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Ruth A. Warnock, Editor

TO: All EDGE&TA Members
Larry Voris, President-Director at Large
Riding a Tractor



Last month I said we would talk about riding on a tractor. I grew up in the late 40's and 50's. I remember when my dad purchased the last Allis Chalmers WC to come to Bolivar, MO. He drove the tractor to Halfway, MO. that was about 10 miles of gravel road at that time and stopped in front of the School where his mother lived across the road.

Then he still had another 5 miles of rough gravel to travel to get home. I remember looking out the window at school and saw the new tractor and couldn't wait to get home to get on it. I would have been about 8 years old. My dad always told me that I would walk a mile to ride a 1/2-mile on a tractor. He was right and I'm still that way. I might bring the distance down to a 1/4-mile now. I rode many hours holding onto the left fender of that old tractor. If I could get to the tractor first I would get in the seat hoping I would be able to drive. My dad and his brother-in-law and father-in-law farmed about 500 acres between them and did it with the WC and a 1946 Ford 2N. They all had dairy barns and milked 30 to 40 cows each. We raised our own feed and hay. This meant a lot of hours on the tractors. I was allowed to do about everything except pull the combine.

Now, this was 60 years ago and what has changed in that time period. Well, the tractors have gotten bigger and faster. I think now that most tractors are mounted in front of the left rear wheel. You can hardly see the drawbar from the seat. Back then some of the neighbors had John Deere B's and A's and Farmall H's and M's. They had a little platform below the seat and I would see my friends standing up on their tractor while driving. You couldn't do that on a WC.

Today we take the tractors off the farm and haul them many miles to shows and parades. Back then the tractor very seldom left the farm and didn't get very far from home. We didn't have trailers to haul them with and finding a ditch bank to back up to when loading and unloading on a 2-ton truck was hard to find. Now, we don't think anything about loading 2 or 3 tractors on a trailer and hauling them 100 miles to a show or go to the Fourth of July Parade or the Christmas Parade. We are still playing with these same tractors today. These tractors are all collectibles today and the kids of today aren't getting the driving time like we did back then. Most antique tractors are on a small acreage and being restored and

the young people today only get to drive in public at the shows and parades or tractor pulls. The biggest thing standing in our way today is liability insurance. With EDGETA having the safety program, it makes it a lot easier to obtain and keep affordable liability insurance. With the lawsuit happy society we have today it gets harder to conduct business and have a little fun. So while we are sitting around this winter we need to try to figure out how we can haul the kids on our tractors safely? We may have to choose a tractor that we can make safer to haul our grandchildren. We will have new Tractor Parade Requirements out very soon.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Northwest Regional Show/Meeting **By Dick Tombrink NW Director**

The 2005 Northwest Regional EDGETA meeting was held by Branch 77 at Culbertson, MT on September 24-25. This was the 42nd year for the Northeast Montana Threshers and Antique Association. Many of the exhibits were acquired



in the early years of the group's existence and are owned by the Association. Although some of the first generation has passed on, the tractors are still there and the younger generation is doing their best to continue to exhibit them. If you are interested in old tractors, this is the show to come to. Some of the old tractors on display included a 40-80 Avery, Rumely Heavyweights such as the 30-60, 15-30, 20-40, and 16-30, several of the Rumely lightweights, Aultman Taylor 30-60, Minneapolis 35-70, Case 20-40 and 10-20, Emerson Brantingham 12-30, Bull 5-12, and a C.O.D 13-25, which is very rare. Most of the tractors were running and paraded each day. In addition they threshed using a Sterling Hand Feed Grain Separator. It was powered by a stationary engine. The bundles were cut by hand and manually fed into the cylinder of the machine. Straw from the separator was salted with quarters and kids in various age groups were allowed to dig for the money. There was a stationary engine display, and an operating drag saw sawing logs. The blacksmith shop was operating. The wives served the noon meal and also provided a good breakfast each morning.

