

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING September 20, 2021

Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:02 pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Frandsen.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Jerry Geiger, Mark Sion, Ed Savage, Tim Brain, Jason Muller and Lyle Clark
Absent – Sarah Geiger

MINUTES OF August 16, 2021 MEETING: Mark moved to approve the minutes as emailed to the board and posted to the club website. Seconded by Ed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report was presented by Tim. Expenses paid for the farm this past month included fertilizer (\$1,610.50), baling (\$1,808.00) and equipment repair on rake (\$138.07). We deposited \$5,592.59 from Rovey Dairy for crops sold to them. We also had some hay sales deposits for about \$750. Still waiting for final amount to be deposited. We also have a deposit to Maricopa County traffic for the upcoming tractor ride for \$1,150 of which we will get \$1,000 of that back after the ride so as long as there is no damage to the streets.

The main checking account balance is \$42,946.77.

The savings account balance is \$63,724.51.

The Case account balance is \$10,185.55.

Motion made by Ed to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FARMLAND: Ed reported that chemicals were sprayed to eliminate the aphid problems at the farm recently. The fall University of Arizona study is moving forward for the two large fields. Once the last cutting of sudan grass is cut and baled from the east field, the study is looking to put in fava beans as the main crop and then a "salad blend" of some produce like radishes to see how the ground responds to both water and chemical balance. The study will also work with our current alfalfa stand and how the southwest soils are affecting the plants and root structures. They will be hosting some field days with some education seminars with local farmers and ag businesses on findings. The club members will also be welcomed to attend these meetings/workshops as well. Ed will notify the membership once he gets additional information. There is an upcoming plow day sometime in mid-October once the final cutting of sudan grass is done and

before the U of A study starts. Ed will send out communication on what date and time that will take place. Ed completed work over at Sahuaro Ranch Park on the demonstration field. He cleaned up the field and planted corn. It will serve as a nice crop for the park and pictures. The city of Glendale will be in charge of watering it. We hope to be able to harvest the corn for the Sahuaro Ranch show in February. It will be a nice demonstration with the one-row corn picker.

No update from the Northern Borders group on their Northeast border project.

AHAA Sam McConnell reported no AHAA activity in the previous month.

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE No update other than Jerry reported that he and Sarah are still working on the voice mail issues with the new phone system. Hope to have it resolved shortly.

STEAM ENGINE • Jerry spoke with Jeff Smith on an update on the project. Jeff Smith reached out to Jeff Lund and the latest we heard is that we are “next in line” for work. Evidently there was a large locomotive that has been ahead of us that is just getting finished up. It took a lot longer than expected. Todd Bakken reported that he has a client that is willing to pick up where Jeff Lund is at and help finish our project for free. The board decided that will be our back up plan and give Jeff Lund a bit more time to provide us some results. Todd also mentioned he has some engineered drawings for the Steam Engine that were obtained from Racine, Wisconsin. He has been looking for them but at this time he is unable to locate.

CLUB EVENTS:

- **Club Fall Tractor Ride** • Leon Lawson gave an update on the ride and pertinent details.

Date: Saturday, October 9th; 8:00 am – 2:30/3:00 pm (leaving promptly at 8 am)

All club members **MUST** call Leon to sign up to be able to attend the ride. Deadline to sign up is October 8th. Everyone attending the tractor drive **MUST** be a member of the club for insurance reasons, however, anyone not a current club member can pay their dues and sign up the morning of the tractor drive if necessary. Leon will be in charge of pulling a hay wagon and the club’s portable J-Jon on the drive.

Anyone who plans to bring a tractor to the tractor drive **MUST** abide by the following:

- have a slow-moving sign
- no steel wheel tractors
- be able to travel at least 10 mph

Sarah will send out another email to the membership with details on where parking/staging will be for the event.

