

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Gary Provansal

April's meeting marked the final date for membership dues, and I am pleased to say most of our flock has returned, thank you all for your support as we begin this new and exciting show season.

As Vice President Grant mentioned we have the opportunity this year to renew our relationship with Cal Poly and the shows that they produce beginning with the show on June 8th. This is always a great show and I have missed going the last few years as it has conflicted with the Fair.

Your Board is hard at work responding to the lawsuit, meeting with attorneys, writing up discovery documents, and sworn testimony. We are also actively pursuing the illusive Fair people to bolt down the arrangements for this year's Fair and working on our liability insurance renewal as well as pursuing a new D&O policy.

I have talked to a few of you and am I pleased to here they are beginning to work on their equipment and getting ready for the shows. Please remember that we need to have our fire extinguishers serviced or purchase new ones that have service tags for the new year. Extinguishers should be of the ABC type.

Did you know that a radial tire can lose 3 lbs of air a month without a leak? You might want to check those trailer tires before loading up, too.

I am tired of the cold weather and I can't wait to complain about the summer heat. Now if I could figure out how to keep the weeds from growing; life would be perfect.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please give me a call or drop me a note. I will make it 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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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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