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Today as I write this it is the 4th day of summer, and it is hot here in SW Missouri.

We spent 2 weeks in Texas for the National show with 95-100 every day with the wind blowing all the time. I don't think I broke a sweat. It has been 95-100 here the last week and water runs off me.

The National show was another good show. We always see different things in every area that we get to visit.

I got to visit with several branches while at the show. The first thing we discussed was that "EDGETA" is not an "Insurance Company". Sometimes I would have to go over the program 2 or 3 times before people understood how it all works. I was introduced several times as the president of the organization where we get our insurance. This statement is not true. I am presently president of the board of directors of the Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association, Inc. Our purpose is to collect, restore and exhibit old farm related equipment. Then by being a member of the "Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association, Inc." you as individuals are covered under the master liability policy of the organization. The liability policy will also reach out and cover a complete show for liability if all exhibitors are members of the "Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association, Inc." This is where we are getting in trouble. We have those "free loaders" that want to come to our shows and exhibit their equipment but don't want to pay to be a member. This puts our benefit program on the line if one of those "free loaders" would have an incident. We don't want this to happen. If the branches let this happen and can't control their exhibitors then they must go out and purchase a Third Party Insurance to cover the "Free Loaders. This is an un-needed expense which is around \$1500. Our benefit program covers the members against the spectators for the whole year at any show that they attend as long as they follow the "Safety Requirements set forth by the organization". All you newsletter editors have permission to reprint this article.

We had 15 branches represented and 47 members at the National Meeting.

Ed Stewart came forward and gave us an invitation to the 2010 show at the Santa Margarita Ranch, CA. Our

50th Anniversary Show is to be held on a working cattle ranch in Santa Margarita, CA between Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo, CA. The hosting branches are 27, 8 & 3. Show dates are June 24-27, 2010. This date needs to be written on your calendar now. That's all for now folks. Be safe and have a good year.

Dorene Yearian, Vice President-NC Director

The 2009 National and Regional Shows

We attended the National show in Fredericksburg TX this past June. There were a lot of displays, engines, and tractors at this show. In fact I sat in the shade (it was hot) on the porch of a pioneer farmhouse that was reassembled and moved to the Gillespie County Fairgrounds by members of Branch 66. I saw how to make fencing – glad I live in this age. There was a good turnout for the meeting and dinner. If you did not attend you missed a great dinner and a great show. The hot weather did not stop the exhibitors or spectators down in Texas because there were a lot of them. That branch knows how to put on a good show – everyone was very friendly.

There are still 6 regional shows left for you to enjoy. Pick one or two or all of these shows and plan to attend. Support the other branches in our organization. They would love to see you and you will make great friends. Go have fun. Go to the meeting and voice your opinion/ask questions. We really want to hear from you

Safety Reminder

We are now in the tractor/engine show time. Get in the habit of being safe while you display, demonstrate, pull, etc at a show, and especially while loading and unloading your equipment. Our safety requirements are there to keep you safe so you can enjoy this hobby. Study them.

Check your hauling equipment – make sure they are in tiptop condition. We want you arriving to a show and back home safely. Have fun this season but be *safe*.

Remember you teach others to be safe by demonstrating it yourself.

Insurance Update, March 2009-By Dick Tombrink

I have just returned from the National meeting that was held this year in Fredericksburg, Texas, hosted by branch 66. It was a great show, lots of tractors, and stationary engines, as well as a tractor pull. The weather was a little warm for those of us from Montana this early in the year; it was between 95-100 each day. There was a breeze blowing each day, which helped. The members of branch 66 did a great job to make everyone feel welcome.

As you know this year our insurance premium was reduced to \$4 per member. At the National meeting the directors reviewed the insurance costs and the premium will remain at \$4 for next year (2010) as well. So again the total per member to be paid by the branches will be \$4 for the insurance premium and \$4 for the National dues, for a total of \$8 per member. This reduction in insurance premium is as a result of all of us keeping safety first on our mind. It really pays off as everyone goes home happy at the end of the day. Thanks to all of you for making that happen.

