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### Larry Voris, President-Director at Large

I hope you all have had a good summer of displaying and fun with our hobbies. I am always looking for something different or something that no one else has. It is interesting to watch people at a tractor or engine show and what the spectator will look at. I found an old Shaw R-8 tractor probably made in the late 1940's that a man had manufactured a front loader on the little tractor. It is usually a hit everywhere I take it. Now let me tell you a little more about the tractor. Another man called me and said he heard that I collected Shaw tractors. I said yes and he told me about the little Shaw he had purchased and told me a little about what he had found. We agreed on a trade on some equipment I had and I was to do the hauling. I loaded my stuff and started down to his place with some scant direction. I got off the big road and started down in the hills of the Missouri Ozarks. The further I went the narrower and crooked the road got and I finally came into a little valley between two mountains. There was a big gate into his place and of course I was met by a big dog that was barking. You never know whether they will bite you or lick you to death. The man came out and called off the dog and he took me back behind a barn which was between two mountains and looked at the little "morphodite" Shaw. It was a pitifully looking thing. There is a factory tag on the frame that says it is a Shaw. He said this is the way he found it and he had it running a couple of years ago when he purchased it. The original builder that built the loader must have only had a stick to measure with, a torch and a stick welder, a pile of scrap metal and a great imagination. It was moss green in color because that was the color of the moss. The sun only hits the area between 10 and 2 because of the height of the two mountains. The engine had been swapped from an 8 HP to a 16 HP Briggs, a Williams piston pump had been installed on the side of the frame for the hydraulic power and then a front loader was cobbled together. The amazing thing about the little unit is that it works great. It has power both directions, hydraulic bucket in both directions, has a power lift on the back with a plow attached and another cylinder mounted underneath that we don't know what he had in mind for the next attachment. The rear tires have mud chains attached and the front tires

look to be the originals that came on the tractor when it was new. I put signs on the side of the unit telling what I know about the little tractor and loader. The people will walk by tractors that have a spit shine on them and drool over the little Shaw.

Now, the rest of the story. When I went to pick the tractor up after the local fair this year, there was a note attached to one of the signs. It said call me about your little tractor.

So that night I called the number and the man asked me what I knew about the tractor. I told him I would like to know who built the unit. He thinks that his granddad had bought the Shaw tractor new and later built the loader and he remembers playing on it as a kid. From all appearance of the loader his granddad used what ever he could from the scrap pile. There isn't any 2 pieced the same length. At least there isn't another one like it and everything works. In the builder's eyes it is a piece of art. This is Ozarks Ingenuity at its best.

Lets all finish out the 2009 show season with fun and safety.

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### Northwest Director and Insurance Update

#### By Dick Tombrink

In July I attended the NW Regional EDGETA meeting/show at Brooks Oregon, hosted by branch 15. It was a great show, lot of activity, not only by branch 15 but other groups as well. In talking with the officers of branch 15, they asked about our EDGETA requirement of requiring swap meet vendors to be members of EDGETA. In my last insurance update, I mentioned that our insurance carrier will no longer allow us to sign up arts and craft and other flea market vendors as members of EDGETA so they have our insurance. We have discussed this further with our insurance carrier and they have decided that we can no longer sign up swap meet vendors either to have EDGETA insurance. Their comment is that they insure tractor and engine exhibitors, etc., but not vendors at the shows. At the Brooks show they had a flea market/swap meet. As I walked around looking at the vendors it was hard to determine if they were a flea market vendor or a swap meet vendor. Some were selling both flea market items as well as swap meet (tractor and engine parts) items.

The branch still has EDGETA insurance coverage in the event of an incident arising from one of the vendors, but the individual vendor is on his own for insurance coverage. If you have a food vendor at your show, note that it is a requirement that your branch get a certificate of insurance from the food vendor naming your EDGETA branch as an additional insured. Therefore we will be making the following changes on our website. The following is an additional Q&A that will be published soon on the website.

**31. Can I sign up vendors that sell food, art and crafts, flea market articles, and swap meet vendors at our event as members of EDGETA to get insurance coverage for them?**

**No. EDGETA insurance no longer covers these vendors. We can no longer sign them up as members of a branch to get coverage for them. However, EDGETA insurance will cover the branch itself for an incident involving the vendors. But again our EDGETA insurance will no longer cover the vendors. Vendors should have their own insurance. Branches need to be more insistent to get a certificate of insurance from vendors, especially commercial vendors. This is also especially important and a requirement for food vendors. Please refer to Vendor/Craftsperson Booth Application on the EDGETA web site. In no case does the EDGETA insurance policy provide general liability coverage for the products sold/traded.**

Under insurance summary on the EDGETA website, we will be making changes that reflect the above change as well.

Please visit our EDGETA web site often, [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org). 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.

