

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Gary Provansal

Well now it's August and it's still hot! Maybe I'm just getting old, well ok not maybe, but it gets hard to do serious work out there when it gets like this. We all need to take care of ourselves and put on our hats, use sun block, and drink plenty of water when we are working and displaying our stuff. By the time you feel the bad effects of the heat it is too late, and you can't properly recover, if you are lucky, until the next day. Paul got some of those things that go around your neck. You soak them in water, and they retain it causing evaporative cooling that really helps reduce your body temp. Drink more water the day before to start the next day well hydrated and not behind the curve. Some of our meds affect our ability to withstand the high temps as well as caffeine drinks. Our last event on the 29th of July was Helendale, we had a nice showing of motors and tractors even as the temperature hit 109 degrees, we all had a good time and made it home without incident. Thank you to all that participated and thank you to Bob Hanson (President of Branch 30) for the invite.

As most of you know by now, we lost one of our own last month with the passing of Bob Oliveira on July 22. Bob was one of our newest members and will most certainly be missed. I met Bob at Tractor Supply where he signed up this year. He was looking forward to getting his tractor back in shape and joined in our events. It took about 30 seconds for Bob to fit right in and become a valued member. Our condolences go out to Linda, Bob's wife, their family, and friends for their loss. Bob will be missed by all.

At the meeting, it was discussed that EDGETA will be providing "participant" insurance as part of the EDGETA membership and a membership fee increase will be added to cover the charge for the insurance. The Board of Branch 242 has decided to take no action at this time regarding our membership fee increase for our liability insurance that was recently purchased for our members. We will have time prior to the expiration of our policy to evaluate what EDGETA will be providing. After the EDGETA policy is evaluated the Board will decide to keep our policy or transition to EDGETA's policy if it is satisfactory.

Our next event is the National Night Out in Hesperia on August 7th. We have attended Victorville's event in years past and have decided to try Hesperia's event this year. Our next event after this will be in September at the Hesperia Parade so we will have a little break to get those pesky motors that don't start running and take care of the items on the list for the tractors and yes, the Honey Do list. Stay well, stay young, and keep smiling.

Yours in-service

Gary Provansal

***"We owe a lot to Thomas Edison –
If it wasn't for him, we'd be
watching television by candlelight"
- Milton Berle***



Vice President's Message

Grant Gemel

Since I am late in writing this month. I would like to thank everyone who attended the Helendale "Night Out Under the Stars" and Hesperia's National Night Out event. It was a bit warm at both events, but we fared well, especially at the Hesperia event where we had shade trees and a good public turnout. I'm especially proud of the fact that everyone stuck together and helped each other out loading and unloading tractors/engines.

Our next event will be the Hesperia Days Parade, which will be held Saturday September 15, 2018. This has historically been a good parade, and I encourage as many as possible to attend. I will have the meeting time and location at the upcoming September meeting. I plan to stay as cool as possible in the meantime, hope everyone else does as well.

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

Grant Gemel

Minutes – August 1, 2018

Board members present: Gary Provansal, Grant Gemel, Paul Dunn, Etta 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 Helendale event. Gary said that everyone assisted each other, spotted and checked loads prior to leaving.

Grant Gemel: Grant thanked everyone for their participation in the Helendale event and said that we are scheduled for the Hesperia National Night Out on Tuesday August 7, 2018.

Treasurers report: Etta Dunn. We currently have \$2,828.17 plus \$75.00 minus \$12.00 payment to EDGETA for new member.

Safety Officer: Gary reported that there were no problems or incidents at the Helendale event. L.T. Burks has been appointed as our safety officer. We

further discussed the issue of using chains versus straps on trailers.

Unfinished Business: Gary announced possible change in by-laws. If upon review of EDGETA'S additional insurance covering participants, we feel we can accept their policy as adequate for our needs. We may elect to go with their insurance coverage for the \$5.00 additional for each member. Instead of the proposed \$22.00 per member starting next year.

The next event will be Hesperia Days Parade in September.

A Discussion was held regarding different locations for our annual Christmas party.

Bob Cushman Mentioned that he looked into the Silver Lakes location which was much appreciated. Bob said that the community room at Silver Lakes charges \$ 35.00 per hour. With a 3- hour minimum, with a 30% discount for 501 C3 associations.

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

Hesperia Days Parade: Will be held on Saturday September 15th, 2018.

Bob Oliveira: With great sadness Gary announced that Bob Oliveira passed away this last month. The club sent a card and potted plant with our condolences to Linda and their family.

Show and Tell: Lance Wilson shared a Mouse Trap and a Lawn Mower (Monta Mower) from the 1930's era. Also shared a 1972 Tractor supply catalog and an old coffee grinder. Roger Meeker also shared a Starter Current Indicator. Our thanks to Lance and Roger for bringing out items to share.

Next Meeting will be September 5, 2018

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Barbara Gemel, Secretary

*"Every skill you acquire
doubles our odds of success."*

- Dilbert

Treasurers Report

Etta Dunn

Our current balance, as of 7/31/2018 is \$2828.17. All outstanding debts have been paid.

Outstanding \$97.94.



Hesperia National Night Out



Before traveling on public roads remember:

- Lock brake pedals.
- Adjust mirrors for good vision.
- Make sure that all warning flashers, lights, and SMV emblems are in proper operating condition, clean, and easily visible.
- Check tire inflation pressures. Inflate the tires to the maximum recommended pressure for long distance travel.
- Check the wheels to see if the bolts are tight.
- Make sure the tractor is balanced properly.

When pulling onto a public road, use a wide shoulder if available. If the shoulder is not wide enough, stay on the road. Allow extra time to reach full speed. Tractors do not accelerate rapidly, especially when towing equipment.

Safety Signs and Lighting:

- **SMV Sign** - With the mounted point up, place the sign on the vehicle 2-6 feet above the ground. Place the sign as near to rear center as possible.

When traveling on public roads:

- Watch for pot holes or obstacles that could tip the tractor.
- Listen for cars. Often vehicles will rapidly approach from the rear at 3 to 4 times the speed of the tractor.
- Stay alert all times to avoid a serious accident.
- Keep a constant lookout for pedestrians, animals, and road obstacles.
- Slow down for sharp curves.
- Slow down when going down a hill.

***“Without promotion
something terrible happens ...
nothing!”
- P.T. Barnum***

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Ferguson 1955 TO-35

A rare runner. - Paul Dunn 760.956.6460

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Calendar of Planned Events

September 15th - Hesperia Parade

September 29th - Apple Valley Parade

October 5-7th - Phelan Phun Days

November 10th - Flabob Veteran Event

December - Party

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