

# E.D.G.E.&T.A.

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### From our president Larry Voris

Well it looks like we are about to write 2011 off and start on 2012. Health wise 2011 wasn't good but results were excellent. Our health is probably the thing we need to guard at all costs. I have been cleaning on my home shop to get ready for some winter projects. I hadn't seen the back wall on my garage for possibly 45 years. I don't know how many loads I hauled to the ditch and several to the barn. Some people call us scavengers, pack rats, hoarders and other names. I don't like to throw anything away. I might need that piece again sometime. It was hard but I can get a couple of lawn tractors in for my next project. I won't tell you what it is yet. Hopefully I'll have it ready for the National Show in 2012.

So far we have had a fairly safe year. We did have a fender bender with a tractor rolling into a car. I went back and researched the accidents that we have had since 1998. I found 2 injury accidents involving personal injury on the show grounds of some kind. We have had 6 that involved tractors. Are we going to have to rope off the tractors like we do the running gas engines displays? It looks like we need to have moving ropes around the tractors as we move them.

We have had one incident involving a tractor pull sled. This is where a branch putting on a tractor pull didn't have enough members to help and a person walked in out of the crowd and offered to do the hooking and unhooking of the sled. This is a no-no for a non-member helping us do anything at a show or tractor pull. This was an expensive lesson.

We don't want to quit having tractor pulls and anything involved with tractors.

We want you to first think about what you are going to do and then think again to see if you were right the first time. Some of us have driven and been around tractors for 50-60 years or more. We still need to be very careful in what we do. Then we

have those that were raised on a farm and haven't driven a tractor for 50 years, retire and get an old tractor like they learned to drive on. They restore it and start taking it to shows, tractor drives and parades. Then they find another tractor of a different brand that is completely different on the clutch-brake-shift pattern-seat-how you get on-etc. Then you really have to think when you get on a tractor. Some hand clutches push forward to engage and some pull backwards. Some have the clutch and brake on the same lever. But this is what we are all about, collecting, restoring and exhibiting our equipment. But now we are 70 years old and don't think or move as fast as we did when we were a kid. We get excited when we get in a pinch or tight spot, or distracted by something or someone

These incidents may cause the cost of your benefit package to increase. We have to be very careful with anything we do with all kinds of equipment we display at a show.

Hope to see some of you at a show in 2012.

Now most of you know that Ruth Warnock is retiring. She has held this job since 1998 when EDGETA was re-organized. She knows the organization inside & out. She forgets very little. She is like 2 old friends of EDGETA, both died in the last 2-3 years.

H.R. was a factory Ford tractor rep. and Bill was a mechanic, later a Ford dealer. This friendship started in about 1950. I was visiting with one of Bills sons later and said these 2 men are like the story that "they have probably forgotten more than I'll ever know". I told the son that H.R. & Bill didn't forget anything about ford tractors, and if they did they sure wouldn't admit it. He said you got that right. This is the reason that Ruth has been appointed EDGETA historian. Drop her a card and wish her well. Thanks Ruth.

Larry

## **Insurance Update, By Dick Tombrink**

During the month of November, my wife and I spent 4 days at Branson, MO. We really enjoyed the shows and the other attractions that are there. I would recommend to everyone to include a trip to Branson in your bucket list of things to do if you have not done so already. We also had a chance for the 4 EDGETA directors on the insurance committee to meet with our insurance agent, Carrel Sanders. It was a good meeting, and I think helped all of us understand our insurance coverage better. Below are some of the important items that were discussed at the meeting that will help you understand our insurance coverage.

We as branches need to carefully review the contracts we sign when renting show grounds or places where we hold our events. We have had to pay out several claims that should have been borne by the owners insurance, not ours. Please be sure you only assume liability for the portion of the grounds that you are using. Do not assume liability for other groups or organizations that are on the show grounds while you are there. When leasing property, the contract should define the buildings and areas to be used for the event. Any building or area not used should be excluded by the contract. Any vendor that has a separate contract with the owner of the property, permitting the vendor the right to provide goods or services at the event should be excluded from our lease and therefore not be covered under our insurance. If you have any questions about the contract that you are asked to sign, please email it to either Larry or myself and we will get back to you with our comments. We are considering having an attorney write up a sample contract for us to use when renting facilities, rather than accepting the one from the owner.

One of the exclusions on our policy is auto and truck coverage, they are not covered. We discussed this at the meeting, and another way to look at it is that if the auto or truck is covered by compulsory or financial responsibility law, in other words if it can be licensed, (as autos and trucks are) it is not covered under our insurance. Also if an auto or truck is used to pull a people mover, it is not covered under our insurance. If the people mover is

pulled by a tractor, it is covered under our insurance.

