

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

From George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

I would like to thank the members of Branch 51 for hosting the 54th National Show this year. The show was very enjoyable. There was quite a bit to see. A sawmill, shingle mill, hay baling, threshing wheat, just to name some. There were ladies cooking on an old wood burning stove. There were even a couple of steam traction engines. There were some rare tractors also, along with a good display of stationary engines. The working blacksmith's shop held the attention of many of the show goers. There was something for everyone. I think I was most fascinated by the old cable bucket mounted to an old F-5 Ford truck. It was really something to see that old rig work a little. If the show wasn't enough entertainment, the exhibitor dinner Saturday night was held at Jack's Hangar. That was a marvel of its own. There is a replica late 50's early 60's gas station there along with a working soda fountain. How many of you can say you have been to a working soda fountain? The hangar was filled with other treasures Jack has collected over the years. It is always a joy to see how some collectors display and share their collection with others. It was a well put together show. Again, I would like to thank Brian Sallee and all the members of Branch 51 for an outstanding show.

I would like to thank everyone for all the efforts being made to maintain safety. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure our hobby is safe. It is true accidents will happen, but many times they can. It is very important that we are careful with the machinery we are using. Most of these pieces of equipment have no safety features or guards to help make them safe. That is why we need to protect the public, especially because many of them have never seen some of these items, and they like to get really close to them. It is important to set the ropes around the stationary exhibits to keep the bystanders from getting too close. It only takes a few moments to set up the barriers but the difference it could and will make is not measurable. Please take the time to make sure you are practicing safety first.

Please remember that your branch number is the way your club is identified. You must include your branch number in all correspondence with the national officers. You must include your branch number in any advertisement of shows or special functions of your branch. This makes sure your branch is covered for liability in the event an accident happens. Please make sure to keep your officer information up to date by submitting the information via the form on the website.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact any of the officers, we are here to help you. If we don't know the answer, we will certainly get it for you. We are trying to work harder at making the website easier to use so that any information that we have can be available to all the membership through the website. The website is the easiest and quickest way to get information out to the members. If you see something on the website and have questions, please let us know.

Thanks to everyone for making our hobby safe and enjoyable. I look forward to seeing you out at the shows this year. I hope everyone has a safe show season.

George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

Insurance Update, March 2014, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

We just had the EDGETA National meeting for this year in Lewistown, Montana. They put on a great show. In Montana, you never know what the weather will be especially in June in Lewistown. Saturday was a cold windy day, but the show went on. The rain held off until late in the day, so it did not affect the show very much. Weather wise, Sunday was a lot better day with no wind or rain, and temperatures in the 60's. Branch 51 is a small branch but really put a lot of effort into making it successful. In addition to the Branch 51 exhibits, there were many exhibits brought in by other

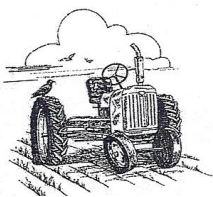
branches. We also inducted into the Hall of Fame two new members, Theo McAllister, Kanab, Utah, of Branch 134, and Matt Montague, Everson, Washington, of Branch 26. We welcome both of these deserving individuals into our Hall of Fame. One of the highlights of the show was the Saturday evening meal, served in an airport hangar. It was called Jack's Hanger. It was very impressive museum of tractors, cars, an airplane, soda fountain, etc. We were all impressed.

At our national meeting, we reiterated that we need to include our EDGETA branch number in all advertising and business correspondence. I know you have heard this before, but we want to remind you again. Our Insurance covers each you by your branch number, not by their name like Good Old Boys Tractor Club. You can advertise with Good Old Boys Tractor Club, EDGETA Br XX (your number), for example. Your EDGETA branch number should be on anything that goes out to the public. If a lawsuit comes in directed to Good Old Boys Tractor Club only, it will be denied. When it is time to order new checks for your branch, I suggest you add "dba EDGETA Br XX".

Since we are in the peak of the show season, I want to also remind you that our insurance does not cover golf carts, 4 wheelers, ATV's, etc. If it can be licensed, it is not covered by our insurance. Contact your insurance agent for coverage if you are taking one of these vehicles to an EDGETA show.

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!

Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director



Practice "Safety First"

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

We left 110° heat in southern California heading for the National Show in Lewistown, MT. It was a great relief to arrive in temperatures of 60°. The weekend was pleasant with light rain on Friday and Saturday. Sunday was a beautiful day with a constant flow of spectators viewing the many displays. Our hosts were very, very accommodating, and a good time was had by all. Departing our motel on Monday morning, we followed a fellow director that lives in the area who showed us many interesting sights. We even got a preview of an upcoming auction. I saw five tractors that I would like to have brought home. After leaving the Billings, MT area we drove one hour in a snow storm--June 16th. After that, we encountered a five hour period of rain. In these hot temperatures, drink plenty of water and wear the proper clothing. Periodically, check your equipment for proper maintenance. I have heard from a few members that have had trailer tire failure. Check your tires for proper inflation, and check the sidewall for the manufacturer's date.

