

# NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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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 Emporia, Kansas. The show is hosted by Branch 107 and will be held June 29-30th. Branch 107 has hosted the National Show in the past and did an outstanding job. I am looking forward to visiting the area again. I hope as many of you that can will come and support Branch 107.

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 DIRECTORS 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 30 members along with that completed list there is to be a check for \$360. 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 incorrect, the list 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, your list of members is not covered until corrected. Member lists and dues for the year should have been received by the secretary/treasurer on or before March 15. 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 is important that someone from your branch monitor the website for updated information. We routinely post updates on the website to quickly pass along information to our members. Usually, important reminders or announcements will be placed on a banner at the top of the home page so it will be noticed. Other updates may be in the forms or in the frequently asked question section. The form section has links to all the current forms needed for communication to the national administration. Often, questions come up from branches or members that are very good questions, and in order to help other members, we post that question and the answer in the FAQ section. Again, this is to help any and all members get a clear understanding on a particular topic.

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. There are 3 board positions up for election this year, the North Central, South Central and Director at Large. Again, I encourage you to submit a resume or contact your regional

director for more information on how you could get more involved in the leadership of our association.

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. Our insurance covers us against claims by spectators only. We do not have coverage between members or participants. I encourage you to contact your regional director if you have questions about coverage.

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**

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## **Insurance Update, March 2018, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director**

Like last year it was a cold and snowy winter for us. We received more snow this year than we have for a long time. I was running out of room to pile it. Also had some very cold weather. About a month

ago, we had night temperatures of -27 to -21, four nights in a row. But now the snow is melting and we have mud to contend with.

In my last newsletter update, I mentioned that we had an incident in California where a member's Farmall Cub moved forward and hit the car ahead at a community parade. The car was owned and driven by a non EDGETA member. The claim was turned into our EDGETA insurance carrier and after review it was denied. The reason was that our insurance does not cover participant liability. Our insurance covers claims arising from a spectator incurring bodily injury or property damage at one of our EDGETA activities or shows or at a community parade. It does not cover a claim between participants at our EDGETA activities or shows (i.e. between EDGETA members), or between our EDGETA members and other participants in a community parade. This is a scenario that we have not had to deal with before. It is therefore very important for all EDGETA members to be aware that we do not have participant liability coverage, especially when we participate in community parades. Please exercise caution so that you do not become involved in an incident with another parade participant that may result in a possible claim. I have talked to our insurance agent about adding participant liability coverage to our policy. He has been talking to several insurance carriers and has not been successful in finding any that offer it.

We have added a FAQ #29 to our website to cover this situation. I have included it below. I encourage you to bring it up and discuss it at your branch meetings, so all are aware of this situation.

**FAQ 29, When our branch designates a local community parade (or other non EDGETA event) as an EDGETA activity and our members participate, what insurance coverage do we have?**

You have the same coverage that you would have if you were participating in an EDGETA branch parade. You are covered for an incident involving a parade spectator for bodily injury and property damage. You do not have coverage involving an incident with a non EDGETA parade participant such as person operating another parade exhibit. It is the same as when you participate in an EDGETA branch parade. You do not have coverage involving an incident with another branch member, who is also participating in the parade. Similarly, in the

case of a non EDGETA event, you do not have coverage for an incident involving a non EDGETA member who is also participating in that event.

In general, (now speaking from a personal standpoint), each of us should review our own personal insurance coverage and requirements periodically to protect our estate and other personal assets, for times when we are not doing EDGETA activities. Discuss this with your homeowners or auto insurance agent. There are inland marine policies that will cover your tractors, etc. for a loss when stored at home in your garage. In today's world, depending on your circumstances, you may want to have a personal liability policy to protect your assets, to cover you for an accident if it should happen when a friend stops by and you and he decide to go for a ride on your tractor.

Some other changes made on our website are as follows:

**FAQ #5.** It deals with driving your tractor from your home to the EDGETA show or activity. Your coverage starts as soon as you unload your tractor, engine, etc. at the event. There was some confusion about that, so to be clear, we added the following sentence, "EDGETA insurance does not cover you while driving your tractor from your home to and from the event". Your auto insurance should cover you while you haul it to the show.

"Notice of Insurance Occurrence Claim Form". We deleted the requirement to use film cameras, which was obsolete. We replaced it with using digital cameras to record the accident, especially your cell phones. Please be sure to take digital pictures when there is an accident or other incident that might result in a claim.

