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From George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

Well, as you know, the warmer weather brings the opportunity to attend shows and festivals. It will be June before we know it. I hope you are making plans to attend the National Show in Fruitport, Michigan. The show is hosted by Branch 42 and begins on June 8th and ends June 10th. It sounds like a well-established show in that area. I am looking forward to the show myself. I hope as many of you that can will come and support Branch 42. I understand that June is the time of the year to visit the area.

Everyone should have their memberships and dues paid by now. It is very important when you report your members that you include their name, address and phone number. These are important pieces of information. Please note the information needed on the **BRANCH MEMBERS FORM**. It is also required for the insurance coverage to be in effect for each member. It is also required that each branch complete the **BRANCH OFFICERS UPDATE FORM**. This form serves to help us identify who can be contacted at the branch. It verifies the officers for the D & O insurance. The form is set currently that if there is not a change for a specific position you can fill it in with the word “same” submit it and the form will let the secretary know the correct contacts for your branch.

This section is very important. It needs to be very clear. Each branch is responsible for keeping copies of all membership lists sent to the national secretary. When the branch sends in a membership list there are several things that need to happen. First, the member list must be complete with member's name, address and phone number. **The list will not be accepted if they are not complete.** There should also be a check with the correct amount of dues to coincide with the number of members on the list. An example is if you send a list of 25 members along with that completed list there is to be a check for \$300. That is \$12 per member. The secretary will not accept lists without complete

information or checks without a list of members. **If any of the information is in correct, it will be returned to the branch to be corrected.** This may interfere with insurance coverage, so make sure you have everything correct before you send it. Remember, if we don't have a name, complete address and correct amount of dues, the individual is not covered. Also, member list and dues for the year are to be received by the secretary/treasurer on or before March 15. This gives time to record and process everything by the start of the fiscal year. It would be a good idea for the person sending the check to verify the number of members reported on the roster. It would also be a good idea to send a printed copy along with the check. Please contact any of the directors if you have questions.

It would be a good idea for each branch to have someone to visit the web site on a regular basis. The web site is the easiest and fastest way we have to reach all the members. There are web pages set up for each branch. These pages can be used to post pictures, show schedules your branch will attend during the year and general information about your branch. You can include things like history of the club and specific items the club collects. If your club does a good bit of charity work you can tell all about that too. You may even inspire other clubs to do the same thing or give them an idea of their own. The web pages are a great way for the clubs to learn about each other, too. As small as the world seems to be at times, some folks don't get to travel around the United States and have the ability to see clubs from other states or even in their own states; viewing the branch web pages can be a treat. You know they say, “A picture is worth a thousand words.” There are many members who would be glad to share the knowledge they have with others. The web pages may also help contact with someone with a rare part needed to complete a project. It may also be a way to get more exposure for your branch to get young folks interested in the hobby.

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 and on the web site 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 always try to end with a thought on safety. It is extremely important we do all we can to make this hobby safe for the spectators, but also for ourselves. We need to make sure we are following the guidelines set forth and posted on the web site for everyone to view at any time. We must practice safe handling of equipment so we don't injure ourselves. I recently was loading a tractor for a show and realized if the weather conditions changed, loading that tractor would not be safe. I had to change the way I loaded it plus decide on another tractor to take with it since the load would be stacked differently. This is only one example of thinking ahead to what may happen "if." We must constantly do that. That type thinking will keep us ahead of the game and safer. Please remember safety is everyone's business. If you witness another member in an unsafe practice, behavior or display, you need to bring that to the Branch Safety Officer's attention so it can be corrected. I recently went to a show which was not an EDGE&TA show. Some of the things I saw really scared me. I wondered how anyone could think some of the stuff going on there would have been safe. There were multiple people riding on the same tractor. There were moving displays not roped off. There was a large crowd and a lot of unnecessary movement on the show grounds. It only takes one incident to change the course of a show. Please make sure you are following the guidelines to make your show or display, where ever you are, safe for you and the spectators.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the shows this year. Please do not hesitate to call me or your regional director if you have questions or suggestions.

George W Christmas, President and Southeast Regional Director



2017 Dues are \$12 per member

Insurance Update, March 2017, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

We are glad to see spring once again; it has been a cold and snowy winter for us. We are back to seeing bare ground; however that comes with mud. One of our members reported that a school bus got stuck in mud in the middle of a county road. When he got there it had been abandoned. No one was around, and the road was blocked.

You may have noticed some changes in our EDGEATA website. It needed an update and it is now more user friendly to use. Under the branch location page, those branches who have updated their officers and directors are listed. For those who have not yet updated their officers and directors, you will need to click on the prior 2016 list. If you have not updated your branch officers and directors on the EDGEATA website, please do so.

Most of you have sent your EDGEATA dues (\$12 per year per member) to Carrie Jo. If you have not, please send them as soon as you can. Remember after you receive dues from your branch members, be sure to send them to Carrie Jo within 30 days so they have insurance coverage. This is a requirement of our by-laws.

