

# NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

## From George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. There sure was a lot to talk about as the 2016 year ended. There were floods, wildfires, record cold weather, heavy snows, almost record heat in the south and even the election. I hope everyone has a wonderful New Year. My wife and I are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our baby daughter as I write this. It will certainly be a grand adventure for us.

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. Remember, the minimum required membership was lowered this year to 10 renewing members. This was approved by the membership by vote and presented at the National meeting in Alaska.

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.

Please make sure you are updating your officers' 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. I know some of you have had difficulty with the website after you updated your information. Please be patient with us. I appreciate all the constructive criticism. The feedback we receive from the members is how we make improvements. We know everything isn't perfect and it doesn't always run like a well-oiled machine, but we are

working each day to improve it. Please help us make things better for everyone, but please be patient as we work to make the improvements.

**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.

Dorene Yearian, the North Central Region Director, has decided to resign from her position. Dorene has served on the board for many years. She has been and continues to be an avid supporter of Early Days Gas Engine and Tractor Association. She will continue to serve as chair of the Hall of Fame committee. The board will appoint a member in good standing to complete her term. I can't tell you what an asset she has been to the board.

I hope everyone will have a joyous and safe new year. Please continue to keep yourselves safe and our hobby safe for those who come to enjoy the machines and equipment of yester year. I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones during the 2017 show year. God Bless you all.

## George W Christmas, President and Southeast Regional Director

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## Insurance Update, December 2016, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

Today (Dec. 17) is a good day to do indoor jobs. In the last couple of days we received over a foot of light fluffy snow. All of it came when the temperatures were around zero. This morning we woke up to a temperature of -32 degrees. But the

snow clouds are gone and it is bright and sunny outside. The wind is supposed to pick up which will redistribute all the fluffy snow. In some areas with the cold ambient temperature, the wind chill could reach -40 to -50 degrees. I plowed our drive way yesterday, and probably will have to plow it again after the wind blows. Those of you in the southern climates are probably glad you are not here now.

From an insurance standpoint, things have been relatively quiet. We did have a claim filed by a person a couple months ago that claimed hearing damage from an air whistle on a large stationary engine exhibit. I have not heard any more about it, not sure of its status.

Remember to document your branch member's attendance to non EDGETA events as an EDGETA activity in your branch minutes. Or branch members can get approval by their branch President or Safety Officer by calling them or emailing them with a request for approval. There is a template form for requesting President and Safety Officer approval on the EDGETA home page website. It is in red ([Non EDGE&TA Activity Approval Form](#)) under the other blue boxes for reporting your officer's directors, requesting insurance certificates, etc. By using the template form, you will get all the info needed by the President or Safety Officer to give you a decision.

I had a question recently from a branch in Washington regarding tractor drives. When a licensed vehicle (support truck, etc.) accompanies a tractor drive on public highways, the state of Washington wanted them included on the EDGETA insurance certificate. Our EDGETA insurance does not cover licensed vehicles. So it will be up to the individual owners of the licensed vehicles to provide a certificate from their auto insurer to Washington State.

This is the time of the year when most branches are electing officers and directors for their branches. Remember to update the EDGETA website with your officers' and directors' names and complete contact information. If there is no change from last year in the entry, just type in 'same'.

It is important to keep your officer and director contact information up-to-date. When someone wants to call one of your branch officers, it sure helps to have an up-to-date contact on their branch's EDGETA web page with that information.

Branch dues for next year have not changed from last year. Dues will still be \$12 per year per member

which includes the EDGETA National Dues as well as the insurance premium. We would like to have as many dues as we can by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The EDGETA National policy premium is due shortly thereafter. Our EDGETA insurance year is from the middle of April to the next April.

Thank all of you for taking the time to be safe this past year. Our goal as you know is at the end of the day everyone goes home safe and happy.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

**Insurance Update, December 2016, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director**

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

This past year, there have been many serious weather related incidents across the country. Hoping this coming year it will be better. At this time of the year, some of the branches are putting their equipment away for the winter while some in the Southwest are preparing for the upcoming year. There have been few accidents reported this year which could indicate that members are being more cautious. Mentioned many times in the past, we need to encourage younger persons to become interested in our hobby. This past year we have lost many great members.

I have still heard some members asking if EDGETA has a newsletter. Yes there is, it is online and two officers in each branch receive a copy.

Wishing each and every one a joyous holiday.

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

**From Buster Brown, Director-at-Large**

First, a little information on the Southwest Regional Meeting in Visalia, California October 14-16 hosted by Branch 209. It was held in Mooney Grove Park. It was a very nice place for a show, as there was also a museum on the grounds. Also, this was a very nice show, but it was a little short on displays and spectators. This could have been caused by two other shows the same weekend in California.

On October 22, I attended the Southeast Regional Meeting in Hartselle, Alabama, hosted by Branch 226. If you live in this Region, put this show on your list to attend. At this show, they were hauling hay from a field to a Hay press and making bales of hay; they were digging peanuts, picking corn, and picking cotton—all with antique equipment. There was also a working blacksmith display. In addition, there was a trailer loaded with hand and foot operated lathes and milling machines from 1865 to 1930. There were many, many other displays as well. It was a very nice show and the people were very friendly. Don't miss this one.

Our shows are ready to start down here in the desert. The first show will be EDGE&TA Branch 206 on Jan 20-21 at Wellton, AZ. For more info call Darrell Lipp at [602-568-8155](tel:602-568-8155). The following weekend, we go to Quartzsite, AZ 90 miles north of Yuma. This new show seems to be off to good start. For information, go to Quartzsite, AZ main event and look at website. There will also be shows in the Phoenix area, in Cottonwood and Tucson. For more info Email me.

