

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Gary Provansal

Happy New Year!!! We took a vote and this year will be a Great Year, thought you would like to know as many were wondering. Keeping you all up to date we have had Internet troubles, we were attacked (Russians?) and it took Paul Dunn many hours of midnight oil to get it all running again so for those that don't know the elections were counted and announced at the November meeting. The vote was unanimous, and the past Board was elected to serve another year. We have a two-term limit so any of you interested let us know, and we will mentor you for a future office. We are also looking for any wisdom and or suggestions for changes, new things, or whatever. Please let us know what you would like to see.

Our Christmas dinner was set up by Etta Dunn and Nicky Kindel at a local restaurant and was a great success. In fact, the membership voted in January to make the same arrangements for this year.

The law suit continues and Chubb insurance; our insurance carrier for Acts and Omission's insurance through EDGE&TA denied coverage, so we are working through our options for potential cross claims or other actions.

On a happier note, it is winter and time to take on a new motor/tractor or whatever to restore. Time to take on the repairs from the show season, time to perform the maintenance needed from all that run time over the last show year. Don't forget that trailer, look at the welds, check the tires and brakes and safety chains. While doing all of this, please do it safely. Most of us have at least 9 fingers and one good eye left, let's keep it that way.

Please as you use your heaters in the shop remember if they are unvented you need to provide plenty of fresh air while running the heater. Heaters that burn something produce carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide. Both gases cannot be smelled or tasted, at best you will get a headache at worst you may wake up DEAD. Read the instructions on ventilation of your heater!!! Also, remember that gasoline fumes are heavier than air, they travel unseen along the ground until they find a source of ignition (your heater) then boom/fire. Shut off the heater before pouring fuel of

any type, keep your heater 2 to 3 feet off the ground in a stable manor to lessen the possibility that flammable fumes will get to the heat source. Therefore, they require your water heater in the garage must be located at least 2 feet off the ground. Remember if you have that water heater in your garage/shop it is a source of ignition for those flammable fumes such as fuel, starting fluid, spray paint, batteries being charged, etc.

The entire Board is looking forward to serving another year and as your President, I thank you for the vote of confidence, once again. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Let's have a inordinate and safe year with fun toys and great friends.

Yours in-service,

Gary Provansal

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*"It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech."*

*- Mark Twain*

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## Vice President's Message

Grant Gemel

With the new year upon us, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of not only myself, but our organization. I feel privileged to serve with such great people.

I know I'm going to try to enjoy the next couple of months off. I plan to make equipment repairs and encourage everyone to do the same in a safe manner. So, when our event season starts, we will all be ready.

I know I enjoyed visiting with all of you at our Christmas holiday dinner. I think everyone had a good time. As was mentioned during our January meeting your comments are not only welcome but encouraged. Let's make 2019 the best year yet!!!

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

Grant Gemel



## 2018 Christmas Party

### Meeting Minutes

#### Board members present:

Gary Provansal, Paul Dunn, Etta Dunn, Grant Gemel, Barbara Gemel.

**Absent:** L.T. Burks

**Call to Order:** Gary Provansal

**Flag Salute:** Led by Bob Wicherts

**Gary Provansal:** Gary welcomed and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Elections were completed at the November meeting and we got rid of that bunch, that's the good news. The bad news is the new board looks a lot like the old board as the election was unanimously in favor of giving all the officers a second chance for another year. We are all looking forward to a great year and any suggestions are not only welcome but encouraged. The Christmas dinner was great time, with great food and the best part is that no one had to do dishes. It was nice to

spend part of the holidays with my best friends. Many thanks to Etta Dunn and Nicky Kindel for the arrangements and decorations.

**Grant Gemel:** Commented on what a great time we had at our Christmas dinner and suggested we host next year's event at Wood Grill Buffet. Thanking all who came out and for their support of our club.

**Treasurers Report:** Our total balance this month is \$2,796.23 Total membership is currently at 34. Etta said that we did such a great job of cleaning up after our Christmas celebration that the Wood Grill Buffet refunded our \$150.00 deposit. **Note:** The state of California claimed that they did not receive our yearly filing. Etta straightened everything out. Thanks Etta!!!