It has been pretty quiet on the insurance front. That is the way we like it. No claims have been filed, which means everyone has been safe. And there have been no changes or additional requirements from our insurance carrier. We are in the process of renewing our insurance for another year. That is going well.

Don't forget to attend this year's National EDGEATA show and meeting in Fruitport, MI in

June. I am looking forward to being there and meeting people from that area. Also the NW Regional EDGETA meeting will be in Filer, Idaho this year in June. We have several Hall of Fame awards to present at that meeting. If you have not done so, think about nominating someone from your branch that has done an outstanding job for your branch and EDGETA to the Hall of Fame. I know that there are many branch members out there that are worthy of being inducted into the EDGETA Hall of Fame.

I hope everyone has a great and safe show season this year.

Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director



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

In the past several months there has been some very unusual weather patterns. In California, we had much needed rain--in some areas too much. The Southwest Branch 206 hosted a very successful show between showers. It is unfortunate that in the past few months we have lost some great members. We need to encourage new members to keep this hobby active. Membership is very reasonable at one dollar per month. I would encourage branches to update their officers' lists on the website as soon as possible.

There have been rumors circulating that I am

resigning from EDGETA, which is not the case.

Follow the safety rules and have another safe year.

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

From Buster Brown, Director-at-Large

The shows in Arizona and Southern California have started and are going by fast. Branch 206 had their show in January. The weather was not the best, but the show was good. It was the first time in 38 years the weather was an issue. It was cold and windy. There were members at the show from Branches 1, 6, 8, 15, 22, 23, 27, 31, 52, 106, 160, 206, 226, and 240 representing the states of Alaska, Alabama, Arizona, California, Minnesota, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

I want to thank Cliff Northcote and Branch 22 for helping make our show a great success. Alan Schurman was voted into the Hall of Fame in 2016 and received his plaque the Branch 206 show in January this year. Also present were Hall of Fame Members Willie Heyen, George Best, Cliff Northcote and myself. It was a very nice show that gets bigger and better every year.

The following weekend, there was a show in Quartzsite, AZ. There were a few engines and a few tractors, and lots of spectators. Hope the show works out. There will be more on this next fall. This last weekend was a trial show at Imperial County Fairgrounds started by Branch 22. This is in conjunction with the Imperial County Fair. It appears that this show will work. It looked promising. There will be more news and information to come on this show. This last weekend, there was a show in Apache Junction, AZ put on by AEDGE@TA (not an EDGETA Branch). There are a lot of EDGETA members that exhibit at this show and follow our rules. It also looked good.

Please check the website as there have been a lot of changes made. Also, if you have a show coming up, be sure to list it on the website. A lot of members traveling check the website for upcoming shows and may stop and visit if they have the show information available.

This is for all officers of all Branches. If there are any questions or problems in your branch,

contact your director or me, Director-at-Large. There is a National Meeting coming up in Fruitport, MI. It will give the management level of EDGETA a chance to correct issues or discuss and try to correct any problems that you may be having. Please don't drop out of EDGETA because of a misunderstanding or an issue that could be corrected. Contact a director for assistance.

Hope you have a good start to the year with your shows.

Buster Brown, Director-at-Large

From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

Just got home about an hour ago from the South Central Regional Show in Sidney, Arkansas, hosted by EDGETA Branch 199, Tri-County Antique Tractor Club. They are a very gracious group of people and put on a great show considering the number of members in Branch 199.

Now to get ready for Spring Crankup at Branch 37, Tired Iron of the Ozarks. The first half of the summer is a very busy time for me since most of my regional shows tend to be in the early part of the year, and the spring show at my home branch, #37, is always the third week-end of April. Then, off to the National Show in June in Fruitport, Michigan.

Whether your Branch owns their own show ground or you use a borrowed or rented facility, there is a tremendous amount of work to be done to get ready for a show. In addition to getting your own equipment ready for the show, please take time to help the officers of your branch get the grounds ready, get the word out, and make all the necessary preparations. After all, they too have to get their own displays ready. It takes joint effort to put on a good show.

As I have travelled to different regional shows and talked to branch officers, I continually hear either, "I don't do computers" or "I am not on the Internet". In the area where I was this week, you could barely get reception if you walked to the highest point of elevation. I meet many officers who do not do Internet. I always encourage them to have someone who has Internet to print off the crucial information from the EDGETA Home Page.

In spite of this, I sometimes feel like I am fighting a losing battle. As I was going over Insurance and Safety this week, I was told by

someone, "I never knew that; I had never heard that." It makes me wonder just how many people will actually read this newsletter. But I will continue to get the word out as much as possible.

I pray that everyone will have a safe summer and enjoy some fun travels and great tractor and engine shows.

