

POWER FROM THE PAST

EDGE&TA Branch 240

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Antique engines and tractors

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Upcoming Events

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April 5: Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church, 551 S. J Six, Benson

April 24: Rodders Day, 9 a.m. 1225 N. Stone Ave., Tucson

May 1: Annual Meeting, 11 a.m. El Camino Baptist Church, 7777 Speedway, Pod C, Tucson (No food will be served.)

Bring your insurance card so Frank can give out the EDGE&TA 2022 sticker and mailed to non-attendees

Dues

Dues for this year are \$30, per family with children 17 and younger and \$17, each, for insurance, for those displaying, working, or running engines and tractors.

Next year, the family dues will be \$20 plus \$17 for insurance, unless EDGE&TA increases it. **Please be considerate and pay before February 1st of each year.**

Consider the EDGE&TA insurance dues and the membership dues as being *open enrollment up to Feb. 1st* to get in. After that it is closed for processing as a group and being submitted to EDGE&TA to meet their first deadline.

NEWSLETTERS

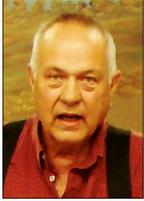
Application & Classifieds
Are on our web site.

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Deaths of Members

Five of our current or former members passed since the last newsletter. It always amazes me how little I know of their lives and the journeys they took before passing. Every person contributed by making our lives interesting and productive in one way or another.

Barry Hoyte, 79, husband of Sandy and father of Seth, passed on December 3, 2020, due to complications of diabetes and Covid-19. He was born in Binghamton, New York, the same birthplace as Phyllis Stevens. He retired from the Navy after serving 27 years and spent 20 years as a foreman in the Naval Shipyard of Washington. He and Sandy were married for 56 years. Barry and Mel Perkins restored a manure spreader and a corn binder. Barry was also a faithful participant in helping youngsters make ropes.



Royce Lambert, 87, passed on December 30, 2020. He grew up a farm boy in Amo, Indiana, and attended Purdue University while raising two boys and a girl with his college sweetheart, Gloria, to whom he was married 53 years before her death. His second wife was Joyce whom he lived with since 2012. He received three degrees from Purdue, the last one being a PH. D in Soil Science to become a beloved Professor at Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo, for 27 years. In Power from the Past, he restored air-cooled engines and garden tractors. He was a man of his word, a man of grace, and forgiveness.



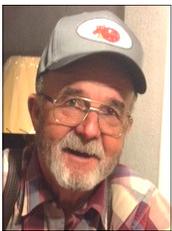
Jim Hawley, 78, passed on January 6, 2021. He grew up in Decatur, Illinois. His love for engines began when he spent time on the farms of his relatives. He went to the University of Arizona and met Marilyn, his wife, after the first year, through his mother who worked with Marilyn at Mountain Bell. He and Marilyn married and were together for 58 years until he passed. Jim worked for railroads as a maintainer for crossing signals, as an electrician, and lastly as an engineer, driving trains from Tucson to Yuma and El Paso. He retired after working for the railroads for 39 years. He fell in love with tractors and guns, so they moved to Willcox so he could add to his tractor collection and have wide open spaces to use them.



Liz Amatulli, 76, passed on January 26, 2021. She was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania and graduated from Meadville High School. She became an Army wife of Lance and was able to travel all over the world, finally landing in Whetstone, Arizona. Early in her life she was employed by the Army's Drug and Alcohol Program in Stuttgart, Germany. In 1985, she became a civil servant at Fort Huachuca, working in the Contracting Office. She kept everyone on the straight and narrow path and was proficient in everything she did. Upon her retirement, she and Lance made trips to various places in Mexico and the U.S. besides going geo-caching with their four-wheelers. In Power from the Past, she and Lance hosted our presence in Tombstone for several years, as well as serving in social capacities.



