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Ruth A. Warnock, Editor

TO: All EDGE&TA Members:

The 2004 show season is under way, and it seems that there are more shows than I can attend. I hope you are enjoying the shows that you attend as much as I enjoy the ones I am able to work into my overcrowded schedule.

The directors are still working on the Insurance issues and trying to cover all the aspects of the new events reporting system. It seems that every answer we arrive at bring a dozen other questions about what is covered and what is not covered. Dick Tombrink, our insurance contact, works on a daily basis with the insurance agent to resolve each question that arises. The Insurance Q&A page is being revised almost on a daily basis as these questions and answers are reached. Please check the Insurance page and the Q&A often so you can stay abreast of the current issues.

The automated events report is working well, now we need to remember to go back to the beginning of the events year (April 16, 2004) and make sure we have reported those events that our branch sponsored and send in the number of spectators that attended the event. Once we have caught up to the current date it should be easy to keep up.

Remember to report the events that your branch sponsors at least 7 days prior to the event date and then after the event has happened, go back to your copy of the event report and fill in the attendance numbers.

We are still working on the Safety Rules in an effort to have the verbiage agree with the By-Laws and the way we do business on a day to day basis. We hired a law firm to go over the safety Rules and make the corrections that were needed to insure our continued safety while attending EDGE&TA sponsored events. They did a good job of correcting the Safety Rules for a relatively small cost.

The 2004 insurance premium increased from \$4.80 per member to about \$5.45 per member. EDGE&TA was able to cover the additional amount from our general fund and we did not have to go back to the membership for the

other \$0.65. Keeping this in mind I'm sure there will be an increase for the year 2005 to at least \$5.45 per member. Our insurance policy is an annual policy and must be renewed each year and the cost is determined at the renewal date. The BOD is trying to find a way to determine what the increase for 2005 will be before the new insurance year begins.

Branch 22 has been working hard to make the 2004 National show one of the best ever.

I hope you are planning on attending the National show in October. I am looking forward to seeing some of my old friends there and making some new friends at the meeting.
Howard D. Hodson, EDGE&TA President

EDGETA Insurance Highlights June 12, 2004

By Dick Tombrink, NW Director- Insurance Contact

To All EDGETA Branches:

CHANGES IN REPORTING BRANCH EVENTS MADE BY INSURANCE CARRIER

On April 16, 2004, with the renewal of our insurance policy came new requirements for reporting events. You are no longer required to report all the events your members may attend, you only need to report those that are sponsored by your branch. A sponsored event is one your branch is responsible for, organizes, and makes happen. As in the past this needs to be reported and on record with the Insurance Carrier prior to the event. We recommend that it be reported 7 business days prior to the event. If you have an event that is co-sponsored, or any show that is a part of another entity that requires a signed contract by an EDGETA branch for the space (example: county Fair), you are required to report it. If you participate at the Fair as a guest of the Fair board and are not responsible for the area you occupy, you do not need to report it. You will still have insurance coverage for those events your members attend that are not sponsored by your branch, (whether it is another branch's EDGETA sponsored show or another non EDGETA show) even though you do not report them.

However, for those branch-sponsored events that you are required to report, the insurance carrier requires attendance numbers after the event. The attendance number is the number of spectators that attended your event, not including your branch members or other branch members that may attend and participate in your event. If other branch members attend as spectators they should be reported as spectators. Please try to be accurate in determining the attendance number. If you have an event that is co-sponsored, like a county Fair, make an estimate of those spectators that attend your area. It is very important that we provide the insurance company the attendance number, as it is a requirement of the insurance policy.

When you initially submit your event you will get a copy back in your email in box. After the event, within one week, go back to the email, click on the link indicated, fill in the attendance number, and send the note. Since most branches do not have many sponsored events, the events form only has one blank for each submitted event. If you have more than one sponsored event, submit a new form for each event.

