

Antique Farm Engine & Tractor Association



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FEB 23 2024

Happy 2025! I appreciate all who showed up for the meeting at Chettie's yesterday! We had some excitement and we all need to thank Frank and Pat for all the work they did getting our club straight as an arrow! Their services with us will be greatly missed. Please reach out if you are interested in filling any of our club's officer vacancies. We will host nominations and special election at the next meeting. I am looking forward to the addition of the Chettie Show in June, Father's Day Weekend. Great idea and Thank you Chettie for your enthusiasm. Good to see Branch 26 represented at our meeting as well! It's going to be a great year. See you all soon, Justin

HELLO FROM THE NEW INTURN NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Yep it's me Dale, I'm taking a run at it, with my 4th grade education from a 1 room school house in the pine trees of northern Idaho. Here we go!

IF YOU MISSED THE CLUB MEETING ON FEB 23, AT CHETTIES WOOD SHOP YOU MISSED AN EXCITING MEETING. 😊 😊! But sometimes they get that way. We have had a few in the past. We have to face the music and see that most of these small clubs are drying up. It's a sad deal. But the birthdays just keep coming, hopefully.

But Damn it I'm not giving up. we're going to make it to our 50 year anniversary coming up in 2026 and hopefully with a few activity changes a few years after that .

Meeting highlights: Justin called the meeting to order.

Chettie White spoke about his shop and business and is excited to be hosting a tractor, engine, antique car show at his shop on June 14-15 setup on Friday the 13th, lots of room on grass. Dry camping available. This is a 245 club event.

Old Business Review

Jim Hoffman has invited us back for next year's holiday party!

The board gave Jim a few more bucks to help cover some of his expenses.

We donated \$500 bucks to a charity for handicap kids and their families. Frank, Pat and Randy are involved with giving hay rides each year to hundreds of kids from all over the northwest.

Ed Murphy reported on the no-till seed drill that was gifted to the club last July on a 1 year obligation to promote it to the public. This came from the Mason conservation district. We don't have possession of the drill yet but hope to showcase it at the spring swap meet. It was previously decided that Ed will be managing the rental of the machine and proceeds will go into a fund to maintain it. A rental contract for the machine was presented by Ed and that pushed Frank over the edge...

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Frank Strickland resigned as treasurer and Pat Strickland resigned as secretary and membership director. These are both thankless pain in the @\$% jobs. We appreciate the work they have done to improve the internal workings of our club and look forward to seeing them at future events. Be sure to thank them both for their hard work next time you see them. April will take over the Treasure and membership duties. Dale will be the newsletter dude.

New business

Advertising was discussed, we sucked last year and it showed with our small attendance. Justin volunteered Betty to build a calendar of events flyer to be sent to club members and venders. Please print off a few and pass them around or hang one up on door of your favorite tavern, farm store or doctor's office.

April is going to create some post card size handouts and we will mail them out. If you get a few please hand them out.

If we're going to have a party....we HAVE to tell folks about it.

Visitors Derek and Paxton Klein came down from Branch 26. Paxton went home with a flywheel engine he found in the parking lot !

245 CALENDAR

APRIL 24TH WORK PARTY PREP DAY

APRIL 26 & 27 Spring Swap Meet

at Old Iron Park 11 E Johns Creek Dr Shelton

SET UP FRIDAY 4/25

MAY 3 & 4 Matlock Old Timers Fair

MARY M KNIGHT SCHOOL MATLOCK WA

JUNE 14 & 15 The Chettie Show

1ST Annual Antique Engine, Car and Tractor Show

JULY 12 & 13 Branch 245 Summer Show

SEPT 13 Fall Cider Press and Gas-up

OCT 25 Fall Swap Meet

THESE events are at Old Iron Park 11 E Johns Creek Dr Shelton

SET UP FRIDAY, Flyers coming soon!

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Mike Linnell

Randy King



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MEETING MINUTES PROVIDED BY PAT STRICKLIN

EDGE&TA 245 Board Minutes from February 22, 2025

Board of Governors Attending: Dale Fye, Ed Murphy, Randy King, Jim Beeler,

Location: Chettie's in Rochester, Washington...

Officers Attending: Justin Buetow, Ben Lyons, Frank Stricklin, Pat Stricklin, Dale Fye

Board Meeting called to order: President Justin Buetow

Treasurer's Report – Frank Stricklin. No expenses as of January 31, balance on hand \$19,453.31

Total dues for this year is \$35 for both AFETA and EDGE&TA, \$15 for AFETA only.

We've been reinstated by the IRS as a 501C7. Dale Fye updated our paperwork with Washington State. In order to maintain our 501C7 status, income from non-members must be limited. Last year 40% of our income originated from non-members. This is 25% above the maximum allowed by law. Donations to our club are not tax deductible by the donor.

Old Business: Seed Drill discussion lead by Ed Murphy. The Contract with the club expires in June.

New Business: A. Justin suggested we do something to say thank you to the Hoffman family who hosted our 2024 Christmas Party in addition to the \$200 given earlier to defray the cost of the food. Dale Fye moved that we give them an additional \$200. Ed Murphy seconded. Passed

B. Randy moved that we donate \$500, to F.A.R.M Days to be held on May 19th and 20th. Ed seconded. Passed.

C. Advertisement for the shows: Betty Buetow will take this on. April will help. Francette Beeler has placed our events on the calendar with Western Antique Iron Trader.

E. Chettie White will host an Antique Engine Car and Tractor & Engine Show at his place, June 13 for set up, with the show on 14 & 15 2025. Chettie will ask the Chamber to advertise and provide Porta Potties, if they don't, he will cover these expenses himself. Dale will check on Insurance issues with Nationals. Chettie also has insurance. He will find a food Truck for the event and organize most of it, including camping spaces. All AFETA members have to do is show up. Ed Murphy moved that we make Chettie's event a 245 Club event, seconded by Ben, passed.

E. Frank resigned as Treasure and Membership but will continue to do the Website. Pat resigned as Secretary.

General Meeting:

Called to order by Justin Buetow

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasure's Report by Frank Stricklin – see Board Meeting Minutes.

Randy King keeps a record of all National Shows.

New Business

1. Reviewed info discussed in the Board Meeting.
2. Asked for volunteers for the two open officer positions.
3. April resume as membership/treasurer and Dale will do the Newsletter.

MEETING WAS AJOURNED, POTLUCK LUNCH AND PARKING LOT SWAP FOLLOWED.

CLASSIFIED ADS WILL BE POSTED IF YOU SEND THEM TO ME

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Call me if you'd like. (360) 426-9299

This club welcomes new members anytime throughout the year, I'll find the membership forms for the next newsletter.

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