God Bless and Keep You,

Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

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Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

As spring has started, we had 5 inches of snow which only lasted a few days. Sure glad to see it gone. I went to the Auburn, Indiana show last week end, and I hope it is not a sign of what our summer shows will be. Attendance was a little short on Thursday and so was the machinery. The weather was beautiful on Thursday and our snow hit Friday and Saturday. I caught up with a lot of people I haven't seen for a year.

I hope to see a lot of branches from our NE Region supporting our National Show at Fruitport, Michigan. That show will be held June 8th thru 10th, 2017 at their show grounds. We had a regional show

there a few years ago and it was a well-organized show.

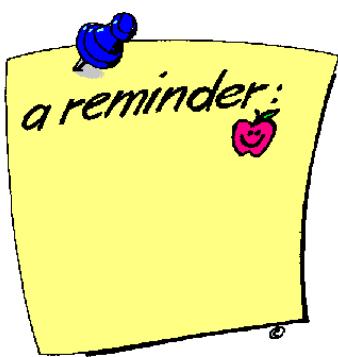
It is time to start thinking about getting our trucks and trailers checked out before the summer shows begin and especially before the National Meeting in Michigan. Let's all hope we have nice weather for that weekend. As the new season begins as well as the new projects we are working on, we need to take care and be very careful. This is also a good time to check out our brakes, tires, and lights to be sure everything is in good working order. Don't forget your chains and binders and other safety equipment needs to be checked also.

We have had a very mild winter since the holidays at the end of last year. I have always been a winter person, but I really enjoyed the mild winter we had since I no longer snowmobile.

Remember--safety first and safety starts at home with you!

Hope to see you at the Annual National EDGETA Show and Meeting Branch 42- Fruitport, MI

From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director



**2017 DUES ARE \$12
PER MEMBER**

**From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./
Editor**

Hope all of you had a Happy New Year--by now, 2017 is well under way. Many have already attended shows this calendar year. I've received membership dues from many of the branches. However, there are still those who need to send their dues. The new membership year begins April 15, 2017; unless memberships are renewed prior to then,

members will not have membership coverage until those dues are paid.

One housekeeping chore that we need to take care of is the **updating of new officers and directors. This must be done at the beginning of each year, even if you maintain the same officers.** Go to the EDGETA.org website, scroll down to the yellow tab "Branch Officers Update Form" and enter those. Do the same for Directors. If the information is the same as last year, just enter "same" in the blank for the name of the person in that office. If their address, phone or e-mail changes, please make that change. **Any and all changes must be entered.** This year, I had only 2 branches that did not get their buttons, stickers, etc. when I mailed them the first week of February because officers had not been updated for some years and the supplies were mailed to the person I had on record. If you do change officers or update records after that date, you may need to contact the previous office holder for supplies. **Please be sure that someone in your branch takes care of updating officers on the website each year and each time something changes.**

It's been mentioned already that the new year for EDGETA begins April 15, so please get your membership information turned in so that you will have continuous coverage of the advantages that EDGETA membership offers.

Our website is having a "Facelift" to bring it up to a more current and up-to-date appearance and to make it more "User Friendly." Our webmaster, Josh, is doing a very nice job of getting items in place on the new site. It provides a wealth of information and assistance, as George stated in the opening article. For those who need a spreadsheet to enter membership, there was a new one posted two years ago that allows 24 members and information per page. It is labeled "Branch Members Form." Some of you are still using the previous form that allows only 5 members per page. It would be very good if you could switch to the new form. This new cuts down the use of paper and postage for those who need a form. Also, it simplifies records for me as well. Go to EDGETA.org, scroll down to "Branch Members Form" and fill in the blanks. You may save it, print it and send it with the check. There are also many other pieces of useful information posted on the website. If you should see an area where the

links are not correct, please contact me and we will get that corrected. Josh, our webmaster, is very efficient in getting changes made for us.

Thanks to all of you who work so diligently to get your information to us accurately and in a timely manner. It is a very big responsibility for you to keep and maintain the membership for your branches.

Spring is here and the National Annual Meeting is June 8-10 in Fruitport, MI hosted by Branch 42. They have been working hard to have a good show and to make all those who are traveling to Michigan feel welcome and make the experience memorable. I am looking forward to being there and meeting people in person that I speak with on the phone. I know it will be a good show.

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treasurer/Editor



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2017 – Annual National EDGETA Show & Meeting

**June 8-10, 2017
Branch 42 – Fruitport, MI**

**Northwest Regional, June 16-17, 2017
Host – Branch 150–Filer, ID**

**Southeast Regional, July 1-4, 2017
Host - Branch 125, Denton, NC**

**Southwest Regional, July 21-22, 2017
Host - Branch 222 – Artesia, NM**

**North Central Regional, Aug. 11-13, 2017
Host – Branch 1, Taylor Falls, MN**

2018 Annual National EDGETA Meeting & Show

**June 29-30, 2018
Branch 107, Emporia, KS
(more exact location details to come)**

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Have a safe show season!