Many of you have sent in your list of events for this year. Unfortunately we have no way of knowing if these are sponsored events or not so you will need to resubmit your sponsored events. Please resubmit your sponsored events using the revised Events Reporting Form on the web page at www.edgeta.org under insurance info. There is only space to report one event at a time on the Events Reporting Form. If you have more than one event, you will need to submit additional separate forms. Since most branches have only one or two events that they sponsor, the number of events that you will need to report has been drastically reduced.

We would like to have all events reported using the form on the web page. Each branch should have someone in their membership who has Internet access and can report your sponsored events. If not please contact me, and we will work something out.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in meeting our insurance requirements. We are continuing to try to streamline the process to make as easy as we can for the branches. I know we would all like to spend time with our tractors and engines, and not be burdened with paperwork. If you have any questions, please contact Dick Tombrink

at dicknsue@mcn.net or at 406-967-6687.

If you have youngsters that are eager to drive tractors, remember EDGE&TA has a youth program. Go to the Safety section of our website and read about it or Contact Howard Hodson

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EDGE&TA welcomes 4 new branches.
Branch 159 Oregon, 160 New Mexico, 161 Oklahoma and 162 W Virginia.

Visit our web pages www.edgeta.org for additional contacts and information on the following shows

Please support the hosting branch in your area. A lot of planning and work goes into putting on one of these shows.

2004 SHOW SCHEDULE

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The 2004 S.W. Regional Show, Branch 18
Will be held at the Chowchilla, CA Fairgrounds in central CA on July 9, 10 & 11, 2004. The show will feature antique engines and tractors thru 1949. All engine displays will be under cover in a large show arena. There will be a swap meet, antique engines & tractor displays, tractor parade Saturday and Sunday.

44th ANNUAL SHOW AND BUSINESS MEETING.

On behalf of the membership of Branch 22, I would like to cordially invite you to attend the 2004 National EDGE&TA Show and Business Meeting. It will be held on the beautiful green grass surrounding picturesque Santee Lakes in Santee, CA, and approximately 10 miles east of San Diego. The show will be held on Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10, 2004. Setup will be available on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 6 & 7. This is the same site where the National Show and Meeting was held in June of 1972. We will be featuring West Coast built engines and pumps.

We hope to see many exhibits pumping from the sparkling blue lake as well as a variety of other engine and tractor displays. Branch 22 is noted for our fun and friendliness. We encourage you to come and be a part of this special weekend with us. We will be having a free Exhibitor's Dinner on Friday evening and the National Meeting and dinner will be held on Saturday evening. Branch 22 members have been hard at work for several years planning for this event and we know that the time put forth will result in an excellent show. Dudley Mills and I will be co-chairing this event. If you need information, Dudley's phone number is 619-478-5787 and his e-mail address is dudleymills@earthlink.net or you may contact me at 619-478-5500 or e-mail me at c_northcote@nfmhc.com. We hope you can join us at the 2004 National. Make plans now to attend. Please visit the EDGE&TA website for all details.

Sincerely,
Cliff Northcote, President

NE Regional Show Branch 126

FORT ALLEN ANTIQUE FARM EQUIPMENT ASSOC.

Invites all branches and members of the Early Days Gas Engine & Tractor Association to attend the Northeast Branch Regional 2004 show and meeting to be held during our

10th Annual Ice Cream Festival and Tractor Rodeo July 17-18, 2004

Saturday 9 AM-Dusk Sunday 9 AM-5 PM

Come and enjoy Farming demonstrations, Gas engines, antique tractors and farm equipment, working saw mill, shingle mill, blacksmith forge, daily parades, musical entertainment, highlander games, wagon train, kiddy tractor pull, crafts and flea market, great food, ice cream, and much more.

This years feature tractor is the Minneapolis Moline and the IHC engines.

TRACTOR PULLS

There will be a garden tractor pull Saturday afternoon
Dead weight and transfer sled tractor pulls are held on
Friday and Saturday nights.

