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What's in the Barn?

What do you have in your barn? Do you really know? And if you know do you ever show it or does it need restoring. Or is it something that you have just to say, I have one of those when visiting with someone. I have just asked several big questions. I know I may be on "thin ice" with some of the older members but I am one of them too. I have amassed several things or collection. I have heard several old collectors say I'm going to restore that "thing" one of these days. Or you have tried to buy an old tractor or engine or etc. and the owner says the same thing. We have good intentions but we will probably never get it restored. I am restoring or making run several Allis Chalmers garden tractors this winter getting ready for our home show which A-C is the feature. It could be any brand. In visiting with another member a couple hundred miles away, he said he had a certain model number that I would like to have and he ask what I had to trade. I had a couple of old garden tractors of another brand that I had traded for and would probably never fix them. I sent him pictures and we agreed where to meet and make the swap. We both walked each others trailer and probably thinking, I am going to skin him in the trade. We probably both went away thinking the same thing. But, I have mine running and when I talked to him he is working on his and getting closer. Neither tractor had engines. I am happy and he says he is happy. We have just restored two things that would have either still been sitting in the corner of the barn or out side rusting down. I may think that my piece of equipment is worth this amount and what I'm trading for isn't worth as much. It isn't worth anything sitting in the corner rusting down. This is one reason that it is hard for a new member or young member to get started in the "engine or tractor" hobby. Are we collectors and restorers and showmen or are we in the hobby as a business to make money. Some are both. It takes all of us to keep the hobby going. So think about this and when we get a new member find out what he is interested in and let's all try to help him help us keep the hobby going.

Volunteering with an Objective

Dorene Yearian, North Central Director

Go to your local University Extension Center or go on line for 4-H information. They are always looking for 4-H project leaders. Tom Yearian and John Pekarek are teaching 4-H Small Engine Repair to five 6th graders.

Every Wednesday after school they get picked up from school and Tom & John go over the three 4-H workbooks on small engine repair. They will be covering such topics as: parts are parts; crank it up; time for tools; parts, parts, everywhere; a slippery subject; suck it up; cool it; spark it up; let it breath – ok you all figure out those subjects. They have already done troubleshooting and fixed the local Extension Center's riding lawn mower. They will do spring maintenance on it to get it ready for this spring mowing. There are other things you could teach 4-H children. Your branches have talented people and that includes the ladies. You could teach canning, cake decorating, etc. Have the kids help the ladies sell food. Probably some of you ladies could even teach tractor repair.

Contact your local high school FFA teacher and offer your help. (Branch 16 has a FFA teacher as a member – Jeff Voris, son of our Director Dean Voris.) Your branch has a wealth of information to offer such as where to obtain parts or repair engines, carbs & mags, or tractors or equipment. Maybe the local FFA would like to help at your show.

It doesn't have to be 4-H clubs or FFA members, it could be any service learning youth group in your area.

The objective of this is to get the youth involved in our hobby. After volunteering/teaching 4-H and/or FFA or other group of youths – invite them to your show. Get them young and interested in our hobby. They might enjoy becoming a member of your branch or you all pay for their membership – it's only \$8. Maybe you could teach them to run some of your small engines (they would have to be a member for that). Put them through the Youth Driver's Training Course and find a tractor for them to drive (they would have to be a member for that too).

I visited a branch that wants to teach children on a small tractor with the member in control to drive. They just sent me a picture of a sign the youth of their club had made – great job!

We need all you branches trying to get your youth involved – they are our future and we have the knowledge. Don't let it fade away. *Remember this is a fun hobby to collect/restore/show/educate the new generation*

Insurance Update, March 2009-By Dick Tombrink

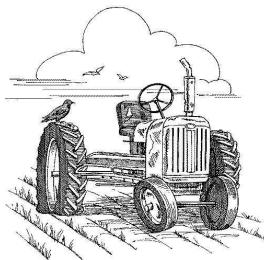
Most of you probably have sent your EDGE&TA National Dues and Insurance Premiums into Ruth by now. If you have not sent them yet, remember the total for this year is \$8 per member not \$9 as it was last year. This reduction in insurance premium is a result of all of us keeping safety first on our mind. We have had only one claim in the past several years. It really pays off as everyone goes home happy at the end of the day. Our thanks from all of the EDGE&TA National organization go out to all of you for making this happen.

As in the past, your branches dues and insurance premium were to be sent to Ruth by March 15, for those branch members who have paid. Per the EDGE&TA bylaws, branches are encouraged to submit as many members dues and insurance premiums as possible by March 15th. The EDGE&TA insurance premium for the year is due about April 15th; therefore it helps if we can get as many members to renew before that time to meet our EDGE&TA National cost obligation. However, we realize there will always be members that will not renew their membership until later, and therefore you will need to send them to Ruth later.

Our insurance renewal date is April 15th. Last year as you may remember we went with a different insurance company. As a result you are no longer required to report your events to the insurance carrier to have insurance. However your EDGE&TA Board of Directors strongly recommends that you continue to report your events via the EDGE&TA website, www.edgeta.org. When reporting your events, our web master places your event on the Branch Events Calendar on the web site. This gives you free advertising for those other branches that may have members who may want to attend. Many branches are taking advantage of this service. Check on the calendar frequently, it is amazing how many events our branches have during the year. Reporting your events also allows the EDGE&TA Board of Directors to keep track of events, to get a better feel of the pulse of the organization. When you report your event, try to be more elaborate with the name, especially the location of the EDGE&TA sponsored event. This will help other branches to better understand where and what your event is.

Please visit our EDGE&TA web site often, www.edgeta.org. We are continually updating the whole website as things change. We have recently updated the Insurance Frequently Asked Questions and the Insurance Summary Section. Please check it out. We try to keep the information on the website updated, but sometimes it takes time to sort it all out. If you have any questions they probably are addressed there. If you still have a question please send an email note or call Dick Tombrink or Larry Voris. We will attempt to answer your questions or get you an answer.

National Secretary/Treasurer-Ruth Warnock



I would like to thank all of the Branches who have filled in their forms with your branch officers and directors. I am really pleased at how many branches have done this. However, if you are one of the branches that haven't already done this, please go to our website and fill out the forms for Branch Officers and Branch Directors. Even if your Branch officers remain the same for 2009, your Branch is required to fill out these forms each year. You would be surprised how many little changes do not get sent in. i.e. email addresses, phone number, or even a change of address. This information is required for insurance purposes, to update my files, and Sally our webmaster updates your page on our website. As you schedule your events for 2009, send the information to Sally for her to put on the 2009 calendar. Great way to advertise your show.

We have had 5 new clubs join us so far this year and I have a couple more sitting on my desk.

I would like to welcome the following Branches:
195 in Centralia, MO, 196 in Presque Isle ME,
197 Spokane WA, 198 Sandpoint ID and
199 in Cave City AR.

Hope to see many of you at our National Show in Texas.

Greetings from the SE Region, George Christmas
I read a story posted on a popular tractor site concerning safety. The story is as follows:

The year was 1953. My Grandfather, Ed Jensen, had a fruit orchard in Yakima, Washington. He was picking apricots with my Father and stacking the crates of fruit on a trailer towed by a John Deere Lindeman Crawler. The tractor was between rows of trees with the motor idling. My sister, aged 5, hopped up on the steel tracks of the machine and was playing 'hopscotch'. I jumped onto the seat and started pulling levers just like I had seen my Grandpa do. The tractor began moving forward and my sister was thrown off the front of the track and the tractor went over her legs. The next thing I knew my Grandpa grabbed me and threw me off and jumped onto the seat. He stopped the tractor and backed it off of my sister. My Father picked her up and ran toward the house with her in his arms. I was running after him screaming that I was sorry. They took her to the hospital. Fortunately the earth was soft in the orchard and the tractor pressed her legs into the soil. She had some pretty severe lacerations which healed. She recovered but carries the scars of the accident to this day. This story was written by Jack Logozzo and is a testament to why you should not leave any machine running unattended. Small children see things grown ups do and they like to pretend they are grown up too. They do not realize the consequences of their actions. That is

why it is up to us to make sure we keep them safe from harming themselves and others. Please remember to follow the safety requirements posted on our web site at <http://www.edgeta.org/safety.htm>.

Spring is almost here. It is time to show off all those winter projects. The show season will get busy very quickly. There are new shows on the calendar all the time. Please be sure to check out your equipment to make sure it is working safely. Good brakes are always a must! Everyone is doing an outstanding job with safety. Thanks to everyone for their continued efforts to keep our hobby safe for exhibitors and spectators alike.

The Southeast Regional Show will be September 18th and 19th. In an earlier newsletter I described a collection of John Deere tractors and other items that were amazing to see. This collection will be on display at the regional show. I hope everyone will make plans to join us there. If you have questions you may contact Randy Eilium at 704-636-2459 or 704-636-2671. You may also contact him by e-mail at reilium@jrenet.com. The show will be located in Salisbury, NC. There will be lots to see.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone out at the shows. Please remember to take special care to make all that you do safe. Remember safety is everyone's responsibility.

GREETINGS FROM THE NE WAYNE TIMCHUK

Well here we are in the middle of March and yesterday I woke up to an inch and a half of global warming. I have not got the things done I wanted to do this winter because of the snows and cold. It seems all I got done was cut fire wood and feed the stoves.

I went to our OLIVER WINTER SHOW in February in Springfield ILL. We had a nice turn out of vendors, tractors and people. I went to The Tractor Club Branch 182 meeting this week and we went over some of the things members needed answers for. I want to thank Gail and Fred for their hospitality. I will be going to the Auburn Ind. show next weekend for Vintage Garden Tractors Club of America Winter Show.

Well as we start to get tractors and equipment out and ready for our shows be extra careful!!! Be sure to check your brakes on tractors and your trailers. Also **DON'T FORGET YOUR WHEEL CHOCKS!!! And DON'T FORGET TO USE THEM!!**

In closing, I hope everybody has a HAPPY EASTER and a fun filled and SAFE summer show season.

REMEMBER SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!!!

Northeast Director

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
Howard Hodson, Director

We hope you get well soon Howard, we miss you.

EDGE&TA Hall of Fame

I would like to remind all of you that the nominations for the Hall of Fame 2009 are due no later than April 15. **Larry Voris is filling in for Howard Hodson, Hall of Fame Director**

SE Region Don Young Director & Safety Chairman

We are off to a good start already this year with a small engine show and a parade. Hopefully we will have a good year. Like you hear, it ran when I parked it, but I like to change oil, check all fluids and give the electrical system a good check. I had a call from a club member a few weeks ago and stated his tractor wouldn't start after being parked since last fall. There was a good reason. Something had made a bed with the tractors wires.

I have mentioned before, we have an excellent website and I encourage every member to read it. I understand that there are members that do not have a computer, so ask a fellow member for a copy of the article that you would like to know about. Also new members can't be expected to know the rules, so share with them what they need to know at the time. When I am in a parade I like to have a drivers meeting and check the tractors for safety. I also hand out some copies of the tractor parade rules. At shows the safety officer and I check to make sure that all the safety rules are followed.

Check the calendar for the events for the coming year and you all have a great and safe show season.



Without the Armed Forces of the United States of America, we would not have the freedom we enjoy today... for freedom is never "free". Please continue to pray for all of those who are currently serving and remember those that performed the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives for our country. **Don't Let the Memory of Them Drift Away**

Keep Our Troops in all your prayers

Reminder

This is a reminder (or a nag) from your Vice President. We have over 10,000 members in this organization and we have only 7 major shows – The National and six Regional (NW, SW, NC, SC, NE, & SE). There is always one near you (may be more). We can thank Gus Peterson for the hard work organizing the dates. These shows are listed on our web page www.edgeta.org. Please support them by helping out or just attending and having fun. I don't care if a show is large or small; I always have fun at a tractor show. Dorene Yearian

2009 SHOW SCHEDULE

49TH NATIONAL SHOW

Hosted by Branch 66, Fredericksburg, Texas
June 13 and 14 - Gillespie County Fairground,
US Hwy 16 South
Opening ceremony 6-13-09 at 9:00 a.m.
Exhibitors free. General attendance \$6.00.
Children under 12 free
Featuring all crawlers and steam. Feature all
engine companies celebrating their Centennial
Contact Becky Smith dbs@fbg.net (830) 997-
3012- Food and drinks available on the
grounds. RV spaces by reservations only.
Additional camping or RV spaces close-by.

EDGE&TA BUSINESS MEETING June 13 10:30 a.m.

Regional Shows

SCentral Show- Branch 128 October 9-10

LA 2 Cylinder Tractor & Engine Club
Beauregard Parish Civic Center – Covered
Arena
5515 Hwy 190 west, DeRidder, LA 70634
7 miles west of DeRidder, LA on Hwy 190
West
Contacts: David Bass, Pres 337-540-5023
Buzz Bradley, Sec 337-302-7212
Danny Futch, Arena Director 337-462-3333
Cell 337-540-8342

NWest Show - Branch 15 July 25 - 26

Antique Powerland Museum-3995 Brooklake
Rd. NE
Brooks Oregon – www.antiquepowerland.com
Celebrating 150 years of Oregon Industry
Regional meeting will follow dinner 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Mike Boell 503-631-3993
Email i_joell@yahoo.com
(No calls after 8:00 p.m.)

NCentral Show -Branch 16 September 17-20

Ozarks Steam Engine Association Grounds. . .
Republic MO (Just off Hwy 60)
Featured Tractor: Allis Chalmers & Related
Equipment
Featured Garden Tractor: Allis Chalmers
Regional Meeting Time: Saturday, September
19
At 4 PM on Show Grounds
Contact Person: Jeff Ruth – 417-767-4632
thesteampowerman@hotmail.com

SWest Show - Branch 113 August 14-16

Agricultural Museum
4498 E State Highway 140
Merced, CA 209-383-1912
Bring out your California engines
Contact: Charlie Parish 209-383-3628
Cell 209-756-1912
Email: sparish@dishmail.net

NEast Show- Branch 176 October 3 - 4

Location: Francis Farm-27 Francis Farm Rd.
Rehoboth MA. Farm Phone 508-252-6512
www.francisfarm.net
Contact: Gayle Abrams – 508-252-4809
Gabrams77@aol.com
Theme: Autumn in New England
Dinner Saturday 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00

SEast Show Branch 168 September 18-19

Location: 355 Chandler Rd
Salisbury NC 28147
Contact Randy Ellium
Phone 704-636-2459 or 704-636-2671
Email: relium@jrenet.com

**Have a wonderful safe show season.
Share your experiences.
Share your knowledge.**

Keep our hobby alive.