All y'all have a safe and enjoyable season.

Don Young VP, SW Director, Safety Director, Youth Driver Coordinator.

From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

A little news from the Northeast region...

Well, I arrived home from my trip to Montana for the national meeting. Had a little problem in North Dakota. Seems my vacuum pump decided to quit pumping. Thank God for trailer brakes! All in all, the trip was pretty uneventful. I want to thank the president and all the people that put their time and effort in to make it a memorable show and our national meeting. The hospitality out there was great, and it was well-organized and well executed.

We need to give the Central Montana Flywheelers on their Pioneer Power Days a big round of applause for a job well done. From what I saw of the operation, safety was their number one goal, and they did a very good job. The meal and the meeting was held at Jacks Hangar and this place was awesome! Not only being a Hangar for his aircraft is also a museum with Vintage Cars, Trucks and Old

Tractors. One part of the Hangar was set up as a Standard Oil gas station this place was just immaculate. I talked with Jack about his Gibson garden tractor that he had at the door. He was a super nice informative person just one of the boys.

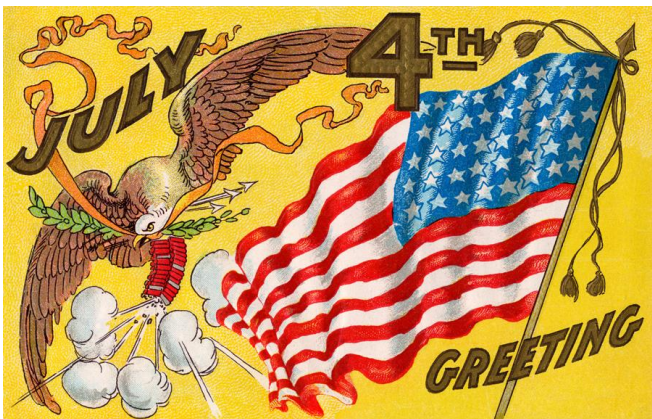
Now, for the people that know me. good food rings my bell. And I want to thank the ladies that put on the meal; it was super good. Then we topped it off with a fabulous Ice Cream Sundae. Now you have to understand also in this Hangar, we had a 50's style soda fountain with all the ice cream and the other goodies associated with it. And the two young ladies making the deserts really knew what they were doing. Thanks again to everybody involved with the meal, the desert and the show. This will be one I will remember for a long time.

The trip home wasn't too bad except for the rain for a couple of days, but I lucked out. The big storms were either 30 minutes ahead of me or 30 minutes behind me. Crops out that way do not look good. A lot of fields weren't planted, and when I crossed Minnesota that evening, they got 3 1/2 inches of rain in the Red River Valley. Now that's potato country and the farm report on the radio said they only had 10% of their potatoes planted.

So, as I told you earlier in the letter, thank God for trailer brakes. Always make sure all your equipment is in top shape. You never know when you might need it. Safety, Safety, Safety!!! That should be your number one priority and be sure it starts at home.

Well, everybody enjoy the rest of your summer shows and have a safe season.

Wayne Timchuk, NC Regional Director



From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

It has been a busy three months. My home Branch #37 had their Spring Crank up April 18 – 20. And Doris and I were still trying to clean out my Mother-in- Law's house. We had been working on it since she passed away in January, and we are still not finished. I do a great deal of the mowing on Tired Iron's 18 acres, plus line up the live music and conduct the Sunday church service at our show. There was little time to relax and enjoy the show, but, enjoy, I did.

One week after the Branch 37 Crank up, I traveled to Perry, Oklahoma for the South Central Regional show, hosted by Branch 161 on April 25 and 26. It was a good show at the town square in conjunction with their Springfest. At the other end of the town square was a car show and also craft booths. There were about 20 tractors on display. I enjoyed the fellowship of the members of Branch 161.

Perry is the home of Ditch Witch, and I was told that the man who invented the Ditch Witch is in his 90's and still goes to the office every day. I enjoyed my time in Perry, Oklahoma.

As some of you know, I have a commercial Brush Hogging/mowing business. With all the rain, I have not longed for more time on my tractors. I have continued to hone my safety skills and awareness mowing steep hills and road banks. It also improves one's prayer life.

After taking out time to go to my high school reunion, I left May 28 for Summerdale, Alabama to attend the Southeast Regional show. We experienced a lot of rain both in our travels and at the show, but we had a great time and enjoyed the hospitality in southern Alabama. There were 93 tractors on display (a lot of green and red) plus a variety of other tractors and equipment

After a quick trip home and a couple of mowing jobs and lawn work, we left for Lewistown, Montana for the National Show. We stopped at Pioneer Village in Minden, Nebraska for an abbreviated tour, then checked out three old tractors for sale in Nebraska on our way through: a 1947 model D Case, a 1943 John Deer A with electric start and wide front, and a Farmall Super M American conversion.

