

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

From George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. The time really seems to speed by. It won't be long before the show season is in full swing again. Now is the time to check all of your equipment to ensure it is in perfect working order. It is always a good idea to review the safety section of the website www.edgeta.com. Please make yourself familiar with the requirements and suggestions on how to keep our hobby safe for the spectators as well as other members.

Please remember to include your branch number when corresponding to the national secretary or any of the directors. If you are completing any forms for EDGE&TA, you must include you branch number on those as well. The branch number issued when your club joined EDGE&TA is how your branch agreed to be identified during the application process. This speeds up any process concerning your branch.

Remember, it is time to start sending in dues. **All dues must be received by March.** The total cost per member is \$12. That is \$4 for the dues to EDGE&TA and \$8 per member for the insurance premium. If we can stay accident free, our hope is the insurance premium will decrease in the future. Please contact your regional director if you have any questions.

Please make sure you are updating your officer's information form on the website. It is important for the directors to have up to date contact information for each branch. It is also important from an insurance stand point. If the officer's information is not up to date, the officers are not covered by the D&O insurance provided to the officers for each branch.

The board of directors have been discussing the idea of lowering the number of members required to apply or to keep branch status. As you know, the current minimum number is 20 members. We have several branches that are struggling to hold that number and have had some branches to drop their

membership because they could not keep the 20 members necessary. This bylaw change will require a vote of the membership to change. Please think about how changing it will affect your branch and the association as a whole.

Please share this information with all members. The Board of Directors are members of the association. We are elected by a vote of the membership. Each director serves a term of 3 years. The directors come from the region they live in with the exception of the director at large who may live in any of the regions. This is a membership run association. Please look for the information in the newsletters to see when the director position in your respective regions will be up for re-election. I encourage all those interested to get involved. It takes all of us to keep our association strong.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Prosperous New Year! I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends this year! Please take every precaution to make our hobby safe for everyone.

George W Christmas, President and Southeast Regional Director

Insurance Update, December 2015, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

We are in the middle of winter, Christmas is behind us, and as I write this the New Year is about to begin. I wish to all of you a very happy and safe New Year. This is the time when we all retreat to our shop and work on getting the next project engine/tractor ready for the shows in 2016.

Now back to insurance, periodically I still am asked the question about whether our insurance covers people movers, barrel rides and pulling sleds at non EDGETA shows. I know I have addressed this in previous newsletters, but will do it again to remind everyone. Think of it this way. Our insurance covers us when we have an EDGETA

event. If you are asked to take your branch's people mover, barrel ride or tractor pull sled to the local fair grounds, etc, for their benefit, our insurance does not cover it. Their insurance needs to cover it. That is when you ask them to give you a certificate of their insurance naming your branch as additional insured under their insurance. If you as an individual take your people mover, etc, to the fairgrounds to be used for their benefit, you need to ask them to give you a certificate of insurance naming you as additional insured under their policy. Then you can go to their event. If there is an insurance claim, it is up to their insurance to cover it.

If you still have questions on this or any other insurance item, please give me a call or send me an email. I will get back to you to with an answer to your question.

National dues will remain the same as last year, \$12 per member (\$8 for the insurance and \$4 for National dues). Please remember to send you EDGETA dues to CJ Parmley by March 15.

We ended up the 2015 year without any claims. That is great!! It means that everyone is paying attention to what they are doing and keeping safety in mind for all they do. Congratulations to all of you.

Remember the National EDGETA meeting and show will be in Alaska next June 10-12th. If you have not been to Alaska here is your excuse to go.

Remember to think safety in all you do.

Insurance Update, December 2015, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

BE SAFE

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

Winter is here and soon we will be starting a new show year. This past year has been a busy one. I have attended several engine/tractor shows, some in conjunction with air, truck and car shows as well as pumpkin and strawberry festivals.

The SW Regional Show hosted by Branch 184 was held in the Village of Corrales, NM in October.

It was a great show and safety was their number one priority. The fire chief/paramedic with his fire truck was available on sight during the duration of the show. There were fire extinguishers everywhere. Also, there were a variety of engines, tractors and equipment on display, including an Emerson Brantingham Big 4 tractor from Monticello, UT. It is one of a very few still in existence.