**From Buster Brown, Director-at-Large**

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**2017 Dues are \$12 per member**

**From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director**

By the time you read this letter, the holidays should be passed and, hopefully, you had a happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

We have had a very easy fall and very good weather for the farmers to get their crops off. In our area, we have only had a trace of snow twice until now. Most of the snow has been north of us and east of Cleveland. The cold temperatures have really hit us now. I guess we are in for winter. I hope 2017 brings us a better year than this year. The shows have wound down in this area and some were a little slow. My local branch show was held in October and it turned out to be a very nice show and good weather. We have been pretty lucky with our shows regarding the weather the last 3 years.

Well, as the New Year brings new projects to work on, we need to take care and be careful. We need to be careful with our wood burners in this cold weather, especially if we are doing any painting in the shop. This time of the year is a good time to check out our trucks, trailers, and tractors for any needed repairs. These repairs could be brakes, lights and tires and anything else you may notice needs repair. Don't forget your chains and binders and other safety equipment.

Always remember safety first and safety starts at home with you! I hope to see a lot of you folks at the National Meeting in Michigan. In closing, have a safe winter and spring and hope to see you at a show this summer!

**Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director**

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**Hall of Fame Award**

The EDGE&TA Hall of Fame was established in 1998 in the interest of honoring those who have made significant contributions to the collection, preservation, and exhibition of antique tractors, engines, and equipment. Every EDGE&TA member is eligible for this award. Posthumous submissions will be accepted with past EDGE&TA membership.

The application form and information is on the EDGETA website under the "Hall of Fame" tab. Hall of Fame Nominations are due to EDGETA no later than 120 days prior to the National Meeting.

**This year the deadline for receiving the nominees is February 11, 2017.** Please consider nominating those who have made significant contributions to both your branch and EDGETA.

E-mail nominations to Dorene Yearian, HOF Chair, [trydiron@hughes.net](mailto:trydiron@hughes.net) by February 11, 2017 as indicated at the bottom of the application.

### Hall of Fame Award Information

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#### From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

Some people say, "Time flies when you are having fun." With me, time flies whether I am having fun or not. This year has certainly gone by fast. For some it has been a year of tragedy and loss. At Branch 37, my branch, we have had more members pass than any year since I became a member. It is always sad to say good bye to friends.

Some of you have suffered the loss of property and possessions this year. I pray that God will restore to you more than your loss. These experiences remind us that all things in this life are temporal, except the soul of man; family and friends are the most valuable assets we have. The friends I have acquired through my involvement in EDGETA are worth more than all the engines and tractors I could ever have.

This past few months, my friends at Tired Iron have resurrected my old Cushman Binder engine which had been sitting for years and was a basket case. They virtually performed a miracle on it. It was a learning experience for me and I am so thankful for the help of these men.

We are just days away from Christmas and many of us are focused on getting ready for company and event of the Season. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. If you haven't already begun to focus on the New Year, no doubt you will soon. I hope that in your plans for the New Year, you will consider being involved in your local branch, if you are not already. There is always more work than can be done by your officers. It can become a burden for a few.

I would also like to encourage you to attend your regional show, if possible. The sponsoring branch works very hard in preparation for these shows and EDGETA's home page for date and location.

God bless you and have a merry Christmas.

Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

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### 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 full week of February. The number sent is based on the total membership for each branch for the 2016 year. Please be certain that the person who has been designated to receive the buttons is aware of what the box is and the necessity to open and distribute the contents accordingly.

**Stickers are in the top of each box of buttons inside a plastic sandwich bag. Also an envelope with the EDGETA Annual Financial Statement will be in the top of the box. Directors voted this past year to send an annual financial statement to all branches with the buttons in an effort to be certain that it arrives and can be shared with the membership.**

Already mentioned by our president and other directors, 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, and lists. The list and amount included must match or it will be returned, as was stated by our president, George Christmas in the October newsletter.**

The EDGETA National Annual Meeting is in June this year in Fruitport, MI. 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 are open this year: **Northwest, currently held by Dick Tombrink and Southwest, currently held by Don Young.**

**If there are any nominations, I must receive the resumes with photos 90 days prior to the National Meeting to be held on June 10, 2017. Please address to Carrie Jo Parmley, 15246 Seven League Rd., Tyler, TX 75703. The date due to me is Saturday, March 11, 2017. A banner scrolling across the website starting January 2017 is also a reminder that the NW and SW 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*

## *2017– Annual National EDGETA Show & Meeting*

*June 8-10, 2017*

*Branch 42 – Fruitport, MI*

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

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

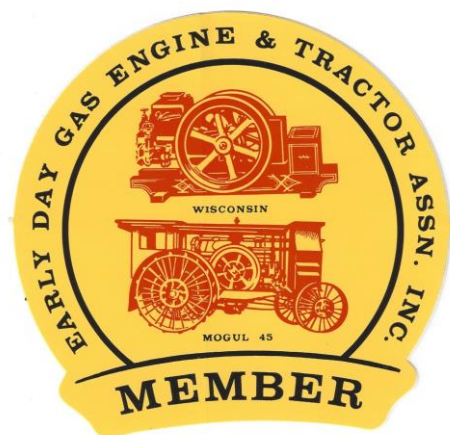
**Southwest Regional, July 21-22, 2017  
Host – Branch 222, Artesia, NM**

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

**Southeast Regional – To be determined**

**Northeast Regional—No Regional Show in  
Region Hosting National Show**

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