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Larry Voris, President-Director at Large



Here it is December again and Christmas is coming up fast. This is usually the newsletter that I thank everyone for another safe year. But, we haven't had that this year. We have had 4 incidents all happening in a 2-month period. One was where a tractor driver cut to quick and the trailer he was pulling cut into the front of a car. The second was where a steam traction engine was going up a grade and stopped to meet a pickup. Something happened and the engine rolled back into the pickup. The third was when a driver of a tractor was having trouble keeping his tractor running. He got off the tractor and made some adjustments and hit the starter from the ground, the tractor started and away it went by its self. The fourth incident was where a man was riding on the pan of a mechanical-progressive sled and a weight lying on the pan slipped and hit his ankle when the pan stopped moving. Last year we had a man that was rolled in front of a tractor. I know of 2 other accidents that didn't happen at a sponsored event. Our own National V-President has a broken shoulder. She had just got home from hauling tractors and tripped on her own front step. The other one happened when the man fell off his tractor at home and broke his wrist. I didn't check and see whether the "Moon" was full or not. We now have about 11,000 members and we have a lot more exposure than in the past. Accidents happen and that is the reason they call them accidents. Could these have been prevented? We hope they could have been. An accident happens so fast that we don't get a second chance. Most happen when we get in a hurry trying to do too many things at once. But I still want to thank the Officers, directors, safety people and all members for keeping our organization safe.

Now is as good of time as any to talk about Insurance coverage of a show. If you are using the insurance program that is available through EDGETA in total to cover your show for liability, you had better make sure all exhibitors are members. It might be a good idea to ask if the exhibitors have personal medical coverage in case they get hurt themselves. Our Insurance carrier will not cover non-members if they cause an accident and a spectator is injured. If this should happen then the branch that allowed the non-member to exhibit will be held responsible. Someone will have to pay the expenses for damage or injury. Our insurance carrier will not cover anyone if they are injured in their own exhibit. Anytime a non-member is involved in any incident it may jeopardize our insurance. Let the word out that everyone must be

members to exhibit at an EDGETA sponsored show. It is not fair to our members if the "freebees" keep showing up and don't pay their way. Your club should know who these people

are and you should make an attempt to visit with each of them explaining in a nice way that someone has to pay for the liability coverage. If they don't want to be a member, then they can show there equipment at home or you can pay their membership out of your own pocket. You realize that when you have an EDGETA sponsored event, your branch does not have to pay anything extra for the liability coverage. This is a savings of up to \$2000 dollars or more if you pay out of pocket for extra coverage just to cover these people.

Now I'm not trying to scare anyone just trying to keep the organization out of trouble. When something goes wrong, I as National President am the first person contacted. I, as all the other directors was elected by you to watch over the operations of our organization and keep it running in a manner that we can all live with. The insurance program has become a big factor in our organization and to keep the insurance costs down we must have a strong safety program. Every member of this organization is on the safety committee. You as a card carrying member may not be listed on the committee list but you are still responsible for watching for unsafe things. If you don't want to take action on an unsafe exhibit or anything unsafe it is your duty to find and report to the safety person or a board member of your branch what you think is unsafe.

Even after all this I still want to Wish you all a "Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year" and have a very safe 2010 show year.

Insurance Update, December 2009 by Dick Tombrink

I would like to add some comments to Larry's article. I spent my career working in an oil refinery. I served on the Safe Operating Committee, where we reviewed accidents, new designs, safety policies etc. When we saw a rash of small accidents, it was an indication that we may be letting our guard down in regard to safety. It also was an indication that there could be a bigger accident that may happen because of us letting our guard down. None of us want that to happen. We want everyone to go home at the end of the day safe and happy. In the refinery, we had a phrase that we used a lot, called "Take Two". "Take Two" meant that we should take an additional 2 seconds, or 2 minutes whatever is appropriate in the situation to reanalyze the situation from a safety standpoint. Think about what you are going to do before you do it. Before you move a tractor look around to be sure no one is in harm's way. Is there someone visiting with another person while leaning on one of the back wheels that you can't see? Are there any little kids around that you cannot see

easily? Don't look once but look twice. I have made it a habit that when I come up to a stop sign I look both directions, twice, because I may have not seen someone coming the first time because they were be in a blind spot.