"People Mover Requirements" We changed item 7 to state, "Driver and Conductor must have a reliable means to communicate between each other. This can be walkie talkies, air horns, wired door bells, etc. This is necessary to alert the driver to stop, ok to go, etc." (We deleted the use of radio headsets which have not been successful.)

Dues are due, and I think most of you have probably already submitted them to Carrie Jo. If you have not, please do so soon, because as of April 15<sup>th</sup> your members accident will not be covered by our insurance. As you know, our insurance year starts

insurance. As you know, our insurance year starts on April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you will need an insurance certificate shortly after April 15<sup>th</sup>, be sure Carrie Jo has your paid dues for the new year. If you have not sent your dues to her, our insurance agent will not issue you a certificate.

This year the NW Regional will be held at Tillamook, Oregon, on August 17-19, hosted by Branch 159, NW Old Iron Club. Regrettably, I won't be able to attend, as that is the same weekend we have our branch show and Threshing Bee. Morrie Robinson will be filling in for me, and I know he will do a good job.

Stay safe and have a good show season this summer.

### **Insurance Update, March 2018, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director**

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

The year began with another great show in January hosted by Branch 206 in Wellton, Arizona. It gets better every year. By now members should have their engines, tractors and trailers ready for a year of fun. Many of the items that we demonstrate at shows, spectators have never seen them before or know what they are. This leads to interesting conversations and there are times we learn something as well.

Much of the fun in our hobby is bringing a rusty, broken item back to life. We spend countless hours trying to locate a broken or missing part. Most times we have to make it ourselves. When it is all restored,

most times better than new, we proudly display it. One year we were displaying at an airshow. A young lady asked what tractors have to do with airplanes. A member told her that a tractor plays a big role in what you are going to eat tonight.

Safety is very important in what we do. Every precaution must be taken to prevent an accident. Take time to think about what you are going to do. Get help when needed.

Everyone have a safe and fun year.

The branches that have requested youth driver cards, you will get them.

Due to mail issues, internet service and myself moving, I have not been able to complete any. Thanks.

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

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

Shows in the Southwest Region have started for the year. The first one was held by Branch 206 on the 3rd weekend of January. On Friday there was a good crowd and a nice show, but on Saturday morning the wind started to blow. By noon the sand started to blow very badly and by 1 p.m. the show was history. This is only the 2nd bad year in the last 40 years. Not too bad. The show in Apache Junction last weekend had a nice crowd and a very good show. Other shows will be held in southern California, Tucson, AZ and Las Cruces, NM. These are all good shows so plan to attend if you can.

EDGE&TA lost Branch 217 in Arizona due to a lack of members. Those members will be joining other branches. It will be nice to see these people, as they went to many shows out of their own area.

Some of you may have noticed that my term as Director-at-Large is up this year. I will not be running for that position again due to health reasons of myself, my wife and some of my children.

I would like to endorse Jeff Fenske for Director-at-Large as I know he would do a very good job. He has agreed to run for the position and has sent in his resume. It should be on the EDGE&TA web site. I have spent some time with Jeff at shows the last few years. He has attended many shows in and out of his region. I know he would make a very good Director-at-Large. He has been a member of EDGE&TA for about 20 years and has been President of Branch 8 for 9 years. He understands how important it is to follow all safety rules and regulations. He also

understands how important it is to bring in new members, especially younger ones.

I have enjoyed being a Director-at-Large and look forward to the continuation of the goals of EDGE&TA.

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

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#### **From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director**

I am sure many of you are gearing up for tractor and engine shows, seeing that it is that time of year. I have been making plans and marking my calendar for the shows I plan to attend. Included in that list is the National show in Emporia Kansas June 29,30. 2018 hosted by Branch 107, Flint Hills Antique Power Association.

I also encourage you to attend the South Central Regional Show, hosted by my home Branch 37, Tired Iron of The Ozarks; it is located on 17 acres, owned by Tired Iron at 13344 Taylor Orchard Road near Gentry, AR.

Tired Iron has plenty of guest parking at the front of our grounds, a nice spacious meeting and dining hall with kitchen, a large barn filled with antique farm machinery named the Burger Barn, a full-scale saw mill that will be in operation, a very nice Black Smith shop also operating, and a good display of antique engines and tractors.

There will be barrel train rides and rope making for the kids.

Tired Iron has a household antiques building crammed full of things your mother and grandmother used in their household chores.