Br 108 North Central Regional Show and Meeting

On behalf of the membership of Branch 108, I would like to invite you to attend the 2004 North Central EDGE&TA Regional Meeting and Show. The show and meeting are being held September 24, 25 and 26, 2004 at 718 N. Eastview, Eldon, MO. Set-up date will be Thursday, September 23, 2004. The showgrounds are located 10 miles north of Bagnell Dam, Lake Ozark, MO. We will be hosting a Breakfast Banquet on Friday morning, 8 a.m. Check-in time will be 7:30 a.m. The EDGE&TA Regional Meeting will follow the breakfast

banquet. The cost for the breakfast banquet, commemorative coffee cup included, is \$15.00.

Deadline for banquet tickets is July 1, 2004.

Important reminders!!!!

There will be two vacant director's positions open. If you would like to run for director and you live in either the NE area or the SE area send a resume and a picture to the EDGE&TA secretary no later than July 9, 2004. They will be sent out with the ballots that will be voted on at the 2004 National Meeting that will be held in October. If you have any questions, contact the secretary or any of the directors.

Thanks, Ruth A. Warnock, Secretary

I recently sent a National Update to all branches via email. (approximately 275)

It is the quickest way to get information to the branches. However, it is very important to keep me informed of any changes with branch contacts. This brings me to another issue.

PLEASE!!!! When corresponding with EDGE&TA use your Branch Number in the subject. I would like to say I remember everyone's email address, but this is not the case and with all of the SPAM and junk mail I receive, I do not want to delete something I do not recognize and have it be from one of our branch correspondents. Also include it when sending me additional membership lists.

Thanks, Ruth, National Secretary

From the Editor's Desk

If you have a story to share, send it to me. Other branches may be looking for ideas. Things like this are what make our organization one to be proud to be a member of. I recently received this article.

Branch 38, Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers, Inc.

Our year has started off with a bang. This year Twin Falls, Idaho is celebrating their 100th year anniversary. Our club and the Draft Horse & Mule Association of Idaho, held a Spring Plow Day, April 24th. We used a vacant field in the middle of town. Spectators by the dozens came to see demonstrations of plowing, harrowing, etc. by both tractors and horses and compared the different techniques. The Engine section of our club showed off their engines with demonstrations their usefulness. Some of our members have some very unique engines. There were wagon & stone boat rides given by the horses & mules throughout the day. The local newspapers covered the event, taking pictures of our clubs participants with their machines. Great publicity!!! It was a nostalgic day for our Senior Citizens as most are retired farmers in this area. It brought back many fond memories and lots of "good ole days" stories.

We have since had two well-attended tractor pulls and by the time you read this we will be able to included the Live History Days Parade, Pull & Show at the Idaho Farm & Ranch Museum, Jerome Idaho.

Submitted by, Gene R. Haux, Sec/Treas

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SE Regional Show

Just wanted to bring everyone up on the meeting from Saturday, May 1, 2004. Branch 100 put on a great one day show along with a lawnmower and tractor pull. There were 2 branches represented on Saturday. Those were Branches 100 & 129. I informed the members of the new forms that have been added to the web site. I stressed the importance of following the safety rules and show guidelines. Those guidelines are available on the EDGET&A web site. I stressed how important it was that all the branches fill out and return the ballots in the upcoming election.

Branch 100 wanted to get some ideas on increasing membership or keeping current ones. It seems their membership has been falling. I told them I would pass that on and maybe some of us could come up with a new idea for increasing membership. Branch 100 wanted to say to Jerry MacMartin thanks for the great work on their web page.