The National show was great, we made new friends. saw two 4-hp stationary Cushman engines (some call them Binder engines) and both were running. Mine is not after owning it for a year, but I learned a lot from the owners.

There was everything from steam tractors to

crawlers, Waterloo Boy, Bull tractor, many old tractors nicely restored and running like new, and much, much more.

We arrived back home safe. Then we had three days to mow and get our place ready for a large family reunion.

As I am writing this, I am preparing to leave for Tulsa for my brother's funeral. He passed away rather suddenly five days after we returned from Montana.

I trust that you will be blessed with health and safety as you pursue your interests this summer. Do your best to make it happen, I pray that you will.

**God Bless
Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director**

From Dorene Yearian, North Central Regional Director

Report on the NC Regional Meeting

The Branch 107 Flint Hills Antique Power Association Emporia KS one day show was a great working show. It was held on the farm of Dan Richard (I want his buildings). They featured John Deere and Case. A lot of tractor exhibitors brought plows (single, 2, 3 bottom plows, a Ford articulated Versitil with an 18" 10 bottom plow) a combine, a gleaner, a binder – it rained the night before and this equipment couldn't be used. There were three thrashers – a 1922 Avery and two Case (one galvanized and one painted Case Orange – flambeau red?). The straw from the thrashers was then baled at the 1920's Ann Arbor Stationary Hay Press. After baling, they belted up a 1920's IHC corn sheller; the corn was then put through the Letz burr mill belted to an IH M engine.

There were other displays i.e. a Sattley belted to a grist mill, a 1-1/2-hp John Deere, a 1892 machine that cut the wire and twists the end for the stationery baler, hand corn shellers and grinders, etc. When they belted to the thrasher, they ran caution tape around the display. They moved the tape on to the next thrasher, then on to the stationary hay press, then on to the corn sheller, and then the grinder. There were trucks and trailers parked on the side of the grounds with people sitting on them watching all the displays.

The tractors represented were Oliver, Case, Farmall/IH, Allis, Minneapolis Moline, Massey

Harris, Ford, Massey Ferguson and, of course, John Deere.

There were lots of games for the kids – rocks thrown into cans, two tennis balls tied together and then thrown to see if they could catch them on the pvc bars, etc.

At noon everyone stopped and ate lunch and visited – then went back to work demonstrating. Their members (mostly the ladies) prepared hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, and desserts to sell for lunch.

They registered all equipment and told me all exhibitors were members. Each tractor exhibitor was given a registration card to put on their tractor. Their members wore a badge that said "*Welcome - May We Help You*" with their name and the name of their branch.

All this took place before 2pm when it started raining again and shut down the show. Most of the spectators and exhibitors went home, but approximately 40 of their members came back for the dinner and meeting held at 5pm (it quit raining by then). The dinner was provided by the club and was free – a big thank you to them, especially Rob. We had the regional meeting and their president, Glen Knuth, made announcements – Br 107's 20 year birthday and the 2015 show will be June 26-28 at Dale Delong's, north of Emporia featuring Minneapolis Moline along with Oliver's Central States Show.

A big thank you goes to Branch 107 and all its members who worked so hard and to the Dan Richard family for the use of their farm for a great working show. It was a great demonstration of how the old equipment worked.

EDGETA Web Page

We have a great web page and a new web master – Josh Dilsaver. He will do a great job and keep everything working and up to date.

There is a great deal of information. The web page is there for your use. We, as directors, try to review it to make sure it is useful and accurate.

If you find anything you do not understand, please contact CJ Parmley or one of us. We, secretary and directors, are here to help you. We will be glad to explain or maybe there is something you found that we need to change. We on the National Board review it all the time, but we need you all to review and use it – the information is there to help you.

The frequently asked questions/answers are a great source of information and help; the list of branches is a way to contact the branches near you to network or get information; etc.

I am proud to inform members and non-members about our web page. Use it!

EDGETA HALL OF FAME

The EDGETA Hall of Fame was established in 1998 in the interest of honoring those members who have made a significant contribution to this hobby and to EDGETA.

If you have someone in your branch that needs to be recognized because he/she has been the backbone of your branch or made a significant contribution in keeping this hobby alive – honor them by going on line and filling out the Hall of Fame Form. The deadline is 120 days before the National Show in that year. Next year, 2015, the show is in April. Show your branch appreciation by honoring them with a nomination to the Hall of Fame. The applications will be judged by three anonymous judges. The application has to receive two out of three votes to be awarded the nomination. The recipient will be presented a plaque at either the National or Regional Show of their choice, their name on the main Hall of Fame plaque, and their picture and write-up placed on our web page. Get busy, time is running short – honor someone in your branch.

