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Larry Voris, President Director @ Large

We just came back from the NC Regional meeting at branch 17, Fort Scott, KS. We were there Friday and Saturday Sept 24 & 25. The Pioneer Festival will celebrate their 55th year in 2011.

This year the engine feature was Maytag. I have never seen as many pieces of Maytag equipment. This was a National meet for the Maytag collectors and they turn out in big numbers. There was a copy of about everything Maytag ever built except for one Maytag corn sheller husker they can't get. The feature tractor was Allis Chalmers.

Little known facts that tie Allis Chalmers to Fort Scott, KS.

Bill Roberts, Missouri born in 1898 and farm bred. Bill went to work for Allis Chalmers in 1924 fresh from the Springfield, Missouri Business College. In 1931 he became sales manager of the Allis Chalmers tractor division. In 1941 he had moved up to General Manager of the tractor division. On Feb 26, 1951 he became president of Allis Chalmers. Mr. Roberts died in 1955 of a heart attack. His body was transported to Fort Scott, KS for burial in the family plot.

Branch 17 is a guest of the Pioneer Harvest Fiesta and most have dual memberships. Both clubs are in the rebuilding stage.

Branch 17 President Gary Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM Saturday afternoon. After the pledge and National anthem, Duane Ledford president of the Pioneer Harvest Fiesta was recognized and he made a presentation of a plaque to Larry Voris President of the National Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Assn. Larry accepted the plaque for the association and thanked them for the honor and then passed it to Gary Dowling President of Branch 17 saying the honor should stay there for keeping. There were 22 people in attendance representing 5 branches.

Larry talked about the Hall of Fame, Insurance program, Web Site, National shows for 2011 and about some of the little incidents that have happened in the last couple of years promoting safety. Meeting was turning back to Gary Dowling for door prize drawings.

Insurance Update

Dick Tombrink

Over Labor Day weekend, I attended the NW Regional show and meeting at Bodnar's Chimney Rock Ranch, hosted by Branch 21, Hildebrand Threshers. It is located about 20 miles East of Klamath Falls, OR. It was not a large show but was done well. They had numerous tractors, stationary engine displays, threshing and baling demonstrations, blacksmith demonstration, musical entertainment and a great evening meal after the EDGETA meeting. Since they are not close to a population center, it is hard to get people to the show. But that did not stop people coming from six other branches including some from California.



A problem that applies to many branches is how to get the Youth involved. EDGETA has the Youth Certification Program that we should all take advantage of. My home branch, branch 29 is fortunate in that we have quite a few young people that are pretty involved in our branch. At the last election of directors, we elected a 16 year old as a director. He is very mature for his age, and takes the position very seriously. I suggest you keep your eyes open for young people who come up with good ideas, and promote them to a position in your branch. If anyone has any other ideas please share them with us, and we will pass them on to other branches.

As to insurance, things have gone pretty smooth except we had a problem getting internet requests for a certificate of insurance and proof of insurance

to our insurance agent last month. Last month for a short period of time neither myself nor the insurance agent were getting the requests. The problem is resolved now. If you request an insurance certificate and it does not come when you requested it, please let me or our insurance agent know. I get copies of all requests, so if I get it the insurance agent should have received it. But the certificate comes from our insurance agent.

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

Our show year is about over, especially in the northern part of the country. It is time to put our tractors and engines away for the winter. I hope each of you had a safe show season.

Keep safety in mind as number 1. Remember to "take two" (seconds, minutes, etc) to be sure the action you are about to take is safe.

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**A report from the  
NE Regional Area:  
Wayne Timchuck**



Well first of all I want to thank Wayne and his group in Hartford Michigan for a well-organized show and for hosting the regional meeting.

They were a very good host and I had a good time. The weather was a little damp at times but they overcame that and had a very good tractor pull. They had a very nice selection of International Tractors and equipment. This is a very safety conscious club and I want to thank them for that.

I have a couple more shows this fall and by then it will be winter. I traveled to quite a few shows this summer we had pretty good weather and most of them but attendance at some shows was not great. I think the problem in my area is there are too many shows. On a normal weekend there are probably three shows within a 40 mile radius and that's just too many. I attended the Ohio science review in London Ohio the weather was pretty good and I heard a set records for attendance.

