

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Gary Provansal

Well, summer is here! With a kind of a vengeance, it has been a little "warm" lately making life a little more difficult for us old timers, but we must move along. Moving along is what we have been doing. In June, we were invited to Branch 30's Fire Up, and Swap Meet, they did a great job as always. Several of our membership showed up and bought motors and even a Gibson Tractor. P.S. Paul bought the Gibson. They don't have a steering wheel, but instead they have a lever that goes forward and backward (the stick), be careful around Paul; he needs more "stick" time. It takes some time to get used to that one, Fun times with fun people, that is what it is all about. Thanks Bob Hanson (President of Branch 30) for the invite.

July 4th it was parade time in Lucerne. This Parade is always a fun time, almost the entire town either in the parade or lining the streets celebrating the event. Our Club took first place in our class this year thanks to great participation from our membership and hard work decorating. Most of our families attended and drove tractors or rode in the 48 GMC bed on hay bales.

Our next event is attending and displaying tractors and running motors at the Silver Lakes American Legions Family Evening Under The Stars event in Helendale. The event is scheduled for July 28th, 6-10 PM. We need to be there by 5 to unload and set up. They are expecting plenty of people, and it should draw a good portion of the areas' towns people.

There will be food vendors and classic cars, and they will turn on the lights for us, so you know it will be a big deal!! The event will be at the Soccer Field where they have the Mojave Days event. Please try to be there to join Branch 30 and show our support.

So, no moss grows on us, the next day several of the Clubs members are going to Vista California for the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum's Auction that starts Sunday morning at 9 AM. Bring your trailers you never know what you may find that you "NEED" to bring home!! Be there early so you can check out what is there and develop your attack plan, my plan is to send my brother out there the day before to scout for me and "mark my territory." You must register for a bid card before the auction, so you can bid, there is no charge for the bid card, there are buyer's fees that vary on what category you are bidding on so check them out at the registration desk.

I think that brings us to August, yep August already, I don't know where the time goes, but it starts with our next Board and General Membership meeting August 1st, Dinner at 6 PM, meeting at 7 PM. Then we have the National Night Out display of tractors and motors 5 PM to 8 PM. We need to be there at 3:30 to set up, PLEASE NOTE: This year we have changed the venue that we are attending. We have in the past attended Victorville's event but this year we are going to Hesperia Civic Park where we hope to display to a more local group and expect that as in past years, an event that draws more visitors.

That's it for now, plenty to follow in the coming months. Stay well, keep a smile, see you very soon.

Yours in Service,

Gary Provansal

***"Don't be afraid to make a mistake;
your readers might like it."
- William Randolph Hurst***



Vice President's Message

Grant Gemel

As we are coming to our busiest time of the year. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. We have lots of activities planned for the rest of the year.

Our first event will be Saturday July 28th. Bob Hanson from branch # 30 has invited us to attend an event in Helendale. The American legion is hosting an "Evening under the Stars" at Helendale park. All tractors and engines are welcome. This is a club sanctioned event, so make plans to attend.

This past Thursday, I finalized our plans with the city of Hesperia to attend National Night out on August 7th from 5PM until 8PM at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park located next to city hall off Seventh St in Hesperia. We will meet at the park at 3:30 PM so that we can unload safely and be ready for the event by 5PM. Hope to see everyone there.

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

Grant Gemel

Minutes – July 11, 2018

Board Members present: Gary Provansal, Grant Gemel, Paul Dunn, Barbara Gemel, L.T. Burks.

Call to Order: Gary Provansal

Flag Salute: Led by Gary

Gary Provansal: Gary welcomed everyone and thanked those who participated in the Lucerne Valley Parade. We had a good time and always a good event.

Grant Gemel: Grant thanked everyone for their participation in the Lucerne Valley 4th of July parade.

Grant also said that we won the 1st place trophy for our category in the parade. Also, we will attend the Hesperia National Night out instead of the Victorville event this year.

Treasurers Report: We Currently have \$2,753.17 in our account. One new member (Gary's Son) so this balance will increase next month.

Safety Officer: Gary announced that this position is still open. Gary will cover the position in the meantime. Everyone did a great job being safe at the 4th of July parade; assisting each other, spotted and checked loads prior to leaving. Despite participant/spectators throwing candy and squirting water. L.T. Burks was nominated to the safety officer position. A discussion was held regarding the use of straps vs chains to secure loads on our trailers. L.T. stressed the importance of knowing the weight rating of the straps or chains you are using.

New Business: Gary Provansal reiterated that we are still keeping our EDGETA insurance coverage. The insurance is good for acts and omissions (Board coverage etc.)

Gary said that we will need to increase dues by approximately \$22.00 per year for each member starting next year (2019). This amount may change due to membership numbers changing each year. Gary also stated that the membership needs to be aware that it must be a club #242 sanctioned event to have the additional coverage.

Upcoming Events: Hesperia National Night Out: August 7th at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park 5-8 PM. We all should arrive at 3:30 PM.

Bob Hanson at branch #30 invited us to the American Legion's "Evening Under the Stars" from 6-10 PM. July 28th. Paul made a motion to approve the event which was 2nd by Gary and was approved as a sanctioned event for insurance purposes.

Hesperia Day's Parade: September TBA Lions Club will host this year.

Apple Valley Happy Trails Parade: Usually in September TBA unless it conflicts with Hesperia Days.

Phelan Family Phun Days: October 5,6 & 7, 2018. We have invited branch #65 to join us in this event.

Flabob Event: Scheduled for November 10, 2018. 9 AM to 4 PM.

Victorville Christmas Parade: TBA

Club Christmas Party: TBA

Opportunity Drawing: Bill Karp won the drawing and graciously donated the proceeds to the Club.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday August 1, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned by Gary at 8:15 P.M.

Barbara Gemel, Secretary

*“Every skill you acquire
doubles our odds of success.”*

- Dilbert

Treasurers Report

Etta Dunn

Our current balance, as of 6/30/2018 is \$2,765.17. All outstanding debts have been paid. Cash in transit \$40.00. Lucerne Valley entry fee of \$10.00

Collected was \$45.00 in an opportunity donation drawing.

*“Don’t you wish there was a knob
on the TV to turn up the intelligence?*

*There is one for ‘Brightness,’
but it doesn’t work.”*

- Gallagher

Lucerne Valley 4th of July Parade

Early Day Tractor & Iron was awarded **First Place** in the tractor class. The trophy is recognition of the efforts by all to prepare their entry, the loading, unloading, and participation, only to go through the effort all over again to drive home. Ask Gary Provansal about the 3 hour drive each way.

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Calendar of Planned Events

Hesperia Parade – TBA

Apple Valley Parade – TBA

October 5-7th - Phelan Phun Days

November 10 - Flabob Veteran Event

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