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*****It is with heavy hearts that we announce the unexpected passing of Charles Parmley on September 28, 2024. A devoted husband to Carrie Jo Parmley, former EDGE&TA secretary/treasurer, Charles was a cherished member of their community and Branch 124, whose warmth and kindness touched the lives of many. His unwavering support for Carrie Jo and their family was a testament to his character, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carrie Jo and their loved ones during this difficult time.**

For more information

<https://www.burkswalkertippit.com/obituary/charles-parmley>

From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

The National Show on July 18th-20th this year was held in the Eastern Region at Medina, Ohio hosted by Branch 192. The evening before the show they held a Youth Driver seminar and testing where eight young people ages 12 to 15 completed the course and were issued a Youth Driver Certificate. They started with a test of about 20 questions to make sure they were familiar with all the aspects of tractors, including safety features. Then they all went to their respective tractors to take the driving part of the test. Each student had one adult club member leading them through all the drills. They had to start, stop, back up to equipment and name all the controls and what they do. They also each put chock blocks at the rear tires to keep the tractor from rolling when parked, had a fire extinguisher and slow moving vehicle sign on the back of each tractor. After they passed this part they were led by the Branch Safety Officer around the area in a private parade. Then they were given their certification that a parent or other responsible adult signed.

All 8 passed and seemed pretty proud to be driving in the parade. We were really impressed with this class and feel that this younger generation is the future for our club. We need these young people.



Pictured left to right Miles Dohé (12), Andrea Kelly (15), Cole Richmand (13), Coltan Phillips (13), Case Morlock (12), Garrett Reusch (13), Colton McConahay (14), and Cameron Baker Packard (13)

Our Central Director/Youth Driver Chairman, David Scibek, brought his laminator and blank cards to the show and printed and laminated all the Certificates in his motel room that night. They were handed out to the kids the next morning, so they had their new license to drive in the Big Tractor Parade held the next evening to kick off the Show. There were 70 tractors including 7 driven by the young people that took their Youth Driver Certification Test the afternoon before. There were lots of old tractors, engines and farm equipment at the show. Every color!

David Scibek, brought his International Orchard Model tractor 1,200 miles from Farmersville, Texas to display and drive in the parade. The crowd was very impressed by this as in the land of corn, soybeans and hay they had never seen an orchard model tractor. The parade announcer had him lift his cover a few times to Wow the spectators. David was also kept busy during the show with people admiring and watching the opening and closing of the top.



Central Dir. David Scibek and his International Orchard Model tractor.

The National Board of Directors meet only once a year, at the National Show. Here they are on stage where they held a short meeting after the dinner on Saturday evening. Left to right, Mike Pollock, North West Director, Jeff Fenske, Director at Large and President, Michele McGill, Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Hanson, South West Director and Vice President, David Scibek, Central Director and Travis Brown Eastern Director. Thank you to Branch 192 for their hospitality to us and for the good job they did hosting the National Show. Next year the National will be in Shawnee, Oklahoma June 20th-21st. That is probably about half the distance for us to travel and we are looking forward to going there.



Pres Jeff Fenske, wife Glynnna with Br 192 Pres Dennis Morlock

After the National Show we traveled across the country and went to the NW Regional Show in Huntley, Montana. This was hosted by Branch 29. We had been wanting to go to this show for several years as had heard great things about it. It did not disappoint. They advertise this as The Threshing Bee where they have Old time threshing scenes that are powered by gas tractors & steam traction engines. From field to the table; the wheat is cut with a binder, threshed with a steam engine, ground into flour, and baked in Dutch ovens to produce bread all on the same day. Unfortunately for us the makers of the bread were sick that weekend so we didn't have a chance to try the homemade bread. But, we did take advantage of the corn on the cob that was cooked by using a steam tractor. Delicious !

They also had a Blacksmith shop, a Sawmill, Tractor pulls, Tractor parades, Shingle branding, and, of course, antique engines and tractors of all sizes and colors and Kiddy Tractor pulls and Barrel rides for the little ones. There were things going on all day. One exhibitor was making homemade ice cream with his one cylinder engine. Needless to say, he Always had a line up for free ice cream. We just may have indulged a few times !! They had a delicious dinner Saturday evening followed by the Regional meeting. The NW Director, Mike Pollock spoke and Secretary/Treasurer, Michele McGill gave a membership count. Fun Show. After the show ended Sunday afternoon we were invited to go back to their branch follow up meeting where they served us homemade pie and ice cream. Yum.



