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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TO: All EDGE&TA Members

Larry Voris, President-Director at Large

The importance of double roping your exhibit

Safety is the number one thing we have to watch when exhibiting at a show especially if we have an exhibit with moving objects, such as an engine running or belts running, anything with gears and hot exhausts. A small child is fascinated by moving objects and will stand and watch and then reach out and try to touch. **Bingo.** The little finger that reached out is burnt, scratched or missing because it went through a running gear. It does not have to be a running gear to get a finger mashed. The child could put their hand on a gear and it could move. I have seen this happen and luckily the child was a close relative of one of our board members. The mother of the child was very upset that this could happen. The child's finger was not hurt badly, but it got black grease on the finger and then on the clothes. In another incident, the child reached out with his index finger and touched a hot exhaust pipe on an engine that had just been shut down. This engine was on the back of a trailer.

Then you say the parents should have better control over their children. Without ropes people can walk closer to the displays and a child can reach out and touch something when the parent is not watching or the parent is distracted by you when asking a question about your display. I was at a show recently and the exhibitor had an engine running out in front of his display. It was a small engine on a stand about 3 feet tall. A person could walk right up to the engine and put his hands on it. What **IF** the person had stumbled? You all know that most show grounds are not all level and have holes in them.

This is one of the reasons we double rope our exhibits. The ropes should be 3 foot from the nearest running object. The bottom rope should be low enough to keep a child from going through. We have roping guidelines that most of you have and are given to you when you go to shows. The other reason we rope is to keep our insurance company happy. If we don't rope our exhibits and an accident happens we could be without insurance and that would mean we would not have anymore shows.

Occasionally you will have someone come by your exhibit and want to see something on your exhibit and they may have something like yours and want to see why there machine is not working or what is missing on there machine at home. You can invite them in and look at the object in question telling them to be careful. You have control then. You go to show and the engine or machine is running and the exhibitor is sitting in the backside of his exhibit in a lawn chair talking to someone. Yes, you know what I am trying to get through to you because you have all done this and I am just as guilty as the next. This is another reason for the double ropes.

You shouldn't have to be asked to rope your exhibit. We have been roping exhibits for several years now. If you are asked and refuse, you know where the gate is and should load and go home immediately. You may have the best exhibit at the show, but if it is not safe and you refuse to rope we have no other choice but to ask you to leave. I only covered the roping in this article. Riding on tractors is another issue we will address in the next newsletter.

I hope you all had a safe year and look forward to a great 2006 show season.

INSURANCE Update 9/19/05-Dick Tombrink

**(Please note, new email address,
dicknsue@nemontel.net)**

As you probably know we have been having some problems with our website. Those of you that have tried to submit your events (shows) or request an Additional Insured Certificate have not been able to submit them. We think that our web master has the problem fixed. There may still be some bugs in it but please try to submit your events (shows) and request Additional Insured certificates using the web page forms. When you do your requests go directly to the insurance agent with a copy to you. If you continue to have problems you can send an email to Dick Tombrink, at dicknsue@nemontel.net or you can fax them to me at 406-967-6687. I will forward them on to the insurance agent.

Please remember to allow time for your events notice and Requests for Additional Insured Certificates to be processed. To be safe, the insurance agent asks for the events notices 7 business days in advance of your show, and 31 days for the Additional Insured Certificates. I continue to get Additional Insured Certificate Requests for a show the following weekend. Our insurance agent does their best to help you but it puts them in a bind to get your requests out to meet your short timeframe. In some cases they may not be able to respond in a short timeframe, and you may not have the additional Insured Certificate or your show may not be covered by insurance if your show is not reported to the insurance carrier.

I would like to remind you again of the importance of following all the safety requirements that are listed on our web page. Please be sure each and every member has a copy and becomes familiar with the safety requirements. The safety requirements can be found on our web page at www.edgeta.org, (click on the safety section). At the National meeting the directors discussed at length the importance of all branches and all members following safety regulations. Failure of a branch to not follow these requirements could result in all of us losing our relative inexpensive insurance if there should be an accident. Please publish the web page address with the connection to the safety section in your newsletters, and discuss it in detail at your branch meetings. The directors discussed and recommend that each branch hold a safety meeting the first morning of their show to be sure everyone is aware of the safety requirements. The bottom line is that having all the safety requirements, and following all the safety requirements is the key for us continue to have affordable insurance.

