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From George Christmas, President and SE Director

Well fall is finally here! I am glad to see the cooler weather. I hope everyone is getting to enjoy it, too. This time of the year seems to be the busiest for me. There are parades, town festivals, shows and local fairs to attend. We got a call recently from the local Walmart. They asked if we could loan them some tractors for a fall display. This was truly a first for us. So we did just that. It is kind of neat to go to the local Walmart and see antique tractors out front with scarecrows on them and surrounded by mums and other fall plants. We were really surprised when they asked if the tractors could be on display until Thanksgiving. Yes, you guessed it we said sure. At times like these it is nice to have a few extra tractors around.

Well, this time of year always prompts thoughts of what will I do during the winter months. Yes, it is also time to look for that winter project. There is always something to do. I think this year I will work on my tractor haulers. Ok, I just have a couple of trailers that need a little window dressing. A little paint and a couple of boards here and there, hopefully they will look as good as new. I know some of you are thinking, "Well that should take about a couple of Saturdays so what will he do with the rest of his time." To tell you the truth, that will take me most of the winter with all the other farm projects to be done. It is a never ending cycle.

I hope everyone takes special care during the show season to be extra careful. Take a little more time when you are checking your equipment to make sure it is safe. Please be sure the brakes are working correctly. A kill switch for the ignition should be working properly. Every tractor needs a fire extinguisher. Never leave a tractor or engine running unattended. Safety is everyone's concern. Please give other vehicles adequate room when parking or moving in a parade. Please go to the website and review the safety section. All of these guidelines are for the benefit of each member. I have seen several show letters recently stating to potential exhibitors guidelines for their shows that EDGETA has in place for our membership already. Safety is beginning to get more attention. This is very

important if we wish to continue to have venues to show and display our antique farm machinery.

Remember, this association is what it is because of our members. Please feel free to contact any of the national officers if you have questions or concerns. We are here to help and answer questions. Please continue to make every effort to keep our hobby safe for the spectators as well as the exhibitors. I hope everyone has a wonderful fall season. May God bless you all.

George W Christmas, Southeast Region Director & President

Insurance Update, September 2013, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

My branch #29 hosted the EDGETA NW Regional and Show this year on August 17-18 at the Huntley Project Threshing Bee. We appreciate all of you who were able to attend and help us make it a success. We sincerely appreciate those of you who brought exhibits and participated in our show. We had the pleasure to present the Hall of Fame plaque to Orrin and Cathy Iseminger from Branch 54. Next year the EDGETA National Show and Meeting will be at Branch 51, in Lewistown, Montana on June 14-15. Come back and enjoy Montana, the big sky country.

We have had a good year from an accident standpoint, with no reported claims. This is a result of everyone paying attention and thinking about safety. We all need to be sure we conduct our Branch shows in a safe manner to eliminate claims and be sure everyone goes home at the end of the day safe and happy. Encourage all your members to continue to think safety before each action at a show.

Normally I devote my space in this newsletter to issues relating to our insurance. Since things have been kind of quiet in the insurance area, I am going to pass on a tip that I have used to repair tire wheel rims that have been corroded either by calcium chloride in tires or just wet conditions. Some of you probably have already done this. Most of the time the damage is limited to the area around the valve stem. Find yourself another like size rim that has the same problem,

corrosion around the valve stem. From one you can find good metal to patch the other one. I use a 3" high speed air cut off tool (like those available from Harbor Freight) to cut out the damaged areas. I then transfer the cutout corroded metal to the sacrificial rim and use the cutout as a pattern to cut out the new replacement piece. Make the new piece a little oversize. Position the new piece to the rim being repaired and use the cut off tool to cut trim the pattern to get about 1/8" or less gap all round. Weld the patch in with a wire feed welder. Then use a right angle grinder to clean up the welds, and finish with a flap wheel on the right angle grinder. You will be able to get a smooth surface that is undetectable as being patched. Then finish off by drilling a new valve stem hole, 5/8", at a convenient point. Remember the valve stem hole does not have to be in the patch. It can be elsewhere around the rim. Hope this will help someone with the problem with corroded tire rims.

Hope everyone has a safe Fall and think safety at all times.

Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director



From Don Young—Vice President and SW Regional Director, Safety Chair, Youth Driver Cert.

