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EDGETA Secretary/Treasurer Position

Ruth Warnock, our EDGETA Secretary/Treasurer, has given the EDGETA Board of Directors notice that she intends to retire her position on December 31, 2011. She took this job in 1998, and was a big help in bringing the EDGETA organization to what it is today. Many of you have had contact with her, and know she is the spark plug that keeps the EDGETA organization going. She has been there to answer your questions and to help you with any issues concerning your membership.

The Board of Directors is faced with the difficult task of finding her replacement. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the position or if you are interested in the position please contact Larry Voris at lgvoris@sbcglobal.net, or call him at (417) 882-7195 for more details. Thank you for your help.

EDGETA Board of Directors

Larry Voris, President and Director @ Large

The old saying, March winds and April shower brings May flowers has somehow gotten out of line. This year we still had cold and snow in March. The first half of April had the March winds. The last week of April has been a flood. In May we had tornados everywhere. The trees are just about in full leaf and that means that it is show time. To me this is the most beautiful time of the year with all the new growth.

I have been to the barn a couple of time lately and walked through looking at what I should have done this last winter. Oh well I still have something to do.

We are still having trouble with a few branches not updating their officers and directors each year. This is a must for our organization to operate smoothly. When we have needed to correspond or talk to a branch, we need to be able to talk to you now. It seems that you all want to use our benefit

program but don't want to follow through and do the paper work that we require. I hear some say that the officers are the same as last year. We still need to know this every year. We need correct phone numbers, e-mail addresses and contact information. Some people change phone numbers and e-mail address as often as some change their socks. I know you are busy, but please help us out.

On another note on tying down our tractors and equipment to the trailers; I didn't like the new 4-point system that we are being forced to do. At one of our local farm shows a couple of years ago we looked at straps and the display people were helpful. They showed us the car type straps that you go over the axle and snap to a sliding hook and the other end with the ratchet and hook that goes to the trailer.

I called and asked the proper names of the hooks. He told me they have the flat hook; the wire hook is either 3/8 or 1/2 inch that you hook to a D-ring or the flat snap-hook which also hooks to the D-ring. The straps are polyester webbing and it doesn't stretch. I use the 2 inch straps that have the 2-red strips down the center of the strap. This is 12,000 lb tinsel strength material. The material for slings is made of nylon and they will stretch. It is important that you use the sliding protectors that go over the straps so you won't cut the strap when going over a drawbar, axle or a good tie point. After I got all the proper names this is what I use. I have the flat snap-hook followed by a protector and the sliding D-ring. You can adjust this up and down the strap for the flat snap hook to snap into. I use a 10 foot strap that goes to the ratchet. I use a flat hook on the ratchet end to the side of the trailer which has the flat bar. Now I'm done. I don't have to wrap up 10 feet of extra strap and tie it some way so it won't come loose and drag down the road behind the trailer. Yes, I did have a strap end come loose one time on the front of the trailer and drag down the road. It was ok until the strap blew over and the trailer wheel ran over the strap end. I heard

a noise and looked in the rear view mirror just in time to see the strap and pieces fly through the air. I never did find all the parts. There are lots of ways to hook to the trailers. Just be sure to use the proper system. Occasionally I still use chains and boomerons on heavier equipment. If it is a big tractor or crawler I will 4-point it with 4 chains and boomerons.

Until next time let's all be safe and think before we do something that might get someone hurt. It could be you.

Insurance Update, By Dick Tombrink

There are several insurance related items that I would like to make you aware of that are important at this time.

First, our insurance carrier has decided to not cover Canadian members at events in Canada. They decided they do not have the resources or license to provide coverage in Canada. Our insurance will still cover Canadian members in the US, when they attend and participate in the events in the US, but not in Canada. If you have Canadian members in your branch please alert them that we can no longer provide coverage for them in Canada. We have Canadian members at my home branch 29, and our branch will refund their dues for this year if they want to cancel their membership. The EDGETA Board of directors is now considering a motion to refund the EDGETA dues paid by the branches for Canadian member for those who choose to cancel their membership. If you do cancel a Canadian membership, be sure to let Ruth know. IF you have questions regarding Canadian memberships please contact me Email: dicknsue@nemontel.net
Phone: 406-967-6687.

Second, regarding people movers, our EDGETA insurance provides coverage when they are being used to move people around at one of your shows, or in the parade at your show. If you are asked to use it at someone else's tractor/engine related event that is a non EDGETA event, you need to ask them to provide you with a copy of their insurance naming your branch as an additional insured for that event. The primary responsibility falls on their insurance. People movers used to carry a class reunion at a community parade, for example, are not covered by EDGETA insurance. Also people movers used to carry customers at a local farmers

pumpkin patch are not covered. If people movers are used for profit of an individual (and not the branch) there is no insurance coverage by our EDGETA insurance. The above comments can also apply to tractor pull sleds.

