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Ruth A. Warnock, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TO: All EDGE&TA Members:

Now that show season is over for most of our members we can get to the winter projects in the workshop and get ready for the bad weather. It is always interesting to look at the winter projects at the first shows in the spring. I also have a couple of projects I would like to complete by early summer of 2005.

Having been newly elected to the position of President of the Board of the National Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association I don't have any special things at this time. I will soon get my feet wet I'm sure. If you have questions or something that you think needs to be changed or added for the good of the organization, please let me know. The National Board of Directors is reorganizing their duties and will soon be running stronger than ever.

Safety is always a big issue and it should be. Safety and Insurance premiums go together. If we don't have any accidents the premiums usually stay down. Every person in our organization is on the Safety Committee. If you see an unsafe situation, notify the safety officer in charge immediately. We don't want anyone hurt. The life you save might be your own. As the old saying goes, "Make Safety First" and "Make It Last" and always "Watch Out for the Children".

Wishing you all Happy and Safe Holidays.

Larry Voris, President

Director at Large

INSURANCE

Insurance Update, November 28, 2004

From Dick Tombrink

Insurance Premium cost

Our insurance carrier is not able to tell us what our next year's insurance premium will be until the last minute before the policy expires, on April 15. This puts a hardship on branches at the beginning of the year that are trying to determine what their expenses are going to be, and how much they will need to send to the National for dues and for the insurance premium. In an effort to help make it easier for those branches, the directors voted to establish the insurance premium of \$6 for next year. Your National dues will still be \$4; therefore the total will be \$10 for each of your branch members. In the future we plan to set the insurance premium based on our best estimate after reviewing past and possible future increases.

For the last two years your branch insurance premium was \$4.80 per member plus the \$4 for national dues, for a total of \$8.80. Last year the insurance premium went up by \$.65 to \$5.45. However the Board of Directors last year voted to pay the increase from the National Treasury. Since the EDGETA treasury cannot continue to absorb the increase, in our last board

meeting the board voted to set \$6 for the insurance premium cost for the 2005-6 year in anticipation of the increase that will probably happen and to reimburse the National Treasury for the increase from last year. In the future our goal is to try to anticipate the increases, so that over the long run we will be very close to the insurance premium costs. If we anticipate and set a higher premium and it does not happen, we will set that money aside for the premium the next year, and take that into consideration in determining the next year's premium. If we anticipate and set a lower premium, and it comes in higher we will take the difference from the National treasury, and compensate for it in the premium we set for the next year.

Canadian Members

Earlier this year we had a question from Branch 26, in northern Washington regarding insuring Canadian members. Up to that time our insurance carrier was not able to insure Canadian members. We approached the insurance carrier again regarding insuring Canadians. The insurance carrier came back and said we can insure Canadian members in US branches, as long as their numbers did not exceed 15% of our total membership. We reviewed insuring Canadians at a board of directors meeting and after reviewing the Wisconsin Incorporation statutes; the Board concluded that EDGETA could accept Canadian members into US branches. Although the insurance carrier was willing to insure Canadian Branches, the board was not comfortable with admitting Canadian branches because of possible complications with our Wisconsin Incorporation statutes.

The bottom line is that Canadians who join US branches are covered under our EDGETA insurance. Also US EDGETA members and Canadian members who attend other events in Canada are now covered under our EDGETA insurance, just as they are when they attend US events.

We are pleased to be able to offer membership to Canadians and welcome them into US branches.

If you have any questions, you can contact NW Director and Insurance Contact Dick Tombrink at dicknsue@mcn.net.

Prevention of Injury-Incidents

Of the many tractor injury-incidents that happen, few are caused by machinery or equipment failure. Most are caused, directly or indirectly, by carelessness and unnecessary hurry. Use safe procedures, pay attention to what is being done and how it is being done, and THINK about what you are doing -- then tractor safety isn't too difficult or time-consuming.

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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.

