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From George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

Well, in less than 3 months it will be Christmas. What have y'all asked Santa for this year? It just doesn't seem that long ago it was the beginning of summer. Now we are in the midst of fall. It is harvest time for sure. Here in the south everyone seems to have a tobacco festival. I remember harvest time as a kid. I did like the smell of the big tobacco warehouses where the tobacco was sold. The smell of the cured tobacco could be found everywhere. Along with the smell of the tobacco markets came cooler weather, football and the county fairs. Plus the harvest parades were always fun. Unfortunately, those things no longer hold the attraction they once did. Where have the times gone? The memories that were made growing up in rural America.

As I sit here tonight writing this, I am remembering Mr. Theo McAlister. I had the opportunity to meet him at the National Show in Montana this year. Of course Mr. Theo was there with his Power Horse. I am humbled to have learned the art of driving a Power Horse from him. He was very eager to share his knowledge of how to steer the Power Horse. What a joy it was! We talked in length as we rode along about the other things he enjoyed doing. I must say his family was the most important thing to him. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. He was kind, humble, friendly and just a joy to be around. I am blessed to have met him. I am honored to call him friend.

We have been working to improve the website to make it more user friendly. As you navigate around the website and have questions or suggestions that may improve it, please let us know. We are always looking for ways to make the website better. Our new webmaster, Josh Dilsaver has been working hard to update the content of the website and make changes to it in a timely manner. Please visit the website and let us know how well it works for you. The website is our best tool for getting information out to all of the members. www.edgeta.org.

Just a reminder about safety, the safety guidelines are put together to help make the exhibition of tractors, engines and other old iron safe for everyone. Please read these very carefully. The frequently asked

questions are also a good resource for answers. If you do not find an answer on the website, you are always welcome to contact any one of the directors. We want everyone to have an enjoyable time. We want everyone to be safe. It is difficult to do that when folks are not following the guidelines. Maybe it is because they have never had the guidelines explained to them. That is why it is important for each branch to have someone responsible for safety. Make safety a part of your branch meetings. You should always have a safety briefing before any event to make sure everyone understands what is expected of them. I will say that safety is everyone's business. It is up to each of us to make sure we are all following the guidelines.

I hope everyone has a wonderful fall season. The weather is cooler for the most part. There are still a lot of shows to take in. Many parades still left to participate in. I look forward to seeing many of you at the shows. Thank you to all of you for your support of our association to share this hobby, history and heritage with others.

George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

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

The show season is winding down, especially in the northern part of the US. As I write this, there is one more show in Montana, the last weekend of Sept. in Culbertson, Branch 77. If you have never been there, you need to put it on your bucket list. They have some of the big old prairie tractors that were used to farm the NE part of Montana many years ago. These are operating during the parade each day. Then we will all withdraw to our shops to work on the restoration for next year's show.

My wife and I attended the NW regional show in Carnation, WA in July, Branch 36. It is a small show, but the members are very enthusiastic and accommodating to the spectators. They go out of their way to recognize the spectators and especially the kids. I presented the Hall of Fame plaque to Eldon Fogelman, and his son, Eric. (Eric passed away on

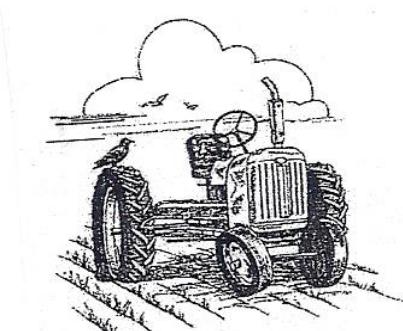
February 1, 2014, so the plaque was presented posthumous.) Eldon and Eric were well represented by their family and friends at the presentation. It was great to see that kind of support.

From an insurance standpoint, things have been pretty quiet. We have had no insurance claims, which is a result of all of us making sure we thinking about safety and making sure all our actions are safe. You are all to be congratulated for making this happen.

We had a question about whether it is acceptable for a stationary engine member exhibitor to have his family inside the roped area while he is exhibiting his engines. On our website, under stationary engine displays, it says "Occupancy of the display area shall be at the discretion of the exhibitor/owner and the Activity Safety Officer." So the member exhibitor is in charge and is responsible for what happens there inside the ropes. If his family is there, he is responsible for their well-being. Our insurance agent states that, "The family would not be able to claim damages from the EDGETA policy if, in fact, they were hurt is the bottom line." I know some of you like to have your family with you at the show when you are exhibiting your engines, etc. That is ok, but just be aware that you are responsible for anything that happens to them.

Hope everyone has a safe fall and think safety at all times. Thank you again for thinking safety in all your actions this past summer.

Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director



Practice "Safety First"

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

It has been a very busy year. Sometimes you must decide which show you want to attend as there sometimes are more than one on any given weekend.