When moving machinery, do not get in a hurry. It is a lot better to sit and analyze the situation around you before you move, than to move your tractor and get in an accident, and wish you had taken the time to analyze the situation. Also be courteous to those around you. If you are lining up for a parade, let the other person go first, look at it this way, the best are last!!

Now for the good news regarding EDGETA insurance. The good news is that our insurance premium for next year will continue to be \$4 as it was last year. So the total will be \$4 for the insurance premium, and \$4 for the National Dues (total of \$8). This is as a result of all of us keeping safety first on our mind in the past years. Our thanks go out to all of you for making that happen.

As in the past, your dues and insurance premium needs to be sent to Ruth by March 15, for those branch members who have paid. Please try to get as many members as you can to renew their membership by the March 15th deadline. Our EDGETA 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 obligation. However, we realize there will always be members that will not renew their membership until later, and you will need to submit them later.

The Christmas season is upon us. We would like to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous, and **Safe** New Year.

Remember to "Take Two" regarding safety.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Dorene Yearian, VP Northcentral Director

Every year we (directors) remind everyone to think safety. Check your trailer i.e. tires, brakes, wiring, ramps, etc. for wear and tear. Check your tractors, engines and equipment like making sure your tractor stays in gear or the safety switch is working properly or old equipment is working properly so that they can be safe to use. There are a million and one things that can go wrong with old equipment and because it's old/antique equipment it will break down. Remember accidents happen so quickly there is not enough time to react. If you make sure all your antiques are in good working order you will cut down on the accidents and have a fun time using them and have a great time showing them off. Nothing sounds better than when a piece of old equipment is purring.

There is another thing you should remember – *your responsibility*. If you loan out your antique equipment, does it work properly. Do all the features of your antique tractor work? You may have just bought/acquired an antique tractor and the starter doesn't work (you have to hot wire it); you can start the tractor in gear (the safety was by-passed); the clutch doesn't stay engaged; the brakes don't work properly or not at all. It is your responsibility to see that your equipment works properly before you loan it out. You further need to check the

person out on your equipment to make sure they can handle and operate it properly. Have they ever pulled equipment/trailer? If you don't you are just as responsible as they are if they have an accident. Remember we are all trying to have a safe time enjoying our hobby.

We are a non-profit organization so if you are using an approved piece of equipment to make money you need to obtain insurance on your own for this purpose.

Remember it is your responsibility to read all and comply with the safety requirements on our web page. They are put there to keep you safe to enjoy our hobby. If you find that something is not there – let us know.

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*I would like to take this time to thank everyone for all their support – phone calls, mail and prayers. I am doing just fine. I have another month of therapy and will be back to normal in a few months. Thank You! Thank You!*  
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#### **HALL OF FAME by Tom Yearian, Chairman**

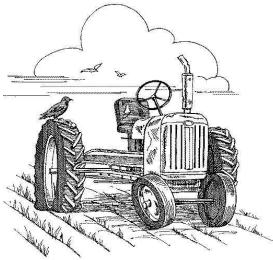
Now is the time to start thinking of a person (member) in your branch that you think should be honored with this award. There are a lot of knowledgeable and hard working people in every branch in our organization. Remember this award is to *honor those who have made significant contributions to the collection, preservation, and exhibition of antique tractors, engines and equipment*.

Write out and submit an application to honor that special person in your branch that you think should be honored. Remember if you think they are worthy – other people will probably think so too. Let's get their name and resume on our web page. You will find the application guideline on our web page. The deadline to me is April 15, 2010.

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#### **Southwest Regional Report, Don Young**

Just a few more parades and another year has passed. Now is the time to get your tractors and engines ready for the cold winter months. Drain water, check antifreeze, tires. In the winter months you may have time to check out your equipment for next year. Check your trailer also, brakes, wiring, frames for stress and cracks and check and repack wheel bearings. Also, as mentioned before check your heating devises in your shop and make sure that there is good ventilation. Keep a fire extinguisher handy and in good working order. Check your power cords and air hoses for damage. Use proper safety equipment, safety guards and hearing protectors. Clean up fluid spills and keep a safe working area. We all hope you keep safe and have a great holiday season.



## National Secretary/Treasurer- Ruth Warnock

Well we have had a busy year in 2009 and our EDGE&TA year isn't over. We had 14 new branches come on board and as of the writing of this newsletter, we have close to

11,000 members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the secretaries/treasurers/and membership people. I really appreciate all your hard work. We still have 4 months left in the EDGE&TA year.

