

Power from the Past

September-November 2017

(All prefixes are 520 unless noted)

September

5 Board Meeting, (Tuesday), 6 p.m., Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church, 551 S. J Six Ranch Road, Benson

9 Apple Annie's Engine & Tractor Show, 9 a.m., 2081 W. Hardy Road, Willcox, running engines and tractor pulls. NO STEEL WHEELS or tractor IMPLEMENTS will be permitted, Kent Hardy, 507-2565

21-24 Cochise County Fair Show, 3677 N. Leslie Canyon Road, Douglas. Set up will be north of the spectator's entrance. Jim White, 220-7615

October

2 Board Meeting, same time and place

14 Benson's Butterfield Tractor Pull & Engine Show, 9 a.m., Lion's Park, 435 Adam St. Staging for the parade will be at the park at 8 a.m. Fred Bennett will lead.

21-22 Helldorado Days Engine & Tractor Show, Tombstone Courthouse. Saturday potluck at 5 pm. Parade on Sunday at 11 a.m., staging at 9 a.m. Jim White, 220-7615 Trailers, Motorhomes, and vehicles are to be parked on the bottom level. No vehicles are to be parked in the middle of the street.

28 Green Valley White Elephant Parade, 10 a.m. , 601 N. La Canada, Bucky Stevens, 429-0467

November

6 Board Meeting, same time and place

11 Sahuarita Pecan Festival, Tractor Pull and Engine Show, 9 a.m., 1625 Sahuarita Road, Jerry Hayes, 400-3547

24 Pearce Engine and Tractor Show, 8:30 a.m., Ghost Town Road, Kent Hardy, 507-2565

Up & Running

Under the leadership of Jim White, our association is on the move with the purchase of a 17,500 GVW trailer with a steel deck to transport the Western engine, an announcer's trailer with professional signage, and a Conex storage trailer. Fred Bennett has agreed to mount the engine and be the caretaker of the Western engine. Seth Hoyte and Mel Perkins will build shelves in the Conex to house miscellaneous items. The old announcer's trailer, built mainly by Mel Perkins, will be used exclusively for the Sahuarita Pecan Festival tractor pull.

Forward Movement

This is the time for each of us to help in whatever capacity we can, to make our association into a mobile educational venture. You can participate by exhibiting, helping with the ice cream production and rope making, visiting with those hospitalized, sharing memories, and presenting a positive image to our communities.

Family

We are a family and when one hurts, all of us share in the situation. Recently, Amanda, daughter of Joe and Lisa Mooney had an accident in which her left thumb was torn off. She had finished riding and was tying the horse to the hitching rail. The horse reared up and somehow the lead rope caught her thumb and tore it off. She spent seven days at UMC. She has a positive attitude and is looking forward to riding again. She won 12 ribbons, 5 red and 7 blue at the Pima County Fair of 2017. She was also the Southwest Fair Commission champion for her class.

We are happy to report that Bucky Stevens is cured from his leukemia.

As a group, many of us may be on the downhill slide, often tripping over our own shadows, but there is still fire in our engines.

Dues

As a reminder, our family membership and insurance are due on January 31, 2018. Individual or family memberships (children under 18) is \$25, per year, plus \$12 for each family member that pulls tractors and exhibits engines. Lifetime members only pay the \$12 insurance cost, unless they have EDGE&TA insurance from another association. Please remit to **Power from the Past** and mail to Ruth Senkbeil, 2721 W. Cranbrook Street, Tucson, AZ 85746 **BEFORE January 31, 2018**. Check us out at www.powerfromthepast.org

Website: www.powerfromthepast.org

Artists

Jim Fieber, our newsletter layout and photograph inserter, is on vacation, so his hues are missing from this issue. Our other artist is Karen Reid who designs, prints, and makes the buttons for our events. Lyle Rasmussen will send out our newsletters by email while Mel and Ruth Perkins will continue to print, fold, tape, and stamp those going by the postal method.

Pull Tabs Collection

Please save your pull tabs and bring them to any of our events. We will have a five gallon bucket at each event for that purpose. The pull tabs are given to the Ronald McDonald House in Tucson. Wayne Stevens is the chairperson for this task.

