

Power From The Past

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Members of Power From The Past, welcome to a New Year. This means it's time to pay your dues of \$20.00 per family + \$20.00 for EDGE-TA insurance coverage per person.

Join us at these upcoming events;

Plow Day at the High Desert working dogs' location near Whetstone on **January 25**. Greg's taking names and firming up our plans.

February 8th the Glendale, AZ EDGE-TA group has their annual show.

February 22nd we will gather round the Culvers parking lot in Tucson at Broadway and Prudence. Mel Perkins organizer.

February 28-March 2 Club social at Drew Harrison's place in Marana, with camping, potluck and club meeting. Hosted by Jerry and Jo Beth Hayes.

March 8 the Apache Junction EDGE-TA group will have their annual show.

March 15 Marana Founder's Day parade and display. Organized by Zane Parker.

March 29 plans are being made for another tractor ride Sonoita to Parker Canyon Lake led by Seth Hoyte.

April 5 Chevy Showdown at the Sahuarita Desert Diamond Casino organized by Greg Skaggs.

April 19 Rodders Car show at Pima Community College Organized by Seth Hoyte.

Annual meeting is May 3 in Tucson at the El Camino Baptist Church. Changes are coming with our President Greg Skaggs retiring and we have two board positions with their current terms ending for Lyle Rasmussen and Rose Tidwell. The Annual meeting will be the time for votes, to hear from our committees including the newly formed Audit Committee, and a good time to think about our future. Don't wait; let us know your interests soon in participating.



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Birthdays	Anniversaries
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January

Sandi Ball Len Becwar Dominique Blair Beverly Clark Darrell Day Kent Hardy Glenn Johnson Mel Perkins Paul Rousseau Greg Skaggs Mary Sue Skaggs	Chuck and Jeannie Clegg
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February

Sharon Baker Rose Tidwell Ray Fisher	Fred and Pam Bennett Frank and Terri Bessler Mike and Susan Culp
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March

Jim Blair Joyce Bott Donald Christie	Donald and Thelma Christie
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April

Mark Jensen Evelyn Jensen Larry Kastens Jim Levengood Jayne Levengood	Darrell and Pat Dwyer
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2024 Power From The Past EDGE-240 year in review.

EDGE-TA-Early Days Gas Engines- Tractors Association. Our stated purpose, from our constitution, Article II: ‘The purpose of the association is to preserve and maintain early examples of machinery, their related components and tools which were designed as labor-saving devices for agriculture\al, commercial, and domestic service. It is to serve as a source of information for the benefit of the members and the general public. It is to unite and encourage the spirit of fellowship among those who are interested in the collection, restoration, exhibition, and research of early day engines, tractors and equipment.’

And how did we do that for 2024?

- 12 static displays
- 4 parades
- 2 tractor rides
- Along with some socializing.

We could not have done this without our President Greg Skaggs.

Our board members; Jerry Hayes, Treasurer, Vice president, Zane Parker, Julia Davis Safety Officer, Lyle Rasmussen, Engine Chair, Jaime Davenport, and Rose Tidwell, Secretary.

And for our event organizers; Greg Skaggs, Zane Parker, Charlie Bub, Seth Hoyte, Mel Perkins, Julia Davis, Jerry and Jo Beth Hayes, Lance Amatulli and Jo Stupy, Charlie Bub and Rose Tidwell

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Those Members that participated 10 or more times(**our club MVPs**); Jerry and JoBeth Hayes, Zane Parker, Greg Skaggs, Charlie Bub and Rose Tidwell, Mark Bott, Julia Davis, Darrell and Pat Dwyer.

Runner-ups with 7-9 showings; Jim Fieber, Larry Kastens, Len Becwar and Jane Bright, Lyle Rasmussen, Jerry Alexander,

Rookie of the Year; Mark Jensen

Injured reserve; John and Joyce Levengood, Jerry Alexander, Darrell Day

And thanks to our support from Karen Reid for our event buttons, Greg Skaggs and Jim Blair for engine maintenance, Jerry and Jo Beth Hayes keeping the ice cream churns going, Allen and Donna Goodman for providing the people mover, and our support on YouTube from Matt 'the scrapwhisperer' Stewart.

And thanks to our recently formed Audit committee with members Julia Davis, Lyle Rasmussen, Larry Kastens and Charlie Bub.

Most recent events;

On October 12th we found ourselves in the middle of a patch of sunflowers for the **Marana Fall Festival**. With the one-day event the kids were lined up waiting for their turn at making a rope well past the 9:00 pm closing time. Participating members Zane Parker, Lance Amatulli and Jo Stupy, Mark Bott, Jerry and JoBeth Hayes,



Jim Fieber, Al Mattson, Bucky Stevens, Jim Blair, Barry Kanner,

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Ernie Oertle, Seth Hoyte, Julia Davis, Charlie Bub and Rose Tidwell. Thanks to Zane Parker for organizing this event.



members Art and Jay Rodriguez. Participating members were Jim White, Mark Jensen, Darrell and Pat Dwyer, Larry Kastens, Mark and Joyce Bott, Matt Stewart, John and Jamie Davenport, Jerry and Jo Beth Hayes, Zane Parker, Bill Lanier, Al Mattson, Len Becwar and Jane Bright, Lance Amatulli and Jo Stupy, Virgil and Easton Schmidt, Julia Davis, Ray Fisher, Matt Faulk, Charlie Bub and Rose Tidwell. Thanks to Lance Amatulli and Jo Stupy for organizing this event.

Three days in **Tombstone**, Oct 18-20 started with gusty winds.



As always there was camping and socializing. The club got a visit from past Helldorado host and charter



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November 2&3 we met up at the **Empire Ranch** for the Cowboy Festival.



