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

We have just finished our 2006 National Show and it was great. The setting was Schurman's Iron Ranch Museum in Ridgefield, Washington. We would like to thank Alan & Marcella Schurman for opening up their facilities for the event. If you are ever in the area, this is a must see museum. Branch 23 did an outstanding job and the weather couldn't have been better. It was in the 80's during the day and when the sun started over the hill you almost needed a coat.

There were 33 branches represented at the National meeting held on Saturday night just before a great meal. The Northwest Region has 6 states with 23 branches. They had 14 branches represent them with one of those branches being from Alaska. The Southwest region has 5 states with 30 branches with 12 in attendance. Others were North Central with 3 branches, South Central 2, Northeast 1 and Southeast 1.

Next year will be our **50<sup>th</sup> year** and we will be in the North Central Region at Hutchinson, Kansas with Branch 55 hosting the 2007 National show. This will be close to the center of the United States and hopefully this will bring more branches from the east. The North Central region has 5 states with 22 branches and the South Central region has 4 states and 31 branches. That means us in the central regions will have to work hard to top the 2006 show. Being in the breadbasket of our country, we should see a lot of tractors and machinery. With the show in Kansas, we can almost guarantee it will be hot in July.

In early July we changed webmaster on our web site. Bob Learned started us in the early days of computers and web sites. He was followed by Jerry MacMartin who was retired and lots of time to devote to making a great site for us to post information. This is an easy and cheap way to communicate from coast to coast in a very short time. When Jerry took over we had about 80 branches and it grew to about 120 branches. He spent many hours learning and designing the web site. With Jerry's death in late December on 2004 the web site came to a halt. We didn't have any passwords and we couldn't communicate as we were used to doing. Josh Dilsaver one of our young members took over the job and was able to get us back on line. With his busy schedule of trying to finish college and working, he couldn't devote the time need to keep everything updated. We found Sally Walker, who is in the web hosting business, so we decided to make the change. At this writing she is working very hard trying to bring everything backup to date. If anyone needs anything updated on the web site, send everything to Ruth, our National Secretary. We now have to pay for the services and we would like to check all the data and get it ready before sending it to

the webmaster. We are hoping to get the schedule of events for all the branches back on the web. So it will be up to each branch to forward the information to Ruth.

I think about all of the Safety material has been posted. The board and the committees worked on all of the safety requirements this last winter. From a legal standpoint we have changed everything that said "rule or rules" to the word "requirements or mandatory requirements". Our safety program is what keeps our insurance at a price that we can afford. Everyone, and that means all of us, must think "Safety" at all times at a show and also at home. Most tractor accidents happen with our own tractors. Starting the tractor from the ground and they are in gear or getting off to do something and not setting the brake and the tractor rolls in to us.

On insurance, with our safety program in place, we are going to be able to lower the rate per member next year from \$6.00 to \$5.00. I'm sure that will make you all happy. As we have talked in the past, our new Insurance Agent was able to obtain Directors & Officers (D & O) Insurance for the Branches. We have the Officers covered, but we need the branch secretaries to send the names and addresses for the directors to Ruth, our National Secretary to get the directors covered. This all must be done be October 1, 2006. This is an Insurance company request. The D & O coverage will be posted on the Web Site shortly.

Until next time, keep it safe. Larry Voris

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## **NC District by Dorene Yearian, Vice President**

### **It's not what you haul; it's how you haul it.**

The following are exurbs taken from an article in the AGELESS IRON ALMANAC, Vol. 3, No. 3. Since we all want to safely enjoy this hobby, I thought you all might like to read this article.

"To prepare you for summer show travel, Ageless Iron Almanac has condensed the following trailering tips from insurance agents and law enforcement officials. For example federal regulations now require individual tie-down chains or straps to have a working load capacity equal to one-half the entire weight of the tractor they are restraining. Each tie-down must be affixed at four separate points both on the tractor and the trailer. That means wrapping a chain around a tractor's drawbar or clevis is no longer legal. Enforcement sees quite a bit of noncompliance regarding tie-downs and officers are not afraid to issue tickets for such offences. Restraint

chains cannot be welded, bent, or have links that are cut. Likewise, nylon straps must be replaced when they are frayed or show even minor cuts. Nylon straps are legal but chains are preferred.

