

ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone....

This year is starting to come together with some fresh ideas for the New Year. All of our club offices got filled, and all of those Club Officers and Directors that stayed on, the club appreciates your service...

We have activities coming up in March. Ron Zega will be organizing another "Just for Fun Tractor Run" to be scheduled before the March Club Meeting.

We also need to have a Work Party before the March meeting, when the weather starts to warm up. April is always a getting ready for the Annual Calif. Antique Engine & Tractor Show in Tulare, which is scheduled for April 28th – 30th 2017.

Branch 206, Southwest Forgotten Iron show was held on Saturday, January 21st, in Wellton, Az. Buster Brown and his club did a fine job in getting everything ready for a large showing like in previous years, however the cold and windy weather was not on their side. Attendance was much lower than expected. Living in the desert, things like this can happen.....

The Show in Quartzsite, at the Main Event also had their weather related problems. Maybe next year will be better. Thanks to those that Showed.

Ron Hanson our Past Club President and current Membership Chairman, had to be rush to the hospital by Paramedics on January 18th, and remained on a life support for 10 days. As of this writing, he is breathing on his own, alert and well, with a new heart Defibrillator (ICD), to control abnormal heart rhythms. He did however, sustain some major artery damage to his right lower leg and still remains in the hospital.....

See you at our next meeting on February 11th at 2 PM.

You're Club President, Bob Hanson

RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

Last Held January 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 PM.

The flag salute was led by club member Robert Webb.

Guests: Linda Kerspie, guest of Fred Kerspie

A roll call of Officers was called, all present except Luci Pickus, David Pickus & Robert Meyer.

OFFICERS REPORT:

PRESIDENT: Bob Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced the January Birthday of Cheryle Stacy & Anniversary of Luci & David Pickus.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Bill Forbes reported that the winner of the raffle, drawn at the Christmas Party was Jay Galier and he took the \$200. Cash, so the raffle tickets for this year (2017) will stay the same. Bill, reported that all the tickets were sold.....Great Job.

SECRETARY: Cheryle Stacy had no report.

TREASURER: Luci Pickus was not present, so Secretary Cheryle Stacy gave a report as follows: *As of November 12, 2016, beginning balance of \$x,xxx.xx.* Checks paid out Nov. 12th: \$50.13 for refreshments at meeting, and \$30 for the cash box, Nov. 22nd collected \$340 towards the Christmas Dinner, Dec. 6th Paid DMV \$10 Trailer renewal, paid out \$349.56 for gifts & supplies for Christmas Dinner. Cost of dinner at Crazy Otto's was \$902.92 (Rusty Relics share was \$482.92). Deposit on Dec. 30th of \$324 from Christmas Party, Membership Raffle, Raffle Tickets, Car parts, Memberships & Dinners. Checks paid on Jan. 9th to National \$108, to Ron Hanson for supplies \$31.42. Jan. 9th deposited \$30 for member dues.

As of Jan. 14, 2017 the ending balance is \$x,xxx.xx.....still outstanding and to be deposited is a check for \$300 from the Silent Auction Sale of a Tractor at the Christmas Party. Winner was club member, Rod McKinney.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Ron Hanson reported 79 members.

SHOW DIRECTOR: Robert Meyer was not present.

SAFETY DIRECTOR: Rodney McKinney had no report.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR: David Pickus was not present.

PUBLISHER/EDITOR: Bob Hanson is hoping everyone is getting & enjoying their Tractor Seat...

LIBRARIAN/WEB MASTER: Scott Wachlin had no new updates.

OLD BUSINESS: from last year, we still need to get the Fairbanks checked out mechanically by Jerry Burak, and maybe add some fresh paint.

NEW BUSINESS: "Just for Fun Tractor Run" Ron Zega is organizing a Tractor Run before the March meeting. Meet at 10 AM, Leave at 11 AM, with free Pizza upon returning. This will also be coupled with a member work party in the morning. A motion was made by Ron Zega for the tractor run, and a second by Cheryle Stacy, motion passed.

Our annual club swap meet was mentioned and will take place on Saturday, June 10ththe date of our regular meeting.

A discussion about the possibility of purchasing a truck large enough to pull the Fairbanks engine to and from events. Since we have several licensed class "A" drivers, this might be a possibility. Don Nave made a motion and second by Larry Stacy, to check into the cost including insurance. Motion Passed.

Art Thomas made a motion to close the meeting at 3 PM, Don Chaffin second the motion, Motion passed.....

26 members present.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Cheryle Stacy.

NEXT CLUB MEETING IS FEBRUARY 11TH AT 2 PM

Where: The Club House & Dirt Field

Address: 2007 West Avenue N, (lot B) just passed 20th Street West,
in Palmdale, Ca. 93550.

From the 14 freeway, go west on avenue N, past 20th Street West,
to the first dirt field (lot B) on the right....Look for Tractors.

