

# ON THE TRACTOR SEAT



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## *THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE*

Hi everyone....

This year started off great with some new ideas and events happening soon... One of the new ideas is to have a "Tractor Ride" not far from the club house and a picnic style lunch. This is being organized by our club member Ron Zega and scheduled for early spring, maybe in May. More details to follow at our February & March Meetings. Good idea with a lot of interest. Thanks Ron....

We held our last meeting in January, the weather was not cooperating with us, and so we held the meeting in the Clubs Conex. Thanks you Bill & Zackary Forbes for getting there early and getting things set-up. Much appreciated.

One of the topics of discussion was the Almond Blossom Parade to be held on Sat. March 7<sup>th</sup> in Quartz Hill, Ca. The club is going to pay the entry fee for this Parade. The staging time is 8:30 AM with the parade starting at 10.00 AM. Get together with our Show Director Dan Morgan and or our "Tractor Man" Art Thomas for further details and staging area. This is a parade that we enter into each year. So, get your tractors cleaned and ready, for our year's first Parade event. This is strictly a parade event and nothing else.

I had a chance to go to the Southwest Forgotten Iron Show in Wellton, Arizona on January 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a show put on by Branch 206, out of Yuma. All I can say is "What a Great Show"... This show was organized by Club President, Buster Brown and his membership. I will go into further details in this newsletter, in an Editorial Message.

Well I'm not going to make this Presidents message any longer. Hope to see you at the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, over at the yard.

You're Club President, Bob Hanson

# RUSTY RELICS BUSINESS MEETING

LAST HELD JANUARY 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.

The flag salute was led by Vice President Bill Forbes and flag held by Zackary Forbes.

## OFFICERS REPORT:

**PRESIDENT:** Bob Hanson thanked all of the new club officers for accepting their new positions and then handed out new officer badges for 2015...

Bob thanked Bill & Zackary for setting up the clubs meeting area and gave a special thanks to Luci Pickus for all her hard work in setting-up and organizing the clubs Christmas Party in December.

Bob said that Randy Ritchie had called him to thank him for the write up in the Tractor Seat, about the passing of his father.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Bill Forbes reported that he had sign-up sheets for the Almond Blossom Parade and other events coming up.

**SECRETARY:** Cheryle Stacy had no report.

**TREASURER:** Linda Baker was not present. But, we started out with a beginning balance of \$xxxx.xx and a deposit of \$315.00. Checks paid \$1418.31 for an ending checkbook balance of \$xxxx.xx was reported.

Bills paid... EDGE and model "T" Liability Insurance \$1200. DMV for 1934 truck \$81.00, Luci Pickus gifts & cake \$211.40, Restaurant dinner bill \$1049.54, Flowers sent to funeral home for Ron Ritchie \$64.37.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:** Ron Hanson thanked everyone and reported that some members have already paid their membership dues. Remember, membership dues are due by March 15<sup>th</sup> Please get your 2015 dues in early....

**SHOW DIRECTOR:** Dan Morgan was present and said that he would probably follow a lot of the same ideas as years before.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR:** Jess Baker stated that "All Is Safe".

**PURCHASING DIRECTOR:** David Pickus reported that he still needs to purchase a 6 volt battery for the flatbed truck.

**PUBLISHER/EDITOR:** Bob Hanson said, he hopes everyone is getting their newsletter and on time for the meetings.

**LIBRARIAN:** Scott Wachlin was not present. Since January 2009 we have had 5501 hits, to our Rusty relics web Paige.... [www.rustyrelics.org](http://www.rustyrelics.org)

**OLD BUSINESS:** We are still talking about a cover for the Fairbanks.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ron Hanson made a motion to pay the entry fee for the Almond Blossom Parade in March, a second by Russ Nave, motion passed. There was discussion about the Tulare event and whether we still have our same location to display. Jess baker told us that we still have our old spot, for our club to display.

Ron Zega brought up an idea of a tractor ride and having a picnic lunch somewhere, to be scheduled in the near future, maybe in May. Ron Zega said he would pursue this and report back in February or March.

We are in the process of printing new "Raffle Tickets" for the clubs raffle.

Ron Hanson made a motion to close the meeting, and a second by Bob Garth.

Meeting closed at 2:33 PM. 22 members present.

Minutes Prepared by Club Secretary - Cheryle Stacy.

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***Leesa's Birthday Report: For the Month of February 2015.***

***Diane Engle – February 18<sup>th</sup>***

***Marylin Ross – February 22<sup>nd</sup>***

***Bob Garth – February 25<sup>th</sup>***

***Tom Ross – February 26<sup>th</sup>***

***Ron Zega – February 26<sup>th</sup>***

***Kim Morgan – February 29<sup>th</sup>***

***Happy Birthday to one and all!***

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***Happy Anniversary to***

***Art & Rita Thomas  
George & Gladys Trahan***

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**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SHOWS FOR 2015**

February 14 <sup>th</sup>	(Valentine's Day)	Club Meeting
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March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Almond Blossom Parade in Quartz Hill	
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April 11 <sup>th</sup>		Club Meeting

Quartz Hill Almond Blossom Parade starts Sat. at 10 AM, Check-in is 8:30 AM at the Quartz Hill Elementary School, and Ending at George Lane Park.

The Parade & Festival is March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and is one of the longest running Annual Almond Blossom Festivals in America, since 1946.

In April, get your equipment ready for the 2015 Annual California Antique Farm & Equipment Show in Tulare. Date is Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

June is our Annual Club "Swap Meet & Fire-up".