It has also been reported an increase in inadequate or dilapidated braking systems on trailers. Trailers carrying more than 10,000-pound loads must have brakes on all axles. And many insurers as well as state laws require that electric braking systems must have a dashboard-mounted manual override that allows the driver to activate a trailer's brake independently of the towing vehicle's brakes. In addition, trailers requiring brakes must have a means for activating those brakes if the trailer becomes detached from the vehicle. For example, trailers with electric brake systems must have an emergency battery backup system, as well as a breakaway switch to provide electrical power to activate the brakes in case of a breakaway. Similarly, trailers with hydraulic surge braking must have a cable or chain connecting the vehicle and trailer that mechanically activates the trailer's brakes.

The following are important trailer-towing points:

- The contents of a trailer must not exceed the manufacturer's recommended maximum weight limits.
- Balls should be located so the trailer sits level when hooked up.
- Safety chains connecting the trailer and vehicle should be crossed (right to left and left to right). This creates a saddle that helps maintain control if the tongue fails.
- Inspect the hitch and tongue for cracks, and check the lights and brakes after every use of the trailer or periodically along your trip. Also check your tie-downs.

You can get more information at  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations).

### **Hitch and vehicle weight ratings are crucial**

Although you may be operating within your trailer's weight rating (a figure supplied by the manufacturer), that doesn't guarantee you are legal or safe when pulling it down the road loaded up. The towing vehicle and its hitch must also be able to handle the load you place on the trailer.

As a general rule of thumb the vehicle and it hitch must be capable of safely handling at least 15% of the gross weight of the trailer plus all of its contents. Fifth-wheel trailers should have 25% of the gross weight placed on the vehicle's hitch.

Ohio Casualty Group offers the following recommended hitch weight percentages by trailer type:

<u>Type of trailer</u>	<u>Percentage of weight on tongue</u>
Single axle	10% minimum/15% maximum
Tandem axle	9% to 15%
Travel Trailer	11% to 12%
Fifth wheel	15% to 25%

You must also use the proper hitch class to assure safe trailering.

Hitch class and their rated capacities:

**Class I** – Maximum rated capacity 2,000 pounds. This includes fixed-tongue and sports frame receiver-style hitches

**Class II** – Maximum rated capacity 3,500 pounds. They are receiver-style hitches that usually have additional mounting parts on the towing vehicle frame.

**Class III** – Maximum rated capacity 5,000 pounds. This is the most common hitch sold and used a receiver-style hitch with a 2-inch receptacle.

**Class IV** – Maximum rated capacity 7,000 pounds. This class hitch is built for use with full-size, long-wheel-base trucks equipped with heavy-duty suspensions and full frames.

**Class V** – Maximum rated capacity 8,000 pounds. This trailer employs a 2 ½ inch receiver and can be rated for 14,000 pounds with a weight distribution system.”

I would like to add a comment here. Make sure your ramps have some kind of mechanism to stay hooked to the trailer as you unload. You don't want them unhooking as you unload. Please use a third ramp when unloading a row crop or tricycle tractor.

Just remember when loading, hauling and unloading your equipment – do it as safely as you can for your own safety and that of your equipment – don't cut corners, it's not worth it.

Dorene Yearian NC Director

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Northwest Regional Meeting  
Hosted by Branch 150, Snake River Antique Power  
Association

On July 1-4<sup>th</sup>, Branch 150 hosted the EDGETA North West Regional Meeting in Buhl, Idaho. The show was held in conjunction with the city of Buhl's centennial celebration, and Sage Brush Days. The show was held at the city park in Buhl. There were numerous stationary engines and several tractors on display. The weather was hot, but the park setting with the shade trees provided a great place to have a show. The highlight was home made ice cream. It was delicious! Each day branch 150

members cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner in the park, for a donation.

In addition to myself attending representing the National, Howard Hodson, the SC EDGETA director, attended. He was on his way to the National in Washington. Gus Peterson, NW Region Advisor was there, he is the person who coordinates the Regional and National shows with the branches. And our newest NW Region advisor, Jan Hedge was there since branch 150 is her home branch.

Harry Mitchell, from Harry's Old engine web page also attended. He had a web cam setup to broadcast the show live over the internet.

There were 24 branches represented at the NW Regional Meeting, which speaks well of the dedication of EDGETA members to support the Regional and National Meeting. Eleven of those were from branches out of the NW Region. Branch 150 is to be complimented for a safe and very successful show. It proves once again that small branches can very successfully put on a Regional or National show. My thanks go out to Tom Eld, Jan Hedge and Lauren Langdon (the show chairman), and the rest of branch 150 for their efforts to make the show a success. They did a very good job making sure all the EDGETA safety requirements were adhered to.