I have displayed my 1939 General tractor at two Grand Openings of Tractor Supply Companies. I have been in a number of local parades as well. There are a few shows left yet this year locally, then in January they start all over again. There have been a couple of mishaps that I have heard about. Seems as we get older we may not be as cautious of we once were. One thing I saw in the past few months was winch brake failure. I always have a safety chain attached to the trailer and to whatever I am loading and shorten or lengthen the chain as needed. Sad to say, we lost two Hall of Fame inductees recently.

Be safe and follow the safety rules. They are there for a reason. In a parade a couple of kids ran in front of a tractor to pick up candy thrown from a float without looking. In a parade you must drive a tractor parallel to the spectators.

Enjoy the rest of the year.

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

From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

Well, it has been a pretty slow summer. But, as usual, if you see any mistakes or things that need corrected me my guests.

NORTHEAST REGION

After the trip back from the Montana National Show, things have been pretty quiet. Our weather this summer has been one for the record books. We have been pretty wet and cold all summer long. The weather we're having today is really nice sunny and 70°. I have not hit as many shows this summer as normal. Between the weather and the high price of fuel, which is coming down now too late, it made a difficult summer. I just got everything home from LA GRANGE ENGINE SHOW, which turned out to be our biggest and best show. Friday was almost as good as our Saturday turnout on previous shows, Saturday's show was our biggest so far.

Sunday turned out to be a good show, too. A few of the vendors left Saturday night because of the weather forecast, which turned out to be wrong. Some of our other shows that I gone to have gone downhill, and I don't know what the fix would be. I realize in our area we have three shows each weekend, and they're not very far apart, which doesn't help.

I think all in all we had a pretty safe show season. But now we have to remember safety first as we are putting machinery and tractors away for the winter. We need to be sure to drain the water out of the engines, check the antifreeze and add an additive to the fuel. It would be better yet to drain all fuel from the tank and carburetors. As the winter weather gets here, be sure to check your furnaces and anything else that might cause a problem in your shop. As we start repairing and painting equipment, we need to be especially careful.

We had a call for mid-30 degrees but locally I don't know of any frosts yet. Some of the fields of corn are drying up fast and a lot of bean fields have lost their leaves. Some of our double planted beans are good but are no way ready for a frost.

I am getting ready for our regional meeting which will be held at Quarry Hill Orchard's in Berlin Heights, Ohio on October 11 and 12th. I hope we get some members from other branches to come. We are a small branch, and all our members participate. That's a nice thing with a small organization.

Soon after you receive this newsletter will be Halloween, then Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and then MERRY CHRISTMAS! So everybody have a safe and happy holiday season. And then a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! WHERE DID THE YEAR GO!!!!

Enjoy the Winter Season and think Safety First

Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director



THIS NEWSLETTER IS ON OUR WEBSITE

From Dorene Yearian, North Central Regional Director

VOLUNTEERS

Honor your volunteers – Your show can't run without them! Volunteers are members and non-members that work tirelessly at your branch show. You can't have a show without them. **Remember at an EDGETA show a non-member volunteer cannot help run equipment--only a member volunteer can.**

They probably start before the show mowing, edging, etc. getting the grounds ready for the show. Volunteers work the gate and greet people (exhibitors and spectators) and tell them that they are glad they are here. They guide the exhibitors where to set up their engines, tractors, lawn tractors, big and small equipment, etc. They answer questions or explain all about the equipment for the spectators.

They go around and check for safety, making sure displays have the ropes, stakes, etc. they need to set up their display safely and smoothly (they probably find fuel or water if needed). They (member volunteer) demonstrate the club's bigger equipment-- i.e. the thrasher, the steam engine on the saw mill, the bigger engines, etc.

They help line up for the parade or announce the parade and tell about all the people and equipment. They make your parade interesting.

They work the registration area where they register exhibitor's equipment for the show and the parade. They take membership promoting your branch and EDGETA.

Exhibitors are volunteers too– they volunteer to bring their equipment. They talk to the spectators and explain the equipment they are displaying. They make the show interesting.

One of the most important things your volunteers (member and non-member) can do is thank the exhibitor for bring their equipment to the show. Remember to thank all volunteers – member and non-member alike. They work hard for no pay to make your show a great one!

Dorene Yearian, NC Central Regional Director

2015 HALL OF FAME

The 2015 National EDGETA show is at Branch 89 East Texas Antique Tractor & Engine Association in Henderson TX. The show is April 17 & 18 at the Rusk County Youth Exposition Center.

As the National EDGETA show for 2015 is so early, the deadline (120 days prior) for the application for the EDGETA Hall of Fame is December 19, 2014.

The Hall of Fame page is to honor those members who have helped EDGETA and our great hobby. They are people who have helped start your branch, someone who is the backbone of your organization, or a volunteer who is always there. I am sure there is someone in your branch that deserves to be recognized and honored with their picture and write up on our website – please check the Hall of Fame page on our website, edgeta.com and fill out the application. Time is running out!

