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Ruth A. Warnock, Editor

TO: All EDGE&TA Members **Larry Voris, President-Director at Large**

We are now on the down side of winter and can start thinking about getting the winter projects out of the work shop and seeing if they will run. I have visited with several collectors and some that were not collectors these last 2 months while we were on vacation in the southwest this winter. Some call this "snow birding" or a better word would be modern day gypsies. I remember back when you would see people traveling and to us they didn't seem to have anything and what they had was in an old vehicle that would get them from one town to another and to have it worked on again. Some of the modern day gypsies are moving around in half-million dollar busses and motor homes. But, most are bumper trailers and fifth-wheel trailers pulled behind pickups and small trucks. These are retired people that were born in the 1920's and 30's with farm backgrounds or at least they were born and raised on farms before they decided they could go to the city and make more money or just money to survive. Many are retired now and don't have anything to do and need something to do so they decide they want to find a old tractor or old one-lung engine like they remember when they were kids. Then the hunt is on. This gives us a purpose to get up in the morning. To some money's no object and others, we have to watch our pennies. I guess what I'm leading up to is safety after we have completed our projects. Around our work shops or on the farm we don't think too much about safety. We know not to touch the manifold or put our fingers in the fan and we can stop and get off the tractor and shut the engine off. But, the first time we load a tractor or engine on a trailer, we now have a different situation. It is not about us anymore, we now have to protect ourselves from the public. We have to make sure we have them chained or strapped to the trailer so they can't fall off and hurt someone. We have to be able to move the tractor around in crowds in a safe manner whether it is from the unloading ramp to the exhibitors' area or in a parade where you have hundreds of people around. We don't ever want to put ourselves in a situation where we have to kill the engine immediately. But, when we are in a crowd, or loading and unloading a tractor and a clutch rod breaks or comes unhooked, throttle rod comes unhooked, a ramp kicks out, there are any number of things that could happen and we need to shut the engine off while sitting in the seat of the tractor. Every tractor needs a kill switch in reach of the operator while he is seated on the tractor. It needs to be where the engine can be stopped immediately. Folks when we take our equipment off our property and on to a public road we are now in the lawsuit-happy world. While visiting with people

about the kill switches I got the most resistance from the John Deere people. They agree that we need a kill switch but, John Deere didn't have one and it would be modifying the tractor and it wouldn't be stock. They're not the only tractor that didn't have kill switches from the seat, the older model WC Allis Chalmers you had to get off the tractor and go to the mag to kill it. A lot of the older tractors with the variable magnetos had levers and rods routed back to the operator's platform to adjust the spark and also kill the engine. I have been in a situation where I needed to kill the engine on my tractor and I am thankful I had a kill switch that I could reach and shut the engine off. So we all need to get this together and add the kill switch to our tractors not only because it is a EDGETA requirement but for our own safety. I have heard several good ideas and most of them aren't expensive. If you will e-mail me I will try to help you solve the problem. It is now time to start marking your calendars for this year's EDGETA shows.

NC District By Dorene Yearian, Vice President

It time again to start preparing for the upcoming shows. By the time this is published I will have already attended my first one for the year – Gathering of the Green, a John Deere workshop. Some of my friends will have attended shows in AZ and CA. (Wish I were there)

I hope everyone has a great and safe time this coming year. Remember to check your hauling equipment – trucks, trailers, etc. and your cargo straps/chains. Every state has cargo securement regulations. You need to find out what they are for every state you travel through. Check our web page for the upcoming EDGE&TA shows and support all the ones you can. When you attend other branches shows, invite them to yours – we need this hobby to grow with collectors and spectators.

The National Show this year is July 15-16 in WA and the Regional Shows are May 27 in TX (SC); July 1-4 in ID (NW); September 8-10 in MN (NC); October 7-8 in CA (SW); October 7-8 PA (NE); and October 20-23 in NC (SE). Hope to see you all at the shows.