Enjoy the rest of the show season, and think safety.

HALL OF FAME

To All Branches of EDGE&TA:

The 2005 Hall of Fame inductee's have been selected and notified of their induction into the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame.

They are as follows; Jerry MacMartin Br 03 and 22, CA, Willie Heyen, Br 19, NM, Clifford Park, Br 123, MO, Gus Peterson, Br 9, OR, and Curtis Cook, Br 35, VA. Congratulations to these most deserving individuals who have contributed so greatly to the advancement of our hobby.

It has been a difficult and time consuming task to find three judges who was willing to evaluate the nominations and vote for the most qualified persons. I would like to thank the judges who did participate in the selection of the above individuals. We need more members who are willing to take the time to serve in the capacity of Hall of Fame Judge.

If you think you would like to serve as a Hall of Fame Judge please let me know. I will add you to the list of possible judges and your name will remain anonymous and known only by me.

I would like to thank those branches and individuals who submitted the nominations.

Now that Hall of Fame 2005 has been concluded, it is time to start on Hall of Fame 2006.

I'm sure that everyone knows of at least one person they think would make a good candidate for this honor. As the Hall of Fame Chairperson, I ask that 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, 2006. 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 2006, and the selection process will be completed before June 1, 2006 so those selected can be notified by that date.

Howard D. Hodson, Hall of Fame Chairperson & SC Regional Director

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL EDGE&TA SHOWS

As the summer is winding down, so are the tractor shows for the year (unless they are indoor).

Look back to the shows you have attended. Did you go to as many of the local branch shows as you could? We in EDGE&TA need to support and help the branches around us build their shows.

Gather you own club members/friends and put together a display – engines, tractors, etc. Put your branch number at your display. Be proud. Advertise your own show or swap meet. Make your branch known to others. Show what a strong club you have. Always invite your new club members to come along – it's a great way to make friends and gain information. Publish an events schedule of all the shows your club members are attending. Announce up-coming shows at your meeting. More

people will start to go along with you. The more shows you attend and make your branch known to other branches; your show will then get bigger and better. Remember – we need to help and support each other to make this hobby grow.

When you support other branches, you gain great friends. People to share your knowledge and share theirs with you. Visit with the other branches around you. Visit their displays. You never know – you might find the very treasure you were looking for.

When attending other branch shows, set an example. Set up your display safely. Always keep in mind there are children and grownups that are not familiar with your equipment. Keep the public and yourself safe. Our web page tells you how to set up safely. There is a guide in there for engines, tractors, etc. The other branches around you will see you know how to keep yourself and the public safe and will follow your example. Safety helps us keep our insurance low.

Have a great rest of the summer and start planning for next year.

**NC Director -Dorene Yearian,
Vice President**



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS

Howard D. Hodson, Director

It has been a long hot and dry summer in parts of the SC Region this year; however that did not keep a lot of us from attending the tractor and engine shows in our region. This may have caused some of us to walk a little slower, drink more water, and seek a little shade from time to time, but the shows were a success.

Now that it is a little wetter and cooler, the SC Region will have a little more comfortable weather and the fall show season will be in full swing. We hope to see a lot of our old friends and fellow engine and tractor buddies out and about at the remaining 2005 shows.

The SC Regional Show was hosted by Branch 96 at Brenham, TX in July. Yes, it was hot, but the Washington County Fair grounds afforded plenty of shade and covered buildings in which to hold the show. There were more than 250 tractors, over 150 engines, and some other machinery exhibits for the spectators to enjoy. The Tractor pull was held in a covered building on a very nice track. Saturday

evening some very good musical talent presented a great program that was enjoyed by those who attended the evening's entertainment. Branch 96 is to be commended for the great show they hosted. They had everything well organized and the show went like clock work. Thanks again for all the hard work branch 96 members did to make it one of the best Regional shows I have ever attended.