This year has gone by rather quickly--only sixty shopping days til Christmas. We have had our share of disasters, fires, floods, tornados, to name a few. We were saddened to learn that one of our EDGETA members was killed in a freak accident while participating in a Fourth of July parade. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. As I prepare for Branch 22's fall show September 28-29, I also am packing for my journey to Las Cruces, NM for the SW Regional Show hosted by Branch 160. It is being held October 2-6. The shows aren't over yet. Many more will occur here in the south. Please take time to be safe. If you have a running engine display, keep at least three feet behind the double rope barrier, exhaust away from the viewing public; pay extra attention to small children. Have fire extinguishers and a First Aid Kit within the area. With tractors, beware of your

surroundings, use chock blocks when parked, or apply the brakes. Make sure it is out of gear. Caution when loading and unloading, if your ramps are steep consider backing your tractor unto your trailer.

Don Young—Vice President and SW Regional Director, Safety Chair, Youth Driver Cert.

From Dorene Yearian, NC Regional Director

Think Safety!

We all love this hobby – we love to meet people with the same hobbies. If this hobby is to survive, we have to think safety.

When you all plan a tractor/engine/steam show, remember to think safety. An accident happens because we weren't thinking, we were in a hurry, our mine was thinking about something else, not enough people to put on a show and working short-handed, Then, when we are under stress to get something done, we lose sight, and this is where we should stop, sit down and rest, and think about could happen.

It takes a lot of work to put on a show, and usually only a few of our members do all the work. I know as I worked behind the scenes at our show.

When planning your show, read the safety requirements and put them to work at your show. Read them carefully, and if you don't understand anything, just contact the director in your area for an explanation. Maybe your question/discussion will make a change and strengthen them. Questions/ opinions are always welcome.

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NC Regional Meeting/Show

SW KS Antique Engine & Thresher Show, Branch

#50 – Haviland KS

August 23-24, 2013

DATE: August 31, 2013

TO: EDGETA

FROM: Dorene Yearian
NC Director-

SUBJECT: 2013 NC Regional Meeting Report

Branch #50 holds their shows and meetings at the Konkell Homestead in the small town of Haviland KS. The Konkell family bequeathed this property to the club. The house is like a museum – displaying dolls, quilts, fans, cast iron, etc., plus a woodcraft staircase I would kill for. They have a few hookups for RV's.

Next year will be their 50th show.

The club has approximately 20+ members and it looked like all or a very large percentage was at the show. There is no entrance fee, as the members solicited sponsors from the five surrounding towns (Haviland, Greensburg, Pratt, Mullinville, and Bucklin). Their colorful flyer lists their scheduled activities and the 49 sponsors (on back).

There were a lot of running exhibits – grain threshing, stationary hay baling, rock crushing, wood planing, a sawmill, a baker fan and a buzz saw. These exhibits were all roped off together. There were several engines on display roped separately in a different area. There was more at this show than I've seen at any big show. Across the grass, there were several old cars/trucks and tractors on display (I had to park my JDH next to a old Allis). For the children, there was a pedal pull, an egg toss, and a large tank full of dried corn for the kids to play and try to find money. On Friday they had an auction, and on Saturday they had a tractor parade through the town.

I'm sure I missed something, but I think this show set a good example of how they paid attention to safety! They have one problem – with the price of fuel and the middle of nowhere – very little spectators!

On Friday night, there was a free bean feed with desserts. After the dinner, we had the Regional Meeting. There were about 40 people at the meeting, and three branches (16, 50, & 107) answered roll call. At the meeting we went over the following:

1. Branch # in legal name for insurance purposes.
2. The no on tote goat coverage, etc.
3. The new officers and chairman
4. The appointment of Clyde as SC Director
5. How many branches/members
6. The schedule of Nationals/Regionals
7. The \$1,000 deductible
8. The Hall of Fame – this year's recipients and How and why you should apply. (Displayed Plaques)
9. The signing of the insurance addendum.
10. Swap meet coverage – no product liability.
11. The pulling speed of a tractor pull – different day and time if other.
12. How you can have a National/Regional meeting.

Dorene Yearian, NC Regional Director

Happy Thanksgiving

From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

Well, summer has left us and fall is in the air. Where did that time go! We haven't had a frost yet, but it sure has been flirting with that temperature. We have had plenty of rain this summer, and all the crops in my area look super good. I would say some of the farmers will break records on soybean production and some cornfields. The second crop of beans after wheat might not be too good if we get an early frost.

I want to thank Larry and the gang up in Presque Isle, Maine for doing such a great job for our regional meeting. We had a little moisture that slowed down activities one day; then the weather changed and we had a great show. I was impressed with the show grounds, their museum, and the kids' area. The kids' area was really neat. I'd never seen any like that anywhere else. The museum building was a fairly new building and had a lot of neat stuff in it. Of course, that area is a big potato area, so they had a lot of equipment geared towards potato production. They had a lot of nice restored tractors and implements, and I was impressed with the gentleman that owned all the Massey Harris tractors. What a nice selection.