In the past our insurance has allowed us to sign up mom and pop vendors who sell arts and crafts at our events/shows and cover them with our insurance. This was reviewed by our insurance carrier and we no longer can cover these vendors with our insurance. To explain this further, we will be adding the following to our Questions and Answers section under insurance:

Q. Can I sign up vendors that sell food, arts and crafts, flea market articles, etc at our events as members of EDGETA to get insurance coverage for them at our events?

A. No. EDGETA insurance no longer covers these vendors. We can no longer sign them up as members of the branch to get coverage for them. EDGETA insurance will cover the branches for an incident involving the vendors, but again will not cover the vendors. Branches need to be more insistent to get a certificate of insurance from these vendors. This is especially important and a requirement for food vendors. The only exception to the above is for a tractor and engine parts swap meet, all swap meet sellers must be EDGETA members. In no case does the EDGE&TA insurance policy provide general liability coverage for the products sold/traded.

Please visit our EDGETA website www.edgeta.org often. We are continually updating the whole website as things change. 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.

Have a safe and great summer.

National Secretary/Treasurer-Ruth Warnock



Please remember when ordering additional membership cards or other supplies to allow me enough time to get them to you for the event you are requesting them for.

I would like to welcome the following new Branches:

200 Virginia, 201 Texas, 202 Tennessee, 203 Texas, 204 Pennsylvania.

Please check our web pages for up to date information.

The following changes have been made.

EDGE&TA Hall of Fame Director

Tom Yearian , PO Box 82, Niangua, MO 65713 Phone 417-473-6579, Email: trydiron@hughes.net

EDGE&TA Youth Program

You can contact Don Young, National Safety Director, phone 661-944-3229 or e-mail: donsredtractor@aol.com

ALL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS REMAIN THE SAME FOR THE 2009-2010 YEAR.

Greetings from the SE Region

Let me start by saying welcome to our 5 newest branches. It is great to have you folks onboard. I would like to mention that branch 202 of the Southeast Region is our first branch in Tennessee. Welcome to you all.

The national show was in Fredericksburg, TX this year. Thank you to branch 66 for hosting the national. It was great meeting all of you nice folks there in Texas. The weather was hot but then again it is Texas and summer time, so there you go. The show was great. There were several rare tractors and engines to see. There were also some old favorites. Branch 66 has a great spot for a show there at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. They have a stationary sawmill and several large stationary engines. Thanks again to you guys for hosting the 49th National show and business meeting.

The Southeast Regional show will be hosted by branch 168 in Salisbury, NC on September 18-19th. Those of you planning to attend will be in for a treat. If you remember back in one of my previous articles I spoke of those collectors that have very nice collections that no one really gets the opportunity to see. This is your opportunity to see one of those collections. You

will get to see a very impressive collection of John Deere toys, lawnmowers, pedal tractors, snowmobiles, farm tractors, smoothing irons and the list goes on. You will also have the opportunity to see an exhibit of mounted wild game from all over the world. I have had the opportunity to see this collection and it is worth the trip. Anyone that has questions may contact Randy Ellum at 704-636-2459 or 704-636-2671. I hope everyone is making preparations to come to the Southeast Regional show.

Let's take a little time to review some safety tips. Before the show begins there should be a safety meeting. This is to inform all exhibitors of the safe practices expected and required during the show. Have safety officers to help the exhibitors and to watch for things that may have been over looked. For example, an engine that is running but has not been roped off, or 2 or more people riding on a tractor that is not equipped to carry 2 people safely. Make sure you have fire extinguishers readily available in case of fire! Have a clear loading and unloading zone for tractors away from the show area because you never know what can happen while loading and unloading. People are curious by nature and they like to see things up close. That is also the reason for double ropes with at least 3 feet around a running engine display. This actually does 2 things. It keeps the spectators at a safe distance and gives the exhibitor room to move around the display safely. Please review all safety requirements on the web page to familiarize yourself with them. This will insure we are all practicing safety. Remember it is up to us to continue to keep our hobby safe for the spectators and for ourselves. I hope everyone has a great summer. I hope to see you at some of these wonderful shows that will be going on this summer. Thanks, George W Christmas

SW Regional Report

The first large show in the south was at Tulare, CA. The weather was pleasant, but the exhibitor participant was down from previous years.

The National show in Fredericksburg, TX in June was well attended with many tractors and a few engines. The major concern at that branch was safety. We all had a great time enjoying all the good food, entertainment and the friendly people.

Fredericksburg, if you have not been there, in 1846 a group of 120 German Settlers arrived. Today, Gillespie County has about 24,000 residents.

A member of a local branch came up with a great idea for their door prize at their meetings. The lucky winner receives 4 wheel chocks.

I would like the branches to encourage more of their youth to become interested in our hobby. For those ages 11-15 get them in the youth driving program.

Safety is a major concern. When we farmers were

growing up, tractors were made to work in a field where about all you could run into was a tree or a fence. Today we are using tractors for purposes that they were not intended for. In a parade we are within a few feet of hundreds of spectators and in demos there are a number of dangerous pieces of equipment operating when the unforeseen could happen. Hay wagons were primarily used for hauling hay and grain. It is very important to have a kill switch, good brakes and steering on your tractor to help prevent a disaster.

We all hope all you all have a safe summer enjoying your hobby. Don Young SW Director/Safety Chairman

Just a short update from the Northeast Region!

I just returned from our National Meeting in Texas. I want to thank all the people that put that show and meeting on. That crew did a super good job. The show and actives were well organized. The food that was served was super good and I love to eat!! My trip down to Texas was very nice. The trip home was a little more interesting. I took the back roads in Texas and saw some neat things and scenery. Then there was Jackson, Tennessee. After about an hour wait for the rain, hail and the tornado to pass the rest of the trip was uneventful. After a good meeting and a director's meeting, watch the web site for some changes to be coming!

I want to welcome all the new branches in my region and in all other areas. Things have been pretty slow in my area. I have been to about 5 shows this year and none have been outstanding. Most of my shows will be coming in July. Hope for cool, dry weather.

Again I want to thank the branches for their newsletter that I receive. In closing
**PLEASE REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST!!
TILL NEXT TIME WAYNE TIMCHUK**

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

First I would like to say that Howard Hodson was my friend and I will miss him. You will find that Howard worked with people different than myself. But our goals were the same and that is to preserve farm machinery and any other equipment of historical and educational value. Then to show the machinery to anyone that will take notice or to compare like item with others

It is important to me to help each branch feel that they are part of EDGETA and not just for the insurance. I will welcome your calls on problems or just for a visit. If I do not know an answer to your questions I will discuss it with other EDGETA officers and get back to you as soon as possible. If you find a new way to get spectator to turn out to your shows call me so I can pass it on. I think that ways to keep you members active is with a variety of exhibits and it will bring in more

spectators. My goal is to get the family involved and young groups like the FFA or 4H.

I have a number of projects that I need to get done this year. I am into garden tractors, larger tractor, hit & miss engines, and old trucks. If it runs, I like to see what makes it tick. For the rest of this year I would like to establish a good relationship with all the branches in the south central region. Branch 128 will host our next South Central Regional Show on Oct 9-10 in DeRidder, Louisiana. Hope you can make it.

Johnny Burger Director



In Memory of Howard Hodson

Howard became active at the National level when he was appointed to complete a two year term on the National Board of EDGE&TA at the national meeting in 1998. He

was assigned as the Northeast Regional director at that time. Reelected to that position in 2000, he was reassigned as the North-Central director. In 2003 he was reelected and assigned as the South-Central Region director. During his time on the national board, Howard served in many ways. He was national vice-president during 2001 and president during 2004. His work has included serving as national safety officer, Hall of Fame Chairman and developing the EDGE&TA Youth Driver Certification program. Howard has attended the national meetings all across the U.S. He will be missed!



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

*Have a wonderful safe show season.
Share your experiences. Share your knowledge.
Keep our hobby alive.*

Encourage our youth to participate in this wonderful hobby as we relive and preserve the days of yesteryear.

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](http://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 j_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