Gary Gruel, 81, passed on January 30, 2021. He was born in Great Falls, Montana. He moved to Yuma when he was 12, along with his parents. Gary and Dea managed an egg and chicken farm. Later he raised hogs, then went into construction, and lastly worked at the Palo Verde Nuclear plant. Gary is survived by his wife of 55 years, Dea Gruel, his son Robert K. and his grandson, Robert L., who always enjoyed this hobby from an early age. Gary was a long time member of Power from the Past, along with many of his Buckeye engine collectors. Gary was a member of Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association (Phoenix) and Arizona Flywheelers of Cottonwood. He and Buster Brown were instrumental in creating Southwest Forgotten Iron, Branch 206, of Wellton. Gary and Dea, with help from many engine friends, hosted Gruel's Rendezvous for more than 8 years. He shared his love and knowledge of engines to anyone who needed help, enjoying every minute.



Eugene DeCamp 1926-2019



Several of us remember Gene De Camp as being a member of Power from the Past and his knowledge of engines. In helping Seth Hoyte with the listing of the past members of our association, I had the opportunity to visit with Gene's nephew, Jack Castimore, from Kenai, Alaska. This is what Jack relates.

Betty DeCamp 1924-2015

"Betty was my aunt and as a kid they: Gene and Betty had several gas stations - Mechanic garages in New Jersey where they repaired sports cars, and expensive imported cars. Gene's background: after serving in WW II in France, he went to a technical school to learn machining and welding and worked for, **Pratt** & Whitney aircraft manufacturing. Later he met Betty, got married in New Jersey and managed a repair shop for a large Chevy-Cadillac dealership. One day he decided to go out on his own and open a Shell gas station and repair shop where he gained a reputation for his excellent work on foreign cars, such as Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar, Bentley's and Rolls, etc. At About 35 years old, he sold the businesses and went to visit his sister in Flagstaff Arizona, where she was an instructor at Arizona State College at Flagstaff (the school name in the 1960's). Gene enrolled, and in the first semester as a student, he was hired to teach welding at the college (he had his union book on welding and machining). Betty was a nurse at the Flagstaff hospital (her real training after WW II). Later they would buy a small ranch in Cornville, Arizona and I would come to live with them in Cornville and we would commute to Flagstaff to school, five days a week. Gene was a professor at NAU and I was a student. The rest is history, he taught until retirement age, sold the ranch, and built a house in Cottonwood with a full machine shop in the walk out basement with three garage doors and large cranes to lift materials to work on. He continued to work in the shop until he was 90 years old. The following year, his heart became a problem and he passed away on Betty's birthday in 2019. Many of the Cottonwood engine guys worked in his shop on hundreds of engines over the decades and most have stories about Gene. He and Betty helped a lot of their nieces and nephews receive technical or college educations and are greatly missed. They changed a lot of our lives and we are grateful to them." Jack Castimore

Christmas Dinner, Dec. 5, 2020

Our last gathering was on December 5, 2020, at the Senior Center in Benson. Frank Bessler thanked Liz and her crew of caterers who prepared the dinner. He also mentioned that the Valley of the Sun United Way gifted us with a donation of nearly \$1500, which was given to them by an anonymous donor. Liz Amatulli was thanked for supplying the candy for the tables. Frank and Teri prepared the door prizes and Lyle had members draw the numbers for distribution. The 50/50 winner was new member, Barney Atkinson, who donated his half to the Benson Food Pantry which also received the first half.

Christmas Parade at Benson, Dec. 5, 2020

Those who participated in the Christmas parade in Benson were Lance Amatulli, Barney Atkinson, Jade Davenport, Zach Davenport, Greg Skaggs, Virgil Schmidt and Easton, and Jim White.

Huachuca City Christmas Parade, Dec. 12, 2020

Several of our members braved the freezing temperatures as they left their homes to participate in one of the few Christmas parades around in 2020. Faithful Greg Skaggs brought our trailer with the Power from the Past signs. Before we started, Greg made the coffee and we sampled doughnuts in Mr. Shed's Lobby, arranged by our button maker, Karen Reid. Other parade participants were Lance Amatulli accompanied by Arnie Anderson in the Amatulli Wisconsin Quad (making the front page of the Sierra Vista Herald/Review), Darrell Dwyer with his souped-up V/8 8N Ford, Matt Stewart with an 8 N Ford, Mark Bott with a beautifully restored Farmall 560, Jim White with a 1964 Allis-Chalmers garden tractor, Larry Kastens and Mike Culp driving a 1948 Dodge Worthington Chief tractor.