**Keep safety in mind as number 1.**

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**Dorene Yearian, VP Northcentral Director  
Above & Beyond**

I like all old tractors, engines and equipment and I should be unbiased BUT I am a staunch John Deere Collector. I like the colors and I like the great sound that 2 cylinders make. It's music to your ears. Remember it

only takes two. Enough said – you get the picture of what I like and collect. I am a member of Br 16 in South West Missouri (among others). Our show is put on by the Steam Club and Br 16, and is 10 days after Labor Day. We featured the Peerless Steam Engine, the Gade Stationary Engine and that orange stuff – AC. AND wouldn't you know it we had more tractors this year than any previous years. We even had over four times the lawn & garden tractors we have ever had and most of them were ORANGE. We had more equipment – we had more tractors – we had more of everything. AND most of it was ORANGE! The Pruitts, the Harris', the Stones', the Millers', & the Davisons' created a great display by belting up old tractors and engines demonstrating how the old time equipment works and even old time broom making. The Voyles made sorghum. They had planted the cane so at the show they cut, stripped and pressed it for the juice using an old press and an old engine. They cooked the juice and produced the sorghum – it was yummy!. We had the best show ever!

*Now for the above & beyond part. I hauled six; I said six loads of AC - that is above and beyond for a John Deere collector. I hauled each load over an hour – imagine a John Deere collector mixing with AC for over 6 hours. The Voris Brothers (Larry, Jerry, and Dean) have a lot of AC equipment to get to the show (and they didn't even bring it all). I think all together we all hauled over 37+ loads to the show.*

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**Hello from the Northeast region.**

Well now that Labor Day has passed, summer has gone and fall and winter are just around the corner. I hope all of our branches had very good shows this year. I know all the shows that I went to locally were down a little bit. We had some pretty nice plow days in my area and a first for our Oliver day. It was held in August and almost too wet to plow. It is usually so dry you can't get the plows in the ground.

After a wonderful trip to Texas and a very nice show and meeting I settled down to a routine at home. July turned out to be a hectic month, with 4 major Oliver shows in Ohio. We had a very good turnout of tractors and equipment for all four shows. August turned out to be a little less hectic. Labor Day weekend we traveled to Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania for our national HART PARR OLIVER summer national show. What beautiful grounds! Tractors more tractors and equipment and a big flea market and consignment sale they had it all. We had 440 Oliver tractors and there were over 1100 tractors altogether. One of my friends from Lodi California brought 2 Cletrac crawlers. What a trip that had to be.

Well as October is coming close I am getting ready for my regional meeting. It sounds like this will be a nice show. It should be cool and the fall season should be in

full colors. I am looking forward to meeting new people and seeing a lot of the old faces from other branches in the area. As the show season winds down let's not forget **safety**. As the days get shorter remember you might be loading and unloading in the dark so be extra careful and get somebody to help you. Remember that dew is heavier and the possibility of frost could make it real slippery. Be careful while winterizing your tractors and equipment and be sure and check your chimneys and stoves that heat your shops.

With Halloween just around the corner and Thanksgiving and Christmas right behind this year really went fast.

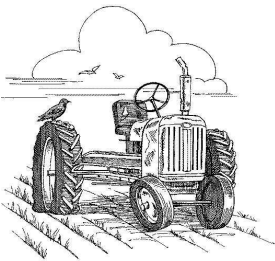
In closing I want to wish everybody a safe and happy holiday season. Remember safety starts with you!  
Wayne Timchuk

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**National Secretary/Treasurer-  
Ruth Warnock**

**I would like to welcome the  
following new Branches:  
205-IL, 206-AZ, 207-NC  
We have two more coming on  
board.**

**Please check our web pages  
for up to date information.**



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.

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**Greetings from the Southeast Region**

I would like to start off by thanking Branch 168 for hosting the southeast regional show this year. This was the first show they have put on as a branch. This show could probably be described as an indoor show. There were only 12 exhibits outside. The rest of the attractions were inside. The show case was the private collection of a branch 168 member, Tom Smith. There was everything to see from over 100 mounted animals from all over the world to almost every lawnmower John Deere made. There were lots of toys, bicycles, smoothing irons from all over the world, hay trolleys, tools, John Deere snowmobiles and snow suits. The list goes on with over 50 restored John Deere tractors. The weather threatened rain most of the day but it held off. Again I would like to say thank you guys for all your hard work. I enjoyed your show very much!

Well with all the talk of swine flu I hope everyone is staying healthy. Flu season is closing in on us. Some of you may ask what can I do to prevent catching the flu. There are no guarantees. To protect yourself make sure you wash your hands. Do not put your hands or fingers

in your mouth or eyes, get plenty of rest and eat fresh fruits and vegetables. To protect others, cough into your sleeve or a tissue. Wash your hands or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer. If you feel like you have the flu see your doctor or healthcare provider as soon as possible. Early detection can help with diagnosis and treatment.