This photo shows part of the steam engine room where there is a permanent display of various size steam engines donated by the family of a former Branch 29 member.

We brought our 1885 Shoe Lace Making machine along with us on our trip. Glynnna displayed it during the show. She gave the spectators the choice of hearing the short or long version and believe it or not, most people choose to have the 5 minute talk and demonstration, complete with questions and answers. She had quite a crowd most of the time. She cut strips of the shoe lace and gave to any child that wanted a friendship bracelet.



On another note we have found out that our insurance company is going online and looking at our shows and events. Even if we don't realize it at the time, someone at most shows are taking videos and posting on YouTube and other websites. Our insurance underwriters have written the policy after reading our website that states that ALL safety rules are followed. That is why we are able to get the rate we have. I have also gone online and found that there are EDGE&TA shows where they don't have the two ropes around running engines or fire extinguishers or that exhibitors are fueling engines while they are running, more people on tractors than there are seats while driving in parades. I even saw a lady standing beside the driver in a tractor pull !! If you are not following the Safety Rules then you are NOT covered Every morning before your event starts there should be a Safety Meeting attended by all exhibitors where the President or Safety Officer goes over the Rules. You can go onto our website <https://edgeta.com/> and print out the Safety Rules and hand them out to all exhibitors.

Certificate of Additionally Insured Update

We have had several branches requesting specific wording on their Certificates of Additionally Insured from the state fair boards recently. We have talked about this with our insurance agent. She stated that the insurance underwriters will no longer be able to add specific wording. Below is an example of this wording. We have had and continue to have three million dollars in liability insurance that covers every EDGE&TA member who is following the EDGE&TA safety rules. Liability insurance covers anyone that is injured on our equipment or property damage from our equipment. This insurance is effective 365 days per year. The branch can get an extra certificate that states the specific wording for an extra fee of \$176.00 for an event up to 10 days in duration. This is using our EDGETA liability insurance as a base.

That the State of California, The California Fair Service Authority, The District Agricultural Association, County Fair, The County in which the Fair is located, Lessor/Sublessor if fair site is leased/subleased, Citrus Fruit Fair, or California Exposition and State Fair, or entities (Public or Non-Profit) operating California designated agricultural fairs, their directors, officers, agents, servants, and employees are made Additional Insured, but only insofar as the operations under this contract are concerned.

The President of every branch receives this printed newsletter. It goes out Quarterly. Also, our National Secretary/Treasurer sends an email copy to either the President or Contact person listed on your EDGE&TA Branch location page. This Branch contact person should have an email list for your branch members so that this can be easily forwarded to most members. If this person doesn't have a list, the Membership person or Newsletter editor should have a list, so forward it to them to pass on. We would like to have as many members as possible to read this. There might be something that they need to know.

If you have any questions or comments, give either your Director or me a call. My phone number is 559 907-9734.

Stay Safe and Play Safe

Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at- Large



Ron Hansen, Vice President & SW Regional Director

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Mike Pollock, NW Regional Director

Greetings from the Greatland!

A few days ago, Secretary Michele notified us that it's time to start working on the last Newsletter of 2024. I'm thinking...how can that be??...summer just started! Well, of course as usual, **Michele is right!** 😊

I see many of you are still experiencing those extremely high temperatures...with that, I'm sure it's difficult to think about fall/winter! Here in the Northland, the days are getting shorter, temps are in the mid-50s and leaves are quickly turning yellow. Our Branch 52 had a great season, culminating with our Alaska State Fair display. The weather was generally cooperative and the crowds were great. Good stuff!

Let's see what else has been going on.....

The Northwest Region is growing....again!

We are pleased to welcome **Branch 266, The Columbia River Antique Engine Association of Stevenson, Washington**. Branch President is Mike Harte; Mike can be reached at 509-851-3281 or 1scoutmike@gmail.com. Welcome aboard, Mike and Crew! With the addition of BR. 266, the Northwest Region now has 38 Branches!

A REALLY GOOD SHOW! As President Jeff said, in July, Branch 192 hosted the 2024 National Show at the Medina County Fairgrounds in Medina, Ohio. The planning, the venue, the displays, the food and the hospitality were all superb. Thanks to President Dennis Morlock, Vice President Steve Shurance and the rest of the 192 crew for a job well done! There were several tractors, engines and a number pieces of equipment on display. We arrived a day early and got to observe their youth training class wherein 8 young people received Youth Driver Certificates. A good example for all of our Branches. Here's a few pictures from Medina.