George W Christmas II EDGETA

SE Advisor Branch 129 Marion, SC

SC Regional Show

Now for the good news from the SC Region: Branch 37, Tired Iron of the Ozarks, Gentry, AR hosted an antique tractor drive, 8 through 10 June 2004. The drive began on June 8, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. at our show grounds south of Gentry, AR and arrived at the SC Regional show in Ozark, AR on June 10, 2004. The group started with 34 tractors and a host of support vehicles and only lost one tractor to mechanical failure. This tractor developed the problem within the first hour and the owner elected to return it to the starting point. We were joined by three other tractors along the way and arrived in Ozark with 36 tractors, all still under their own power. Just like the year the National Show and meeting was held in Ozark, AR, we arrived soaking wet but enjoying ourselves. It rained on us most of the last day. The trip was three days in duration and covered about 116 miles (at antique tractor speed of 6 mph) of scenic NW Arkansas roads over the third highest mountain in Arkansas. There were two over night stops along the way where we camp under the stars. The first of these stops was at the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park, Prairie Grove, AR and the second stop was in the little mountain town of Mountainburg, AR. Meals had been arranged along the way. Everyone who went on the drive had a great time and most are already making plans to attend the next tractor tour. When and where has not been determined. A lot of pictures from the tour have been posted to our web site at, www.tiredironoftheozarks.com.

EDGE&TA Branch 90, hosted the SC Regional show, June 11 through 13 at the Fair Grounds in Ozark, AR. That branch did an excellent job of putting on the

Regional Show. There was a lot of old equipment on display, a tractor pull on Friday evening, an auction on Saturday morning, and the Regional meeting with a catered meal on Saturday evening.

At the Regional meeting there were some 50 members from 10 branches present. Dorene Yearian, our Vice President was also present and invited all that were there to attend the NC Regional show in September.

There have been a lot of shows in the SC Region in the past couple of months and a lot more to come as the show season progresses. There will be a lot of local shows from now until late this fall through out the SC Region. If you enjoy a little history, "take a step back into the past and take a look at how things were done one hundred years ago" by attending the shows in your area.
Howard D. Hodson, SC Regional Director

The National and all the Regional shows of the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association have started. We have six Regional shows plus the National scheduled for this year. The National now has only six directors as Curtis Cook, our president and the North East region Director, resigned. He will be missed. Howard Hodson was elected president and is from the South Central region. Two new directors are on board: Larry Voris, Director at Large and now acting NE director and Dorene Yearian, elected vice-president, is from the North Central region. Cliff Northcote has left the board to become president of his branch. We are missing him too

Trailer Safety Suggestions

Last year's shows are great memories and now we are going to this year's shows. One of your winter projects should have been checking that trailer(s) you haul all your engines, tractors and equipment to the shows. Of course you did the usual, check the tires, the wiring for the lights, the battery if you have a break-away switch, the trailer floor and even your tie downs.

One of the most important things is to make sure your towing vehicle is capable of pulling and stopping what you are hauling.

Eighty-five percent of accidents because of the trailer are attributed to:

1. Going too fast - recommended 60-65 mph.
2. Failure in coupling -
 - a. Wrong ball size
 - b. A crack in the ball
 - c. No hitch latch pin.
3. Wrong hitch or tow vehicle rating for weight pulled –

- a. Bumper pull limit is approximately 12,000 (in some states it's 10,000) pounds and its best to have a receiver hitch installed on your tow vehicle and not pull from the bumper itself.
- b. Gooseneck rating is approximately 30,000 (in some states it's 15,000) pounds.

4. Trailer floor not strong enough for weight or weight distribution and/or load weight not distributed correctly. A suggestion for your trailer floor when not in use – keep a block of wood over floor joints strapped down when not in use during the heat of the sun and the rain. It will help keep it from buckling up.
5. Load not strapped properly. In some states it is recommended you strap four crossed points

Brakes on a trailer don't all adjust automatically, some of the manufacturers suggest you adjust them every 3,000 miles or less and a new trailer be checked at 500 then every 3,000 miles. Always adjust your brake controller for your load; readjust when empty. They suggest that you have electric/hydraulic brakes on a trailer over 3,000 or on a triple axle trailer. When hooking up the trailer electrics to the towing vehicle after it has set all winter always blow out the male and female connector or plug it in and out several times so that you get a good connection. Test your brakes before leaving and check them and the tie downs after approximately 25 miles.