There are some RV hookup sites available on the grounds, for information call Larry Morrison at 479-524-0450. Wilderness Hills R V park also has sights for a fee, at 13776 Taylor Orchard Road, Phone 479-524-4955.

I want to invite EDGETA members from other branches in the South Central Region and surrounding area to bring their antique tractors and engines to display.

Like many of you, I am having to switch gears and get ready for show time. I worked construction out in the freezing weather most of the winter, but thank goodness, I am almost finished with that.

Be safe while getting your equipment ready, and God Bless each of you.

#### **Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director**

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## **From Bob Craig, NC Regional Director**

Hello from the North Central Region. It's time to get started on a new year. Winter is about gone; we are still having some cold days here at home. I'm certainly ready for them to be gone. This past January, Garnett and I went to Emporia, Kansas to attend Branch 107's annual meeting. I met with president Mark Say & secretary Glen Knuth then drove out to the Dale Delong farm. These folks certainly are going to be out a lot of labor and time to produce the live demonstrations they have planned. Dale will be moving dozens of tractors in order to open up buildings for show use.

There certainly has been an abundance of questions and interest in the insurance. I hope there has been some clarity so members will know what coverage they have. It was good that we had some new clubs come on board this winter.

April is just around the corner, which is when the show schedule starts in our area. Hope everyone has had a safe and healthy winter and hope it carries on through the show season.

Thank You.\

## **Bob Craig, NC Regional Director**

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## **From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director**

I hope everybody had a happy and safe holiday season. We have had an old fashion winter, but I guess we have been lucky compared to my friends in the New England states! Let's hope the snow is behind us and spring is just around the corner.

I just got back from the show in Auburn, Indiana this last weekend. They featured Ford tractors and had a fairly decent showing. Of course, they had a lot of garden tractors and miscellaneous parts. It was a pretty nice show. It was not as big as it has been, but it was pretty well attended.

We all need to take care as we start thinking about our shows and are working in the shop getting things ready to go. We need to look at our trucks and trailers to make sure all the lights work and double check all our tires. We need to be sure we have all the safety equipment, like chains, binders and straps are all useable and in good condition. Be sure you have working fire extinguishers on your tractors. Be sure to put wheel chocks on the tractors.

Hope to see you at some shows this season! Remember our National Show in Kansas! I hope we

have a good turnout for that show. Hope to see everyone there!

## **Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director**

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**Dues are \$12 per person per year!**

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

Hope all of you had a Happy New Year--by now, 2018 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, 2018; 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. Please be sure that someone in your branch takes care of updating officers on the website each year and each time something changes.** I take all officer information from what has been submitted to the website, not from a list included in the membership information with the check.

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. A new "Branch Members Form" was posted on the website 3 years ago that allows 24 members and information per page. It is at the bottom of the home page and 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 helpful if you could switch to the new form.

A very big "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.

To clarify membership guidelines, below I'm inserting the Section of the By Laws that addresses membership. Only individuals (not companies or organizations) are eligible for membership as stated in our By Laws.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1. Members:**

- a. Eligibility for membership is unrestricted.
- b. The rights, privileges, and interests of each member shall be equal.
- c. A member in good standing is one whose dues are current, is listed on a Branch Membership Roster, and has a valid membership card showing their branch number.
- d. The period of membership shall be for one year, beginning on April 15, with the exception being a member joining a branch after April 15. Such member shall be a member until the end of that membership period.
- e. Membership shall be for individuals only. Company names or family group names are not acceptable.
- f. Members only have to be reported to the Association by one (1) branch.
- g. All members shall participate in the Association Liability Insurance Program.

Spring is here and the National Annual Meeting is June 29-30 in Emporia, KS hosted by Branch 107. They have been working hard to have a good show and to make all those who are traveling to Kansas feel welcome and make the experience memorable. I am looking forward to being there and meeting people I've communicated with regarding the details of the meeting as well as other guests.

Hope to see some of you in Kansas.

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

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# ***Important Dates***

## **2018- Annual National EDGETA Show**

### **& Meeting**

***June 29-30, 2018***

***Branch 107 – Emporia, KS***

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***Northeast Regional, June 23-24, 2018***

***Host – Branch 133--Norridgewock, Maine***

***Northwest Regional, August 17-19, 2018***

***Host – Branch 159–Tillamook, OR***

***Southwest Regional, October 5-7, 2018***

***Host - Branch 13 – Galp, CA***

***Southeast Regional, October 20-21, 2018***

***Host - Branch 119--Charlotte, NC***

***South Central - Pending***

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