

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Gary Provansal

Spring has sprung; the grass is rizz; I wonder where the flowers are? Well almost, March 20th marks the first day of spring and the official day that I PANIC, and it becomes real for me that I don't have much running for the County Fair coming up on May 25th. Time to put on my BIG BOY PANTS and get to work. It is also time to send in your dues for this year. The dead line is April 10th, which means mail it in soon or pays at the next meeting on April 3rd. We have 15 paid as of the last meeting in March. Everything must be received by EDGE&TA by April 15 to have insurance for the Fair so don't delay. We need a new application filled out, and it is available on the website WWW.earlydaytractorandiron.org Just click on "Join Us" and you can print out the application to mail in with your check for 57 dollars for an individual, 47 for a spouse. That amount includes Branch 242's extra insurance amount, EDGE&TA's increase of 5 dollars for their insurance and their membership amount as well as ours. I hope with all the discussion on the fees that you understand why this had to be done and I assure you that the membership took a vote for the Board to amend our annual dues to the new amount.

I want to thank each one of you for your support and our pledge this year is to open new opportunities this year to get together and play with our toys. This last month your Board has been busy and called a Special Board meeting on February 21st to deal with various legal issues, one of which was the filing of a name change. Early Day Tractor and Iron operates as EDGE&TA Branch 242 for all of it functions such as parades and shows under EDGE&TA's rules and under their insurance. We also filed under California law a nonprofit Incorporation for fund raising. It has become apparent that there is an opportunity for law suits being filed under our Incorporated fund-raising name and therefore being ruled disconnected from Branch 242 by the insurance of EDGE&TA.

We believe that we will prevail in a counter cross complaint as we applied for the event in question as Branch 242 and even had a proof of insurance

issued by the insurance company for the event as Branch 242 under their policy.

All actions named in the suit were taken in behalf of EDGE&TA's Branch 242 and not under our nonprofit fund-raising organization. To eliminate any future complications like the one outlined above we (your Board) voted to begin the legal process to amend our incorporated name to: Early Day Tractor and Iron, EDGE&TA Branch 242. Other items included the follow-up Bylaw changes related to the name change, dues amount, and follows up with a request for a full copy of EDGE&TA's new insurance policy and follow-up with our own additional insurance.

Go out to the garage, or barn, look at your stuff, as the rain wanes let the excitement build for the coming season and new opportunities. It is time to get our family together again, yes even the weird uncles and the mother in laws that always know a better way. For those of us that now live alone it is somewhat reassuring that we have a family that loves what we do and loves us for what we are. Let's get together, have fun and let's give each other a hug. You are all an important part of the family and without you; we are diminished.

We need you all and we all need each other, let's get together and have some fun, tell stories that we all know are not true, maybe tell a little joke that makes Pastor Bob twinge (pray for us PLEASE) Make fun of the Presidents motor that won't run, and ponder why the old dirty, loud, worn-out engine seems to run forever, then help each other, protect each other, and learn from each other just like the family we are.

Yours in-service

Gary Provansal

"The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, raises them up as leaders and continually develops them."

-John Maxwell

Vice President's Message

Grant Gemel

I am going to try to enjoy the next couple of months off, but we have had an unusually cold and wet winter. Which is slowing down all my ambitious plans to paint and upgrade my equipment. However, I still 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 appreciate all the support of the membership and look forward to a great year!

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

Grant Gemel

Meeting Minutes

EARLY DAY TRACTOR & IRON INC. EDGETA #242

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Meeting opened @ 7:02 p.m. with a flag salute led by President Gary Provansal. Present are 8 members and 1 guest, Colleen Karp. Members met at 6:00 p.m. at meeting place, Country Kitchen Restaurant, in Hesperia for dinner. Present are three Board Members with Grant Gemel, Barbara Gemel, and LT Burks not present.

PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENT:

Gary Provansal welcomed members and commented on the reason for the Vice President and Secretary being absent due to travel restrictions from a snow storm in Utah and were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Etta Dunn, Treasurer, reported the present bank balance, according to the reconciled bank statement, is \$3,243.47. A recent expenditure of \$80.76 was paid for a floral arrangement for the Woodward family. Dues are presently being collected and a payment of \$17.00 per member is due to EDGE-TA for membership and will be sent on Monday, March 11, 2019 as the deadline is March 15th.

SAFETY REPORT:

Safety Chairman L.T. Burks was not present at tonight's meeting.

Gary Provansal delivered a safety message regarding Near Misses. Gary shared his own experience with a run-away trailer that became unhooked due to the wrong size ball that was on the trailer and didn't get changed back to the correct size. Lesson learned: Make it part of our routine to always Change It Back .and Check it Always. Don't rely on everything is supposed to be always right.