Since the show is held late in September each year, you never know what the weather will be. This year it was cool and overcast, and although it threatened to rain it did not.

I was impressed with Branch 77's emphasis on safety. Each morning a brief safety meeting is held to cover some of the things that could be safety problems during the show. All of the exhibits were well roped. Although there

were not fire extinguishers on each tractor, the operators carried fire extinguishers with them as they ran the tractors. There were not enough tractor operators to operate all the tractors in the parade. Some operators ran 6 or more tractors through the parade each day.

The show attendance was not deserving of the great show that was there. Over the years the population of that area has diminished, and the older generation has passed on. In the past there used to be a couple thousand attending, now it is several hundred.

At the EDGETA Regional meeting Saturday evening, I presented the Hall of Fame Plaque to Gus Peterson, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame this year. Gus is very deserving of the nomination. He served as a National EDGETA director for 20 years, has been a member of 5 branches even though the nearest branch is 200 miles from his home. He has attended well over 20 National EDGETA show since joining in 1975. He is presently a NW Regional Advisor, and continues to work with the branches to schedule the six Regional meeting and the one National meeting each year.

There were 7 branches present at the meeting, branches 9, 15, 21, 29, 51, 67, and 77.

After the meeting Tony Otto gave a very interesting presentation of the history of John Deere tractors.

The branch officers as well as the members and their families were very friendly and hospitable. It is a great show to attend.



**2005 NATIONAL SHOW –
Siloam Springs, AR, Branch 37
September 8-11, 2005**

The National show was a fun show. You could tell everyone in the club has been working hard to put on this great show. We met new people and reacquainted with old friends. There were a lot of displays in the engine area and the tractors were displayed by brand in a semi circle (great idea).

There was a swap meet area and an auction where I was too late to bid on what I wanted (and it went cheap).

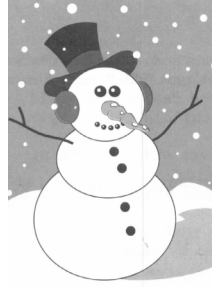
Thursday night they provided a free hot dog dinner to everyone present. Saturday night's meeting was held in their new clubhouse. There were approximately 21 branches represented and 51 branches voted. Afterwards we had a catered dinner that was really good. After dinner they gave out door prizes. No one could believe I won the precision toy Farmall and kept it (I gave it to my husband – he only has good taste in his wife).

A big thank you to all the workers at the National Show especially Larry Morrison and change Larry Morrison and his wife Pat, and to Howard Hodson and his wife Glenda. Big pat on the back to you all for a great and fun show.

Submitted by
Dorene Yearian
NC Director/Vice President

HALL OF FAME

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



I have had a few inquires about how and when to submit the nominations for individuals to the Hall of Fame. Please go to the web page at www.edgeta.org and look under the heading of "Hall of Fame" for the information required.

I'm sure that every branch 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. Follow the examples of the current members of the Hall of Fame 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. We would like to have those who are selected inducted into the Hall of Fame at the National show and meeting in July, 2006.

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



**NC REGIONAL SHOW – South
West City, MO Branch 123 –
September 23-25**

The NC Regional show was small but a lot of fun. They had running displays like belt driven corn shelling, corn grinding, and rope making.

Their safety was great. Double ropes three feet from and around every display. Fire extinguishers were seen everywhere. Bill Martin interviewed every exhibitor asking questions. He had a form for tractor and one for engine exhibitors. After the interview the exhibitor signed the form and was handed a yellow "participant" ribbon. Some of the questions were – (tractors) "Running engines shall not be left unattended, Transmission out of gear when on exhibit;" etc. and (engines) "Double ropes separating display from public, Engine at least three feet from public," etc.

You could tell the membership worked hard so that everyone could have a safe and enjoyable time.

At the Regional Show meeting in the afternoon there were approximately 9 branches represented. Bill Martin introduced their club's President – Kenny Christerson, VP – Clayton Cory, Secretary – Violet Mahan, Treasurer – Lucy Martin, and Director – Joe Mathis. Bill also introduced the attending EDGE&TA Directors – NC, Dorene Yearian; SC, Howard Hodson; and SW, Don Young.

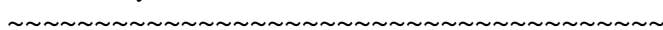
I announced the 2006 National Show would be in the State of Washington and the 2007 National Show would be in Kansas in the Hutchison and Buhler area – Branch 55.

During the meeting Robert Craig said he understood the Canadians were now members of EDGE&TA and wanted to know if they would have their own Directors. Howard informed everyone the Canadians were allowed to be a member of US branches and would not have branches in Canada, as our insurance cannot do business in that country. Bill Martin stated after reviewing our safety rules he thought they needed to be cleaned up. I informed him that it was being done as we speak. Each EDGE&TA Director has a portion to review. Howard requested Bill to send his ideas to him and they could work together. Bob Gibbs said he thought it was safe to let a child stand in front of him to teach him to drive a tractor. They have to learn or we are going to lose our youth. I informed him he could do what he wanted at home on his own insurance but at an EDGE&TA show there a lot of spectators and some drivers are not as careful as you might be. Our insurance is low in cost because of our safety rules.

I asked everyone to be patient as our web page was “under construction.”

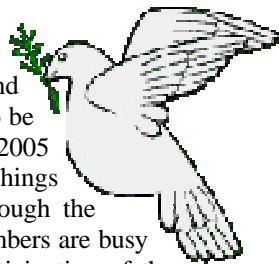
On Saturday after the show closed down for the day, the club put on a great potluck dinner for everyone who wanted to attend.

All in all we all had a great time.
Submitted by Dorene Yearian, NC Director



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS

The show season for the year 2005 has about come to an end in the SC Region. Thanksgiving has come and gone and a lot of us had many things to be thankful for. A safe and enjoyable 2005 show season is just one of these many things we have counted in our blessings through the past year. Some of our SC Region members are busy working on their winter projects in anticipation of the up-coming 2006 show season. A lot of us are eagerly waiting the coming of warmer weather and the 2006 show schedules.



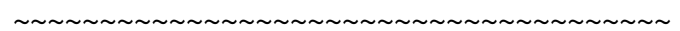
Many of the branches have already started collection the 2006 membership dues in order to have everything ready for the March 15, 2006 deadline to mail them to the National Secretary/Treasurer.

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.

With the new membership year just a round the corner, the National Secretary/Treasurer has a big job getting the buttons and stickers ready to mail to the branches. EDGE&TA has over 8,500 members in 126 branches which accounts for a lot of counting, boxing, and mailing just to get our new buttons and stickers to the branches before the beginning of the new membership year. So give her a brake! Address any questions you may have to your Regional Director., they can probably give you the answer, rather than going directly to our National Secretary/Treasurer for the answer. This should free up her time to work on the beginning of the year problems.

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, please contact Josh Dilsaver our web master and make the corrections. If your branch does not have a web page, please contact Josh 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 fly wheels or a tractor without a gas tank 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"?

I hope every one had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed a Happy New Years eve. Howard D. Hodson, SC Director



National Show Gentry, AR - Branch 37 September 8-11

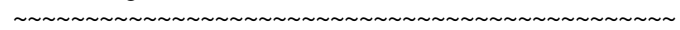


I attended the National EDGE&TA show in Gentry, AR, Sept 8-11. Upon arrival I met up with Larry Morrison, Br 37 President and Howard Hodson, SC Director from Arkansas. Also at the show were Ruth Warnock,

secretary/treasurer from California; Larry Voris, President from Missouri; Dorene Yearian, Vice President from Missouri; Dick Tombrink, NW Director from Montana; George Christmas, SE Director from South Carolina; Wayne Timchuck, NE Director from Ohio; newly appointed advisor for Director- at-Large, Curtis Cook from Virginia, and Josh Dilsaver our new Web Master.

We viewed the grounds and the layout of the tractors was great as it was laid out by brand. The engine displays had a great variety and for the most part they were running something. The models were very impressive. The auction was good but the items that I wanted would not fit into the car. We enjoyed the dinner, and the meeting and there was a good selection of prizes.

I realize there were many months of planning and many man-hours involved in putting on a show and it showed you all did an outstanding job. Special thanks go to Larry Morrison and Howard Hodson for all their dedication and hard work for making the show a success. Most importantly all the people we met made us feel welcome.
Don Young, SW Director



End of the year report from the North East region.



Well as the show season winds down the snow season starts. I'm looking out the window watching it snow and the winds blow. Looks like we're going to have an old fashion winter! This is my kind of weather!

While the season started off with a bang we went to Chester West Virginia had a nice show very nice people and a well-organized show. Safety wise a rate that club as in A. I received a warm welcome by the whole branch. I want to thank them all for their hospitality.

Our next show was in Farmington Maine. It was our northeast regional show. I want to thank all the people for the hospitality they showed me while I was there. The weather was a little warm but in they put a great show on. Safety was a priority at the show and I want to rate them A plus. Keep up the good work guys.

We went to a multitude of good show is around the country had a good time met a lot of nice people and renewed a lot of old acquaintances.

Then in September we went to the national meeting in Gentry Arkansas. Met the officers and other directors that I've only talked to by e-mail or phone. We had a very good time very nice show and those people know how to show us Northerners a good time.

I want to take the time to thank everybody that but the shows on and did all the hard work for people to enjoy. Safety was a prime concern at all shows and everybody seemed to do a pretty good job. So let's get out these projects for this winter to be done for spring.

I want to wish all the officers, all of directors and all the people that I met over the year a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year!

Remember safety first it's everybody's job!
Your northeast region director, Wayne Timchuk

Merry Christmas from the Southeast Region!



I hope everyone is well. Christmas Day is almost here. I am sure that most of you guys are going to parades and a few shows. This is a busy time for us. I know we are busy going to parades, Christmas parties, church and school programs, and talking to

Santa. There doesn't seem to be enough time. I feel all the work is worth it to see the smiles on the faces of the little ones and adults that are kids at heart. I especially like this time of year because everyone seems to take just a little more time to speak or just to say hello.

As we gather together with friends and loved ones this season, we should stop and think of those that have sacrificed so much so that we may enjoy our freedoms. The old saying that goes it is better to give than receive is true. We can share some of our blessings with those less fortunate. I know everyone has given up something they wanted, to give or do something for someone else. I know you remember the

wonderful feeling you got from that. How do you put a price on that feeling? I know I can't. There are many ways to brighten someone's holiday. Just keep in mind that it can be the simplest gesture or offering that can make a big difference for others.

Safety is a big concern all the time. Let's make sure we take the time to be safe with all our activities this season. It is getting cold outside so that means there will be ice. You know as well as I do ice gets on everything. We should take extra time to make sure we are safe. I was reminded this morning how slick a trailer floor can be when covered with frost. There are going to be a lot of mornings like that in the near future. Please, keep those thoughts and don't get in a hurry because, that is when an accident can and will happen.

I pray that everyone has a safe and glorious Christmas. Let's be thoughtful of one another. As we celebrate this season let's remember that Jesus is the reason we celebrate. Remember it is his gift to us that is priceless. God bless you all! Merry Christmas! I hope to see you at the shows.
Southeast Regional Director, George W Christmas

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM EDGE&TA SECRETARY!!!!

Ruth A. Warnock

To make sure your branch will be insured and ready for the New Year which begins April 15th, our bylaws state the following.



ARTICLE VI - DUES AND INSURANCE

Section 2. Payment of Dues and Insurance Premiums:

b. Annual dues and insurance premiums for each member are due to the Secretary/Treasurer no later than March

15 for the forthcoming year. With the payment of the annual dues and insurance premiums, each branch shall submit a current Branch Membership Roster and a list of branch officers.