Regarding the transportation of exhibits to an EDGETA show or sanctioned event, the policy **does not** provide liability coverage for transportation until the exhibit is unloaded at the destination or in the case of engines being exhibited on a trailer, until the trailer load of exhibits or any equipment attached to a licensed vehicle is detached. The club member's automobile policy should cover any claim to that point. An exhibit, such as a tractor, which is driven to a show under its own power, is covered. If a tractor is unloaded near the event grounds, and driven on public roads to the event it is covered, with EDGETA liability coverage starting when it is unloaded from the trailer or truck.

As of the end of December, our Secretary/Treasurer, Ruth Warnock, will be retiring. Many of you have come to know her, when you contacted her with your questions, or problems. If she did not know the answer she would direct you to someone who could help you. She was a stabilizing force that greatly influenced bringing the EDGETA organization to where it is today. We will all miss her; I thank her for all her efforts, and wish her the best in her retirement.

Next year Carrie Jo Parmley will take over as our new Secretary/Treasurer. She will have an initial learning curve to get through, but I am sure she will do well.

Also next year, our EDGETA dues will remain the same as this year that is \$8 per member. National dues need to be sent to Carrie Jo by March 15. Please try to get as many branch members as you can to renew their membership by the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. However, we realize there will always be members that will not renew their membership until later, and you will need to submit them later.

My wife and I would like to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous, and **Safe** New Year.

**Remember to continue to keep safety Number one!!**

### **Report from SC Director, Johnny Burger**

The more active I get into this Hobby the more I learn, about the farming of years gone by. We got a call from a person who had come to one of our shows. On his farm he had pulled out a big pile of iron that was some kind of equipment and did not know what it was. He wants to donate it to the club if we want it. This thing had two wheels about 14" tall 3" wide and a 2" x 2" bar that was about 12' long that the wheels attached to. In the iron was some flat iron 1" wide and about 2' long some were bolted to the 2" x 2" bar. Casted iron parts that was shaped like 2" bullets that was flat at the back with two holds in the flat part was all over in the pile of iron. Then the thing that brought it all together was that we found a 10' long wooden spear with the bullet shape casted iron on the end. It was A Buck rake these were horse drawn at first and then made for tractors. With parts missing we could not tell what type this one was made for. We will try to rebuilt the buck rake and add it to our club exhibits. A buck rake is for the harvest of cut hay to move to a barn or pile outside. Put buck rake on an internet search engine and some good sites have pictures. I fine that our history is full of unique thing. Some made life easier others I am not sure of. We are fortunate that we have clubs that are preserving this old farming equipment.. The amount of money that you can get from steel today the old equipment would soon be gone. John Burger

### **From the Northeast region.**

It has been a pretty slow fall. After the national meeting in Kansas it seems everything has gone downhill. I attended a few shows in the area this fall that weren't the best. We had rainy weather and small turnouts. I don't know what the answers are. We had our local branch 103 show in October. We had nice weather and a great turnout of equipment and tractors. It was held in conjunction with the Quarry Hill orchards weekend activities. They hold these weekends in the fall for people to come and pick your own apples and other associated things like pumpkins and homemade cider. We had a buzz saw sawing slab wood and another person was shelling corn and making cornmeal. It is amazing how many city people come to pick their own apples and have no idea about the machinery and equipment and what it does. The owner of Quarry

Hill orchards was really pleased with our display and how it added to his weekend.

I attended our Buckeye Oliver Collectors fall meeting and a couple of Christmas parties so far this fall. The food was good at all meetings. I still have a couple of Christmas parties coming up but by the time you read this it will be in the past. The biggest share of our crops has been harvested but it has been a fight. We have set record rain falls in Ohio this year. We started out wet in the spring and many of the crops were planted late. We had a mediocre rainfall during the summer and it must've been just enough because our crop harvests were very good. Any of the crops that are not harvested now will probably have to wait and till it freezes up. In the last couple of days we've had over 5 inches rain.

Now as we start putting our equipment and tractors away for the winter we need to be extra careful. If you have a project in the shop remember safety first. Be sure and check your furnaces, chimneys and ventilation if your painting. Just remember safety starts with you!

As most of you know this will probably be Ruth's last newsletter. I want to thank her for all the help she has given me during my time with this organization. I know a lot of members in my area deal with Ruth on a regular basis. Being she was from the Massachusetts area. We are all going to miss her and all the help she has given us. I consider Ralph and her very good friends and I'm going to miss them at our national meetings.