Dorene Yearian, NC Central Regional Director



From Larry Voris, Director-at-Large

Whoa there, where has June gone? First it has rained 18 of the first 20 days in my area. 1st weekend Massey Days at St James, MO, the second weekend the National EDGETA show in Lewistown, MT, 3rd weekend Gathering of the Orange at Lathrop, MO, 4th weekend is a Case feature at Adrian, MO. Then there was a Red Power Roundup and a John Deere National show all in the last 2 weeks. The North Central part of the USA is about to all wash down the Mississippi River with massive amounts of rain the last couple of weeks. It is too wet to plant crops, and in some parts, too wet to harvest the wheat that is ready in other areas. Then you go West and fires are about to burn everything, and they can't get a drop of water.

All in all, we had a good National show in Lewistown, MT. For us southerners, it was 50 degrees on Saturday with 30 MPH winds and rain. Even the locals up there said it was a little cold. They had a good turnout of tractors, engines and equipment. We had about 175 in attendance for the National Meeting and banquet held on Saturday. Seventeen branches answered roll call.

The two (2) people that we need at our shows are the “exhibitor” and the “spectator.” When an **exhibitor** arrives at your show, they should be greeted immediately with information of where to set up, where to park their RV, where to park their trailer. Also, they need answers to any other information they need and a “thank you for coming;” they will be impressed and come back to your show. Remember, without exhibitors, you don't have a show. The last show I attended, one of the exhibitors stated, “They are sure friendly here – they even asked if we needed anything from town. .

The show doesn't start until the **spectator** arrives, and they should be welcomed to show and given a list of events, if available. There should be a picture of your show grounds listing where the displays are located. Make their visit a memorable experience so they will want to come back next year. Some shows have people movers and other ways to move anyone around the show grounds. Usually, if you see someone on a golf cart and you need help, stop them and ask. Most of the time even an exhibitor will take you where you need to go if they have their own cart.

We need to discuss “butt buggies” as I call them, golf carts or things you ride at a show to get from your display to your vehicle or anywhere on the

show grounds. Several shows do not allow these vehicles on their grounds. Who covers the liability insurance on the private owned vehicles? You should check with your personal insurance agent to see what you have to do to insure your personal ride vehicle.

See you next time. To all, have a safe and happy show season.

Larry Voris, Director-at-Large



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Utilize our website for information in all areas.

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Ed.

The National Meeting in Lewistown, MT was wonderful. The people were so gracious, and you already know by now that the facility was great and the exhibits very interesting. The highlight for me was Jack’s Hangar. It’s already been described very well, so I’ll not duplicate—but what a place!

However, this old “Texas Gal” nearly froze. My phone showed 39 degrees with rain and wind on Saturday morning, and as Don said about California, we came from 100 degree temperatures when we left Texas on our drive to Montana. Plus, I did not bring clothes for the climate there. But we had a great time and certainly enjoyed the hospitality and the drive through all the different parts of our USA.

You will see above, as I did last quarter, the EDGETA Logo and the address for our website. We have a new webmaster, Josh Dilsaver, who is working diligently to keep items updated and posted. There is always a transition time when changes of this magnitude occur, and Josh is doing an outstanding job of keeping things moving. It’s been a pleasure to work with him.

Contact information for all directors and secretary is on the EDGETA.com website.

Also, to those of you who submit memberships, please be sure that you send a list of ONLY the members you are paying for with the check included in the package. The names must be clearly defined if they are to be paid for with the check you enclose.

******Please welcome these New Branches******

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Repeat Reminders but important—please notice:

1. If you need membership cards, please let me know exactly how many you need. We do not keep a large extra inventory of cards, but are happy to send the supplies that you need for current memberships.
2. This newsletter is posted on our EDGETA.com website for access by anyone. Please feel free to go the website and seek any information that you might need. There is a lot of useful information posted on the site.
3. You must go to the EDGETA.com website **and update your officers and directors at the beginning of each year, even if they do not change from the prior year. This must be done for the D&O Liability Insurance. Click on the blue “Update Officers” tab. If the officer is the same, you may enter “same as last year” instead of having to enter the entire information again. Then click “Submit.”**
4. Always include your Branch # on all correspondence including e-mail and checks. That is the way we identify your organization—not by name.

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Editor

2014 Regional Shows & Meetings

*North West Regional Show—July 19-20
Host Branch 36, Carnation, WA*

*North East Regional Show—Oct. 11-12
Host Branch 103—Berlin Heights, OH*

**2015 - Annual National
EDGETA Show & Meeting**

April 17-18, 2015

Branch 89 – Henderson, TX