2005 SHOW SCHEDULE

National

**Branch 37 132344 Taylor Orchard Rd., Gentry, AR
Sept 08-11**

Contact: Howard Hodson (479) 248-4902

E-Mail okiteah@juno.com

Contact: Larry Morrison (479) 524-0450

E-Mail lmorrison@cox-internet.com

Regionals

**SE Branch 110 Big Lick Festival Park NC
May 20-22**

Contact: Jim Gadd (704) 599-9866

Contact: David Teague (704) 507-0415

E-Mail Dteague02@aol.com

**NE Branch 133 Farmington Fairgrounds, ME
June 24-26**

Contact: Clarence Wisecup (207) 892-0299

E-Mail CWisecup@aol.com

Contact: Richard Larrivee (207) 892-4946

E-Mail Rlarr437@aol.com

**SW Branch 19 Montezuma County Fairgrounds
Cortez, Colorado June 09-13**

Contact: Spike & Sue Cordell (505) 334-1339 E-Mail
suzq43@msn.com

Contact: Wayne Mc Carey (970) 882-4993 E-Mail
mccareys@msn.com

**NW Branch 77 Culbertson MT
September 24-25**

Contact: David Krogedal (406) 963-2360

E-Mail elk1@nemontel.net

Contact: Rodney Iverson (406) 787-5265

**SC Branch 96 Washington County Fairgrounds,
Brenham TX July 22-24**

Contact: Allen Neumann (979) 836-5014

E-Mail imjbird@juno.com

Contact: Emery Schulze (979) 836-8891

E-Mail emeryhelen@txcyber.com

**NC Branch 123 Junction of MO County Rd.O & MO
State Hwy. 43 MO Sept 23-25**

Contact: Bill Martin (417) 226-4682

E-Mail martinwc@olemac.net

Contact: Joe Mathis (918) 542-8178

E-Mail pammathis@junct.com

*The following new branches were formed in 2004
156 Texas, 157 Arkansas, 158 California, 159
Oregon, 160 New Mexico, 161 Oklahoma, 162 W
Virginia, 163 Arkansas, 164 Oklahoma, 165
Oregon*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!!

1. Don't forget to send me your branch officers for the New Year. The Branch Information form can be found on our web pages www.edgeta.org under Required Forms. When this form is submitted, a copy also goes to Jerry MacMartin, our webmaster to update your pages.

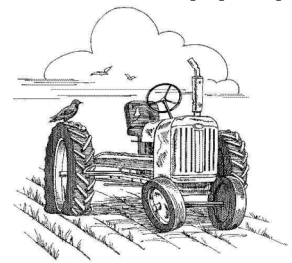
Don't forget to send Jerry information on your shows for the New Year or any other updates you might want on your page.

2. It is important to keep me updated with changing email addresses. This is the quickest way I can get EDGE&TA information to you.

3. **PLEASE!!!!** When corresponding with **EDGE&TA** put your Branch Number in the subject line. 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 that might be important from your branch. Also include it when sending me additional membership lists.

I would like to personally thank the secretaries/ treasurers/membership people responsible for reporting

membership to me this past year. It is a time consuming job and your dedication to keep EDGE&TA office informed has been greatly appreciated!



Thanks, Ruth Warnock, National Secretary

An updated Officer/Director/Advisor list is enclosed with this newsletter. Please contact your area director/advisor with questions you might have. They are there to help you. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER FOR JERRY MAC MARTIN

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Hello from the not so sunny South Land. We have been blessed with several days of warm wet weather and everything is lush and green here in the Northwest corner of the South Central Region I'm sure by the time you will be reading this it will be considerably cooler.

This next year should be an exciting year for the South Central Region. Branch 96 will be hosting the SC Regional show and meeting at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham, TX, July, 22 - 24, 2005. I'm already looking forward to attending that show. Branch 37, Tired Iron of the Ozarks, will be hosting the National show and meeting at our almost new show grounds at 13344 Taylor Orchard Road, Gentry, AR, September, 8 - 11, 2005. I'm sure both branches are making preparations for the shows and meetings at a rapid pace already. There never seems to be enough time to get these shows together and still have time to get our own exhibits ready for the public to enjoy.

Before these two shows, there will be a lot of other shows in the SC Region for us to polish up our equipment and get all the bugs worked out of them before we take them to the Regional and National shows.

It was a pleasure serving as your National President and Safety Officer last year. Either, of those jobs takes a lot of time and combined, they leave very little time to devote to the branches in the SC Region and preparation for the National show by my own branch. I plan to get to know the SC Regional branches a lot better and attend more of their shows. I'm sure the branches in the SC Region will support the new National President and Safety Officer in the superb manner you supported me last year. They will be spending a lot of time this next year to make sure that you, the EDGE&TA member, has a safe and enjoyable show season in 2005.

I am still looking for someone to be my advisor from the SC Region. If you are interested in becoming an advisor please contact me: Howard D. Hodson, SC Region Director.

If you, a member of a Branch in the SC Region, have questions that your branch President or Officers cannot answer, please contact me, your Regional Director, (okiteah@juno.com) for the answer rather than going directly to our National Secretary/Treasurer for the answer. If I don't know the answer I will take it to the Board of Directors for the correct answer. This will free up the Nation Secretary/Treasurer's time to work on national issues.