Well if this newsletter gets to you before Christmas have a very happy and MERRY CHRISTMAS. Also have a very safe and prosperous NEW YEAR!!

THANKS AGAIN RUTH FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR EARLY DAYS GAS ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION. WE ALL WILL MISS YOU VERY MUCH!!!!!!!!!!

Wayne Timchuk, your Northeast director

## SW Regional Director

It has been an eventful show season for me. Four shows in the southwest and three in the central region. Two months off and ready to start again with a show near the end of January in Wellton, Arizona hosted by Branch 206. If you are in this area escaping from the cold this is a must see show.

As I travel about I always see an engine or a tractor that I have never seen before. The knowledge that I acquire from the people I meet is very rewarding. There are more and more young people getting involved with the hobby and I hope the trend continues. Working on machinery can be very dangerous. Whatever you are working on, take the time to do it safely. Check your trailer, tires, lights, wiring, safety chains, and the coupler. In many cases it is safer to back your tractor onto your trailer especially if the ramps are short and at a steep angle. I have tongue jacks on the rear corners of my trailer to avoid lifting the truck off the ground if you have a heavy tractor. Be familiar with your local tie down laws and the laws of the States that you may be traveling thru.

I will miss Ruth as secretary/treasurer/editor of EDTGE&TA and all the help she has given me. She was instrumental in having me become first an advisor and then director of EDGE&TA. However, I will remain in close in touch with her as we are both in Branch 22 get to see each other on several occasions throughout the year.

Hope y'all have a safe and prosperous holiday.  
Don Young Chairman/Youth Driver Coordinator



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.

*Secretary/Treasurer/Editor-Ruth Warnock*

*This will be my last newsletter to the EDGE&TA branches. It doesn't seem possible I have been at this job for 14 years. It has been quite a ride. I have made so many friends along the way.*

*Your new secretary/treasurer/editor as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> will be Carrie Jo Parmley. She has been secretary of her branch for a long time so is aware of what you all go through to keep things organized in your branch. I know she is going to be a great asset to the administration.*

*Please make sure all future checks, membership lists, and all correspondence is addressed to Carrie Jo Parmley - 15246 Seven League Rd, Tyler, Texas 75703. Phone 903-360-0396 email [cjparmley2@gmail.com](mailto:cjparmley2@gmail.com).*

***IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU INFORM THE SECRETARY, TREASURER, MEMBERSHIP PERSON IN YOUR BRANCH OF THIS CHANGE IN ORDER TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING SMOOTHLY FOR YOUR BRANCH AND EDGE&TA.***

*Remember to contact the director for your area if you have any questions.*

*I would like to take this time to thank all that you do for your branches and EDGE&TA. It has been great working with all of you*



*Have a safe, happy, holiday season.*

## 2012 Show Schedule

### NATIONAL SHOW

Hosted by Branch 29 - August 18-19  
Montana State University Ag Research  
Center/Huntley Museum of Irrigated Agriculture  
Grounds located east of Huntley, MT- Hwy 312.  
Featuring International Harvester tractors and  
equipment. Camping is available in Billings at the  
KOA Kampgrounds, 547 Garden Ave.  
(406) 252-3104, Eastwood Estates 1803 US Hwy 87  
East (406) 245-7733, and Trailer Village,  
325 So. Billings Blvd (406) 248-8685.  
There is also limited dry camping at the Museum of  
Irrigated Agriculture next to the show grounds.  
Ken Amann, President,  
Branch 29 (406) 652-5973 [pgramley@bresnan.net](mailto:pgramley@bresnan.net)

**North West** August 1-4 Branch 26  
Berthusen Park-Puget Sound Antique Tractor &  
Machinery Show.  
Contact Matt Montaque 360-976-3884 –  
Morrie Robinson 360-826-3782

**South East** October 5-6 Branch 202  
Contact Travis Brown 615-556-2344  
Feature tractor will be Keck Gonneman

**South West** October 26-28 Branch 134  
Cedar City, Utah  
Contact Kip Hansen 208-731-3324

**North Central** October 12-13 Branch 28  
Caboul Missouri Contact David Milton  
417-259-0395

**North East** June 2-3 Branch 35  
Chippokes State Park's Frm and Forestry Museum  
868 Plantation Road, Surry, Virginia  
Contact Donald Frederick 757-826-6367  
Jeremy Frederick 757-930-3299

**South Central** Oct 6-7 Branch 147  
Hazen Arkansas  
Contact John Christen, Sr  
870-468-6945

Check the web pages for more information -  
updates/changes

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