Beautiful skies on Saturday with rain moving in on Sunday which kept the big crowds away, but we didn't have any trouble moving the ice cream that we made. Participating members include Jerry and JoBeth Hayes, Zane Parker, Larry Kastens, Jim Fieber, Barry Kanner, Mark Bott, Greg Skaggs, Charlie Bub and Rose Tidwell. Thanks to Charlie Bub for organizing this event.



At the **Huachuca City Christmas Parade** on December 14 attendance was low for both our members participating and for those watching the parade. Thanks to the members that came out for the event; Mark and Julia Davis with their tractors, Zane Parker pulling the people mover with Joyce Bott and Matt Stewart, Jim White in his farm truck with inflatable Christmas. Some mechanical issues sidelined a couple tractors along the way.

Then we gathered the following day, December 15th at the **Benson Community Center** for our Christmas dinner and monthly meeting. Members that gathered were Greg Skaggs, Jerry and JoBeth Hayes, John and Jamie Davenport with Victoria O'Brywn, John and Joyce Levengood, Jim and Jayne Levengood, Lance Amatulli and Jo Stupy, Julia Davis, Jim White, Matt Stewart, Frank and Terry Bessler, Len Becwar and Jane Bright, Jim and

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Sharon Fieber, Lyle, Shari and Jonathon Rasmussen, John Overton, Zane Parker, Mark and Evelyn Jensen, Virgil Schmidt, Darrell Day, Seth Hoyte, Paul and Carole Rousseau, Charlie Bub and Rose Tidwell. We enjoyed food, socializing and gifts thanks to Jamie and John Davenport for organizing. Thank you for the gifts donated by John and Jamie Davenport, Greg Skaggs, Lyle and Cherie Rasmussen.

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In the first participation of the year, Bucky and Zane loaded up our tractor pull sled and headed to **Wellton, AZ**

for their annual show Jan. 17-19. Bill Lanier, Jr helped crew the sled at the show. Also on the trailer was the show's featured tractor, Bucky's **1919 20 h.p. Bullock** with a patent date of Dec. 31, 1918, with a 1917 Waukesha engine. Many of you saw this at the of July celebration. Along with Bucky and Zane others in attendance were Darrell and Pat Dwyer, Mark and Joyce Bott, Jim Blair, Greg Skaggs, Julia Davis, Sharon Baker, Jim White and Bill Lanier

Roadtrip

Charlie and I took a road trip in November to Branson, MO for a family reunion with my immediate family. On one day we took a drive along with my Mom to all the scenic overlooks. At the end of our drive was a sign for ice cream ahead. And we all agreed that sounded good.

We had already heard of the place, the College Creamery on the campus of the College of the Ozarks, inside the Keeter Center. The full-time students at this Christian based university get

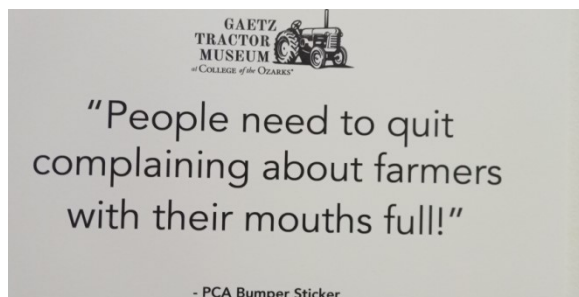
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free tuition in exchange for their hard work. Some of the students are involved in the care and milking of the college's herd of dairy cows. They not only milk, but also participate in the pasteurizing, bottling of the milk, preparing and serving of the delectable ice cream. The students also help run the hotel, restaurant and conference center on campus. Their Sunday Brunch looked wonderful, and the ice cream was rich and creamy. While we were there, we learned they had a tractor museum on campus, but it was closed being a Sunday.

Having free time, the next day Charlie and I returned to see their free viewing tractor museum, as an alternative to the \$18.00 fee for the Branson tractor museum.



They had a nicely preserved selection of tractors and implements, along with many quotes from well-known characters all across the road pertaining to agriculture. And from there we could see the dairy and processing center



For our return route we had plans to take our time and see some sites in Texas. Among those was another tractor museum housed at the Altstadt Brewery and restaurant establishment. Their collection was small, but a premier selection and we enjoyed a break from the road along with a brew.

I've heard great reviews of another tractor museum that's in the Midwest not far from my hometown, The

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American Tractor Museum in Perryville, MO. It has a rotating display that offers a nice selection of orphan tractors. Larry Kastens, Charlie Bub, Julia Davis or Seth Hoyte can tell you about it. Do you have a museum or attraction you would like to share?

It won't be too long, and we'll be making plans for another road trip back to my hometown of Pinckneyville, IL for their annual

American Thresherman's Association show (Aug.13-17, 2025). Julia and Seth are threatening to return before heading to the Half Century of Progress show in Rantoul, Il (Aug. 21-24, 2025) the following weekend. And there's another show, the Midwest Old Threshers, the weekend after that (Aug. 28-Sept.1, 2025) in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.....so many shows so little time.

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In Memoriam

Long time member **Marvin Blough** (July 12, 1938 – October, 28, 1924) hailing from a farm in Iowa. He was remembered for his years helping with the club's tractor pulls and his cheerful demeanor.

George O'Day (November 4, 1931- October 30, 2024) lived over 92 years. He, along with his wife Edna, were charter members of the club. They had engines and tractors. Edna was often on the winning tractor in the garden tractor pulls while George was running engines. He had been in the Air Force and had worked as a welder.

Another charter member **Bob Brubeck** passed away on December 15, 2024. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Essex CVA-9 before settling in Tucson. There he was an early telephone pioneer with AT&T. He and his wife Marialene were charter members of our club along with helping to build the Nature Trail at Saguaro National Monument West.