The weather was good except for the rain each day. I was told when it started to rain the first day, wait five minutes. In five minutes the rain stopped as it did each day. The evening meal after the Saturday show was fantastic. The final morning of the show, there was a farmer's market with produce for sale that was grown locally.

That same weekend, the International Balloon Fiesta was held in nearby Albuquerque. Over 700 colorful and various shaped balloons from seventeen countries and forty-four states filled the sky. Close to 1,000,000 spectators were on hand for that. It was impossible for us to get a room, even months in advance.

A husband and wife, members of Branch 184, graciously put us up for several days and treated us like royalty. We cannot thank them enough. We were able to sit in their driveway each morning at daybreak and view hundreds of balloons passing overhead. To top it all, our host took us to the Al Unser, Sr. Museum. He introduced us to Al. During our conversation, I mentioned to Al that I didn't reckon that he had much interest in tractors since they go only ten miles per hour. We spent several hours there viewing all of the cars, engines, tires and memorabilia on display.

Earlier this month, our club had a guided tour of the Justice Brothers' Museum in California to view the many race cars, motorcycles, and airplane. At one point, we met with Ed Justice, Jr. He explained and pointed out things on his favorite race car.

Several weeks ago, I went thru all of the branch websites and found many without safety officers listed or not currently updated. In 2016, please update all officers for your branch. Check your webpage for errors, making sure your information is correct. In the past, there have been e-mails and correspondence returned because of incorrect addresses. Also, the Youth Driver Form can be filled out online.

Thanks for your cooperation and have a safe 2016.

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

From Buster Brown, Director-at-Large

Greetings from Arizona. No snow yet, but the temperature dropped down to 32 degrees last week. The last show I attended was Corrales, NM. It was a very nice show and good to see two branches work together like Branch 19 and Branch 184 did. They did a very nice job. Also, some of their members will be at our Branch 2065 show in January. Our Branch 206 show will be January 15, 16 & 17. I have been getting a lot of phone calls regarding our show, and it has been nice hearing from people who have not been before. Most of the people attending are already members of EDGETA, but it is our goal to sign up 10 new members each year.

This year, there is a new show starting up in Quartzsite, AZ, about 90 miles north of Yuma. I do not know if they will become a branch in the future, but it makes it very nice when all attending the shows are National EDGETA members. Then all that is necessary is to show their yellow membership card. That keeps everyone from paying insurance at every show they attend.

A little personal news—my lovely wife and I had our 60th wedding anniversary in November. Wow! It seems like just yesterday I met her while I was working in the oil fields in Willistown, ND. I cannot believe time goes by this fast.

Please take time to call a friend, and Keep Smiling.

From Buster Brown, Director-at-Large

From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

Well, it sure seems like a short three months since the last newsletter went out. By the time you read this, your Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays will be over and your New Year’s Day will be past. I hope everyone had super nice holidays and Santa Claus was good to you. We surely have had some different weather in the last couple of months. We had a trace of snow all in November that was gone by 9:00 in the morning. It seems like all we are doing is breaking temperature records. I am a winter person, but this nice weather has been beautiful. I hope after the first of the year it gets better—warmer.

The farmers in my area had a decent fall. The weather held off and a very limited amount of corn drying saved the farmers a lot of money. My

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neighbor planted second crop beans late in July and when he harvested them this fall, they ran over 15 bushels per acre, which I thought was super good.

I want to thank all of my branches in the Northeast Region where they did a good job this year. We hope for a bigger and better season for next year. I did not hit as many shows this year as I normally do, but it just seems there was not enough time and energy to do it. My last show was in October for my home branch. We had a nice display and a nice crowd, plus the weather did not hurt anything.

As we close out the year and get prepared for the next year, remember to be careful with the projects already in progress and the projects we’d like to get done by spring. Always remember that safety starts with you. As I put machinery away for the winter, I like to make this list of things that need to be repaired or corrected on the different machines. That way, I can either repair or correct them before spring.

In closing, I hope everyone has a safe and mild winter. And I hope you complete all your winter projects that you have planned.