Annual Voters Meeting, May 2021, El Camino Baptist Church, 11 a.m.

The terms of Lance Amatulli, Jim Fieber, and Lyle Rasmussen will expire in May of this year. **If you are interested in being a board member, please send a paragraph what you could do for our association to larrykastens@hotmail.com by March 31st** and I will disseminate it to the membership. **Any member, 18 or over, who is not an immediate family member of a Board member, may request to be placed on the ballot.**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MANAGERS TO STEP FORWARD TO SERVE

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

Culver's Show, Broadway & Prudence, Feb. 27

We had an extraordinary exhibit with running engines and a static display of tractors, at Culver's in Tucson, hosted by Mel & Ruth Perkins. We



had 13 large tractors and 5 garden tractors. We were short on engine participation with four, but Kent & Carol Hardy brought the 50 horsepower Western which made up for the low numbers. Ray Fisher



had a Sandwich, Larry Kastens had a United, and Darrell & Pat Dwyer had a Gade. Mel had his hay trolley display, a cut-away engine, and a pedal sickle grinder. Greg Skaggs

brought the supply trailer and it is likely that he helped set up the ropes and stands. Zane Parker, Greg Skaggs, and Jim Fieber manned the rope machine. Jim



Fieber

brought his Minneapolis-Moline & John Deere garden tractor and did the digital photography. Matt Stewart brought his Gibson garden tractor.

Len Becwar brought his International Lo-Boy. Seth Hoyte has an aversion to Allis-Chalmers but he did have a Bohlen garden tractor, too. Lloyd & Sharon Baker



and their daughter, Julia Davis, all had John Deeres. Darrell Day and Roy Drewis had an Oliver, Wayne & Phyllis Stevens had a Case, Mark Bott had a John Deere & a Ford. Donald, Steve, and Justin Christie brought an Allis-Chalmers and two garden tractors. Non-exhibitors but former and current members were: Paul Rousseau, Ed Trent, Sharon Fieber, Sandy Hoyte, Arne Anderson, John Davenport, Harvey & Betty Ross, and Adrian Dixson.

You can view a narrative and video of this show if you use You Tube and go to Matt Stewart's **Matt The Scrap Whisperer**. You can also go to Facebook and type in Power from the Past and view Jim Fieber's and Zane Parker's photos of the event.

Board Meeting Gleanings

Now, we have 64 member families and 46 have paid their EDGE&TA insurance.

Family dues will be reduced to \$20 for 2022. EDGE&TA insurance currently is \$17, per insured, but they could change for next year.

As of March 1, 2021, Frank Bessler stated that our checking balance was \$3,570.03; savings was \$9,280.17, and the Land Fund was \$49,379.73.

The storage unit will be transported to the property of Julia Davis in St. David. She has stated that there will not be any rental fees. Frontier Towing will do the moving. Lloyd Baker is doing the site preparation.

Greg Skaggs has outfitted two of our trailers with the required safety equipment and did the maintenance of the trailers. Outfitting the ice cream trailer is pending. He created a checklist for those utilizing these trailers.

Leadership and Service Positions, PFTP EDGE&TA Branch 240

President: Lyle Rasmussen, 780-2487 Vice President: Seth Hoyte, 971-2944

Treasurer, Membership, & EDGE&TA Ins: Frank Bessler 507-6104

Secretary, Historian, & Facebook Updates: Matt Stewart, 360-813-2171

Tractor Chair, newsletter layout, web site & photographer: Jim Fieber, 444-0098

Safety Chair & Newsletter Editor: Larry Kastens, 378-2226

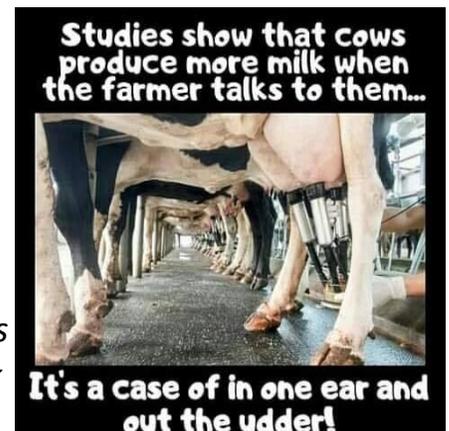
Engine Chair: Lance Amatulli, 234-6813 Care: Wayne & Phyllis Stevens, 909-0171

Button Designer & Producer: Karen Reid, 255-7670

If you can't think of a word say, "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.