**Safety:** Gary reminded members to check yourself, double check your plan and check each step as you do it. If it isn't going right...stop and re-think it. The things we do can hurt or kill you. Take it slow, do it the right way. We want you around to pick on L.T.

Please remember to 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 L.T. Burks, myself or any board member.

#### Unfinished Business:

We will 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.

**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 dollars 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.

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.

**NOTE:** We have experienced an attack on our computer system. (RUSSIANS?) Hope to have it cleaned up and newsletter published this month. Paul has been burning the midnight oil trying to fix it all.

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 us and Paul. 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.

**Update:** We have a decision from Chubb on our claim in regards our acts and omissions policy with Chubb, they have denied our claim based upon us being a non-profit organization in addition to being a paying member of EDGETA. We are an EDGETA member and have paid the insurance in good faith to cover our membership with insurance, we have abided by the rules of EDGETA, and even secured a separate proof of insurance for the event issued by their insurance agent.

More to follow about our potential actions in filing suit against EDGETA, the insurance agent, and the insurance companies for fraudulent interstate sale of insurance.

#### **Events:**

Gary said that our last event was Flabob airport, we had a good time, had no incidents, and I think everyone enjoyed the day.

No events scheduled until spring, this is the time to fire up the heater in your shop and fix all the stuff that

is broken, create something new, restore a prize that you have found.

Remember that you are working with gasoline it explodes, it and its vapors creep on the ground to find the heater or welder!!! Keep the heater close to three feet minimum above the floor, have adequate ventilation for heaters they produce carbon monoxide. You can't see it. You can't smell it, if you are lucky you get a headache, if you are not lucky you wake up dead! **Note:** Feeling lucky? When is the last time you won the lottery?

Gary also mentioned that the Western Antique Power Association has an event hosted by Larry Madole. A Swap meet and silent auction, displays of engines, etc. Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

EDGE&TA branch 206 is hosting their 10<sup>th</sup> annual show and swap meet. Fri, Sat & Sun January 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. In Welton Arizona.

#### **Show and tell: / Presentations:**

Etta Dunn shared a 1950's automatic adding machine. Lance Wilson brought out three items to share. One was a 1930's "Jolly Time" electric popcorn machine. Lance also shared a double cherry pitter and an apple peeler which was around 100 years old. Special thanks to both Etta and Lance for sharing.

Opportunity drawing was won by Paul Dunn. Roger Meeker, Gary Provansal and Grant Gemel also won antique tractor magazines which were donated by Lance Wilson.

Next scheduled club meeting will be Wednesday February 6, 2019.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM by Gary.

Barbara Gemel, Secretary

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## **Treasurers Report**

Etta Dunn

Our current balance, as of 12/31/2018 is \$2,796.23.

**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.



## More Than A Tractor Or An Engine

From the onset of our publications, we have directed our writings to physical safety around tractors, engines, and other moving things. This month I am going in a different direction to address financial safety, which can also have an impact on your life.

### Background

For several decades, Etta and I have been involved in financial positions, one way or another, be it in banking, private business, academically at the college level, or down to earth managing our own household.

None of this experience prepared us for what we have been through the last two months. So, this message is being shared that you might benefit from our experience, because you too can be the next victim.

### It Happens

In mid-November, our business, clients, personal life, and to a lesser degree, EDTI records and finances were compromised by an element in Europe. Their sole purpose was to gain access to financial records and accounts to extract money.

Another example was two emails received by Etta, our Treasurer, purportedly from Gary our President to pay a couple of invoices. The requests did not pass Etta's critical eye, so she called Gary to verify. As she expected they were bogus.

Meanwhile, Grant, our VP received emails that were also bogus, and called them to our attention.

In summary, there is an unsavory element in the world that finds a passage, electronically, to your finances. You can make this hard on them by first watching closely your credit cards, bank accounts, and other online financial transaction. Further complicate it for the crooks by routinely changing your login passwords and other information.

## Be Cautious

**BE SAFE!** – Remember Safety First. Should you wish more information, please contact either Etta, or I.

Paul M. Dunn

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*“Good, better, best.  
Never let it rest.  
Until your good is better,  
and your better is best”  
- St. Jerome*

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# Calendar of Planned Events

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