The answers for many of the questions you have can be found on our web page at: www.edgeta.org. You are encouraged to check the web page often to see what new items have been added. If your branch has a page under the Branch Locations, you should check the page and make sure the information is correct. If it isn't correct, you should contact Jerry MacMartin our web master and make the corrections. If your branch does not have a web page, please contact Jerry and give him your branch information and he will establish one for your branch. Every branch of EDGE&TA is entitled to a free page. The web

page is part of the benefits of being a branch of EDGE&TA. You wouldn't buy an engine without the flywheels or a tractor without a magneto would you? On second thought most of you probably would, since you are members of EDGE&TA and into "old iron". "Oh! Well, what can I say"?

With the new automated forms the Directors developed during this past year, the Secretary of your branch should be able to get the correct information to National with a minimum of time or effort.

I hope every one has a Merry Christmas and enjoys a Happy New Years eve.

May there always be an abundance of wine, corn and oil.

Howard D. Hodson, SC Director

Grandma's Apron



The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven; it was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken-coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those old aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids; and when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling-wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls.

In the fall it was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out on the porch and waved her apron, and everyone knew it was time to come in for dinner.

It will be a long time before anyone invents something that will replace that old-time apron that served so many purposes.



Famous quotes by great ladies:

Old age ain't no place for sissies.

-Bette Davis

I'm not going to vacuum 'til Sears makes one you can ride on .

Roseanne Barr-

If you can't be a good example -- then you'll just have to be a horrible warning.

-Catherine-

The hardest years in life are those between ten and seventy.

-Helen Hayes (at 73

HALL OF FAME

To All Branches of EDGE&TA

Jerry Mac Martin asked to be replaced as the Hall of Fame coordinator for the year 2005. I have agreed to take on this task.

I'm sure that everyone knows of at least one person they think would make a good candidate for this honor. As the new coordinator I ask each Branch search their membership for someone they think deserves being a member of the Hall of Fame. If you find someone you think is deserving, please go to the web page at www.edgeta.org and look under the heading of Hall of Fame for the information required and submit a nomination for that person.

The deadline for submitting the nomination is April 15, 2005. The nominations can be; mailed to; Howard D, Hodson, 10227 Atkins Road, Bentonville, AR 72712, faxed to, 479-248-2425, or e-mailed to, okiteah@juno.com.

The selection committee will receive the nominations on or before 1 May 2005 and the selection process completed before June 1, 2005 so those selected can be notified by that date.

Howard D. Hodson, SC Reg Director/Hall of Fame Coordinator

2004 NATIONAL SHOW

After many years of planning, numerous meetings and countless hours of hard work, the 2004 EDGE&TA National Show and Business Meeting hosted by Branch 22 is now history. The show was a complete success and was enjoyed by locals as well as participants from around the U.S. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful San Diego weather and especially the beautiful show grounds around the sparkling blue Santee Lakes. Many participants could not believe such a tranquil setting existed in the middle of an urban area. I would like to thank all participants, especially those who traveled so many miles (some thousands) to be part of this show. Without so many exhibitors making long trips, the show would not have been as diversified as it was with all the different types of engines and tractors, some of which are rarely seen. There were 194 engines, 9 model engines, 9 trailer displays with many interesting items, 78 tractors, and 88 other types of displays. Friday night included a pasta dinner for exhibitors followed by the singing and dancing Rhinestone Cowgirls, who are all senior citizens. After this, a

very hilarious melodrama was put on by the Campo Senior Citizens. The National meeting took place at 5 p.m. on Saturday evening. Those in attendance were greeted by special guest, Jessie Dixon, president of Padre Dam Municipal Water District, which operates Santee Lakes. Santee mayor, Randy Vopel presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, October 9, 2004 as Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Assoc. day in the City of Santee, CA. This was followed by a BBQ beef dinner and entertainment, attended by 260 participants. There were a total of 30 branches represented at this year's National show. A video was produced of this show including the tractor parade. Some of these are still available for \$15. Please contact me if you are interested in purchasing one. My 32-committee chairmen and I would like to thank the National EDGE&TA Board of Directors for their support and especially the many participants who attended and made the 2004 National show an event to remember.

Cliff Northcote, Branch 22 President

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*******Happy Holidays*******



**To all EDGE&TA members
From your EDGE&TA
Officers/Directors/Advisors**

Thanks for a successful year!

How Santa Clause came to be

A long time ago, a bishop named Nicholas lived in what is now the country of Turkey. No one knows much about him. But there are stories that he often helped children who were in need.

Many years
Nicholas
time, he
of children.
death,
important
in Europe.
children
hang up
next



after his death,
was made a saint. In
became the patron saint
Today, the date of his
December 6, is an
date in some countries
On the night before,
put out their shoes and
their stockings. Early
morning, they rush to

see what gifts Saint Nicholas left them.