Tire pressure is another important thing to be checked. Make sure your tire pressure is all the same including your spare(s) and correct for the load/tire. A low tire will get hot and it won't be long before you will be stopped and looking for the spare tire. Check tires for wear and damage. Make sure your lug nuts are tight, check for broken or worn hanger straps, check and lubricate the wheel bearings, etc. If your tires are balanced your load will ride better. Make sure the weight load matches the axle(s) and tire(s).

A proper weight distribution should be equal from right to left to avoid tire overload and load heavy items on the floor and over the axles. Load additional items to maintain even weight distribution and to achieve desired tongue weight. Rules of thumb for proper tongue weight are:

Ball Hitch (Bumper Pull/Hitch)	10 – 15% of GVW
(Gross Vehicle Weight)	
Gooseneck Hitch	20 -25% of GVW
Fifth Wheel Hitch	20 - 25% of GVW

Straps versus chains – check the load rating and choose what is appropriate for your load. Remember any fraying of the strap or damage of any one of the links in a chain cuts down on the load ratings. Center your load properly

front to back and side to side on the trailer and tie down four crossed points. Always carry extra chains, straps, binders, etc.

Loading and unloading – most bumper and goose neck trailers come with two ramps. If you have a tricycle or a single front wheel tractor, you need a third ramp that hooks properly to your trailer. Using a makeshift piece of wood/steel for the third ramp is unsafe. When loading steel wheel tractors, it is wise to have some type of anti-kickout lock for your ramps. It is suggested that you load steel wheel and crawler tractors backwards.

If you can load and unload with your own ramps, you don't have to check ahead for a loading ramp.

Always take the registration papers for truck and trailer along with insurance certificates with you especially when crossing from state to state.

There is another thing that should be added to your particular list and that is the trailer regulations going from state to state.

One way to do that is to go on-line, i.e. go to a search engine like yahoo or google and type in "(the state) Department of Transportation" and after that type in trailer regulations. Most of the time it takes you to big rigs so you have to go through different screens to get the information you need. Another way is to call your local DOT

The state I live in requires trailer brakes on 5th wheel or king pin trailers and on trailers hauling hazardous materials with a gross weight exceeding 3,000 pounds. A trailer break-away switch is not required. Safety chains or equivalent are required, but not on a 5th wheel or gooseneck trailer. I have found no stated requirements for chains, binders, tie downs, etc.

Traveling and talking to other people hauling their equipment in other states, I have heard you have to wire tie your chain binders, and some you don't. Your ramps must be secured/tied down to your trailer. Your straps have to be flat not twisted. You have to have trailer brakes with a break-away switch; safety chains are required on all trailers and have to be crossed. If you use your flashers when going too slow up or down a hill in some states you will get a ticket and some states it's a requirement. In some instances if your total GVW is 6,000+ you have to go through a weigh station. In the state I live in you need a CDL if you qualify in two areas: your trailer is over 10,000 and your total GVW is over 26,000. In another state if your trailer exceeds 10,000 pounds you have to have a CDL.

At a workshop on trailer safety at the Gathering of the Green in March of this year when the speaker brought up DOT the whole workshop erupted – everyone was talking at once. The speaker laughed as he lost control of the workshop.

One thing I know for certain, when stopped, you will get a ticket if you don't comply with that state you are driving through. It doesn't matter where you are licensed. Remember it's better to be safe and enjoy our hobby so try not to break any traffic laws so you won't be pulled over and then have your load checked.

The more I looked into the subject of trailer safety, the more I don't know.

Dorene Yearian NC Director

Hello to All the Branches out There !

EDGE&TA Hall Of Fame for 2004 has come and gone now. However, It's still not too late to start thinking about 2005! Look around you at the shows. See someone that you think would make a good candidate for HOF? Someone active in their branch? Always helping others? and so on? Why not submit them to EDGE&TA Hall Of Fame? Have a look at the HOF web pages and take it from there. I know there are a lot of people out there in the branches that would more than qualify for this award. Remember up to 4 people can be picked each year for this prestigious award. Each winner received a very nice brass and wood plaque with their name engraved on it. We also have a large floating plaque that goes to all the National Shows with all the winners noticed on it.

Jerry Mac Martin