Tom Yearian, Hall of Fame Chairman

Happy Thanksgiving

From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

The leaves are starting to change colors in northwest Arkansas, and I am hoping for a beautiful fall season. We were blessed with good weather this year with the exception of a short dry spell in August. The foliage is thick and the grass is green in the Ozarks. Farmer's Almanac has predicted wetter and colder weather in our region this winter, and, as I write, I am looking at six persimmon seeds which my wife broke open yesterday and they all have a spoon in the center, which according to the old timers, means lots of snow this winter. I will wait and see what God gives us.

My home Branch # 37 in Gentry, AR had our fall show Sept. 5-7. Attendance was a little smaller than usual, but overall it was a good show.

A new addition to our ground this year is a General Electric Locomotive donated by the Southwestern Power Electric Company plant at Gentry, AR. The engine was built in 1943, and has a Detroit Diesel 671 engine which was rebuilt and installed in the mid 70's. Electric power is from a GE-733 traction motor (150-hp). SWEPCO moved it to the Tired Iron Show Grounds using a

101-ton crane and a many-axle trailer. The engine weighs 25 tons.

A line shaft shack with contents was also donated to Branch 37 this year. It has been disassembled and moved to Tired Iron for reassembly later.

I am looking forward to fall and winter with the hopes that my brush hogging business will soon cease until spring so that I can focus on my projects and communicating with the branch presidents of my region. It will be spring sooner than we expect and show time again.

Have a blessed fall and winter.

God Bless

Clyde Brummett, Sr., SC Regional Director

From Larry Voris, Director-at-Large

STUFF

There are several articles and even books being written and published on "STUFF". Rearrange your closets and throw away or donate things you aren't going to use anymore.

Most of these articles are written towards the closets and things in the house. Then my wife mentioned my garage and barns. "That is my stuff," I said. I don't even want to go there. Maybe it is time to rearrange your stuff and see how many duplicates you have and remove some things that could be taken to the annual club flea market or swap meet.

I need some more room in my barn to store another tractor. I started on a pallet of stuff the other day and found a bunch of jacks and tire equipment that had got covered up and needed to be put with the rest of my collection of jacks for another show. I did get several old jacks out and displayed them at the county fair this year and had several comments.

Some of these jacks are heavy and need to be moved around with a forklift. This is where my AC 712-S forklift comes in handy. It will lift most of the jacks. You go from the small buggy jacks to jacks that lift rail road cars and road building equipment such as, scrapers, dozers, ukes and even some bridge jacks. Most people can't fathom the size of some of these jacks and the pounds they will lift. Well, I got off my stuff rage, and back to rearranging the barn.

I think you are getting the drift of my thoughts on "stuff".

As I have mentioned before, "If you have one of something, that is the starting of a "collection." And if you are going to collect it, show it once in a while. The shows always have lots of tractors & engines and the usual things, so do something different next year. You might be surprised at the comments.

That's all for now folks. Whatever it is, keep it safe.

Larry Voris, Director-at-Large



To all of You

From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Ed.

As we approach the autumn months, we in Branch 124 find that we have far more requests for our Branch to participate in events than are possible for us to attend. It seems that every small East Texas town celebrates its heritage with some type of festival—Oil Gusher Days, Golden Sweet Potato Festival, Gilmer Yamboree, Autumn Trails Festival, Tyler Rose Festival, Lindale Octoberfest, Chandler Pow-Wow, Palestine Hot Pepper Festival, Sacul Festival, and Henderson Syrup Festival—just to name a few—and they encourage our displays!

These occasions give provide an opportunity to share our hobby and promote the education and preservation of our past. It's a very enjoyable time of year. The weather is much cooler and the air is crisp. People are ready to get outside and enjoy the fall climate before winter sets in. We don't have much winter here, with the exception of an occasional ice or snow storm.

On another note, our neighboring Branch 89 in Henderson, TX is hosting the National Show for 2015 on April 17-18. I certainly encourage you to come to Texas and enjoy our wonderful spring weather and participate in the beginning of our show

season here. I think you would really enjoy East Texas. Branch 89 is working hard to make it an enjoyable time. There's lots to see here in the spring.

Josh Dilsaver, our new webmaster, is doing a great job of getting our website updated and is trying to make access to forms, etc. easier and more "user-friendly." Please visit our website for information about EDGETA as a national organization as well as for information about each of the branches.

Utilize our website for information in all areas.



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

Remaining 2014 Meetings

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

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

April 17-18, 2015

Branch 89 – Henderson

***Northwest Regional, June 13-14, 2015
Host – Branch 72 -Shoshoni, WY***

***North Central - September 10-13, 2015
Host - Branch 195 - Boonville, MO***

***Northeast Regional - June 20-21, 2015
Host – Branch 101, Sharon Springs, NY***

***Southwest Regional - TBA
Host - Branch 184, New Mexico***

***South Central - August 18-19, 2015
Host - Branch 178 & Branch 179
Ruston, LA***

***Southeast Regional - September 18-20, 2015
Host - Branch 212, Fayetteville, GA***