Third, when you rent facilities for your show or event and are asked to sign a liability form, please read it over carefully and be sure your branch and EDGETA are not liable for anything that happens anywhere on the premises. Make sure it sounds reasonable to you. We saw a case last year where a branch signed a form making them liable for anything that happened on the premises, even though their show was limited to a portion of the premises. If you have questions about the liability form you are asked to sign, send it to me and I will forward it on to our EDGETA insurance agent for his review.

I hope you all had a good winter and got a lot done on your tractor and engine projects. My wife had me remodeling our house most of this winter, so my shop projects suffered. We had a cold wet winter. We have a record snow pack in the mountains and have had a cool spring, so most of the snow is still there. In May we normally get about 2 1/2" inches of precipitation in the Billings area, but this May we received over 9" in 3 different storms (rain in the lower elevations and more snow in the mountains). As a result we have roads washed out, and major all time record flooding all over Montana. Fort Peck dam in NE Montana has an overflow spillway that has only been used several times since it was built. In 1975 they used the spillway and passed a record 35,000 cfs, today (6/13) it passed 65,000 cfs. So if you live downstream of Montana there is a lot of water heading your way.

Please visit our EDGETA web site often, www.edgeta.org for updates. 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. Think safety, and remember to think about what you are about to do to be sure it is a safe action!

Report from SC Director, Johnny Burger

We send out four News Letter's a year and it should be easy to do. I have been to a number of shows and had a good time at each. I can sit down and tell you some of the great times I have had. But when I get behind the computer the mind becomes blank. I would like to tell you about our clubs good luck. As far as I know we are the only club in Arkansas that owns the property that we have our shows on. We have been working on the county to make us Property Tax exempt. We had to take them to court but four days before the court date we settled out of court. Now we are tax exempt we were paying about \$1400.00 a year in property taxes.

I did go to the SC Regional Show. The show was small but they put their hearts in to it. I would love to see more clubs get involved with the regional shows. It gives you a chance to show your exhibit to other that might not have seen it. You may get new ideas to take back to your club. We have only one a year. If you have input for EDGETA I would love to hear from you.. The SC Regional Show location and date is put on the EDGETA Web site under National/Regional show Hope to see you at the next one. Burger

SW Regional Director, Don Young

Summer isn't officially here yet, but I decided to service my swamp cooler today at 98° in the shade. I should have done it when it was much cooler, but I didn't need it then. I did accomplish some tasks in the winter months. I refurbished a 1961 Bolens garden tractor and I have a rebuilt engine ready to install in a 1948 Massey Harris "30".

I had a good time at the show in Tulare, CA and an even better time when we traveled to Dinuba, CA to celebrate with Branch 8 their 30th anniversary. In May we had a successful tractor/engine car show at Cal Poly Pomona. Soon parades are beginning in the area and some shows.

Looking forward to the National Show in Winfield, KS in August and I understand that it could be hot. I hope that with the economy the way it is, there will be a large turnout. It is always interesting to travel to a show away from home, as you meet the nicest people and see equipment that you don't usually see. I always learn a lot from shows and then I am

able to share my experiences with others.

We all hope that our members have a great and safe summer. SW Director/Safety Director/Youth Driver

SE Regional Director, George W Christmas

I would like to thank branch 175 for hosting the southeast regional show this year. I had a great time. It was hot and the crowd was thin but overall a good show. We had tractor games like the barrel roll, slow tractor race and the egg carry. The egg carry was the biggest challenge. I will say it was for me driving a hand clutch tractor over some strategically placed boards. You had to slow down just at the right time to deal with the jolt of going over the boards and kept the egg on a spoon the entire time. It was a lot of fun. Unfortunately the rain came early that afternoon and we had to pack it in for the day. Oh well there is always next year. Thanks again to branch 175 for the work they did putting the show together.

I hope everyone has a safe summer. Please familiarize yourself with the safety requirements listed on the web site. Remember safety is everyone's business.

I have an email to share with everyone. It may not be as funny as the last one I shared but it sure does make a lot of sense. I hope you enjoy it.

No NURSING HOME FOR me!!!

I'll be checking into a Holiday Inn!

The following is where you'll find me when we can't live alone anymore.

This is my plan and I am sticking to it!!

With the average cost for a nursing home care costing \$188.00 per day, there is a better way when we get old and too feeble.

I've already checked on reservations at the Holiday Inn.

For a combined long term stay discount and senior discount, its \$59.23 per night.

Breakfast is included, and some have happy hours in the afternoon.

That leaves \$128.77 a day for lunch and dinner in any restaurant we want, or room service, laundry, gratuities and special TV movies.

Plus, they provide a spa, swimming pool, a

workout room, a lounge and washer-dryer, etc. Most have free toothpaste and razors, and all have free shampoo and soap.