Please read the safety and pulling section of our web page as it has been reviewed and changed. Hope this meets with everyone's approval as we tried to keep everyone in mind.



Insurance Update

Premium Remains the Same, Agent Change, Insurance Q&A Change

By Dick Tombrink

As you probably know by now, our insurance premium will not change for the next year, it will remain at \$6.00 (+ the national dues of \$4 which = \$10). The EDGETA directors have reviewed our insurance financial status and we have accumulated a surplus. If the insurance premium goes up the National should be able to cover it. As you may remember we have stated in the past that we will review any surplus and adjust the premium accordingly. At the National Directors meeting in July, the EDGETA directors will further discuss the future branch insurance premium costs.

The EDGETA directors are making a change in our insurance agent. Charlie Yegen of Billings, MT, has been our insurance agent for the last three years. He has done a great job for us. Charlie has become concerned that he may not be able to respond correctly to questions from other states, he knows Montana insurance law but that is not necessarily the same for other states. We have found another agent, Rich & Cartmill in Nixa, MO that has agreed to be our new agent. We will still have the same insurance carrier, Scottsdale Insurance, just a new agent. From a coverage standpoint, our insurance should not change, unless Scottsdale institutes some changes independent of the agent change. Event Reporting Forms and Additional Insured Certificate Requests will still be completed by each branch as they have been in the past, only they will be directed to the new agent instead of Charlie. Event Reporting Forms and Additional Insured Certificate Requests that you faxed or sent to my US mail address should now be sent directly to Alane Young at Rich & Cartmill at 560 W. Mt. Vernon, Nixa, MO 65714, phone # 417-725-4564, fax #417-725-4639, and email ayoung@rcins.com.

One other important change is that I will no longer be answering questions involving insurance coverage. Our EDGETA Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance has a clause which prohibits us from being involved in managing the insurance policy. Therefore those questions will need to be answered by the new agent, Rich & Cartmill. In the future those questions should be addressed directly to them at the above address. You should also cc a copy to Larry Voris and to me. Rich & Cartmill may want to consult with us on your answer. If you have a doubt as to where your question should go, you can contact either me or Larry, and we will direct your question to the best person to answer it. Larry lives near the agent, and can meet with them on a face to face basis if needed. I will continue to help you with other insurance issues that do not relate to administering the policy, such as problems with submitting the forms.

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### **Copied from a local tractor clubs news letter: Submitted by Howard Hodson**

I came across a phrase in a book, "Fender Skirt". A term I haven't heard in a long time and thinking about "fender skirt" started me thinking about other words that have quietly disappeared from our language with hardly a notice. Like

"curb feelers" and "steering knobs". Remember "continental kits"? When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes"? At some point "parking brake" became the proper term. Almost all the old folks are gone who called the accelerator the "foot feed".

Food for thought - Was there a telethon that wiped out lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids with castor oil anymore.

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me most, "supper". Now everybody says "dinner". Save a great word. Invited someone to supper - and discuss fender skirts!

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS **Howard D. Hodson, SC Director**

The 2006 Show Directories are out and many of you have already checked off the show that you will be attending during the 2006 season. The SC Region show season will be in full swing by the time you are reading this article. There have already been some successful shows in the SC Region.

I hope you have also checked the revised Safety Section on the EDGE&TA web page at www.edgeta.org. The Board of Directors has been working very hard to get all the revisions out before the 2006 membership year starts. I would like to thank all the Branches in the SC Region for their attention to Safety during the past year. Keep up this attention to Safety and we will have another safe show season during 2006.

The SC Regional show and meeting will be hosted by Branch 112 at Wise County Posse Grounds in Decatur, TX. The show will be in conjunction with the 8th Annual Chisholm Trail Antique Farm Equipment Show. It is a one day show scheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2006. I'm sorry that I will be unable to attend the show due to previous commitments that I could not reschedule. However, our National Vice President/ NC Regional Director, Dorene Yearian, has agreed to fill in for me. I know I will be missing a great show.

Don't forget to report your branch sponsored events to the Insurance Company. You can do this on line by filling out the Events Form on line and submitting it. After your show is over please go back to the form and report the attendance numbers at the show.

There have been some changes in the Youth Driver Training Requirements. Each branch that has Youth Drivers should review the Safety Section for these changes. Once these drivers have been identified, the branch should schedule a training session and complete the testing phase of the program. When the Tests have been completed and signed by the Branch Safety Officer, keep a copy of the test on file at the branch and mail a copy to the Youth Driver Training Coordinator who will issue the Youth Driver Training Certificate. (Howard D. Hodson, 10227 Atkins Road, Bentonville, AR 72712. Fax number 479-248-2425; Youth Driver Training Coordinator)

I hope that all the branches in the SC Region were able to get their 2006 rosters and dues in to the National Secretary/Treasure before the March 15th dead line.

Southwest Region

The 2006 show season has already started. The first show that I attended was in Quartzite, Arizona where I met up with President Larry Voris. There were a variety of tractors and engines on display on a rather cool day. We spent some time talking to members of the various Branches addressing their concerns about the revised Safety Rules.

The following weekend Larry and I spent the day in Indio, California at a show hosted by Branch 170 from Joshua Tree, California. They had a street blocked off and had a nice display of tractors and engines. One unusual eye catching item was a three-wheeled motorcycle powered by a hit-n-miss engine.

I am now getting ready for the biggest annual show in the area at Tulare, California April 21-23. This is their 14th year and I have seen it grow tremendously in the past 12 years that I have attended. Last year it was stated that there were over 900 tractors and as many as 500 engines. It is a family affair, not only tractors and engines, but a large quilt show which entertain most of the ladies. The kids have pedal tractor pulls and a number of games. A garden tractor club will have many garden tractors on display. Also there are many restored antique trucks.

On July 15-16 will be the National Show hosted by Branch 23 at Ridgefield, WA where I hope to meet many of the members. October 7-8 will be the SW Regional Show hosted by Branch 22 at Santee, California.

There will be many other shows across the country over the rest of the year, so I hope you all enjoy yourselves and be safe.

Don Young, SW Director & Safety Chairman

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## HALL OF FAME

Have you sent in your nomination for someone to be in the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame? Please go to the web page at [www.edgeta.org](http://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](mailto: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

## SUGGESTIONS ON ADVERTISING YOUR SHOW

Some of the ways to advertise your tractor/engine show would be advertising, word of mouth, and net working.

### Advertising – There are many ways to advertise your show. Newspapers

There are the newspapers in your local area and also try the newspapers in the nearest big city. Talk to each of them and find out how you could get community events free advertisement. Some newspapers have areas like "Up Coming Events" or "Reminding You" where you could put your show information a month prior to the show. At the local level (doesn't hurt to try the big city newspaper also) see if they will do a feature on your show, or if you could write an article that would be placed on the front page of the community or entertainment section a week before the show starts. Invite them out to the show so they can put out an article after the show – good for next year's advertising.

### Radio/TV

Call your local radio and TV stations and find out how you can be put on their community upcoming events. They might let you do an interview.

### Magazines/Calendars

Advertise in all the tractor and engine type magazines and calendars. This takes planning ahead as magazines are put together months in advance and calendars are two or more years in advance. Some magazines put out show guides – contact them, as this is usually free.

### Word of Mouth –

Visit the local business and clubs (both women's and men's) in your area – like barber shops or local coffee hangouts.. Bring enough flyers /information on the show that you can leave. Make sure it is of interest to both men and women i.e. "we will have arts and crafts, tractors, engines, a swap meet that has antiques and parts, etc. (I sometimes look at the arts and crafts and antiques too) Make it interesting to all members of the family. Contact the local schools to see if you can leave your show information in the teacher's lounges or maybe they would pass out flyers for the students to take home.

Make up a flyer and/or a business card advertisement that you can take around to all the business and clubs. Find out if your city/town, the big city close to you, and your state have a calendar of events – advertise in it. Leave information at the Chamber of Commerce.

In some areas you have a local co-op (electric, water, etc). Contact then and see if they will put your show advertisement in their newsletter. See if the local churches will put your show in their bulletin – speak to their church clubs. If you have a church service, invite a local clergy person to conduct the service and invite their members to this service and stay for the show. Send flyer/show information to the surrounding EDGE&TA branches and other brand clubs. Contact your local FFA or boy and girl scouts.

### Networking –

Talk to all your members and have the members talk to all their friends looking for anyone that can help you with

advertisement. Remember, "It's who you know." Someone's friend's friend's husband/wife/girlfriend/son etc. might work for Pepsi or Coke who might be willing to make a banner for you. Get the city public works department to put it up a week for the show – you or your members probably know someone in that area that can help (if not offer free tickets to the show).

There must be someone you know or that knows someone that can help you make an advertising video that you could take to the local TV station.

The different ways to advertise your show is endless. I would like to hear from anyone that has a different idea that has worked for their show. Contact me at [trydiron@ipa.net](mailto:trydiron@ipa.net).

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**FROM EDGE&TA SECRETARY!!!! Ruth A. Warnock**

**There will be 3 directors positions open this year. North Central area, South Central area, and the Director at Large position. Our by-laws state the following:**

d. Any member in good standing may have their name placed in nomination for the Director position in the Region in which they reside.

e. Any member in good standing, from any region, may have their name placed in nomination for the Director at Large position.

f. Nominees must send to the Secretary/Treasurer a resume providing a straight forward profile of themselves and a recent photo. As a minimum, the resume should contain the following:

- (1) EDGE&TA membership history
- (2) EDGE&TA offices held
- (3) Ideas and goals for EDGE&TA
- (4) Knowledge of current EDGE&TA issues

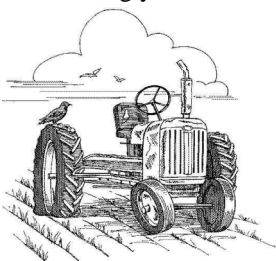
g. The Secretary/Treasurer must receive the resumes and photos no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

**This would be by April 15<sup>th</sup>. You can email – fax or regular mail.**

At the time you receive this newsletter all branches should have submitted their list of members and checks to me as well as have filled in the Branch Officer Information that can be found on our web site [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org).

This is required each year at time of enrollment and should be updated as you elect your new branch officers throughout the coming year.

**PLEASE!! 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.**

I would like to thank all of the branches that have made the great effort to get their information to me on time.

**NE Region**

Well things in the Northeast have been little different this winter! We started out December with a good old-fashioned cold winter. Then came January I don't know or winter when will we sure got of rain. Then February came back the winter. In February we made a trip to Florida, to the Florida flywheelers . We held our 2006 Oliver winter convention down there.. We had a very nice turnout lots of Oliver tractors and equipment. The show grounds are very large and some very nice permanent displays. Plenty of room for camping and a lot a good food. They also have a very large flea market. The trip to Florida had a little snow and ice in the Virginia's and some rain in the Carolinas. The trip down was quite enjoyable. We had a mixture of nice weather and a little rain in Florida.. The trip home was with no problems. In March we went up to Mars Pennsylvania for the international Harvester winter convention. Well I didn't get very much done on machinery this winter but we're going to try and give it heck this spring. We will be real busy this summer in Ohio because we will have three major summer shows. The first will be RED POWER ROUND UP in June, then the BF Avery summer national in July and then in August will have the Oliver Hart Parr national summer show. I'll be leaving this afternoon for the Massey Harris Ferguson show in Indiana at Krause auction Park.

As always remember safety first because safety stars with you. As we will be loading and unloading tractors and implements we need to be especially careful!

I hope everybody has their equipment ready to show and hope you all have a safe and fun time this summer. Hope to run into some a you folks this summer!

Your northeast region director, Wayne Timchuk

**MEMORIES**

A little house with three bedrooms and one car on the street, A mower that you had to push to make the grass look neat.

In the kitchen on the wall we only had one phone, And no need for recording things, someone was always home.

We only had a living room where we would congregate, Unless it was at mealtime in the kitchen where we ate.

We had no need for family rooms or extra rooms to dine, When meeting as a family those two rooms would work out fine.

We only had one TV set, and channels maybe two, But always there was one of them with something worth the

view.

For snacks we had potato chips that tasted like a chip,  
And if you wanted flavor there was Lipton's onion dip.

Store-bought snacks were rare because my mother liked to cook,  
And nothing can compare to snacks in Betty Crocker's book.

Weekends were for family trips or staying home to play,  
We all did things together -- even go to church to pray.

When we did our weekend trips depending on the weather,  
No one stayed at home because we liked to be together.

Sometimes we would separate to do things on our own,  
But we knew where the others were without our own cell phone.

Then there were the movies with your favorite movie star,  
And nothing can compare to watching movies in your car.

Then there were the picnics at the peak of summer season,  
Pack a lunch and find some trees and never need a reason.

Get a baseball game together with all the friends you know,  
Have real action playing ball -- and no game video.

Remember when the doctor used to be the family friend,  
And didn't need insurance or a lawyer to defend?

The way that he took care of you or what he had to do,  
Because he took an oath and strived to do the best for you.

Remember going to the store and shopping casually, And  
when you went to pay for it you used your own money?

Nothing that you had to swipe or punch in some amount,  
Remember when the cashier person had to really count?

The milkman used to go from door to door, And it was just  
a few cents more than going to the store.

There was a time when mailed letters came right to your door,  
Without a lot of junk mail ads sent out by every store.

The mailman knew each house by name and knew where it  
was sent;  
There were not loads of mail addressed to "present occupant."

There was a time when just one glance was all that it would  
take,  
And you would know the kind of car, the model and the make.

They didn't look like turtles trying to squeeze out every mile;  
They were streamlined, white walls, fins, and really had some  
style.

One time the music that you played whenever you would  
give, Was from a vinyl, big-holed record called a forty-five.

The record player had a post to keep them all in line, And  
then the records would drop down and play one at a time.

Oh sure, we had our problems then, just like we do today,  
And always we were striving, trying for a better way.

Oh, the simple life we lived still seems like so much fun,  
How can you explain a game, just kick the can and run?

And why would boys put baseball cards between bicycle  
spokes.  
And for a nickel red machines had little bottled Cokes.

This life seemed so much easier and slower in some ways,  
I love the new technology but I sure miss those days.

So time moves on and so do we, and nothing stays the same,  
But I sure love to reminisce and walk down memory lane.

*Much credit to the person who put this together, whoever it  
was*

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## 2006 Show Schedule

National Show and Business Meeting Branch 23 July 15-16  
13<sup>th</sup> annual Rural Heritage Fair  
Fort Vancouver Antique Equipment Assn.  
Rod Murphy 253-847-1750  
OldJDIron@msn.com

Show Flyer (available on [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org))

### Regionals

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 [gradygl@wmconnect.com](mailto:gradygl@wmconnect.com)

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  
Al Roelke 763-753-9569  
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NE Regional Show Branch 154 Oct 7-8 Western Butler County, PA on the Perry Hwy aka US Rte 19 about 35 mi north of Pittsburgh PA. Just a mile off Interstate 79 at exit 96 via State Rte 488 west and then US 19 north

Cider making on antique press run by steam and boiling apple butter in jacketed steam kettles.

Contact Tom Downing 724-752-1845 email [tgdl939@yahoo.com](mailto:tgdl939@yahoo.com) and Sam Cooper 724-452-8656

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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SE Regional Show Branch 119 October 20-22 Hwy 16 N, Denver NC

Near Killian's Crossroads (Hwy 150 & Hwy 16) Piedmont Lawn Mower & Tractor Pulls-Demonstrations- Pea Threshing, 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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