I will be sending out the 2010 EDGE&TA buttons sometime in February as well as the 2011 stickers which will show proof of membership through to April 14, 2011. If you have any changes in offices from the one I currently have on file, please let me know so I'll be sure to send them to the right person. Thanks.

Dues are due on or before March 15, 2010. This date allows me sufficient time to get figures in to the insurance company. Please send as many renewals (and of course new members) as you can by that date and then you can report added members every 30 days. If you have questions, you can email me at [rawarnock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rawarnock@sbcglobal.net).

I know a lot of you hold elections before April 15, and if this is the case with your branch please make sure someone fills out the Branch Officer Information Form as well as the one for Branch Directors. This form comes directly to me and to Sally, our webmaster for updating our files. This is a must every year, even if the officers do remain the same.

Please share this newsletter with your fellow officers. The directors have put in some good advice regarding safety and all branch officers as well as members should keep up to date of this advice.

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Remember the reason for the season.

Merry Christmas to all. Ruth



## Greetings from the Northeast Region

Well as we wind down the year and turkey day is past, everybody is looking forward to Christmas. In the last couple of days we've had the coldest weather so far this year today only got 19°. All the shows in our area are over and done with. Now comes the time to check the antifreeze and drain the water for the winter. Be extra careful putting machinery away and figure out what needs to be fixed or repaired this winter. All our local shows are pretty much up and down this year but I understand that was the norm in most places. Recapping this year's travels we had a nice national show in Texas met a lot of nice people and had a good time. Weather was a little warm though. My regional show in Massachusetts had a water problem. It was a washout on Saturday. Sunday was a lot better, sunshine nice weather and the people really showed up. They had nice display of machinery, tractors and trucks. The tractor pull on Sunday started off a little damp but it didn't take long to get things moving. I want to thank KEN FOLEY and the rest of his crew for the well-organized safety conscious operation. The banquet on Saturday night was super good so was the entertainment. I really enjoyed myself and hope to get back up there soon. I made a lot of good friends up there.

In figuring out what machinery will be restored this winter be sure to think safety in and out of the shop. As we have had a few incidents this year I think it's time the branches safety people need to have some meetings as to what and what can't be done and what is covered and what is not covered. The one thing this year it seems people were running machinery they did not own and were not familiar with the operation of that equipment. If somebody asks you to operate a piece of machinery that you're not familiar with don't be afraid to say no. Safety first!!

By the time you read this letter I will have attended a three branch Christmas parties. We have been to two already and the food was good and got to see some friends I haven't seen for a while. They had very good turnouts and I know the third one will also be the same good food good friends.

In closing I want to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year's. Always remember SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!!!!

I want to thank the branches that send me their newsletters. I appreciate reading what is going on in other areas. Thanks again

Sincerely, Your Northeast director Wayne Timchuk

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### Greetings from the Southeast Region

Well it doesn't seem like a year has come and gone. I hope everyone has had a good year. It is time to start those winter projects that is if you haven't already. It seems my work gets in the way of my winter projects. I was thinking the other day that when I was small it took forever for the year to go by. Now it seems to go by in no time at all. One day I was listening to the radio and heard a program on that very subject. It seems time is relevant to how much we have lived. When I was small say 5 years old, a year was only 20% of the time I knew. Therefore, it seemed very long to wait a year. Then you think well now that I am 42 years old a year is just over 2% of the time I know. Well you can do the math and see why time seems to go faster and faster. It is all how we perceive it.

Safety is still a number one priority. We cannot emphasize the points of safety for both spectators and exhibitors. It is very important that we continue to be careful with all these old machines. These old machines are lacking in some safety feature and sometime there are no safety features at all. When you see this you think how often did people work with these items without getting hurt. Well a lot of times they didn't. You can remember being told not to play around something or on something because you could get hurt. Well this really hasn't changed. We must be aware of the equipment we are using. We must make sure if we allow someone to use this equipment that they are familiar with it as well. Accidents happen because we are not expecting it or because we neglect something. Does that mean we can avoid all accidents? I wish we could. It isn't enough to think we are safe. We must know that we are. If you look at a situation and think it could be or has the potential to be unsafe it just very well may be. We must take our time and plan our activities. We must know our equipment and know that the people we allow to use our equipment understand how to operate it safely. All it takes is a little extra time, or a little larger area to get enough clearance for safe operation.