Leesa's Birthday Report: For the Month of February - 2017

Diane Engle – Feb. 18th

Marylin Ross – Feb. 22nd

Bob Garth – Feb. 25th

Tom Ross – Feb. 26th

Ron Zega – Feb. 26th

Happy Birthday to one and all!

**Happy Anniversary to Art & Rita Thomas
And George & Gladys Trahan.**

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2017

February 11 th	Club Meeting.
February 14 th	Valentine's Day.
March 11 th	Just for Fun Tractor Run, Work Party & Meeting.
April 8 th	Club Meeting.
April 28 th – 30 th	2017 Calif. Antique & Tractor Show in Tulare.
May ?	Sat. Elk's Car, Tractor & Engine Show, from 11 to 3 PM.
May 13 th	Club Meeting.
June 10 th	Clubs Swap Meet & Club Meeting.

Just a reminder from your Membership Chairman Ron Hanson, your 2017 Membership Dues and Current Membership Form are due by April 15, 2017. See the back page of your Tractor Seat for the form. You must be current to display at Tulare.

Send in your dues early, it makes everyone's job much easier.

Please see me at the March Meeting or send your Check & Form to:

Rusty Relics, PO Box 6196, Lancaster, Ca. 93539

One year membership dues are the following: \$30. for Full Membership, \$22. for Associate or Junior Membership (no voting rights), \$22. for over 70 – 80 years of age and \$12. for all 80 years and way way over the hill.....

**From George Christmas, President of EDGE and SE Regional Director.
Written January 2017.**

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. There sure was a lot to talk about as the 2016 year ended. There were floods, wildfires, record cold weather, heavy snows, almost record heat in the south and even the election. I hope everyone has a wonderful New Year. My wife and I are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our baby daughter as I write this. It will certainly be a grand adventure for us.

Remember it is time to start sending in dues. All dues must be received by March. The total cost per member is \$12. That is \$4 for the dues to EDGE&TA and \$8 per member for the insurance premium. If we can stay accident free, our hope is the insurance premium will decrease in the future. Please contact your regional director if you have any questions. Remember, the minimum required membership was lowered this year to 10 renewing members. This was approved by the membership by vote and presented at the National meeting in Alaska.

Please remember to include your branch number when corresponding to the national secretary or any of the directors. If you are completing any forms for EDGE&TA you must include your branch number on those as well. The branch number issued when your club joined EDGE&TA is how your branch agreed to be identified during the application process. This speeds up any process concerning your branch.

Please make sure you are updating your officers' information form on the website. It is important for the directors to have up-to-date contact information for each branch. It is also important from an insurance stand point. If the officer's information is not up-to-date, the officers are not covered by the D&O insurance provided to the officers for each branch. I know some of you have had difficulty with the website after you updated your information. Please be patient with us. I appreciate all the constructive criticism. The feedback we receive from the members is how we make improvements. We know everything isn't perfect and it doesn't always run like a well-oiled machine, but we are working each day to improve it. Please help us make things better for everyone, but please be patient as we work to make the improvements.

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Please share this information with all members. The board of directors are members of the association. We are elected by a vote of the membership. Each director serves a term of 3 years. The directors come from the region they live in with the exception of the director at large, who may live in any of the regions. This is a membership run association. Please look for the information in the newsletters to see when the director position in your respective regions will be up for re-election. I encourage all those interested to get involved. It takes all of us to keep our association strong.

George Christmas – President EDGE.

From Don Young. Written January 2017

This past year, there have been many serious weather related incidents across the country. Hoping this coming year it will be better. At this time of the year, some of the branches are putting their equipment away for the winter while some in the Southwest are preparing for the upcoming year. There have been few accidents reported this year which could indicate that members are being more cautious. Mentioned many times in the past, we need to encourage younger persons to become interested in our hobby. This past year we have lost many great members.

I have still heard some members asking if EDGETA has a newsletter. Yes there is, it is online (www.rustyrelics.org) and two officers in each branch receive a copy.

Wishing each and every one a joyous holiday.

Don Young – Vice-President & Southwest Regional Director EDGE.

Why does a Milking Stool have only 3 Legs?

Because the cow has the UDDER.....

I don't make this stuff up.

FOR SALE



1948 Ferguson TE 20. Serial number TE 25220. Made in England. New battery, points, plugs, and wires. Body, fenders, hood, and grill straight. Tires good.

Needs brakes. \$2200.00 OBO

Call Ron, 661-478-7671. Agua Dulce, Ca.



4 Speed Great rear tires and OK front. Not running (not started by present owner). Needs starter (missing). Motor turns freely). All other parts there. Rear box blade (plow attachments). Price: \$600.00 U pick up in Acton Ca.

Great restoration project. Phone 661-478-3384 (Fred).



February 14TH

I AM REMINDED OF A FAMOUS QUOTE FROM Vince Lombardi:

“Either lead, follow, or get out of the way”

See you at the Next Meeting

You're Editor, Bob Hanson

Go to Rusty Relics web page www.rustyrelics.org
To see all pictures in color.....