Dick Tombrink, NW Region Director

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## **SE Regional Director**

I hope everyone is having a great summer! The weather we are having lately is something else. I don't think I have seen a spring or early summer like this in years. It seems like it rains just a little almost every afternoon. We have had several lightening storms. Just to watch the night sky is a wonder. The nights have been cool, but the days are warming up.

Well it seems with every passing year that the show schedules get busier. It is our job to keep our hobby safe. Please take the time to review all the new guidelines that have been posted on the web page. These guidelines are to help all of us prevent accidents to the best of our ability. When we take the time to check our equipment to see that it is working properly, we can prevent a lot of mishaps. We must go farther by making sure we protect others that are not familiar with our equipment by keeping them at safe distances while these machines are running.

We have all done an outstanding job on safety! There is always room for improvement. Please take the time to have safety meetings before your shows start. It only takes a few moments to review practices for a safe show. These few moments could make a difference.

I hope everyone has a safe summer. Keep a watchful eye to safety. Take care and God bless you all.

George W Christmas,  
***Report of the SC Regional Show –***

I had the privilege of conducting the SC Regional meeting in Decatur TX, on May 27 for Howard Hodson. The one-day show was held at the Wise County Posse Grounds. Even though they had to change the date of the show, they had a good turn out of spectators and exhibitors. They had 89 pieces of equipment registered and would have had more if the tractor pullers had registered.

They conducted people's choice awards handing out plaques with everyone voting on their favorite Avery, Allis, JD, most unusual, etc. There were corn shellers, thrashing, and baling displays. They held their tractor pulls between 11am and 3pm with the parade at 3:30pm. At 1pm they held their Peddle Tractor Race for 4-11 year olds giving out ribbons, medals and buttons. That drew a large crowd of spectators (every child had parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters along with friends watching).

There were 6 FFA tractors on display. Decatur High School Girls FFA Team won 2nd in the nation. This branch helped sponsor Decatur High School FFA tractor restoration.

The meeting was held after the dinner put on by the Knights of Columbus. There were three branches represented at this meeting – Br 112, 70, & 16. The new mandatory safety requirements were handed out and I urged everyone to read them and get back with anyone of the directors if they had questions.

All in all it was a very good one-day show.  
Dorene Yearian NC Director

## **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

The show season for the year 2006 is in full swing now that summer is here. The branches that host a spring and fall show each year have the spring shows out of the way and are preparing for the fall version of their shows. I have attended several shows through out the SC Region all of which were great. There were several that I would have liked to attend but were just too far away to go to with the gasoline prices as high as they have been. I am looking forward to the rest of the year.

The branches in the SC Region that I have talked to are enthused about the New D&O Insurance (Chubb Specialty Insurance) that covers the Officers and Directors of each branch. They had wanted to be covered in the past but it was just too expensive at the old prices for them to participate in

that program. Our new D&O insurance company can cover each branch for just \$10.00 each per year. EDGE&TA has agreed to pay that out of the National treasury. All the branch must to do is to make sure they submit the names and addresses of their officers and directors to the National Secretary and she will submit the information to the insurance company. Whenever there is a change in branch officers or directors please remember to submit the change so we can keep the information up to date. 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.

The answers for many of the questions you have can be found on our web page at; [www.edgeta.org](http://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 it and make sure the information is correct. If it isn't correct, please contact our web master and make the corrections. If your branch does not have a web page, please contact the web master and give her your branch information and she will establish one for your branch. The web page is part of the benefits and every branch is entitled to a free web page.

Howard D. Hodson, SC Director

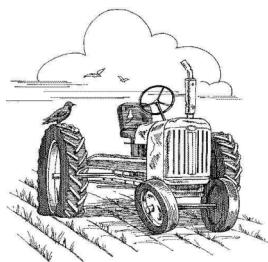
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#### SW News.

The Tulare, Ca. show in April was well represented by many EDGETA Branches, some as far away as Missouri. It was bigger than ever. Unfortunately it was rained out on Sunday, the first time in fourteen years. The National Show hosted by BR 23 held on the Iron Ranch in Ridgefield WA was a huge success. There was a good variety of tractors, engines and equipment. Only two safety violations noted, so please read and become familiar with the rules. The Branch put on a great dinner enjoyed by all. The highlight of the evening was one of our own, Mr Howard Hodson, SC Director from Arkansas was inducted into the Hall of Fame. We congradulate him on his hard work and dedication to the organization. I would like to thank our hosts of the show, the Schurman's and the Branch 23 members for their hospitality and amount of work they did to make a great show. The next major event in the SW will be the Regional held at Santee Lakes, Ca. October 7-8, hosted by BR 22. The web pages are currently being updated so please take the time to read and understand the safety section as you could prevent an accident. If any branch or member has any comments or concerns please contact any one of us or the Director in your area. Think safety--practice safety.