Leadership

President: Jim White, 220-7615 Vice President: Lyle Rasmussen, 780-2487
 Treasurer, Membership, EDGE&TA Insurance: Ruth Senkbeil, 240-1130
 Secretary & Historian: Karen Reid, 255-7670 Social: Candi Eppey, 419-3856
 Safety Officer: Mel Perkins, 400-1948 Tractor Chairperson: Seth Hoyte, 971-2944
 Engine Chairperson: Lance Amatulli, 264-6813 Facebook: Jon Howard, 402-852-4002
 Editor: Larry Kastens, 378-2226 Webmaster, Layout, & Photographer: Jim Fieber, 722-0631

Buffalo Soldier Day, June 24

We participated in Tombstone's celebration of the Buffalo Soldier. Participants were Lance Amatulli, John Davenport, Steve McNeely, Lyle, Cheri, and Jonathan Rasmussen, and Jim White. Jim and Lance participated in the parade.

Benson's Independence Day Parade & Dinner in Mescal

Once, again, Power from the Past started the celebration of Independence Day by participating in Benson's parade on July 4th. The spectators lined up alongside the parade route which travels down Union, Patagonia, 5th, 6th, and 7th streets. Like most smaller towns, Benson is comprised of friendly people who appreciate our presence. During the parade route, there were two individuals, at two locations, who offered complimentary water to the thirsty participants. We had an array of different units which included Allis Chalmers, Case, Chevrolet, Ford, Homemade, International, John Deere, Minneapolis-Moline, and Worthington, and a host of garden tractors. Some trucks had flywheel engines in their boxes. Two individuals used their tractors to pull wagons loaded with participants.

Afterwards, most of us drove to the home and museum of Bucky & Tara Stevens. Upon entering the open gate, you noticed a crawler with a road grader attached. Farther up the driveway there are displays of vintage farm machinery, all neatly arranged and visible because

the grass had been freshly cut. There were open sheds with tractor/trailer rigs, large tractors, crawlers, and equipment ready to come alive.

While we were waiting for the parade participants to arrive, some of the women helped with the arrangement of the food which was brought, the drinks, and paper products. This year all the meat was cooked prior to the gathering. Bucky and Tara opened their house and outside buildings for all of us to enjoy while we ate and socialized.

Sixty-four individuals participated in the parade and social gathering! It was good to see about a dozen younger members. One of the younger ones was Nathaniel Stevens. In one of the buildings was a freshly rebuilt Caterpillar engine, rebuilt by Nathaniel. He lives in our futures but he is also cognizant of our past.

Thanks to all who participated.

St. David Pioneer Days, July 22

For the parade, we had tractors driven by Fred Bennett, Mark Bott, Darrell Day, Tiny Dixon, Allan Mattson, and Bob Sachs. Ray and Kay Robinson displayed their Caterpillar crawler. Jim White displayed his two International LB's with their line shafts and Larry Kastens exhibited his 1914 United air-cooled engine. John Davenport, Jim White, and Mark Bott manned the rope-making with 53 ropes being made. Karen Reid designed and made the buttons which depicted the Mormon Battalion with their covered wagons. Jade Davenport, Janis Sachs, Joshua Davenport and his family helped with our set up and take down. We had lots of spectators in the morning and a good time was had by all.

Pictures of Trailers Purchased



Update

On August 8, Joe Mooney, skillfully loaded the 11,000 pound Western engine on our trailer. We plan to use a Ford Model A engine to supply the air to start it.

Safety Coordinator, Mel Perkins

As the newly elected safety coordinator, I feel it is important that we are aware and up to date on the safety rules which are outlined by Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association. We have opted them to be our insurance writer and are bound by their rules. I will have different segments of the rules posted in our newsletter. The first segment deals with stationary engines, equipment displays, and stationary equipment. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

The following is Mel Perkins's suggestions for shows from one to three days.

1. Members who wish to display their engines in a parade need to have them mounted on a trailer that can be pulled by themselves or another member.
2. For regular shows, engines could be mounted on a trailer or wagon which would eliminate loading and unloading.
3. Potlucks could be considered at some events using a chili pot, stew pot, or barbecue. Coffee and pastry are always welcomed. Volunteers are needed.
4. Appropriate sized banners are always needed at all events.
5. We could piggy-back with other events such as Sahuarita Pecan Festival, Wellton, craft shows, Pumpkin Patch, as well as parades in Sierra Vista, Tucson, and Benson.
6. We could plan shows with RV accessibility, like Southwest Forgotten Iron.
7. For those who do not have engines and tractors, innovative displays of wrenches, oilers, implement seats, barbed wire, and other farm items are encouraged.
8. We could have more swap meets as most of us have an abundance of items.
9. We could have more tractor pulls and games at member's homes.
10. People movers, used in parades, need to be certified by EDGE&TA.
11. Have sufficient brochures and business cards available at each event.
12. More member participation of PFTP Facebook is needed.
13. We need to promote PFTP to the public through community organizations.
14. All displays should have attractive and informative signage and should be legible from five feet.
15. Members who do not exhibit could work with ropes, making ice cream, or help with the tractor pulls.
16. A swap meet and a workshop on the same day could be a good marriage.
17. Plan to distribute event buttons on the day of the show.

Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Assn.



SAFETY MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EDGE&TA SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES

EDGE&TA BRANCH SAFETY OFFICERS, EDGE&TA SAFETY OFFICERS, AND EDGE&TA INSURANCE ADVISOR ARE AUTHORIZED TO SHUT DOWN ANYONE FOR UNSAFE OPERATION.

Every participant in EDGE&TA events MUST be a member of an EDGE&TA Branch.

No set of requirements, regulations or cautions can prevent a disaster. We must, however, take these safety requirements seriously. Our individual awareness and adherence to both required and desired requirements will greatly increase the safety of our exhibitors and the public who attend our sanctioned activities.

STATIONARY ENGINES & EQUIPMENT DISPLAYS

Anyone exhibiting or participating at any EDGE&TA event MUST be a member of an EDGE&TA Branch.
NO ALCOHOL is permitted at any EDGE&TA event.

Required:

1. Double rope stanchions separating the displayed items from the public by a minimum of three (3) feet. **For a drawing, Click [HERE!](#)**
2. Occupancy of the display area shall be at the discretion of the exhibitor/owner and the Activity Safety Officer.
3. Person attending engines and equipment to be in control at all times.
4. Running engines or equipment shall not be left unattended.
5. Safety Officer has the right to shut down any engine display running unattended or running unsafely.
6. Fuel will be stored in closed containers at least six (6) feet away from nearest running engine.
7. Exhibits with running engines will be required to have easy access to a working fire extinguisher located away from stored fuel containers.
8. All engines and equipment will have sufficient spacing to allow the operator easy access to all items and a safe operating distance shall be maintained at all times.
9. All exhibits on wheels parked on unlevelled area shall have the wheels blocked to prevent them from rolling.
10. Keep a Clutter-free exhibit area.
11. All oil or fuel leaks should have a flat tray containing a non-flammable material such as cat litter to catch any leaking fluid.

Desired:

1. Plastic mesh barrier from lower rope to ground to prevent small children from ducking under the barrier.
2. Exhaust directed up and away from viewing public.
3. Belts parallel to viewing public.
4. First Aid kit on hand at all times.

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5. Stationary Equipment

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This covers a lot of things. Corn shellers, fodder choppers, all kinds of buhr mills for grinding corn or other products. Threshing machines, corn shredders, saw mills etc.

1. If there is a piece of equipment that a child can get their finger in and get hurt, it needs to be roped off.
2. Corn shellers are one thing that children like to play with. If it has a handle they want to turn it. If the sheller is a larger one with a flywheel, the handle will keep turning and could come up and hit someone in the chin or mouth etc.
3. Small buhr mills are the same way.
4. If any of this equipment is belt driven, it definitely needs to be roped or fenced to keep people away from the moving belts. Belts do come off occasionally and could get out in the spectator area. Also the area around the belts need to be kept clean and free of debris so the operator doesn't trip and fall into the belt. Belted equipment needs lots of room.
5. Some people will take the handle off the equipment and leave it at home to try to prevent an accident from happening. Good idea. If the equipment has a handle, tie the handle with a rope so it can't be turned if you are away.
6. Any equipment belted to an engine should be parallel to the spectators.

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Mike Culp and Larry Kastens riding in a 1948 Worthington tractor, at the Fourth of July parade in Benson

Basics of June/July Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Beginning	\$11,915.76	Ending	\$3,445.96
Savings			\$19,243.16
Land Fund CD			\$36,108.11
Ice Cream Profits, will be added to Land Fund on 10/21-17			\$6,652.25

Major purchases this month were the trailers with the cost, licenses, titles, tires on the Load Trail, batteries for the required braking, sound system for announcing pulls, meeting room rent from July through December. For particulars, come to the monthly meetings.

Questions for Event Particulars

If you have questions about any of the events, call the contact person or Jim White.

Layout and Picture Insertion

Usually, Jim Fieber does the layout and adds the pictures but this time he is traveling in the Northwest. He will be back for the next issue.



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