My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway and that's how the fight started.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*This section will give the membership a place where they can give their opinions
What can we do to improve our association and what is good?*

Lack of Mask

I was at Huachuca City show (Mr. Sheds) and I was the only PFTP member wearing a face mask!

Then most recent, I was at Culvers Show in Tucson: again I was the only PFTP member wearing a face mask, However, later in the day as the public with face masks came to look at our display, some members started to wear mask, for a short time! But not all members. Prior to the event the instructions were: "club members would practice safe distance and wear masks". Even though being outside, people were 1 to 2 feet apart. With that being said, I feel that at a public club show ALL members should wear a mask. I feel when members do not - it indicates the Club does not take the virus serious and are not doing our part to protect members and the public. I do not like wearing a face mask any more than anyone else, but I do wear the mask.

Mark Bott Marana

Directed to Board Members regarding insurance!

I pay for EDGE&TA insurance for two (2) people \$34.00 through PFTP Club, Branch 240. April 2020 to present we have no proof of insurance in our possession.

Recently a PFTP Board member told me that PFTP needs a minimum of twenty (20) members to purchase EDGE&TA or our club would not be insured. If this is correct I think it should be a priority to issue these updated stickers ASAP. Some people go out of town/state to other shows which require current insurance cards! This is important! The club should mail these updated (paid for) stickers ASAP!

Mark Bott Marana

Care Report

Frank and Teri Bessler were injured in an auto accident caused by someone else. Jerry Hayes, Joyce Bott, and Ruth Perkins had surgeries. Tammie Christie is in the hospital. Lloyd Baker is cancer free!



We need a social chairperson who can organize special fun days, workshops, potlucks, and gatherings which will enhance the commitment we have for preserving the past.

It's weird being the same age as old people.

I see people about my age mountain climbing; I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

Club Voting

Currently casting our votes for our governing Board, gives Club members no say as to who is actually going to be our leaders. The newly voted-in Board votes among itself as to who performs in the positions.

I propose that all members that cast votes for the Board also write in next to two of the names as to their selection for President and Vice President. To do this, and prior to election day, all voting members will need to be informed as to which people running for Board would be willing to be the president or vice president. This method will ensure the will of the voting members and not rely on a planned seeded Board group. The pure goal here is to produce a true vote selection from the Club's membership.

Jim Fieber Tucson

Monthly Club meetings at the Church

Most meetings last 30—40 minutes, even though there are items not discussed (or fully discussed/hashed out) then tabled until a later meeting even if it is important. Regularly it is announced by a Board Member that it is time to go eat at the restaurant, which appears to me that eating is more important than taking care of business! I drive 110 miles round trip to go to the meeting that often is terminated even if there is still business that needs to be discussed and decided. This is why I quit attending the meetings.

Mark Bott Marana

Please submit your LETTERS TO THE EDITOR to Larry Kastens or Jim Fieber

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Wanted: -Fairbanks-Morse mixer (carburetor) for 3 hp. Z engine.
Contact *Larry Denicke*, 707-303-7775 or mariadenicke@mac.com
He thinks that the 6 hp. Mixer may work, too.

For Sale: Allis Chalmers four cylinder engine & Continental four cylinder engine.
Stephen Ball, 520-586-0992



1946 Farmall A, runs great. \$ 2500 or best offer

Call or text now. Frank Bessler 520 507-6104

Fairbanks-Morse 3 Hp. Z engine on a truck along with Fairbury Pump and Pump Jack with tub on a cart. It is plumbed so that the water comes out of the pump, flows in the tub to be repumped. The flat belt goes with it. \$750 OBO.
Len Becwar, Tucson, 520-883-4224.



Engine Signage— Member, Ray Fisher (hammerblow55@gmail.com), has information of a vendor who makes copper signage, if you are interested. 520-882-7073

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