Till next time.....

Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director



**2016 DUES ARE \$12
PER MEMBER**

From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

I am writing this newsletter Christmas Eve 2015. By the time you are reading it, you will have celebrated Christmas and be getting geared up for a brand new year. Perhaps you will have made some New Year’s resolutions and be making big plans for

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2016. My wife left the house early this morning to watch Star Wars with the Grandchildren, so I went to McDonalds for breakfast. After eating, I was sitting in my truck checking my messages when I noticed an elderly couple going to their car, holding onto each other for support. When they reached the curb, they paused, apparently dreading the risk of stepping down, but he finally successfully made it, then held onto her while she stepped down. I thought to myself, "That may be me sooner than I think." I was reminded that whatever plans I make for the future should prefaced with (if The Lord wills). We have had more family funerals this year, and one of them was considerably younger than me.

Nevertheless, I am planning a busy year in 2016. January is filled with doctor appointments to determine if I need more cancer treatments and to see if anything can be done about the fact that my hearing aids no longer seem to help me. Doris is having surgery in late January, and I will be staying close to assist her for several weeks. After that I hope to be involved in some of the weekly meetings of our engine guys at Branch 37 and work on my Cushman Binder engine as well as some of the implements that go with my Dad's tractor. I also hope to attend all our monthly meetings at Branch 37 and as many tractor shows as possible.

Our South Central Regional Show will be at Pocahontas, Arkansas on May 14. I have a Granddaughter graduating from High school that same day and a Grandson graduating from the University of Arkansas that day also. Wish I could be in three places at once.

Our 2016 National show is scheduled for June 10-12 in the Wasilla and Palmer area of Alaska. I am excited and planning to be there and enjoy a great show with our Alaska EDGETA friends. I hope and pray that these plans do not get altered.

I have concluded that having big plans helps keep you healthy. My youngest son and I took a cedar log out to one of my friends to get him to saw it on his bandsaw sawmill this past spring. My friend has passed the 90 year old mark and has very poor eyesight. His acreage is dotted with old trucks, cars, engines, and tractors of which most are older than me, and I will soon be 75. As we stood looking around, my son pointed to a 30's model pickup and asked, "Would you sell that?" The answer, "No, I am going to restore that some day." This question was asked in regards to several other vehicles sitting in the weeds and the answer was the same every time. So I have decided to plan big, and adjust as I am forced to.

I pray you will all have a safe and blessed year in 2016.

Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

From Dorene Yearian, NC Regional Director

Hall of Fame

Another reminder the deadline for the 2016 EDGETA Hall of Fame is 120 days before the National Show Meeting June 11, 2016 (February 11, 2016).

There must be a member of your branch who is deserving to be honored on our Hall of Fame web page. Go on line and check the questions that need to be answered. Be sure to answer each question completely and send in your nomination by the deadline.

You can copy the form and just retype and complete and e-mail it to us. We will have three judges that do not know the nominees judge each application. Be sure to indicate where the presentation is to take place at the National in Alaska or a Regional Show Meeting. If your nomination is selected, they would be added to our Hall of Fame web page.

Tom Yearian, Chairman

Inventory (Brag Book) of Your Hobby

I'm sure you have read many articles to make a list of things in your home including your vehicles, etc. in case you have an emergency for insurance purposes or to just get back on your feet. Also important is creating a binder/book of your hobby. Take pictures of **all** the items in your hobby. Create a book/binder/tablet like grandparents do as a brag book.

Your book should include picture(s) with a page of stats - name, model, serial number, horse power, etc. How rare it is! How many were built! Where you bought it! How much you paid--maybe even a little story or history about the item.

At every show you go to, you network. If you have your book/binder with you, you may help someone else who has a problem with their piece of equipment, or you find someone to help you with your own problem. Maybe you run into someone who knows where you can obtain a piece of equipment that you have not been able to find – it's a great conversation starter. We in this hobby like to

talk, especially about our hobby.

At a show when your piece of equipment is on display, you can be very informative, plus you might learn from someone who has the same piece of equipment.