I hope everyone has a safe Holiday season. May God bless you. **George W Christmas**

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### South-central Region Johnny Burger

**The national and the regional shows this year was held in my area. This being my first year at being the director it gave me a better understanding of my responsibility. I found that you needed to read a lot to get the knowledge of how EDGETA worked and what it stands for. All this information is on the EDGETA web site.**

**It is something that all club members should read and more so if you are an officer. When you do something that is again the rules you are hurting yourself, our insurance can go up to the point that we could not afford the insurance. So when you let that person ride on your tractor or you don't put up ropes around your engines someone could get hurt. Not only do you feel bad but it could cost all of us. What I would like to get a cross to you is that EDGETA is not an insurance company, but that we have pulled together to afford insurance. What I have found out by going to some of our shows that we have a common interest we love to make repairs to old thing. When you can take some kind of equipment that is rusted and frozen up and make it look and run like new. It is something you can take pride in. We can learn from each other the old ways of doing thing. And pass it on. This is a good thing because almost all things made to day started with an old ideal. I feel I have meet some new friends and looking forward to meeting more.**

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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***



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WWW.EDGETA.ORG



SHOW SCHEDULE  
2010

## 50<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SHOW & BUSINESS MEETING

Co-Hosted by Branches 27, 8, 3.

June 24-27 - 2010

Santa Margarita Ranch on the CA West Costal Hwy 101

Between Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo, CA

Featuring "The Best of the West" Engines and Tractors

\$25.00 Fee for dry camping for all 4 days

Contacts: Tom Madden tmadden@ammglaw.com - Ben Ostini jbo.aermotor@bigvalley.net

National business meeting Sat. June 26 @ 6:00 pm Dinner @ 7:00 pm

**Business Meeting Contacts: Larry Voris 417-882-7195 lgvoris@sbcglobal.net  
Ruth Warnock 760-789-3402 rawarnock@sbcglobal.net**

NE Regional Show Branch 190  
Sept 2-3-4 and 5

Location: Van Buren County Fairgrounds, Hartford, MI  
Easy access from I-94 take Hartford Exit #46 N  
The Michigan IH Collector's Chapter #11 will also be on the grounds. Lots of other activities going on in the area.  
Camping with electric and water hookups  
Regional Meeting at 6:30 pm Friday evening  
Contact Wayne Unrath 269-325-3482  
unrathw@yahoo.com

NW Regional Show Branch 21  
Labor Day Weekend Sept 4-5

Location: Bodnar's Chimney Rock Ranch  
22 miles east of Klamath Falls, Or  
Hwy 140 East to Bliss Rd turn left and follow the signs  
Dry camp only free for exhibitors  
Br 21 will be raffling off a 1951 Super C Farmall Tractor  
Contact: John Puliz 530-667-5190  
Ronn Boehlke 541- 884-5814

NC Regional Show Branch 17  
Sept 24-26

Location: Ft Scott Fairgrounds, Ft Scott KS  
Held in conjunction with Annual Pioneer Harvest Fiesta  
Featured Tractor: Ford  
Regional Meeting Time: Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm  
Contact Ron Severt President 620-724-8898 or Gary Dowling 620-724-3189 glocksmi@ckt.net

SC Regional Show Branch 130  
June 19-20

South Texas Wheel Spinners & Crank Twisters  
This will be part of the Rice Belt Antique Show and Pull  
benefiting the Disabled American Veterans  
Location: American Legion Expansion Grounds –  
Hwy 71 South, El Campo  
Antique tractor pull, Kiddie pedal tractor pull  
Contact: Mark Hermes 361-798-3492

SE Regional Show – Branch 169  
Nov 12-13

Location: Cumming Fairgrounds 235 Castleberry Rd,  
Cumming, GA      Contacts:  
John Walls 678-986-1254 John\_Walls@gentpt.com  
David Thomas 678-644-3839 tdavid1@bellsouth.net  
Michael Moore 404-569-0028  
michael.moore@langsigns.com

SW Regional Show-Branch 117  
May 1-2

Location: 3001 N Main St Prescott Valley, AZ  
12 acres field between  
Tim's Event Center and Chamber of Commerce Bldg.  
Dry camping on site  
Contract Pat Slaughter 928-632-8455  
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