

# BRANCH 22 NEWS

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I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and are excited about 2026. It seemed like this last year went by like lightning with some good parades and shows. This year's Christmas party was fantastic. Because of the nice weather, we took a longer than normal hayride, which made our gift exchange a little later, but all those who went on the hayride really seemed to enjoy it. We changed the rules for the gift exchange this year and let the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 people who drew, have a chance to steal at the end. So those who thought they had a gift at the end may have lost it, but we all had a good time and a lot of laughs. Thanks to all those who brought the wonderful food and gifts to the party. Branch 22 has a very special group of people.

The Branch 206 Wellton Show is on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, which is just a couple of weeks away. The city of Wellton is really promoting the show and is expecting a large turnout. Grounds preparation will start early on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and then later in the day it will be ready for people to start moving in. So please come out and help prepare the grounds early Wednesday morning. If you have not already signed up to exhibit, you MUST notify me by Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> to secure a spot. If you wish to go out to the group dinners on Thursday and Friday evenings, please let me know by Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. We always have a good turnout for the Wellton show and I know we will again this year. So DON'T FORGET TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT by calling me at 619-508-7754. We will be in Yuma, so DO NOT CALL 619-478-5500.

Hope to see you all at Wellton.

Cliff Northcote, President

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## 2025 Guy B. Woodward Tractor Show

By John Kuhl

For the past few years at the end of October the Guy B. Woodward Museum in Ramona has been hosting a tractor and early engine show. This show coincides with a car show that is at the same time, and this year it took place on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Even though there isn't a lot of room, we managed to get quite a few tractors and engines in the museum grounds. I would like to thank the members of our club, Branch 22, for their help, which made this event such a success. This year we had about 450 people come through the museum to see the show. It's always fun to introduce people to our hobby and the history behind what we do. Many are amazed at these old tractors and hit and miss engines and are truly interested in them.



Jim Kluczynski & Gary Butzke with their engines on display



Even Rodeo Queens love tractors



The museum courtyard with wagons, tractors and cars on display



The engines on display



Phil Ewing with his Model T



Rick Northcote with his John Deere LA



Andrea Kuhl standing by John Kuhl's 1947 Farmall BN



Pat Donavan with his Farmall H

## A WAGON RESTORATION

By Pat Donovan

In May of this year 2025 a horedrawn wood wagon with steel spoked wheels was donated to the Guy B Woodward Museum in Ramona. Three Branch 22 members John Kuhl, Jeff Griffin and Pat Donovan are volunteers at the museum and along with three other museum volunteers made the decision to restore the 1890s era wagon

Work began in September with the removal of the body from the chassis. After that was done the wheels were removed along with the bearing surfaces from the deteriorated wood axles.

The new axles had to be hand carved using the old ones as templates. This is a slow and meticulous process, but the new axles are a perfect match to the old ones.

Piece by piece new wood members were cut and assembled using the old rotted pieces as templates.

All the original metal parts were cleaned and painted before they were assembled into the chassis.

John Kuhl took on the job of removing layers of paint from the iron wheels then Jeff Griffin primed and finished painting the wheels the original yellow color.

Please take a look at the photos to see the progression of the restoration. More information will follow as the work progresses.

Special thanks to Phil Ewing Senior for his advice and coaching on this project.



Original chassis



Chassis ready for finish



Painting the wheels



Some of the volunteers

## Branch 22 Christmas Party at The Northcote Ranch

By John Kuhl

This year the Christmas Party was held on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>, and it was about as perfect weather wise as it gets. As usual there was a large crowd to enjoy the food and festivities. Of course, we always eat good at these events, and this year wasn't any different. After the meal there was the hay wagon ride which everyone enjoyed, followed by the gift exchange that is always fun. Many thanks to the Northcotes for putting on such a wonderful party. I'm sure this is a lot of work for them, and we really appreciate them doing this for us. As a final note, I hope everybody had a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Gathering in the Barn



Lots of good food

Meal time



Ready for the gift exchange



Getting ready for the Hay ride



And they're off!



