

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



FALL KICK-OFF MEETING - October 17, 2022

Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

6:10 pm, the meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Jerry Geiger, Tim Brain, Ed Savage and Sarah Geiger. Absent: Mark Sion, Jason Muller and Ryan Thorman

(Minutes were take by Sarah Geiger)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report; Tim Brain, Treasurer, net income on the farm has grown over the past few years. We have begun to see a profit at the end of the year when all expenses are added up and sales of corn, sorghum and alfalfa are factored in.

We recently received a donation of \$4,500 from Bart Turner, City Of Glendale councilmember. We have deposited that in our account and earmarked it for future project.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HAY SALES: Jerry and Debbie Geiger are managing the Hay Sales and are having no problem selling everything that we bale. Lonnie Hutchinson cuts the alfalfa at the appropriate time, let it dry, rakes it, bales it and then stacks it on the north side of the property. We are currently selling the hay to Club Members only at a discounted price of \$13.50 per bale. Current market value is around \$20 per bale.

FARMLAND: Ed Savage gave an extensive Report on the farmland, explained how we bought extra fertilizer last year before the price went up. He went into detail about what we learned in a soil study that was conducted with the University of Arizona who came up earlier this year and did the soil study on the south side of the east field. The alfalfa crop is now two years old and this winter we are going to plant rye in with the alfalfa to help with the nutrients in the ground and assist in weed control during the winter months. We had a plow day this morning on the east field and within the next two weeks we will be planting a cover crop in that field, again with the supervision of University of Arizona. Doing these studies will help us to get future grants. This cover crop will also help with weed control, decrease water consumption, tillage and compaction. When this crop is harvested it will be sold as Haylage to a nearby dairy, we anticipate this experiment to save us about \$1,500 in fertilizer cost next year. Added benefits are weed control which will cut down on the amount of chemical we need to spray to control weeds. Our biggest contributor currently is the University of Arizona but there are many in the agriculture community that are anxiously awaiting the results of this study.

Larry Thiele has spent a considerable amount of time at the property this year helping Ed with Irrigation. Tim Brain, Randy Waddle and Leon Lawson have also helped with running borders. Ed received a round of applause for the great work and dedication he has put into the farmland over the past few years. Jerry raised the question if anyone else in the room would like to take over that position for Ed. No hands went up.

CLUB EVENTS:

- **Glendale Show:** Sahuaro Ranch Park; Dean Hinz has volunteered to be the show chair for our one day show on February 11th, 2023. The board recently approved funds for additional marketing for Dean to use as he sees necessary. We have also placed ads in five different national magazines related to the antique gas engine and tractor hobby advertising both of our shows.
- **Apache Junction Show:** Apache Junction; Ken and Rhonda Baker are longtime club members who live in Apache Junction and have agreed to be show chairs for the Apache Junction show which is on March 11th, 2023.
- **Engine Workshop:** Jeff and Linda Smith are hosting an engine workshop at their home on Saturday, December 3rd.
- **Club Christmas Party:** The annual Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 10th at Fred and Sarah Ferguson's residence in Northeast Phoenix.
- **Other Events:** There are many events coming up between now and the end of the year, be sure to check the website for listing and more detailed information of each event.

BUSINESS:

- **Case Steam Engine:** Our 65 hp Case steam traction engine is currently in Minnesota awaiting a new boiler to be installed. It has been there for six years and there has been lots of discussion amongst club members as to whether we should keep the engine or sell it as is. Jerry went into detail explaining how we bought the steam engine in 1998 and used it for many years at both of our shows until the boiler failed inspection in early 2015. At this same meeting in the fall of 2015, members present voted to send it out of state to have it repaired. Immediately following, fundraising started and an account was created to support this steam engine repair. Many members have contributed time and effort in raising funds but the two that stand out the most is Jeff Smith and Fred Ferguson. To date we have spent \$12,375 with the repair shop in Minnesota and we currently have a balance in the Case Steam Engine account of \$12,205. We passed around a survey for everyone at the meeting to fill out. There were 22 club members that filled out the survey. The two questions we asked where, should we continue moving forward with repairing the engine? Or should we try to sell the engine as is? The result of the survey were 19 said we should continue moving forward with repair and 3 said we should sell it as is.
- **City of Glendale Property:** The City of Glendale owns a piece of property at the southwest corner of Northern Avenue and 63rd Ave. Sam McConnell, Larry Rovey and many of the board members have been working with the city over the past 4 months to come up with a plan for us to occupy that property. Options would include farming the lower retention basin, putting up our 8,300 square-foot building that we own on the higher ground along with many other improvements. We are currently seeking a plan with the City Of Glendale for a low-cost lease over the next 25+ years. Orcutt-Winslow is a large architectural firm in Phoenix who is currently working on a site plan and elevation drawings that we can take to the City Of Glendale. We are currently in the early stages of this project and will keep club members informed as we gain more information.
- **Mile High Club:** The Mile High Club in Prescott is currently a member of the national organization, Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association, (EDGE&TA). We have been in discussion with them for many months now about a possible merger between our club and theirs. Currently about 2/3 of their membership dues go to EDGE&TA to cover their insurance. Effective January 1st 2023 they are going to cancel their association with EDGE&TA and become a satellite club within our club. Their name will stay the same. Their dues will stay the same and will be deposited in their own bank accounts. They will continue to put on shows and events. They will continue to pay all of their own bills. They own a tractor pulling sled. They will pay a prorated portion of our insurance so that they are covered under our policy. They will no longer pay a membership fee to belong to our

club and none of our members will pay a membership fee to belong to their club. We will maintain a separate roster so we know which club each member identifies their membership with. We will do everything we can to support their events and they will do the same for us. We will give them one board position on our board so that they can have a liaison from their club attend our meetings and keep informed of everything that is happening in our club plus that person will report to us everything that they are doing in their club.

- **Club Farmland:** Someone has contacted SRP with an interest in buying the current farm land that we are leasing. If this were to happen we're not sure what our future would be at this farmland. We leased this property in 2013 for 6 years and then renewed it in 2019, however SRP has indicated that they can cancel the lease with a 30 day notice. Jerry Geiger has sent a letter to the SRP Board members that are on the committee explaining why SRP should not sell this land and should continue to lease it to us. This topic has been placed on the agenda for the facilities and support committee meeting to be held later in December.
- **Name Badges:** If you are interested in getting a name badge please contact Debbie Geiger and she will place the order for you. After you pay for the badge it will be mailed directly to you from the engraving shop. An application for this is on the website.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm