Your family savings, maybe your house or business is at risk! You may be subject to a law suit with no legal representation except for one you provide at your own expense! We and you are not covered by insurance if you have an accident involving another member of Branch 242 or another member of EDGETA even if you are participating in a club sanctioned event! You are not covered if you are involved in an accident if it involves someone participating in any of the parades or events that we participate in. If your tractor hits someone in the parade, you are not covered, if I run over your big toe, and you are now limp for the rest of your life, you are not covered nor am I. What is the recourse for any of these occurrences you ask? A Civil law suit is the only way to settle the issue, and it will be filed against you personally. I know that many of you will find this as a shock and may be in disbelief, but it is all true and worse, yet it is occurring as I write this. As your President, I believe that as part of being one of the leadership teams of Branch 242, I am responsible for the safety of its membership. This responsibility requires a strong safety training program, active safety meeting prior to events, and robust safety monitoring during events but when the inconceivable happens, I am also responsible for the financial safety of our membership as much as possible and professionally reasonable. This my friends, is why we as your management team, are hard at work to reasonably and professionally protect our membership with a million dollar per occurrence general liability insurance policy that will cover the events described above. I am not sure, but I think we would have to look very hard in our organization as a member who would not be devastated by a million-dollar law suit hand-delivered to their front door! The

management team of Branch 242 is responsible for your safety, and we will meet that responsibility in a responsible fiscal manor and understand that increased fees are a friend of no one. We will strive to balance the cost vs. the risk to you and your family. We believe that the cost at this point is less than 30 dollars per member. Just try to find a million-dollar auto liability policy for 30 dollars a year if anyone needs it put in a different perspective. Please forgive my direct way of writing this and its frank tone, but I owe you the straight story, no fake news here. The Boards responsibility and dedication are heartfelt and are dedicated to it memberships wellbeing while sharing of fun and toys without sacrificing your financial safety. If you have any questions or have any issues with any of this information, please drop me a note at [gprovansal@yahoo.com](mailto:gprovansal@yahoo.com) or call me at 909.855.6152 and I will be more than glad to discuss this issue or any other issue with you. Please know that I appreciate your strong support and opinions.

Yours in Service,

Gary Provansal

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## Safety First

### Prevent Rollovers

Rollovers account for a large majority of tractor fatalities and can happen in a matter of seconds. There are two types of rollovers: a rearward rollover and a sideways rollover. A rearward rollover occurs when a tractor tips to the rear when the rear wheels cannot rotate enough to move the machine forward. A sideways rollover can happen when a tractor turns too sharply or on too steep of an incline. - The wider the tractor, the more stable the machine is.

## Vice President's Message

Grant Gemel

It's that time of the year again! Our biggest event, the San Bernardino County Fair is upon us. The Fair will run from May 19<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>. We receive a lot of exposure for our club at this event. We need everyone's participation!

Please check your calendars noting that Tuesday May 22 and Wednesday May 23 the Fair will be closed. This makes this an 8-day event. In the next week, I will send an e-mail asking for dates and times that the members will be available to participate. If you can only come out for part of the day that's fine also. Any help will be appreciated!

The Fair will provide 24-hour security throughout the entire event. Plan on bringing out your tractors and engines to display.

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

Grant Gemel

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## Minutes – March 4, 2018

**Barbara Gemel**  
Secretary

**Board members present:** Gary Provansal, Grant Gemel, Paul Dunn, Etta Dunn, L.T. Burks. Absent: Barbara Gemel, Roger Kindel.

### Flag Salute

**Gary Provansal:** Gary welcomed Mark Bergthold, thanking him for his generous donation of a "Farmall themed" mailbox for our opportunity drawing.

**Grant Gemel:** Brought up our upcoming event at the San Bernardino County Fair. Passed out sample sign-up sheets. There will be security at the event. If you cannot come out for a full day sign-up for part of the day. All participation will be appreciated.

**Treasurers Report:** We Currently have \$3,333.17 in our account. Etta also said that she finished our association's compliance for 2018 with the Franchise Tax Board and IRS. We very much appreciate Etta's efforts in this area.

**Safety:** Gary discussed an accident, including photos which recently occurred involving a John Deere tractor which came "out of gear" on a hillside. Gary reviewed factors such as uphill travel, side hill roll overs, effects of wheel weights, etc. Gary stressed the point of "don't make jumping off the tractor your plan".

**Unfinished/Old/ New business:** Paul Dunn reported on the progress he has made on our on-going insurance concerns. He reported that we are in the process of securing supplemental insurance for our club. The cost of the insurance will be \$641.00 per year. Paul again reiterated that our insurance starts after your tractor is unloaded from the trailer. A motion was made 1st by Bob Cushman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by L.T. Burks to approve the insurance payment which was unanimously approved.

**Gary Provansal:** Discussed the San Bernardino County Fair, Phelan Phamily Phun days, Oct 5,6,7. Which was approved by the membership. Apple Valley Village Summer Street Fair June 16<sup>th</sup>. Vista Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum Show June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Show and Tell:** Lance Wilson. Lance brought to share a Kerosene Iron Heater and a "Mrs. Potts Sad Iron" as well as assorted glass bottles which once contained battery oil and Hires Household Extract.

Bill Karp passed around a flyer from the Tulare Show which he attended. Special thanks to Lance and Bill for sharing.

**Next Meeting:** Will be Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned by Gary at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Gemel, Secretary.

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## Treasurers Report

Etta Dunn

Our current balance, as of 4/30/2018 is \$3,333.17. All outstanding debts have been paid.

Collected was \$50.00 in the club donation drawing.

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## Did You Know?



International Harvester also built **Cubs** for Europe at a factory in St. Dizier, France starting in 1955. The IH tractors were affectionately dubbed the **French Cub**. Over 245,000 **Cubs** were manufactured between 1947 and 1981, making the **Cub** the most popular small tractor in history.

*“Predicting rain doesn’t count.  
Building arks does.”  
- Warren Buffet*

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## 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](mailto:pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org).

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](mailto:pdunn@EarlyDayTractorIron.org).

## Calendar of Planned Events

**May 19<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup>** – San Bernardino County Fair – Victorville

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** - Apple Valley Summer Street Fair

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Lucerne Valley Parade

**October 5-7<sup>th</sup>** - Phelan Phamily Pun Days

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