**BRANCH 22 EARLY DAY GAS ENGINE AND TRACTOR ASSOCIATION**  
**2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

As of: 12-30-25

Date	Event	Contact	Phone Number
Jan 16-17	Forgotten Iron Show – Wellton, Arizona	Cliff Northcote	619-508-7754
Feb 21	Imperial County Pioneer Museum Show	Jack Ohmstede	619-460-0133
Mar 23	<b>Branch 22 General Meeting and potluck lunch/New Frontier at 1:00</b>	Cliff Northcote	619-508-7754
April 17-18	California Antique Farm Show, Tulare	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
Apr 25	Lakeside Western Days Parade (Parade starts at 9:30)	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
May TBA	Valley Center Western Days Parade (Parade starts at 10:00)	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
June 1-4	Lakeside School Days	Jack Ohmstede	619-460-0133
June 13	La Mesa Flag Day Parade	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
June 13-14 June 20-21	Vista Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum Show	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
July 4	Julian 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
July 4	San Diego Country Estates 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
July 25	Pine Valley Days Parade (Parade starts at 9:00)	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
July 25	Escondido Cruisin' Grand	Dale White	760-703-7421
Aug TBA	KQ Ranch Show	Jack Ohmstede	619-460-0133
Sept 12	Poway Days Parade	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
Sept 19	Grape Days-Escondido	Dale White	760-703-7421
Sept 26-27	<b>Branch 22 Summer General Meeting</b> (The meeting will be held at the Bates Nut Farm Show)	Cliff Northcote	619-508-7754
Sept 26-27	Bates Nut Farm Show, Valley Center	Cliff Northcote	619-508-7754
Oct 17-18 Oct 24-25	Vista Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum Show	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
Oct TBA	Ramona Tractor Show at Woodward Museum	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
Nov 7	Veterans Day Show at Flabob Airport, Riverside	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
Nov 14	November Trail Ride (Starts at 8:00. Location TBA)	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836
Dec TBA	<b>Branch 22 Christmas Party</b>	Cliff Northcote	619-508-7754
Dec TBA	Escondido Christmas Parade (Parade starts at 9:30)	Pat Donovan	858-254-1836

TBA=To Be Announced    Organizations are still in process of scheduling their events. The calendar will be updated as these organizations release the dates.

## **Treasure's Note**

### **Keith's Scholarship Fund**

**09/21/2025 7,981.00**

**10/01/2025 743.00**

**09/23/2025 800.00**

**Total 9,524.00**



# 17th ANNUAL WELLTON ENGINE / TRACTOR RODEO & TRACTOR PULL JANUARY 16—17, 2026

**EDGETA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED TO EXHIBIT**

**SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF WELLTON ARIZONA  
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT AUHS Auto Class/FFA & HELP  
FUND NEXT SHOW**

9 AM—4 PM  
ADMISSION \$  
5 ADULTS  
CHILDREN 12  
& UNDER  
**FREE**

50/50 OPPORTUNITY  
DRAWING  
SATURDAY NIGHT

DRY CAMPING FOR  
EXHIBITORS/VENDORS  
ON THE GROUNDS  
LOCAL MOTELS &  
RV PARKS, RESTAURANTS

## DIRECTIONS

TAKE 1-8 EXIT 30 (WELLTON) GO SOUTH  
3/4 MILE ON S.AVE 29E TO  
E. COUNTY 12TH ST. TURN RIGHT  
EXHIBITOR & VENDORS USE WEST GATE  
VISITORS USE EAST GATE

**FEATURING**  
**1912 3HP Olds Engine &**  
**1930 Toro Park Master**

1912 3HP Olds Engine  
Owned by Fred Ferguson



PULLS at 10am & 2pm Fri & Sat



1930 Toro Park Master  
Owned by Lou Northcote



Contact: Bill Lanier, Jr. [bigbugranch@yahoo.com](mailto:bigbugranch@yahoo.com) (602)-803-4596 for show information

EARLY DAY GAS ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC  
"BRANCH 22" MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please indicate: NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY MEMBER OF ANOTHER BRANCH # \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00 ea (Includes one Newsletter subscription per family)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

We encourage members to have their newsletters emailed to them. It is cost affective for the club and you also get to see the pictures in color. You can always print them in black and white if you want.

If you want your newsletter Emailed to you check here: \_\_\_\_\_

General Membership: \$34.00 ea.

Associate: \$24.00 ea. (Includes one Newsletter subscription per family)

Junior (age 17 and under) \$5.00 ea

Widow: \$10.00 ea

By signature hereon, applicant does hereby release and hold harmless the Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association, Inc., "Branch 22" from any liability or responsibility for any damage or injury to applicant or applicant's equipment arising from any function or activity of the club, a non-profit organization

I have received and hereby agree to abide by the Safety Rules of "Branch 22".

GENERAL MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: EDGE&TA – Branch 22

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PINE VALLEY, CA 91962

Do you wish to be included in the club roster, available to Branch 22 members:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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