Paul Dunn shared a similar incident where the hitch pin broke and the trailer got loose and went under the pickup truck. Two construction workers saw the accident and stopped and assisted the Dunn's in getting the trailer out from under the truck and re-hitched and on their way in less than 20 minutes.

Gary reminded the members to always take safety seriously and contact the Safety Chairman for any assistance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The EDGETA's insurance plan is still being monitored to see if the present club should make changes or stay with present policy coverage. No changes will be made without first evaluating the coverage that will be provided by EDGETA to assure that our members get the proper coverage.

At a recent Board meeting the By-Law amendment to increase membership fees due to the added insurance policy by \$22.00 was approved and will be placed on hold until we review the EDGETA policy.

A letter concerning plans for EDGETA to provide insurance coverage of fellow members against each other as well as event participants will be provided and will be published in our newsletter. No changes are being made regarding our insurance so far at this time. Our options will be reviewed when we get the new EDGETA policy.

BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2019.

The Board met on February 21st to discuss and act on several open issues that required decisions.

1. Change the dues amount from \$30.00 to \$57.00 to cover the additional liability insurance policy and the \$5.00 increase in dues membership at EDGETA.
2. The Board voted and approved the legal name change of our club to now read: Early Day Tractor and Iron, EDGE&TA Branch 242.
3. Form a committee to review our present additional insurance and make decisions, and prepare paperwork to file name change with

State of California and Internal Revenue Service, revise By-Laws and publish new documents.

4. If EDGE-TA's insurance policy coverage is adequate and will cover Board members Errors and Omissions, the Board will consider return of additional dues to help cover the member Christmas Party Dinner.
5. Our claim with Chubb Insurance regarding Errors and Omissions has been denied. Potential legal action may follow.

MEMBERSHIP:

All member dues are now due today with the deadline on Monday, March 11th. We have until March 15th to send in membership to EDGE-TA.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Lance Wilson made a presentation regarding returning to Cal Poly Fun on the Farm Days, formally The Strawberry Festival. Cal Poly would welcome our presence again to participate in the activities and to be part of the parade. The event is around May 25th. More discussion is to follow. Last year our presence at the County Fair replaced the activity. We will accept the invitation to Cal Poly if not conflicted with other events.

The club's first event this year will be our attendance in the San Bernardino County Fair at the fairgrounds in Victorville. Attendance is contingent on acceptance to the fair with our application. We are hoping everyone will participate in this commitment that can run 10 days. Proposed planning date is middle of May.

NEWSLETTER:

Any article on maintenance, restoration, history, or anything useful or of interest would be greatly appreciated. Simply email your article to Paul Dunn, Publisher, at his email address.

NEXT MEETING:

We will meet on Wednesday, April 3rd.

A motion to conclude meeting was made by Paul Dunn, seconded by James Marlow. Meeting now closed at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Etta Dunn.

Treasurers Report

Etta Dunn

Current Balance: As of 3/7/2019 = \$3,243.47.

Cash on Hand: Meeting Proceeds = \$0.

Total Treasury: \$3,243.47



Think About It

The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it.

-Dudley Moore

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

- Abraham Lincoln

Rudolf Diesel, Inventor of the Diesel Engine

by Mary Ellis

Updated February 14, 2019

The engine that bears his name set off a new chapter in the Industrial Revolution, but German engineer Rudolf Diesel (1858–1913), who grew up in France, initially thought his invention would help small businesses and artisans, not industrialists. In truth, it's commonplace in vehicles of all types, especially those that have to pull heavy loads (trucks or trains) or do a lot of work, such as on a farm or in a power plant.

For this one improvement to an engine, his impact on the world is clear today. But his death, more than a century ago, remains a mystery.

Diesel was a proponent of vegetable oil as fuel, putting him at odds with the ever-growing petroleum industry and leading, the BBC says, to the theory, in this headline, that Diesel was "Murdered by Agents from Big Oil Trusts." Or it could have been coal magnates, yet others speculated because steam engines ran on tons and tons of it. Theories kept his name in the papers for years and even included an assassination by German spies to prevent him in sharing details about the development of the U-boat.

: Source, Britannica.com.

It is a source of consolation to me to know that I never willfully wronged any man and that I never put on the market a poorly-made implement.
- John Deere

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This space is available for Early Day Tractor & Iron members free of charge. Submit your items, along with graphics to 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



David Bradley garden tractor and cultivator. It runs. Contact **Bill Karp** at 760-553-4267

This Space Is Available

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1941 Farmall M, factory wide front end, new tires and has a PTO and hydraulics. It had a valve job done just before I bought it and the engine runs great. Just needs a paint job and it will be ready for the parades. - \$2500

Richard Pope epopr@me.com – 760-764-7709

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Calendar of Planned Events

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