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING IS FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 2 PM**

**Where: Dan Morgan's Club House & Dirt Field  
Address: 2007 West Avenue N, (lot B) Passed 20<sup>th</sup> Street West, in Palmdale, Ca. 93550.**

*From the 14 Freeway, go west on Avenue N passed 20<sup>th</sup> Street West, to the first dirt field (lot b) on the right. "Look for tractors"*

*"Just a reminder, your 2015 dues are now due. Make all checks payable to the Rusty Relics. See details on the back cover of this newsletter". Thanks!*

A special thanks goes out to club member Ron Zega for attending the recent Ferguson Enthusiasts of North America (FENA) show in Page, Arizona, and getting his picture taken on the front cover of their magazine, called "Ferguson Furrows". In the picture, is Ron and his Ferguson Tractor with our Rusty Relics Club Banner in the back ground..... Great Job.

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*A Message from Don Young—Vice President of EDGE & TA*

As we begin a new year, safety is our main priority. It is increasingly difficult to obtain insurance at a reasonable cost for 10,000 members.

The Safety Officer of a Branch has a job, not just a position....

It is suggested that the Safety officer have a safety meeting prior to an event and a safety tip at all club meeting.

All members should familiarize themselves with the safety rules that are posted on the EDGE & TA website.

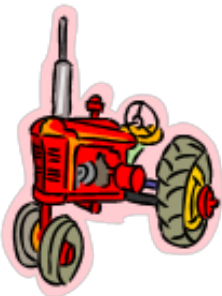
Safety is the number one priority.

Driving a tractor in a parade is much different than driving it in a field.

*Don Young - Vice President of EDGE, Safety Chairman, Youth Driver Coordinator, Accident Review Chairman of EDGE and a member of Rusty Relics Branch #30.*

Also remember the 2015 Annual National EDGE & TA Show will be in Henderson, Texas April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and hosted by the East Texas Antique Tractor & Engine Association, Branch #89.

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**HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR TRACTOR  
TODAY?**

**Editorial...Wellton – Southwest Forgotten Iron Show, Branch 206.**

I spend a week in my motorhome at Quartzsite, Arizona in mid-January and heard of this show in Wellton, Arizona. I drove my tow vehicle to Wellton, which is about an hour's drive south of Quartzsite and 20 miles north from Yuma. Not hard to find. Upon arriving at the show that is put on by branch 206 out of Yuma, I was amazed to see how many antique engines of all sizes that were running at this show. I estimated that there were well over 200 engines, plus tractors.

This was just like the old shows at Quartzsite many years ago...

They also had a tractor parade and were set up and feeding the large crowd of attendees that were present, and had lots of chairs & tables. What an organized event, the weather was also warm and this is one show that you should put on your calendar, for next January.

While walking around, I knew that club members Ron & Tom Zega were at the show, and I did run into them. Also club members Jerry Wood & Bob Boyd were at the show selling good stuff and club member Ben Drake was there, just walking around.

I talked to many EDGE club members that were displaying and running engines, what a friendly and great group of people.

I did get a chance to meet and talk to Branch 206 President, Buster Brown. If the name doesn't sound familiar, Buster was the organizer of the Quartzsite Engine Shows, at the "Main Event" several years ago. This is the show that our club participated in for many, many years. Well, things happened at Quartzsite and the show moved, and it is now at Wellton, Az. and taken over by the "Southwest Forgotten Iron", Branch 206 club out of Yuma.

Branch 206 is a new branch and this is there 6<sup>th</sup> annual show.

President Buster Brown and his show committee have done a great job and the show is growing larger every year, says Buster.

Thank You Buster, for sharing your comments.

Bob Hanson - you're editor and club president.

## **DOWN – HOME – COOKING**

This is a collection of receipts by Rusty Relic's Members Past & Present.

### **COUNTRY GRAVY**

<b>4 T. flour</b>	<b>Dash pepper</b>
<b>4 T. pan drippings</b>	<b>2 cups milk</b>
<b>1 tsp. salt</b>	

Blend flour in hot drippings in skillet, add salt & pepper. Cook until light brown, stirring constantly. Add milk, gradually, stirring constantly. Use a whip to help remove any lumps. Cook until gravy is smooth and thick. If it gets too thick, add a little milk and stir until smooth.

**Diane Winn**

### **QUICK & EASY GUACAMOLE**

<b>3 lg. avocados</b>	<b>½ tsp. garlic powder</b>
<b>2 t. mayonnaise</b>	<b>½ tsp seasoned salt</b>
<b>2 T. mild chunky salsa</b>	

Peel avocados and save pits. In a small bowl, mash avocados. Add mayonnaise, salsa, garlic powder and seasoned salt; mix well. Place reserved avocado pits into mixture to prevent browning. Cover and refrigerate about 1 hour to blend flavors. Remove pits and serve.

**Diane Winn**

### **EASY MATBALLS**

<b>1 ½ tubes Jimmy Dean sausage ( hot or regular)</b>	<b>1 c. cheddar cheese, grated</b>
	<b>1 c. Bisquick</b>

Mix sausage, cheese and Bisquick together. Mix well and form small balls. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Use with sweet and sour or hot mustard dip. Use toothpicks.

**Patty Higley**

**Thank you Ladies**



**Don't forget Presidents Day February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**See you at the next meeting**

*You're Editor, Bob Hanson*

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To see all pictures in color.....