Up until two days ago we had perfect harvesting weather. In the last two days I received

almost 4 inches of rain at my place. The farmers have started harvesting a lot earlier this year than normal the biggest share of the beings are out and I heard of 75 bushels. The corn is probably half harvested in my area and I've heard of 258 bushels per acre. We really lucked out this year we had rains when we needed them. I know other parts of the state weren't so lucky. There is some corn in the southern part of the state that they won't even harvest because of the drought.

As the season winds down we need to be aware of winterizing our tractors and equipment getting them in the barn for the winter. We need to be extra careful in doing things like this to be on the safe side. Remember safety first! For some of us this time of the year there can be frost on the planks or just wet that makes it a lot more unsafe. REMEMBER SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!!

With November just around the corner hunting seasons are in full swing and Thanksgiving Day isn't very far off. Where did the summer go it seems like only yesterday I was enjoying the California weather at the national meeting. With Thanksgiving just around the corner that means Christmas is not too far way. So I would like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!!

**SE Regional Director,  
George W Christmas**

The weather is cooler. The leaves are starting to fall. It is officially fall. It is time for all the fall harvest festivals, carnivals and county fairs. The days are getting shorter and the nights seem to be the same length they always are. That is how it feels to me, especially when the alarm goes off at 5:00 am.



Do you ever wonder where all the time goes? I do all the time. I look around and see that it seems I just don't have enough time to complete everything I need to do. Then I think about the things I would like to do. I guess I just continue to bring projects home when I should be completing the ones already there. I somehow don't think that will happen this year.

It is that time of year when we start to plan our winter projects and hopefully have them completed by the time spring arrives. What will it be this year?

Will it be a tractor, steam engine, stationary engine of some sort, garden tractor or some old implements? Whatever it is that you choose I am sure it will be fun. Don't forget to take the time to enjoy those fall and winter shows that will be going on this year.

I will be attending the southeast regional show in November. I am ready to visit with the folks of Branch 169 in Cumming, Ga. It promises to be a great show. I would like to wish everyone a safe fall show season. Please remember to keep safety first, because safety is everyone's job.

Another season has about come to an end. In California there was the National in Santa Margarita which was a fabulous show hosted by branches 27, 8 and 3. Many rare and unusual



engines were on display. The crawler tractors were having a blast making hill size mounds of dirt and digging craters in the earth. When the show was over the grounds were as level as they found them.

A few months later the branch 132 annual show was held in Gardnerville, Nevada. For fifteen years now their show has been getting bigger and better. This year it was in a new location which didn't appear to have any effect on the amount of exhibitors or spectators. It was a great show and a good time was had by all.

The end of September was the fall show hosted by branch 22 in San Diego County. It was held at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center, CA. It was similar to the gathering of the orange, except these were giant pumpkins. It was opening day at the farm, so there were many spectators that came to buy pumpkins and a variety of things from the store. As an added bonus there were tractors, engines, washing machines, a working blacksmith shop, sewing machines, old cars, a bubble machine, rope making machine and a member making ice cream. The temperature was rather warm at 106 degrees, but with the many trees providing shade and the onsite ice cream maker no one seemed to mind. The next show in my area will be the Veteran's Day Show on November 6<sup>th</sup> at Flabob Airport in Riverside, CA. [www.Flabob.com](http://www.Flabob.com)

**Don Young SW Director/Safety Chairman/Youth Driver Coordinator**

**Submitted by Don Young SW Director/Safety Chairman/Youth Driver Coordinator**

**Secretary/Treasurer/  
Editor-Ruth**

**Warnock** It has certainly been a busy year in my office. Nine new branches and so far, 12000 members.



I have also received many requests from branches in need of supplies. First of all I would like to remind you to ask your members to try to take care of and maintain the original cards given to them to help cut down costs. I realize some get lost and old ones get broken, but if we all try a little harder it would help. I would also like to encourage all of you to please put your branch number on ALL emails and correspondence to me. It really helps. Also, if you are in need of membership cards, please always request quantity and also if you are requesting just cards or cards and annual stickers. This also helps to expedite your order. I hope you have all had a great year hosting and attending other shows. Please remember to abide by our safety guidelines at all times. Encourage your membership to go on line to [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org) and refresh their memory.. Also changes are made when required, and it is the only way we can keep up with all of this. Our webmaster Sally maintains these pages and is always willing to accommodate the branches by putting information about their branches on request.

**Encourage your members to read this newsletter and keep up to date with what is going on at the National level.**

**The real pictures of our directors are on our administrative pages. Don't hesitate to contact them if you have any questions or need information.**