We had a nice crowd of people for the meeting, and the meal they put on was super good and you know me and food. I hope I answered most of the questions that they ask. Hopefully, they got the answers that they needed. I enjoyed talking with the Canadian members that had the hit and miss engines and the drag saw.

It was nice to see Richard Lemieux and his family and friends from Branch 176 and to present him with the Hall of Fame award plaque.

I also want to thank the folks at Branch 196 for the beautiful clock they presented me. It's the first thing I see in the morning and the last thing I see before I go to bed.

Always remember THINK SAFETY no matter what you're doing. It only takes a little longer to do it safely.

In closing I want to wish everybody a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING and a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

Doris and I just got home from the Republic, Missouri show which is in Dorene's area but only about two hours from where we live. It was a great show, and we had opportunity for a very beneficial visit with Dorene and also got to say "hi" to Larry.

Our show at Branch 37 in Gentry was last week-end (September 6,7,8) There was a good number of gas engines, tractors and garden tractors. There were also

some unusual machines, among which was a street rod powered by a hit and miss engine with Chevy transmission and a two speed behind it, giving it a top speed of about 45 mph.

We had a great show and a good attendance. I'm looking forward to the South Central Regional Show at Angleton, Texas November 23 & 24th. By that time, I hope to be recovered from my eye surgery and a trip to the gastroenterologist. I don't know which breaks down more often, me or my old machinery, but I do plan to be there. The show is being hosted by Branch 149 Saltgrass Antique Tractor Club. If you plan to go to Angleton for the SC Regional Show, you can contact Jason Filipp ([979\) 922-1466](tel:9799221466). He is the club president.

I want to remind all EDGETA members in the SC Region to continue to give special attention to the safety rules so as to safeguard your physical well-being, your cherished machinery, and our insurance coverage

Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

From Larry Voris, Director-at-Large

It has been a good summer for the branches in the Midwest. We did have a couple of feet of rain in August and some cool weather. This slowed down the growing season and is taking a toll on the crops. Some areas of the country are still burning, some have blown away and some have washed away. Is someone trying to tell us something?

It seems that we are having trouble with rides—meaning equipment that keeps us from having to do a lot of walking at a show. We can have them, but our EDGETA insurance company no longer covers these vehicles for us. (Golf carts, 4-wheelers, ATV's, Tote-goats, gators, motor bikes etc.). This puts the burden of insuring these vehicles back on us. You need to go to your personal insurance agent and see if these vehicles can be put on your homeowners or vehicle insurance policy. Nothing is free anymore.

One way we can do this is have the owner show their insurance card for the "ride vehicle" at the gate when they go to a show. This information needs to be visible so the safety people will know that the vehicle has insurance. If we observe a vehicle without the proper papers, the driver should be escorted back to their trailer, and it should be loaded.

And, "No, it's not going to get any better." Now, if you want to ride, you have to pay.

As we have said before, our insurance covers us if we should have an incident with a spectator. Now, what you should think about is what if you should have an incident

incident with another member. Do you have coverage to cover you if this should happen?

If you have questions or comments, call your insurance committee.

Larry Voris, Director-at-Large

From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Editor

I ditto all the positive comments above regarding the shows that have occurred during the season. For our own Branch 124 show September 6-7, it was "hotter than blazes." But we still enjoyed the people and events. Texas has been hot this summer!

I want to remind you again that for **any correspondence that you send, whether e-mail, checks or written lists, you must have your Branch # included on that document.** That is the only way we identify you as members of EDGETA. Recently, I held a check for several weeks until I received another membership from that same place with a branch# because I could not find it from my records. Nothing about the town or person on the check matched anything I had, so that list was not been processed until I received the latter check. The Branch # is required for processing memberships.

Reminder: All officers and directors must be updated on our website after January 1, 2014.

Also, **all Quarterly Newsletters are available on our website.** Any member wishing to read the newsletter may read it online or print it for reading.

Our website www.EDGETA.com is a very valuable source of information available to you at all times. Many of you have called me for information and I'm happy to talk with you. However, most of the time, I don't know your safety and insurance questions off the "top of my head" and refer you to the website. The site contains a "wealth of information."

We are working on getting the calendar items posted for you in a more timely manner so some of you have requested, so hopefully, that portion of the site will be more accurate.

Please feel free to contact me any time for questions or needs. ***Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all of you.***

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Editor