As the show season continues it is important to always be aware of situations that may cause problems. Make sure to set the brakes or chock those wheels. Never leave an engine or tractor running unattended. Please take the time to rope off those moving exhibits. We are around these displays all the time and know the dangers but some of the spectators are not. You know as well as I do that folks will walk right up to a moving display and reach out to touch it before you can say no. Please continue to keep our hobby safe. Everyone has done an excellent job with safety so don't let up. I hope everyone has a safe and healthy fall season and hope to see you guys out at the shows. George W. Christmas

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**Southwest Regional Report**

It has been a long hot summer in the SW region with many shows, parades and fairs. Attendance at some of the events has been down, but spectators still enjoy watching a parade. I usually drive a garden tractor in the parades which people seem to enjoy more than some of the larger tractors. I sometimes drive a Lincoln tractor which is four wheeled with a Wisconsin engine, Crosley three speed transmissions and a worm drive rear end. They began production in 1946 by the National Iron Works in San Diego, California. Speaking of San Diego, if you are in the area on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Branch 22 is having their annual show at Santee Lakes. It is located between two of the lakes where it is cooler and refreshing. It is a great show that you don't want to miss.

One of the branches that I belong to puts shows on at schools for the kids. To keep an interest in our hobby we must get our kids involved. Most kids have no idea what process goods go through before they are on the store shelves. A couple of the items that I take are a hand operated corn sheller and a grist mill. At one school a ten year old girl wanted to know where her parents could buy her a grist mill for her birthday.

At schools especially, safety is very important as you don't know what a kid is going to do. Chock blocks must be used for tractors and trailers, ropes, netting around equipment that is operating and exhibitors watching to make sure that no one gets hurt.

Safety is a big issue, an accident can happen to anyone. Something that I see often is the new members that don't know the safety rules. It would be helpful if they were given a copy of the rules that would pertain to them or encourage them to read them on our web page which is [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org) and click on safety.

Don Young SW Director/Safety Chairman/Youth Driver Coordinator

### NC Regional Meeting

The NC Regional meeting was held on Saturday, September 21 in Republic MO in conjunction with the Ozark Steam-o-rama held 10 days after Labor Day. Seven branches answered roll call: 11 Wellington KS, 16 Republic MO (and Steam Club members), 17 Fort Scott KS, 28 Cabool MO, 90 Hartford AR, 123 Anderson MO and 189 Thayer MO. There were 72 in attendance. We reviewed National information like who were the officers for 2009-10, the name of Howard's replacement – Johnny Burger. I informed them that Tom Yearian was appointed the Hall of Fame Chairman. I suggested they visit our web site to look for the 2010 National and Regional shows. Larry Voris gave an update on our insurance. Tom Yearian reviewed the Hall of Fame for this year and stated we had former Hall of Famers – Charlie Stark, Vance West, Ralph Ramsey here today. After the meeting they gave out door prizes. One of the prizes they gave out was a wooden model of an AC “A” and it went to one of the biggest AC collectors – Dean Voris. That never happens, it usually goes to a Farmall or Case or etc collector.

Dorene Yearian NC Director

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### *South-central Region Johnny Burger*

Getting ready for show time and being in charge can be mind-boggling. For example: Will the weather be a factor? Before show time will members come out to help get the Show Grounds in shape? Will the PA system work; the last time it was used was at the last show. People call you with question like the following. At your show do I have to be a member to sell my tractor? Can I show my tractor at your next show? I do not want to be a member because I do not have the time. I sell food can I set up at your show. I was a member but I did not pay my dues, can I show my engines anyway? If you do not know what to tell them go to the EDGE&TA web site: it will help you with the right answers. You can also call your director or email him. We are here to help you get answers that apply to EDGE&TA rules. I know that it is hard to get club members to follow rules that someone has set up for them. But think what your insurance would cost if we did not pull together as a group. The safer you keep you club the cheaper the insurance will stay. It's the time of year for antique tractor and engine shows. In our area you can go to a show any weekend after April till November. I would like to encourage you to go to other shows. You can meet a lot of good people with the same love for old antiques and get good ideas for your own show. The shows that I have been to the members treat you as one of their own. We had our show on September 11- 13.



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*

### **Regional Shows**

#### **Northeast Show- Branch 176 October 3 - 4**

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

#### **South Central 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

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### **Hall of Fame - Tom Yearian, Chairman**

As the new chairman, it is my pleasure to announce the Hall of Fame inductees for 2009 – **Andy Gortsema**, Br 54, Lewiston ID, NW Region; **Bob Sherrard**, Br 11, Winfield KS, NC Region; **Robert Moore**, Br 28 Cabool MO, NC Region; and **Darrell Carter**, Br 16, Republic MO, NC Region. You will be able to see their information and picture on our web site [edgeta.org](http://edgeta.org). They all have received their individual plaques and had their names put on the single large plaque that is carried to the National show/meeting and as many Regionals as possible each and every year. The announcement was kept secret so that they could be surprised.

The EDGE&TA Hall of Fame was established in 1998 in the interest of honoring those who have made significant contributions to the preservation, collection and exhibition of antique tractors, engines, and equipment. These people are the backbone of our branches/clubs. If you have such a person in your branch, please go to our web site and write out an application and send it to me. I will then find three anonymous judges to review them. We need to honor these people.