If grandparents can brag about their grandchildren – you can use this book to brag about your hobby.

Another reason you should create this book about your hobby is in case something happens to you, your spouse (husband in my case) can use this information to be informative when they have to sell your collection. It really hurts when I hear that someone has passed and the surviving spouse gave the equipment away. I've seen more times that I like to think about when a widow doesn't know anything about the things her husband has collected and she just gives it away or it goes for scrap (that hurts!).

Plan ahead to preserve our hobby – our historical collection! Future generations will profit.

Dorene Yearian, NC Regional Director

From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./ Editor

Hope all of you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I'm looking forward to starting a new year and working with you again as secretary/treasurer.

Buttons and stickers will be mailed out the first week of February. The number sent is based on the total membership for each branch for the 2015 year.

Stickers are in the top of each box of buttons inside a plastic sandwich bag.

This has been mentioned by a couple of the directors, but remember to get the dues to me by March 15. Please read the President's message at the beginning of this Newsletter for *information* regarding renewals. **Branch # must be on all pieces of correspondence: email, checks, lists.**

The EDGETA National Annual Meeting is in June this year in Alaska, so we have an important item of business that must be considered before you receive the Newsletter the first part of March.

The following two Director's positions open this year: **Northeast and Southeast.**

If there are any nominations, I must receive the resumes 90 days prior to the National Meeting to be held on June 11, 2016. Please address to Carrie Jo Parmley, 15246 Seven League Rd., Tyler, TX 75703. The date due to me is Monday, March 14, 2016. A banner scrolling across the website starting January 2016

is also a reminder that the NE and SE director positions are up for election.

By-Laws pertaining to the election are printed below and are also on our website.

ARTICLE IV – DIRECTORS/OFFICERS/ADVISORS

Section 1. Directors:

a. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) directors which includes the President, Vice President, and Safety Officer.

b. There shall be one Director from each of the six (6) EDGE&TA Regions with the seventh being a Director at Large.

c. Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority of the branches voting, either in person or by proxy. Every branch may vote to fill all Director positions, both Regional and Director at Large.

d. Any member in good standing may have their name placed in nomination for the Director position in the Region in which they reside.

e. Any member in good standing, from any region, may have their name placed in nomination for the Director at Large position.

f. Nominees must send to the Secretary/Treasurer a resume providing a straightforward profile of themselves and a recent photo. As a minimum, the resume should contain the following:

- (1) EDGE&TA membership history
- (2) EDGE&TA offices held
- (3) Ideas and goals for EDGE&TA
- (4) Knowledge of current EDGE&TA issues

g. The Secretary/Treasurer must receive the resumes and photos no later than (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

h. If there are no valid regional nominations presented, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing from the region to serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.

i. If there are no valid nominations presented to fill the Director at Large position, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.

j. For continuity, Directors shall be elected on a rotating basis under the following cycle: Two (2) Directors shall be elected/re-elected in each of the first year, and the second year. In the third year, three (3) Directors shall be elected/re-elected

k. The Board of Directors shall fill a vacated Director position by appointment of an EDGE&TA member in good standing. Directors so appointed shall serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.

l. Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years, and/or until their successors are elected, with the exception that a Director elected to fill a vacated appointed position shall serve the remainder of that three (3) year term.

m. The number of terms a Director may serve is unlimited.

Important Dates



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2016 – Annual National EDGETA Show & Meeting

June 10-12, 2016

Branch 52 – Wasilla & Palmer, AK

**South Central Regional, May 14, 2016
Host - Branch 185, Pocahontas, AR**

**Southwest Regional, May 27-29, 2016
Host - Branch 209 – Santa Margarita, CA**

**Northwest Regional, July 3-4, 2016
Host – Branch 74 –Missoula, MT**

**North Central Regional, Aug. 19-21, 2016
Host – Branch 79, Winfield, KS**

**Northeast Regional, September 16-18, 2016
Host – Branch 162, New Manchester, WV**

**Southeast Regional, October 22, 2016
Host - Branch 226, Hartselle, AL**

2017 National EDGETA Show & Meeting June 8-10, 2017

Host – Branch 42, Fruitport, MI



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