- **February and March Shows:** The board discussed whether or not to do a one day or two day show this next season. After discussion, it was decided that both shows would be one day for the public with normal activities and the second day (Sunday) it would be open for club members for a play day and wrap up about 12 noon. Discussion was had on whether or not we take a gate admission or not. That is one area where we struggle to find volunteers to help out on. If we were to get enough of a corporate sponsor(s) to help defray some of our show costs, we really don’t need to do a gate admission. More

details to be discussed at the upcoming board meeting and fall kick-off meeting. Both Ed and Jason shared initial details on injecting some new ideas at the Sahuaro Show to re-brand the show and make it fresh. The show has seen declining attendance the last few years so in order to get more foot traffic in, something needs to be done. More details will be provided at next meeting.

The co-chairs for the AJ show were identified as Tim Brain, Phil Frandsen and Ray Fromm. Phil is going to print flyers for the show to hand out at several upcoming events. Tim motioned and Ed seconded approval to print the flyers.

NEW BUSINESS/EVENTS:

- CHRISTMAS PARTY CONFIRMED - Jerry confirmed the club Christmas party will be held December 11th at the garage of Fred & Sarah Ferguson, near 40th Street & Thunderbird area. The party will start about 5 pm. Sarah will update the website with new dates and times to the Christmas party and other club events as they come.
- ENGINE WORKSHOP • It is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th and will be hosted by Jeff Smith. More information will be available at a later date.
- Helz-a-Rockin – Will be held in Buckeye on October 9th. Bill Lanier is the contact for the event and reported that both tractors and engines are welcomed and encouraged. Sarah will send out an email with further information on this event.
- Celebrate Mesa Festival – Will be held on Saturday, October 16th. Phil Frandsen will be the contact for this event and will get information to Sarah to send out to the membership with more details. Both tractors and engines are encouraged to attend.
- Fall Kick-off Meeting: Will be held on Saturday, October 23rd at the farmland. Like in years past, arrive at 5pm, food will be catered by the club and served about 5:30pm. The board of director meeting will follow.
- The Club's JD B Tractor Project: Sam McConnell reported that he is heading up the project to be completed out at the farm. Gary Jennings will be the technical advisor on the project with club members pitching in time and resources to get the tractor put back together and running. They hope to get started in the next few weeks now that it is cooling off. At the farm in between the connex boxes, a concrete pad (20'X10') will be poured to make working out there easier and safer. The cost is \$900 which will be split by both AEDGE&TA and AHAA. Ultimately Sam will find a sponsor to help defer that cost. Motioned by Ed and seconded by Mark to proceed with the concrete pad.
- Big Engine: A decision was made that after the Glendale and AJ shows, the big engine will be transported to the farm and it will reside on the East side of the connex boxes. A cover will be constructed to protect it when not in use but can be easily removed and the engine to be used during plow days, kick off meetings etc. It will be also nice to be available to train members on how to operate the machine so additional members understand how it works.
- Veterans Day Parade: Thursday, November 11th. David Hale will be the contact. More information about the parade will be sent out via email.
- Fiesta Bowl Parade: Saturday, December 18th. It was discussed that we may have missed the deadline to sign up but either Sam or Jerry will contact the committee to see if we can still do so. Sam will organize the details for this event if allowed to participate.

- Upcoming Hay wagon needs: Sam identified that he has been asked by several organizations on providing hay wagons at their upcoming events. Sam has access to the wagons but will need tractors and drivers to pull them. He will have Sarah send out email notices to the membership as he gets them so that everybody can decide on which events to help participate in.

***October 2nd** – Westgate Touch a Truck event. Sam needs tractors to be displayed. Must be ok to have kids crawl on them safely.

***November 6th** – Sahuaro Ranch Park soccer fields. Hay wagons needed to pull around fields and park

***December 11th Daytime** – City of Glendale’s Hometown Christmas Parade. Will have 9 wagons to move people around and through the parade.

***December 11th evening**: City of Peoria Christmas event. Will use the same 9 hay wagons at this event.

***Misc.** Sam has been contacted by 4 different High Schools to use tractors and hay wagons for their upcoming homecoming activities.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ed made a motion and Mark seconded to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18th at the club’s farmland off of 87th Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.