Don Young, SW Director--Safety Chairman

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM EDGE&TA SECRETARY!!!!



**Don't forget to include  
your Branch number on all  
correspondence and in the  
subject line of all emails.**

**Send me a list of your  
remaining events so we can  
update your web pages.**

**Send me a list of your  
directors, so we can get them covered by the new  
D&O insurance. This is required by the  
Insurance company.**

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#### EDGE&TA HALL OF FAME UPDATE

This year I had three applications for the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame. All three were successful in being selected for the Hall of Fame.

Each branch that had an applicant has been notified of their success and one of the candidates has been inducted into the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame. The other two will be inducted at the National Show and Meeting in July.

I would like to thank those who took the time to nominate members of their branch for the Hall of Fame. I know that it takes a lot of work to get the information together and then put it into a format that will be appealing to the judges. Every branch has at least one person that deserves this honor and in many of the branches all the members fit into that category.

I would like to thank the Judges who read the applications and made their selections. Their name will remain secret, only they, the National Secretary and I know who they were. You all did a great job and thanks again for your efforts. If you would like to volunteer to be a judge please let me know and I will put your name on the list for next year's selection.

As soon as all of the 2006 Hall of Fame nominees have been inducted into the Hall of Fame, we will publish the list for 2006.

Howard D. Hodson EDGE&TA Hall of Fame Director

*Addition to this article by Secretary Ruth Warnock.*

*It took some doing, but unbeknown to Howard, I received his nomination from the past president of Branch 37 and submitted it to the judges who also voted Howard in. His plaque was presented to him at the National show in Washington.*

*The list of honorees for this year were:*

*Mace Archer*

*Emery and Helen Schulze*

*John Boehm*

*Howard Hodson*

## Hello from the Northeast district.

It has been a busy summer so far. We started our show circuit in March at Alburn Indiana. From there it was the Buckeye iron will club in Mansfield Ohio which was a very nice show. Then we held the IHC Red Power Round up at the Mansfield Fairgrounds. We had five days of very nice weather two days to set up in three days of the show. We had a total of over 1000 tractors which included big tractors and the cub cadets. There were over 70 beautifully restored IHC trucks. Those Fairgrounds had never seen that many tractors, trucks and international farm and construction machinery. The crowds were big and had money to spend. We considered that show a real success! We missed a couple shows in between times because of other commitments. Then it was time to put on the camper and get ready for the 2400 mile trip to Washington. We made the 2400 mile out to Washington with no problems in four days. What a trip, stopped a few places along the way and really enjoy the scenery. Found the show grounds with no problems. Very nice show well-organized and well-run. I want to thank Alan, Craig and Rod and their wives for the fine hospitality they showed me and the rest of the directors. Also want to thank the rest of the club members for the great show and hospitality showed us. We had some very good eating at the banquet on Saturday evening. It took me a lot longer getting home as I took the scenic routes up in the northern part of the United States. My home club featured in the national BF Avery show in Norwalk this last weekend. It was good to see a lot of my old friends with the Avery tractors. We had 40 tractors and a nice selection of Avery equipment and memorabilia. The weatherman wasn't too nice to us on Saturday. We had quite a rain shower around noon that dampened the spirits for a while, but then the sun came out and it was nice the rest of the day and Sunday. We also had a very nice banquet with a lot of good food. I love to eat! Well the show in Finlay Ohio will be coming up August 4 thru 6. I intend to make that show with a load of machinery. Our big national HART-PARR OLIVER SHOW will be our next big show. That will be held in Dover Ohio. I am looking forward to my northeast regional show which will be held in Pennsylvania.

Please remember while we're having fun at the summer shows THINK SAFETY when doing anything. Remember SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU!!

Wayne Timchuk your northeast director

## REGIONAL SHOWS

### 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

Lyle Illg 763-444-5232 [cheeksillg@aol.com](mailto:cheeksillg@aol.com)

**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 [tgd1939@yahoo.com](mailto:tgd1939@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 & 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 Harold Alligood 704-875-6373

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*I would like to thank the EDGE&TA directors, advisors, and the many branch members for their thoughtfulness and support during this difficult time. There are many fallen heroes in this war, many young people who have given their life for their country. My grandson Jeremiah was my personal hero. Let's keep them all in our prayers. They are doing this for us.*  
Ruth Warnock

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