According to the legend, Saint Nicholas visits towns and cities, leads parades, talks to children, and often hands out small gifts. He is dressed as a bishop, wearing a red or white robe and a tall, pointed hat.

Saint Nicholas always has a helper. In the Netherlands, this helper is called Black Peter. In Germany, he's Knecht Ruprecht. In parts of France, he's Pere Fouettard. And in Luxembourg, he's known as Hoesecker. Of course, all the children love Saint

Nicholas. But they're quite afraid of his helper. For it is the helper who keeps track of who was good and who was naughty.

Dutch settlers in America continued to celebrate this feast day. Their name for Saint Nicholas was Sinterklaas. And in English, this became Santa Claus.

Ancient New Year's customs

Many ancient peoples started the year at harvesttime. They performed rituals to do away with the past and purify themselves for the new year. For example, some people put out the fires they were using and started new ones.

In early times, the ancient Romans gave each other New Year's gifts of branches from sacred trees. In later years, they gave gold-covered nuts or coins imprinted with pictures of Janus, the god of gates, doors, and beginnings. January was named after Janus, who had two faces--one looking forward and the other looking backward. The Romans also brought gifts to the emperor. The emperors eventually began to demand such gifts. But the Christian church outlawed this custom and certain other pagan New Year's practices in A.D. 567.

The ancient Persians gave New Year's gifts of eggs, which symbolized productiveness. The Celtic priests of what is now England gave the people branches of mistletoe, which was considered sacred.

The Celts took over many New Year's customs from the Romans, who invaded the British Isles in A.D. 43. By the 1200's, English rulers had revived the Roman custom of asking their subjects for New Year's presents. Common presents included jewelry and gold. Queen Elizabeth I acquired a large collection of richly embroidered and jeweled gloves through this custom. English husbands gave their wives money on New Year's Day to buy pins and other articles. This custom disappeared in the 1800's. However, the term *pin money* still means *small amounts of spending money*.

Many American colonists in New England celebrated the new year by firing guns into the air and shouting. They also visited taverns and houses to ask for drinks. Other colonists attended church services. Some people held open house, welcoming all visitors and feeding them generously.

Another old custom involved using the Bible to predict what would happen in the new year. People chose a passage of the Bible at random. They then applied the passage to the coming months of the new year.



Regardless of your opinions on war or U.S. foreign policy, I hope you will show support for our men and women of the armed forces serving away from home. We all want them to know that we are proud of the sacrifices they are making to preserve freedom for all people, everywhere. Please keep them in your prayers, especially this holiday season when they are not with their families and loved ones.

Subject: WD-40 Reprinted from Br 22 newsletter
Submitted by Edd England

Here's something that we all use and some uses that I have never heard of. Enjoy the information. Would you like a gallon? **WD-40** – Although it is famous throughout the world, **WD-40** is somewhat of a mystery. Who thought of it? Who invented it? What is it? The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and de-greaser to protect missile parts. **WD-40** was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus **WD-40**.

The Convair Company bought in bulk to protect their Atlas missile parts. The workers were so pleased with the product, they began smuggling (also known as "shrinkage" or "stealing") it out to use at home. The executives decided there might be a consumer market for it and put it in aerosol cans. The rest, as they say, is history. It is a carefully guarded recipe known only to four people. Only one of them is the "brewmaster." There are about 2.5 million gallons of the stuff manufactured each year. It gets its distinctive smell from a fragrance that is added to the brew. Ken East says there is nothing in **WD-40** that would hurt you.

Here are some of the uses:

Protects silver from tarnishing
Cleans and lubricates guitar strings
Gets oil spots off concrete driveways
Keeps flies off cows
Removes lipstick stains
Loosens stubborn zippers
Untangles jewelry chains
Removes stains from stainless steel sinks
Removes tomato stains from clothing
Keeps scissors working smoothly
Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes
Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on rider mowers
Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open
Restores and cleans roof racks of vehicles
Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans
Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons and bicycles for easy handling
Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly
Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools

We're not through. Here's more:

Lubricates prosthetic limbs
Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell)
Removes all traces of duct tape
Other "States" uses: Georgia and Alabama's favorite use was that it penetrates stuck bolts, lug-nuts, and hose-ends. Florida's favorite use was, cleans and removes bugs from grills and bumpers. California's favorite use was penetrating the bolts on the Golden Gate Bridge. Let me close with one final, wonderful use – the favorite use in the State of New York – **WD-40** protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements. No wonder they have had 50 successful years.