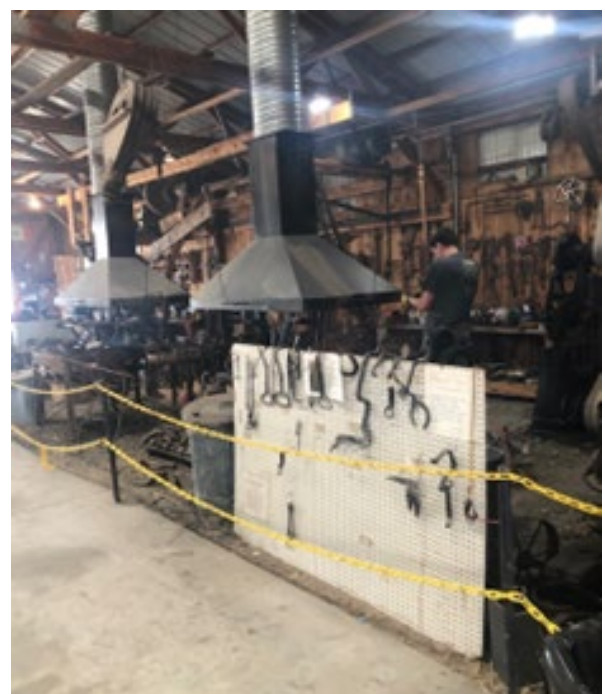




ANOTHER REALLY GOOD SHOW!

In August, Branch 29 hosted the 2024 Northwest Regional Show as part of their annual Huntley Threshing Bee at Huntley, Montana. We have attended this show in the past and it appears to be getting better with time! The show takes place on the Huntley Project Museum grounds....a very nice, historical venue. The weekend was jammed with activities including tractor pulls, harvesting and threshing grain, steam, gas and diesel tractor parades, stationary engines, kiddie rides, a functioning blacksmith shop, good food, & homemade ice cream! John Deere was the featured tractor for the show and there were several impressive examples. The membership met on Sunday evening for pie and ice cream and discussed what had gone well and what could be improved, while it was fresh in everyone's mind. I think that's a great idea and I hope to implement something similar in Branch 52. I'd like to thank President Ken Amann, Vice President Barry Bender & all the team that made this Regional Show possible. Everyone's efforts resulted in a BIG SUCCESS! Here are a few photos from the show.

I met a lot of nice folks at Medina and Huntley....the best part of these shows is sharing our mutual interest in the use and preservation of old machinery





In the photo below, you can see the old Fordson loaded and heading home to my shop.

When I first rescued the tractor, it had the letters ARC (Alaska Road Commission) painted in red on the radiator. I believe this tractor was used for road maintenance during Territorial days near Chitina, Alaska. The tractor needs to be restored, but in the meantime it's safe and sound in my shed.



Branch 29 Pres Ken Amann



REGIONAL SHOW 2025. A Regional show for 2025 isn't that far off. At your next meeting, kick that idea around. You can host a show in conjunction with a regular Branch event.

A KWIK STORY. 30 years ago, while doing some work in the Interior of Alaska, I rescued 3 old tractors, one of which was a '23 Fordson Model F. They were sitting in a clearing with birch and spruce saplings growing all around them. With the help of an all-terrain forklift and a lowboy, I brought them home to Anchorage. I gave the Fordson to a friend whose father had one back in the day. My friend restored the tractor and drove it in several parades. Unfortunately, my friend's health is failing and he is in a care facility. His family asked me if I would like the tractor back.....well you know the answer to that question!

That's it for today. As said previously, if there is any way I can assist your Branch, please contact me (talk or text) at 907-229-3500 or email

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING! Before the next Newsletter, several holidays will have come and gone. Tracy and I would like to wish you all the best during the coming Holiday Seasons and 2025!

For now, be happy, have fun and stay safe! Mike

Mike Pollock, NW Regional Director

David Scibek, Central Regional Director**No Article Available**

From Travis Brown, Eastern Regional Director

What a summer, it has flown by.

