

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



Fall Kick-Off Meeting October 23, 2021

Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Jerry Geiger, Mark Sion, Tim Brain and Sarah Geiger

Absent: Jason Muller, Ed Savage and Lyle Clark

GUEST RECOGNITION: Jerry welcomed a special guest, Sam Walker, who came from California and stopped in to join us for the evening. Sam always does a great job announcing at the pull track for our shows.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tim Brain presented and summarized the club's Profit & Loss Statement to all club members in attendance.

FARMLAND:

- For the last few years, we have been rotating various crops on the east field. Alfalfa has been a steady crop on the west field.
- Grain from the east field has been sold to the Rovey Dairy for feed.
- Alfalfa bales are currently being sold at \$8.50 per bale and have been for the last several years, but considering today's hay market and costs to the club to grow, cut, rake, bale and stack the bales, we will likely raise the price next year to stay closer to the average price (with a continued discount to club members).
- New concrete slab has been poured at the club grounds, organized by Sam McConnell. Someone donated \$500 of the \$900 to pour a 10'x10' slab. Gary Jennings will be helping with the club tractor restoration there on the concrete slab. This slab is nice for meetings especially when food is being served.
- Most all upgrades to the club farm ground are designed in a way that they can be taken down and moved at any time if the need arises. We hope to get a few more donations to do a few more improvements around the club farm ground. So far, all the current improvements that have been made have been very useful as we have been able to hold every meeting there.
- We currently occupy the SRP farmland and only pay for any irrigation water, activities or improvements we choose to do.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

- Club membership is being updated by Jerry & Debbie Geiger. They will be undertaking the task of making phone calls to all club members to update their contact information and discuss the possibilities of a future club roster.

CLUB ENGINE:

- The Club Engine is currently located in west Buckeye at the Gruel's home. It is tentatively planned to come out for our two club shows in the spring then will be moved to the club farm ground. Temporary walls/panels will be built up around it that can be put up and taken down as needed to access and use the engine as opportunities allow. This will allow it to be stored safely at the club farm. When events are hosted out at the farm, having it there will allow us to use more often. Additionally, the club will need to train additional club members on using it so perhaps a couple of engine days may be set up at the farm later next spring/or next fall once it arrives and is set in place.

RECENT CLUB EVENTS:

- The recent Tractor Drive was a success with 16 tractors and drivers in attendance.
- Helzapoppin' Gem & Mineral Show had lots of engines setup and crushed rocks and ginned cotton. Bill Lee drove a tractor 9 miles to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS / OTHER UPDATES:

- **Christmas Party:** Information will be going out soon to the membership, so watch for an email with more details. The date is set for **Saturday, December 11, 2021** and will be held at Fred and Sara Ferguson's.
- **Club shows:** February show is being chaired by Ed Savage and Jason Muller. March show is being chaired by Tim Brain, Phil Frandsen, and Ray Fromm. Show flyers have both shows on a single flyer. 2,000 flyers were passed out at a recent event in Mesa. Both shows will be 1-day shows on Saturday. Club members can leave their tractors overnight if they wish and can participate in a play day on Sunday until about noon. This is a good opportunity for those that volunteer on Saturday to take a turn pulling the sled, plowing demo etc... There will not be a stew pot dinner at either show this upcoming spring. If there is a large turnout of members Saturday evening of the shows, the club may be able to order pizza instead. There will not be a morning breakfast on either Sunday of the shows. The reason for the shift to a single day show is that Sunday's turnout is always significantly lower numbers for attendance and club members sticking around with tractors and engines and this way we can save our volunteers time while still having a great show and a fun play day.
- **Hay Rides:** There are several upcoming events that are open to club members to participate in. Those can be found in recent club minutes and emails. Many of those are hay wagon rides for the community. These hay rides are all on a volunteer basis and we must have a club member drive the tractors for this for insurance coverage, although wagon riders can be the general public. The insurance company doesn't require any additional money from us for event coverage.

- **Steam Engine Update:** Jeff Lund in Minnesota was given a deposit to work on part of the steam engine. Club member, Jeff Smith, is our liaison for the engine work being done. Jeff Lund had a large project he had been working on along with a regular day job. Our project is next in line. There have been some bigger than expected repairs to be done. The club has money set aside to finish the boiler and fire box so that it can be trusted. The club will be sending a few people to steam school to learn how to properly run the steam engine safely. There is currently no estimate time of completion.

OTHER:

- The AZ Flywheelers Show was Oct. 29th & 30th in Cottonwood, AZ at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds. This show was previously held in March and was moved to October.
- Joel Kern and his wife are moving back east. If anyone is headed that way and wants to haul a tractor, contact John Kern. It was suggested that they contact Jim Radley.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 15th at the club's farmland (8315 N. 87th Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345) off of 87th Avenue, between Olive and Northern Avenues at 6pm.

Attendance for the Fall Kick Off meetings was:

Jerry & Debbie Geiger

Bryan & Sarah Geiger with Brent, Ellie, Taryn and Shayla

Tim Brain

Mark Sion

John Fletcher

Rodney Hemphill

Daniel Whitehead

Leon & Kathleen Lawson

Ron & Gaylene Ely

Bill Lee

John A. & Pamela Kern

Peter & Darla Burchert

Todd Bakken

Harold Shirley

Phil & Brenda Frandsen

Ray Gatz

Sam Walker

Larry & Marsha Thiele with Tristan

Art & Linda Moyer

Javier Aguirre

Tom Trainor

Bill Lanier Jr.

Walter Rawls III