\$5 worth of tips a day you'll have the entire staff scrambling to help you. They treat you like a customer, not a patient. There's a city bus stop out front, and seniors ride free. The handicap bus will also pick you up (if you fake a decent limp). To meet other nice people, call a church bus on Sundays. For a change of scenery, take the airport shuttle bus and eat at one of the nice restaurants there. While you're at the airport, fly somewhere. Otherwise, the cash keeps building up. It takes months to get into decent nursing homes. Holiday Inn will take your reservation today. And you're not stuck in one place forever -- you can move from Inn to Inn, or even from city to city. Want to see Hawaii? They have Holiday Inn there too.

TV broken? Light bulbs need changing? Need a mattress replaced? No problem... They fix everything, and apologize for the inconvenience. The Inn has a night security person and daily room service. The maid checks to see if you are ok. If not, they'll call an ambulance . . . or the undertaker.

If you fall and break a hip, Medicare will pay for the hip, and Holiday Inn will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life.

And no worries about visits from family. They will always be glad to find you, and probably check in for a few days mini-vacation. The grandkids can use the pool. What more could I ask for? So, when I reach that golden age, I'll face it with a grin. I'll face it with a grin.



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.

Northeast Regional Director-Wayne Timchuk

Well winter is over and April went right into June. In my area we've had rain and mud until the first week in June. Now it has been hot and dry with a little cold mixed in. There was very few acres of corn planted in May. Most of the corn in my area was planted the first week of June. By now all the farmers have their soybeans planted too. Corn will have to hurry to be knee-high by the Fourth of July. I have attended five different tractor shows this year and they have not been good. Hopefully the shows coming up will have better attendance now that all the farming is done. I know this four dollar a gallon gas has to do something with the problem I know it's taking a toll on my budget.

By the time you read this newsletter our Northeast Regional Show and meeting will be over. They have a nice showground and hopefully we will have a great turnout of exhibitors and people. The problem we have in Ohio is the amount of shows every weekend.

I know that the people west of the Mississippi's show season are pretty much in full swing. But back here in the Northeast our shows get rolling in June. As we start to get ready to go to shows we need to be safety conscious. It's been a while since we loaded and loaded equipment so be extra careful. Now is the time we need to safety check all our equipment. We need to go over the trailer, check wiring, brakes, tires and wheel bearings. Also we need to do this to our tow vehicle. Another thing people don't think about is to check your loading ramps if they are wood make sure they're still good. Also make sure you have a way of securing them so they don't kick out from under you.

Have a very safe and enjoyable summer season and remember keep our troops in your prayers because they're the people that let us live in a great country. God Bless America

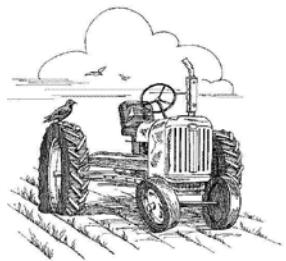
Winston Churchill said I contend that for a nation to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

Secretary/Treasurer/Editor-Ruth Warnock

Well the cat's out of the bag,

After 13 years of holding the position of Secretary/Treasurer/Editor, I have decided it's time we got some new blood with fresh ideas and ask someone else to take on the job. I can't even begin to tell you how rewarding it has been. I have made so many new friends and I think I have completed the task without making any enemies. How great is that???? What a joy to watch this organization grow.

I acquired this job by picking up about 30 boxes of very well hand written records from Menno Kliewer and proceeded to get things somewhat organized and on the computer. Since I was not a professional, it took some doing and most that is done has worked for me. I'm sure the person filling the position will have many grand ideas of their own and will be a great asset to wonderful organization. I have sent my job description and as much detail as I could come up with to the board of directors, so I hope you will contact them with your interest to take on this responsibility. I would like to thank all for your cooperation. (Especially those responsible for reporting their branch membership to the national) It does take many hands to turn the wheel. Ruth



I would like to welcome the new branches.

Branch 221 Cedaredge CO

Branch 222 Carlsbad NM

Branch 223 Lakeside AZ

Branch 224 Henderson CO

Branch 225 Monte Vista CO

Branch 226 Hartselle AL

I still have two on my desk to process as soon as I receive all information required.

We presently have a total of 170 branches in our great organization. We had approximately 70 when I started this job.

Last year we topped off our membership with a little over 11,900 and this year we are well on our way to exceeding that count.

Please remind your members to follow the EDGE&TA guidelines so that we may continue to grow.

Contact our webmaster, Sally, to add information to your web page.

Where the Pills Go
A row of bottles on my shelf
Caused me to analyze myself.
One yellow pill I have to pop
Goes to my heart so it won't stop
A little white one that I take
Goes to my hands so they won't shake
The blue one that I use a lot
Tells me I'm happy when I'm not
The purple pill goes to my brain
And tells me that I have no pain
The capsule tells me not to wheeze
Or cough or sneeze
The red one, smallest of them all,
Goes to my head so I won't fall

Such an array of brilliant pills
Helping cure all kinds of ills
But what I'd really like to know
Is what tells each pill where to go!

Do You Remember a Time When Decisions were made by going...

'eeny-meeny-miney-moe'?

Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, 'Do Over!?

'Race issue' meant arguing about who ran the fastest?

Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers...