

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Gary Provansal

It has been a year already that we held our elections for Branch 242. That time came again at our last meeting on November 7th. The existing Board of Officers ran on an unopposed slate, there were no write in candidates and the vote was unanimous. The current Board will be serving you again this year. I want to say thank you for the vote of confidence and I as well as the other members will again do our best to make your experience with Branch 242 enjoyable.

I have four goals this year that I would like to accomplish. The first goal is to make sure we have another year of safe events and to have more fun when doing it. The second goal is to increase our membership once again this year. Third is to prepare our membership for a position on the Board as elections will sneak up on us, and we need to be prepared to fill the slate with new officers. As you know, per our bylaws, we can only hold the same office for two consecutive years, this will mean a complete change in Board positions. The final goal is to settle the law suit against Branch 242, as a cross complaint in the Harrison vs. Gemel suit.

As of this writing, we are awaiting Chubb Insurance's decision regarding our acts and omissions policy coverage and our representation. We have 60 days to file a response. If Chubb denies coverage, we will secure an attorney to answer the complaint and determine our options to file against this and other lack of coverage issues that have resulted in the current situation.

Now for the good news we have one more event, the Victorville parade December 1st, more info to follow.

We will be having our Christmas party on December 15th beginning at 1 PM to 4 PM, see Grants message for location etc. Please come and spend some time with friends and enjoy some good food, this will be a pay at the door restaurant dinner in a private room, no clean up, no cooking, just friends, family, kids, and food.

Please note There will be no meeting in December, we will return to our normal schedule on January 2nd, 2019. Speaking of good times, we had a great turn out for the Flabob Veterans Day event. We had a few

breakdowns, but all had a great time. It is always a good day at Flabob. Thank you all for your hard work on this event as well as the past year and thanks again for the support to the entire Board to continue for another year.

Yours in-service,

Gary Provansal

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***“Long-range planning . . . does not deal with future decisions, but with the futurity of present decisions.”***

***- Peter Drucker***

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**Veteran's Day at Flabob**

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## Vice President's Message

Grant Gemel

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank the membership for all the support you have given me the past year. I look forward to another great year in 2019.

We still have one event and the party before the year ends. December 1<sup>st</sup> is the annual Victorville Christmas parade. I will send out additional information as to the time and where to meet. This year's Christmas party will be held on

Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Wood Grill Buffet at Main and Topaz streets in Hesperia. Remember we are having our Christmas party in lieu of our December Meeting. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and all the best in the new year.

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

Grant Gemel

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## Minutes

### Board members present:

Gary Provansal, Paul Dunn, Etta Dunn, Grant Gemel, L.T. Burks.

**Call to Order:** Gary Provansal

**Flag Salute:** Led by Gary

**Gary Provansal:** Gary welcomed everyone and re-introduced Christian Valenzuela a recent new member to the club.

**Grant Gemel:** Grant talked about the upcoming Flabob event which will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Parking passes were handed out and told everyone the directions to the event.

**Treasurers Report:** Our total balance this month is \$2,826.23 Total membership is currently at 34.

**Safety:** Gary reminded members to please watch out for your fellow members. Assist them in spotting, unloading and loading. While it seems to be a help assisting others to secure their loads **REMEMBER THE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SECURE LOAD REMAINS WITH THE DRIVER.** Thank you, folks, for taking safety personally and seriously. Remember if you have any safety concerns, please contact LT Burks, myself or any Board Member.

### Unfinished Business:

**By-Law Amendments:** Discussion on membership fee due to insurance cost. Change By-Laws to reflect membership costs beginning in 2019 to be raised by \$22.00 for all categories. This is to pay for the new insurance. NOTE: We (your board) will place a hold on the By-Law changes until we review the EDGETA policy.

Gary announced that we would continue to monitor EDGETA's plan to provide participant insurance to the membership in the upcoming year. We will not make any changes in our policy coverage until such time as we have the opportunity to evaluate the coverage that will be provided by EDGETA to assure our members proper protection.

EDGETA has published the letter concerning their plans to provide insurance to our membership covering fellow members against each other as well as participants not participating as a member but participating in the same event such as a parade. We will provide a copy of the letter in our newsletter. This will NOT result in any changes regarding our insurance at this time. When the new EDGETA policy becomes available, we will consider our options.

**New Business:** Elections for 2019 were held and the election committee announced that the current Board was unanimously voted in for the next year.

Speaking about insurance, we will be adding our complete insurance policy on our website for all to see to avoid any misunderstandings within our membership on what our insurance is and what it covers.

**Lawsuit: Gary** Early Day Tractor and Iron as well as our past president have been served with a lawsuit in a cross complaint from the Harrison vs Gemel Case. We have about another 60 days to respond to the suit. Our Insurance company Chubb has sent the claim to the underwriters for a determination of coverage by our acts and omissions policy to defend all of us. We may in the end have to seek separate representation as we may have to file against EDGETA and Mid-Continent group insurance. More to follow as this all unfolds. I have been in communication with Chubb and await their decision.

### Upcoming Events:

Victorville Christmas Parade. Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our Club Christmas party will be held at the Wood Grill Buffet in Hesperia on December 15<sup>th</sup>. 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

**Show and Tell:** Lance Wilson shared a 1918 Dazey butter churn along with a Goodell "double cherry pitter" from the 1890's era. Lance also brought a 1938 Scott Bolton LTD. Botanical Brewers liquor jug. Again, a special thanks to Lance for sharing his wealth of collectibles.

Roger Kindel won the John Deere hat. Paul Dunn won the three tractor magazines in the opportunity drawing.

**Note: There will not be a December club meeting as we will be attending our Club Christmas party.**

Next scheduled club meeting will be Wednesday Jan 2, 2019. Everyone have a happy holiday season.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM by Gary.

Barbara Gemel, Secretary

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## Treasurers Report

Etta Dunn

Our current balance, as of 10/30/2018 is \$2826.23.

**Income:** Meeting Proceeds = \$20.00, and new Member = \$30.00

**Disbursed:** EDGETA = \$150.00 Refundable Deposit, for Wood Grill.

All outstanding check for Secretary of State \$20.00.

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## Tips for Driving with a Trailer

Take time to practice before driving on main roads and never allow anyone to ride in or on the trailer. Before you leave, remember to check routes and restrictions on bridges and tunnels. Consider the following safety tips each time you drive with a trailer.

### General Handling

- Verify that towing vehicle is adequate and that it and the trailer have required brakes.
- Use the driving gear that the manufacturer recommends for towing.
- Drive at moderate speeds. This will place less strain on your tow vehicle and trailer. Trailer instability (sway) is more likely to occur as speed increases.
- Avoid sudden stops and starts that can cause skidding, sliding, or jackknifing.

- Avoid sudden steering maneuvers that might create sway or undue side force on the trailer.
- Slow down when traveling over bumpy roads, railroad crossings, and ditches.
- Make wider turns at curves and corners. Because your trailer's wheels are closer to the inside of a turn than the wheels of your tow vehicle, they are more likely to hit or ride up over curbs.
- To control swaying caused by air pressure changes and wind buffeting when larger vehicles pass from either direction, release the accelerator pedal to slow down and keep a firm grip on the steering wheel.

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***"A good picture is equivalent to a good deed."***  
**- Vincent Van Gogh**

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## FLABOB Veteran's Day Line Up

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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).

#### Ford Golden Jubilee

A clean straight runner. – Paul Dunn 760.956.6460

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Contact Bill Karp at 760-553-4267



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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

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** – Victorville Parade  
**December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Party at Wood Grill

## EDGETA – Branch 242 – Board of Directors

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