

Secretary's minutes for Power from the Past EDGE-TA #240

The December Christmas Dinner meeting for Power from the Past was held on December 2, 2023, at the Benson Community Center in Benson, AZ. The meeting was called to order by President Greg Skaggs at 11:11 a.m. We joined together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members Greg Skaggs, Jerry Hayes, Zane Parker, Lyle Rasmussen, Rose Tidwell, and tractor chair Charlie Bub were present. Board member Virgil Schmidt joined us for dinner and Julia Davis was away. There was a total of 38 members present.

Both the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report were approved as read. The Vice President had no news to report.

From the President's report we learned he has done some upkeep on the McCormick-Deering engine used for making ice cream. After much work cleaning the fuel system, overhauling the leaking pump (which is still leaking), and cleaning and testing the magneto, to find the mixer needed some attention. The throttle blade had pulled away from the cam. Once this was corrected, Greg tested it on a batch of orange Sherbert with success and brought the proof for dessert. Also, the Western Engine upgrades are still in progress, we have new gaskets for the oiler, with the radiator mount and service on the igniter yet to be completed. Also, we have received a request from EDGE-TA Branch # 206 to borrow our tractor sled for their show in January in Wellton, AZ.

Our Care person Ruth Perkins gave us an update on reaching out to Members on their celebrations and concerns.

The only communication was from the EDGE-TA #206 group.

The Safety chair was away. The engine Chair reported on a year of safe engine displays and looks forward to more in the new year.

The tractor chair reported plans being made for a tractor ride.

Also, a reminder was made that we have started collecting membership dues and EDGE-TA insurance fees for the 2024 year.

Preparations are complete for our participation in both the Benson and Huachuca City Arizona Christmas parades. And our calendar for 2024 is filling up with approved events.

No unfinished business and we moved on to new business. The request from EDGE-TA Branch# 206 to borrow our sled for their tractor pull during their January show in Wellton led to various options discussed for its repairs and transportation. A motion was made and approved for #206 to transport the sled to their facilities for cleaning and upgrades with an option for our member Bucky Stevens to retrieve it at the end of the event.

A tractor ride proposed for Dec. 16 at Empire Ranch, was approved.

President Greg Skaggs recognized Frank Bessler for his time serving as Treasurer for the club in the past.

No further business was presented and a motion brought the meeting to adjournment at 11:50 a.m. Mel Perkins led us in prayer and dinner was served.

Rose Tidwell, Secretary, Power from the Past