Please go to our website www.edgeta.org and fill out the Branch Information form. This is required each year as you elect your branch officers. **Even if there are no changes.**

Buttons and stickers will be mailed to each branch early in February. If you need additional membership cards, please email me your request and I will include them in the package. Postage is going up the 1st of the year and this will help to keep costs down.

Don't forget to include your Branch Number in the subject line of all emails. It is the way we identify you. Also include it when sending additional membership lists for identification and make sure it is on the paperwork you submit to me with your checks. This is really appreciated.

Please help by getting your dues in on time. After I complete my part of the job it has to go to the insurance company. This all takes time!! Your cooperation is appreciated. Many branches have shows going on all year and we want to make sure they are insured and ready.

FROM OUR WEBMASTER, JOSH DILSAVER

The "website information" section is almost ready to be posted. This includes:

1. Information about how to upload pictures to the website.
2. Information on how to request website updates.
3. Information on how to add events (schedules) to the website.



I am still trying to find a decent discussion board and guestbook to replace the old ones,

If any branches are missing their logos please email them to me and I will put them back on your page.

webmaster@edgeta.org

Josh Dilsaver, EDGE&TA Webmaster

2006 Show Schedule

National Show and Business Meeting Branch 23 July 15-16

13th annual Rural Heritage Fair

Fort Vancouver Antique Equipment Assn.

Rod Murphy 253-847-1750

OldJDIron@msn.com

Show Flyer (available on www.edgeta.org)

Regionals

NE Regional Show-Branch 148 August 4 - 6

Ossipee Fair Grounds – Hiram, Maine

Restaurants and motels near by.

Camping on the grounds.

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dparker@surfglobal.net

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NW Regional Show Branch 150 July 1-4

Buhl City Park, Buhl Idaho

In conjunction with Buhl's Centennial

Working farm engines, demonstrating the many uses performed on the farm.

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NC Regional Show Branch 151 Sept 8-10

Anoka County Fairgrounds, Anoka MN

½ mi N of US Hwy 10 on MN Cty Hwy 47

Feature Tractor: Farmall W Series

Threshing Demo, Sorghum Press, Straw Baling.

“Heart of the Farm” Old Barns in MN presentation by Doug Orman

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SE Regional Show Branch 119 October 20-22

Hwy 16 N, Denver NC

Near Killian's Crossroads (Hwy 150 & Hwy16)

Piedmont Lawn Mower & Tractor Pulls-

Demonstrations- Pea Thrashing, Seed Cleaning,

Corn Shelling, Saw Mill, Shingle Mill, Barrel Stay

Saw and Hammer Mill as well as Tractor Rodeo

and Kiddie Pull

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SC Regional Show Branch 112 May 20

Wise County Posse Grounds, Decatur, Texas

8th Annual Chisholm Trail Antique Farm

Equipment Show

Feature Tractor – Massey Ferguson

Tractor Pull-Thresher & Corn Sheller Demos-

Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull

Antique Gas Engine Display. Arts & Crafts

Evening meal by the Knights of Columbus

(Exhibitors only)

Tractor Parade 2:20 p.m.

Grady Griffeth 940-627-1565

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SW Regional Show-Branch 22 October 7 & 8

Santee Lakes Regional Park & Camp Ground,

Santee, CA

Antique Farm Machinery - working like they did in times past.

Tractor Parades. Food vendors on the grounds.

Saturday Night Dinner – Nominal Fee

Breakfast Both Days - Sunday Church Service.

Dry Camping – Nominal Fee.

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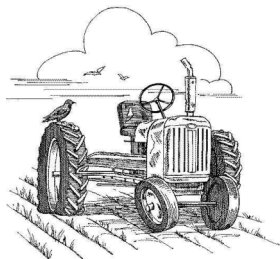
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Merry Christmas
Happy New Year