Branch 37, Tired Iron of the Ozarks, Gentry, AR, hosted the National show and meeting at their new show grounds on Taylor Orchard Road, September 8th through the 11th, 2005. If you did not attend this show you missed a good one. There were a lot of engines and tractors at the show.

Branch 90, River Valley Antique Tractor and Engine club, sponsored a tractor trail drive from Dyer, AR to the National Show and meeting, a distance of a little over 100 miles. They made the drive in two days. They spent the night in West Fork, AR and arrived at the National show a little ahead of schedule. There were a lot of EDGE&TA members and other spectators present to cheer them on when they arrived at the show on Thursday evening.

The Trail Drive group was treated to a hamburger/hotdog cookout upon their arrival at the National show. Tyson Foods Company & McKee Bakery provided the food which was prepared by the members of Branch 37. There were about 275 people on hand for the free cookout.

At the National meeting on Saturday evening, Directors Don Young and Dick Tombrink were elected to serve another term on the EDGE&TA Board of Directors. At this meeting two of the four Hall of Fame inductees were inducted into the Hall of Fame. They were Willie Heyen of Branch 19 and Curtis Cook of branch 35. The other two will be inducted at their regional shows. They are Gus Peterson of Branch 9 and Clifford Park of Branch 123.

Each Branch hosting a show is reminded to please check the Safety Rules once again and make sure you are following them. We can never be too safety minded. If we will do this we will continue to have a safe and enjoyable show season.

Howard D. Hodson, SC Regional Director

FROM OUR WEBMASTER, JOSH DILSAVER

The gallery is up and running. It is located at <http://www.edgeta.org>.

1. If People would like to upload pictures, contact me and I will create them an account.
2. I am going to impose a 25 picture limit per album, as pictures take up a lot of space on the web server.
3. If any branches are missing their logos please email them to me and I will put them back on your page. webmaster@edgeta.org

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**Wayne Timchuk, North East Director**

A summer report from the northeast region.

As I travel around the country the weather was very warm in most places. The rain was very spotty in some areas and very nice looking crops other areas showed a lot of stress from no rain. In my area crops look pretty good they're just starting to combine beans and corn is getting close.

My show season started in Auburn Indiana on March 18 at the Kruse Auction Park. Natmus and Miami Valley Antique Steam and Gas Engine Association put on the show. They featured Rumely and Allis Chalmers tractors and equipment. They had a nice display of machinery and equipment plus hit and miss engines and other items.

On May 21 we went to the top of the state show in new Manchester West Virginia. This was branch 162 show and it was held at Tomlinson Run state park. This show was run by Rodney Richards and his crew. They did a very nice job on the safety issues and organization if the show. We held a safety meeting and discussed insurance policies at the show.

Our next show was Buckeye Farm Antiques in Wapakoneta, Ohio. They featured Case tractors and Fairbanks Morse engines. This show was on Memorial Day weekend. They had a very nice turnout of machinery and tractors.

On June 4 and 5 the Buckeye Iron Will Club of Mansfield Ohio held their show featuring International Harvester and Farmall tractors and equipment. This show was chapter 6 of Ohio's summer show. We had a very nice turnout of International tractors and equipment.

My next show was our Northeast Regional show in Farmington Maine. This show was put on by branch 133. They featured Massey Harris tractors and had a very nice selection. They had over 225 tractors plus associated equipment. They also had a nice selection of

gas engines and other implements. This was probably one of the most organized and safety conscious shows that I went to this summer. They had a lot of machinery demonstrating and working all weekend. Their log splitting machine and their rock crusher were probably two really unique pieces. They did a superb job of showing how these machines were and keeping people safely away from the action. I would like to thank Richard Larrivee and Clarence Wisecup and the rest of their people that showed me such a great time and a well-organized safely run show. They also had other activities going on all weekend like tractor pulls, and garden tractor pulls, and tractor games.

Our next show was a Massey Expo of North America national show. It was held in Playing City Ohio. The weather didn't cooperate very well; we had a lot of rain. They have very nice show grounds down there. They have a well-organized show and it shows in the displays and so forth. We had over 400 Massey Harris Massey Ferguson and Ferguson tractors and implements. It was a very nice show.

On August 17 we were on the road again headed for Baraboo, Wisconsin for the 15 Hart-Parr Oliver collectors Association national summer show. It was held at the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club. We had over 400 Oliver tractors and implements. The show grounds were a little wet the first day or two as we had tornadoes and heavy rain the night before the show started. But it worked out well. We had a nice turnout of people in a lot of other displays to look at and enjoy.

Our next show was our National meeting for EDGE&TS in Gentry, Arkansas. It was a little warm for us Northerners but we made it. It was nice meeting all the other directors and officers in person. They had a nice show with a lot of interesting things. We want to thank the people from the Tired Iron of the Ozarks Branch 37 for their hospitality and putting up with us.

After we left that show we spent some time exploring Arkansas and Missouri. We then went to Republic Missouri for the Ozarks steam engine Association and the Southwest Missouri EDGE&TA steam-o-rama Branch 16. This was very well-organized and well-run. Again I want to thank all the people that were in charge for the hospitality that they showed us.

Now that the summer is winding down and the show seasons about over up North we will be putting machinery way. I hope everybody had a safe and fun summer showing their machinery and tractors. And in the off-season as well as show seasons think safety first.

Until next time, -----

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**Greetings from the South East Region Director
George W Christmas**

I would like to thank the members of branch 37 for hosting the 2005 National Show.

I believe all in attendance had a great time. I had the opportunity to meet some wonderful people. I can always count on learning new things and seeing things I have never seen before.

There were some safety issues that we noticed. These issues were promptly taken care of once brought to the attention of the branch president and safety officer. Thank you guys for taking care of those so quickly. I feel we can all do things to make our shows safer. We should always be on the lookout for hazards. I once read there is never enough time to do a job right, but always time to do it over. In the case of an accident there is not a chance to do it over. Please, take time to prepare a safe display, be on the lookout for trouble spots. Safe practices are our best defense against accidents. Thanks to all the branches for our safety record so far.

I would like to share some thoughts I had after reading an article from Antique Power Magazine. The article is titled "So, You think your antique tractor is insured". James C. Campbell wrote the article. Mr. Campbell is a retired property-casualty insurance agency owner.

The article gives a few scenarios of the types of coverage needed for antique tractors. These could also apply to engines and equipment. Some policies protect from fire or theft, while others protect in the event of an accident hauling your tractor. Some of these policies overlap and some do not.

It is a good idea to sit down with your insurance agent and ask specific questions. Does my homeowner or farm policy cover my antique tractor or engine? How much will it be covered for? How is replacement value determined? Is my tractor or engine covered while I tow it? Does the type of towing rig make a difference in coverage? The more detailed your question the more specific your answer may be. We should be careful to protect our investment in our hobby.

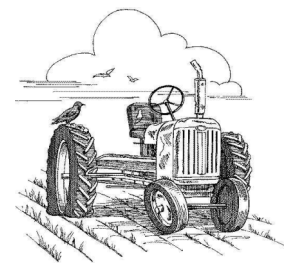
If you have access to the article it makes very interesting and eye opening reading. Thanks to everyone for your efforts in keeping and preserving these pieces of history. Keep our hobby safe. I am looking forward to the next show. Hope to see you there.

FROM THE SECRETARY!!!!

We have added another new branch 170 located in Yucca Valley, California. We welcome you.

**Message to all:
PLEASE!!!!**

When corresponding with EDGE&TA please put your Branch Number in the subject line. It is the way we identify you. Also include it when sending additional membership lists for identification. This is really appreciated.



2006 SHOW SCHEDULE.

CHECK OUR WEB PAGES AS WE ADD TO THE INFORMATION FOR THESE SHOWS.

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Happy Thanksgiving to all!!!

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