In July we all went to Medina Ohio for the National Show and it was a good time. The show organizers were very nice and showed us some great hospitality. We even got a private tour of a local train enthusiasts' collection one night. We had our annual meeting with directors coming in from Texas, California, Alaska, Tennessee and Oregon. We covered a lot of things on how to improve and continue on. David brought his orchard model IH all the way from Texas for the show and it was a hit. There were also many other really nice tractors at the show and we enjoyed watching the parade Thursday night. I saw a Farmall A with the word SAMPLE stamped right in the block a first for me and a very unique tractor to be sure. Also a Case L that had been built for the Army Air Corps to use originally complete with duals, airbrakes and heavy built wheel hubs that also serve as wheel weights was another neat tractor I liked. On a more somber note I also had time to visit the memorial to the people who were lost when the steam engine blew up on the show grounds in 2001. There's a reason that we preach safety all the time and the most important safety device on any steam engine, tractor or hit and miss engine is you the operator.

All too fast my time at the National was over and I got up super early to head to the airport. I was lucky to get a flight out as it was right during the after effects of the crowd strike event that caused a huge disruption in air travel.

Getting back to Nashville early Saturday and we headed not to my home but to Adams TN for the second show I would visit that weekend. After spending most of the day there I headed home to get some sleep. Two shows in two states in three days made for a lot of tractors, steam engines and hit and miss engines to see in a short time. Not for long did I rest as Sunday I was right back up at Adams to assist with the moving of all the steam engines back to their respective homes.

After Adams I was going to have a little break from shows until I learned that one of our area shows needed help. The steam engine they were planning on using to power their wheat thresher was having some mechanical

issues and they would not have power to thresh. Knowing how much work it is to bind and load the wheat for the show, (we had done our wheat in June), I arranged to get a friends steam engine to their show and power the thresher. We got the engine trucked in, unloaded it and since my friend was busy I ran his 19hp Keck all weekend and got the wheat all threshed for the fine folks down at Piney Chapel Alabama.

As soon as we finished getting the steam engine loaded up from Piney, it was full on getting prepared for our home show at Eagleville. We have been putting extra effort into the show and it paid off. This year we saw an increase in the amount of tractors, hit and miss engines, spectators, nearly everything was up. Even our annual tractor drive to the local dairy creamery was up. Of course, having a sponsor that paid for everyone to have some of their delicious ice cream at the creamery for everyone who drove a tractor in did not hurt a bit.

I am going to keep this one short as we just finished our show. I have nearly everything put away but they are forecasting lots of rain from a storm forming up in the Gulf so I need to get things all sorted and put away.

Folks we have a great bunch of directors and officers working hard for you. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or ideas on how we can keep improving EDGETA, we are working hard to steer things in a good direction. Our annual meeting went on for hours, we thought we had finished, then we reconvened for another three hours and bounced many good ideas around on what we can do to attract more members. If your show is interested in having a regional or national show we would like to hear from you.

Thanks to all, hope to see you at a show soon!

Travis

Travis Brown, Eastern Regional Director

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From Michele McGill, Secretary/Treas./Editor

Hi Everyone!

Is it really fall already? Hard to believe! But I did have the absolute pleasure of going to the National show, the NW and SW Regional shows this summer. I had the pleasure of meeting Dennis & Cathie Morlock and Cecilia Carmany from Br 192, Ken Amann and Sue & Dick Tombrink from Br 29, and Cliff & Lou Northcote along with Jack & Jean Ohmstede with Br 22 and so very many other wonderful families and EDGETA members. It is always so nice to put a face with the names or voices I interacted with.

With the holidays right around the corner, (Christmas decorations already out for sale! UGH!) take the time to enjoy your family, friends and club members. Life is way too short not too.

A reminder, dues did increase for 2024-2025 and are \$20.00 per member.

So Important Reminders:

✚ If you need any membership cards or 2025 stickers, please let me know how many you need and I am very happy to send the quantity of supplies you need for current memberships.

✚ This newsletter is posted on our EDGETA.com website for access by anyone. Please feel free to go to the website and seek any information that you might need. There is **a lot** of useful information posted on the site.

✚ You must go to the EDGETA.com website and update your officers and director's information at the beginning of each year and after your yearly elections, even if they do not change from the prior year. This must be done for the D&O Liability Insurance.

Click on the blue "Update Officers or Update Directors" tab. If the officer is the same as last year, you may enter "same as last year" instead of having to enter the entire information again. Then click "Submit."

✚ Always include your Branch # on all correspondence including e-mail and checks. This is the best way I can identify your organization—not just by name.

As Always, Take Care of Yourselves and Each Other!

Michele McGill, Secretary/Treas./Editor

"Practice Safety First"



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