

NEWSLETTER

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Gary Provansal

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Lt's 20 hp Fairbanks was there and ran flawlessly right next to the 15hp Fairbanks, a rare sight having these two running together on the West Coast. Several of us are trying to focus on making our motors do something besides just run, this has begun with Bill Karp's pumping station using two motors to power up some of the pumps on his display. We had a corn grinder powered up, the old washing machine that got great play as usual and a rope maker, more to follow. Speaking of Bill, he even played the role of magician !!! making Roger Meeker's M motor run with a lot of sleight of hand tricks. We also had a great showing of tractors to display from big to little they got a lot of attention. The Fair was a lot of work but was a great event thanks to all of you.

Saturday June 8th, we did it again!!! Most of us showed up at the CalPoly Fun on the Farm Day in Pomona. Stunning turnout with Paul's tractors, Roger Kindle's Tractors, Bill's International motor and seed separator and of course Lt's 20 hp Fairbanks Morse and my 15 hp Fairbanks (and they both ran).

STUNNING results, the team won four awards!! with less than a third of the entries!! Paul Dunn got Best Original Restoration tractor for the Gibson, Roger and Tony Kindel got two trophies one for the JD as Best of Show, and one for the Farmall as Best Paint Job. Bill Karp won the Best Original Restoration for an engine.

What a team!! All the hard work pays off. Many thanks for that work, it has been a little tough the last 3 weeks, now we have 3 whole weeks off until we are off to the

racers. Well maybe just a parade. July 4th we will all be in Lucerne for their parade where the whole town is in the parade or lining the street watching the parade. See you there!

Gary Provansal
909.855.6152



The Blacksmith Boys

This unusual group was our neighbors and shared much for the atmosphere of a good old-fashioned country fair. In addition to their strumming and singing old-time bluegrass and family music, they are very talented blacksmiths. Their artwork ranged from simple horseshoe nail rings, to beautiful and unusual complex pieces. These items of artwork were fabricated off the back of a 1932 Ford Truck while you watched.

For even more they would brand you with a star, heart, or a horseshoe. The younger attendees enjoyed this.

To learn more about this group, you may contact:
Bill Payne at 30683 Stage Coach Road, Menifee, CA 92584, 951-837-6182, or leakycanoe@yahoo.com.

Vice President's Message

Grant Gemel

I would like to thank everyone who attended the San Bernardino County Fair. Your outstanding support was much appreciated. We had a great display of tractors and especially the engines which were pumping water and grinding corn. I had a great time feasting on all that fair food. (Ha Ha!) I found the ice cream and caramel popcorn to be the best. It's hard to mess up popcorn and ice cream! I'm still recovering, as I'm sure, the rest of our members are from the whole ordeal.

Now that our busy season is in full swing, the next event will be at Cal Poly Saturday June 8th. With the Lucerne Valley 4th of July Parade three weeks later.

Our warmest days are ahead of us, make sure you carry enough water to avoid dehydration. Please take the time to make sure your equipment is in good working order. I'm looking forward to spending time with everyone at these events.

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

Grant Gemel

***Rough waters are a truer test of leadership.
In calm water, every ship has a good captain.
- Swedish proverb***



San Bernardino County Fair Viewers

Meeting Minutes

EARLY DAY TRACTOR & IRON INC. EDGETA #242

June 5, 2019

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 Bill Karp

President Gary Provansal: Welcomed members. Gary Said that the Fair had come and gone, you can tell if you watch several of us crawl to the door in various

stages of recovery. I am forever grateful for the fantastic turn out of equipment and members who stayed late, gave relief, and helped at every stage of our show. We were paired up with a blacksmith/singing group that was not only fun but made the days go faster. Great group of guys. LT's 20 hp was there and ran flawlessly fight next to the 15 hp Fairbanks, a rare sight having two of these running together on the West Coast. Several of us are trying to focus on making our motors do something besides just run; this has begun with Bill Karp's pumping station using two motors to power some of the pumps on his display. We had a corn grinder powered up, the Old. We had Bill, he even played the role of magician!! making Roger Meeker's M motor run with a lot of sleight of hand tricks. We also had a great showing of tractors to display from big to little they got a lot of attention. The fair was a lot of work but was a great event thanks to all of you. Vice-President: Grant also thanked everyone for their participation at the fair. Noting that at no time during the fair run were we understaffed. Grant also went over upcoming events to include Cal Poly, June 8th, Lucerne Valley 4th of July Parade and Hesperia's National night out August 6th.

Treasurers Report: Etta said that our total balance this month is \$2,969.47 and with cash on hand the total is \$3,009.47 with no outstanding debts. \$ 641.00 had also been paid for our supplemental insurance policy. We also completed "The Corporation annual filing for the IRS and Franchise Tax Board. A special thanks to Etta Dunn for all she does for our organization!

Safety: Gary: We had a safe show, THANK YOU! Please remember to load and unload safely for our upcoming

busy show season. Bring those fire extinguishers! Always keep fuel stored safely.

Thank you, folks for taking safety personally and seriously. Remember if you have any safe concerns please contact L.T. Burks, myself or any board member.

Unfinished Business:

EDGETA has posted the new updates for the new insurance covering member V.S. member and participant coverage. I finally received EDGE&TA's policies for liability and for D&O coverage and the board will review them closely. If you would like a copy, let me know, there are a few hundred pages.

Early Day tractor and Iron, EDGE&TA Branch # 242 has paid for the upcoming years insurance as a separate liability policy, this is the same policy we purchased as a supplement to cover our members, spectators and participants. The premium remained the same \$641.00 dollars.

Application was submitted for name change with the state of California, Secretary of State and the IRS has been submitted. The name change, if approved, will be Early Day Tractor and Iron EDGE&TA Branch 242, Inc.

Paul has been working updating our website. Special thanks to Paul for his efforts.

Lawsuit:

No significant status changes from last month. Members listed in the suit have provided evidence and sworn statements to the attorneys. Many long hours of detailed assembly of documentation and testimony has been submitted, thanks to all who have worked so hard.

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 may in the end have to seek separate representation, as we may have to file against EDGE&TA, Mid-Continent group and Chubb insurance.

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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 pauldunn@dunn-rite.com.

Treasurers Report

Etta Dunn

The treasury balance is \$3,009.47.
There are no outstanding debts.

The annual financial reporting to the IRS and State of California has been completed.



Engine Sitters

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*“Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen”
- John Steinbeck*

FARM MACHINERY SAFETY MEASURERS

General safety suggestions include:

- Read and follow the manufacturers' instructions for operation.
- Don't remove or modify safety features.
- Ensure that everyone working on the farm is thoroughly familiar with operating procedures and safety requirements for any machinery they use.
- If needed, replace and fit guards to cover the moving parts of machinery – for example, a PTO guard.
- Make sure that tractors are correctly ballasted or weighted for the intended jobs.
- Fit falling object protective structures (FOPS) on front-end loaders.
- Keep a well-stocked, up to date first aid kit in an accessible area.
- Always wear appropriate protective and visible clothing.

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NEXT MEETING:

We will meet on Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

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

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.

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.



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

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Calendar of Planned Events

July 4 – Lucerne Valley Parade

August 6 – National Night Out

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