

# **NATIONAL NEWSLETTER**

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## **From George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director**

I would like to thank the members of Branch 107 in Emporia, Kansas for hosting the national show. I know everyone worked hard getting everything into place for the show. The members of Branch 107 always put on a great show. It was unfortunate I could not make the show due to issues with work. I always enjoy meeting new folks and seeing old friends during the shows. Again, thank you to the members of Branch 107 for hosting the national show.

This year with the annual election, we had a change at the position of director-at-large. Buster Brown, who has served the association for three years as Director-at-Large rotated off the board. Buster has worked hard to represent the association. He has worked tirelessly to contact branches and members to personally speak to them concerning association issues. I truly want to thank him for all he has done for the association. Buster travels to many shows, so when you see him, please let him know what a great job he has done.

Many of you know Jeff Fenske. Jeff is taking over as Director-at-Large. Jeff has been very involved in the preservation of antique farm equipment for many years. He is a President of Branch 8. Please welcome Jeff as the new director-at-large. I look forward to working with Jeff. I know he will be an asset to the board of directors.

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. Each Director's term is posted with the information for that Director on the administration page of the website. I

encourage all those interested to get involved. It takes all of us to keep our association strong. If you are interested in possibly serving as a director, please contact your regional director or any director and talk to them about serving. There are a lot of good ideas out there, and we would like to hear them.

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. We appreciate the feedback we receive from the members concerning the website. This 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; if you have suggestions on improvements, let us know. Please be patient as we work to make the improvements.

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 your 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.

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 incorrect, 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 lists 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. Please contact any of the directors if you have questions.

Currently, the board is looking at different insurance options. We on the board will be discussing the plans and cost. We will then provide that information to the membership. Please keep watching the newsletters and also any correspondence from the national secretary that will have this important information for all of our members.

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer. There are lots of shows going on with more on the way. Please take extra time to keep yourself and others safe. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the shows.

**George W Christmas, President and Southeast Regional Director**

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**Insurance Update, July 2018, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director**

At this time, I am sure you are aware of the incident that happened in California last September. One of our branch members was participating in a local parade, and accidentally ran into the back of a Bentley car ahead of them in the parade. Since our insurance does not have participant liability, the claim

was denied by our insurance carrier. We do not have coverage for an accident involving another participant in a community parade whether they are an EDGETA member or not. As you know, we also do not have coverage for an incident involving another EDGETA member at an EDGETA show.

I have been talking to our insurance agent about the California incident. He has been searching for participant liability coverage for us. He had numerous rejections, but finally he found an Insurance carrier that will provide participant liability coverage for us, both for the case of one of our members participating in a community parade and also for an incident involving another EDGETA member at our shows. This is really good news for us; it fills a gap that we have not been able to cover before. However, it does come with an increase in cost. Presently we are paying \$8 per member per year for insurance in addition to the \$4 for the EDGETA national dues, for a total of \$12. This coverage will cost an additional \$5 per member per year, for a total of \$17. To me, this is a small price to pay for the additional coverage we will be getting.

However, the deductible will increase from the present \$1000 per occurrence to \$2500 per occurrence. This applies both for bodily injury and property damage. At a recent EDGETA Board of Directors meeting we discussed the deductible and decided that EDGETA would pay \$1500 of the deductible. Therefore, the present deductible amount of \$1000 amount will continue be the responsibility of the branch or EDGETA member responsible for the claim.

There is a problem adopting this policy at this time. It will require those members who have paid their dues this year to pay an additional \$5. This can get complicated for the membership chairman to collect the additional \$5 from those individuals. As those collecting membership dues know it is hard to get some members to pay their dues. The EDGETA BOD felt it would be better to wait until next year to adopt this policy. Then the dues to EDGETA would be \$4 for the National Dues and \$13 for the insurance, for a total of \$17.

Adoption of this new insurance policy will provide us with the coverage we do not have now. That is coverage for an incident involving another participant of a community parade and of a member to member incident. This fills a "doughnut hole" that we now have.

Since we have some time before this policy would be adopted next April, we would like for EDGETA

members to contact their directors or contact me at 406-967-6687 with any comments or questions you have regarding this new proposed policy. We would like to have your feedback.

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, I know he will do a good job.

Stay safe and have a good show season this summer.

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

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### **From Bob Craig, Vice Pres. & NC Regional Director, Youth Driver Certification**

Hello from the North Central; it's extremely hot and humid at this time, but I guess we should be used to it. In April we started out with Branch 16's swap-meet in Republic, Missouri. The weather was great and it was successful. The next weekend we traveled down to Gentry, Arkansas where Branch 37 had their spring show. We had a great time there; I really enjoy their sawmill operation. On Memorial Day, we attended the Voris family show in Halfway, Missouri. As always, there was a lot of visiting, a great fish fry, and lots of other food, with plenty of homemade ice cream.

Although in failing health, our longtime Branch 16 member and great friend, Gene Dilsaver, was able to attend. He was presented with a well-earned Hall of Fame plaque. I am sad to report that in less than 2 weeks of this event, Gene passed on. We will greatly miss him at our annual show and other events.

Then, the first part of June, we went down to a show in Harrison, Arkansas. Were able to visit with friends we generally don't see over once or twice a year. We left that show early to attend a class reunion. I'm not going to say what number it was, but I will tell you this, 50 years can make people look a lot different. We just returned home from Emporia, Kansas. Branch 107 hosted EDGETA's National show. The weather was warm. The only thing warmer were the fine people hosting the show.

We certainly want to thank Dale and Bobbi DeLong for their hospitality as well as Glen and Barb Knuth and lots of others. I feel like we made new BFF's for life. Their live field demonstrations were

amazing. I particularly enjoyed the combining of wheat, and on Saturday they bundled wheat. The DeLong farm is a working Oliver operation.

There was also a good representation of International as they were the feature and also several John Deere and some orphans. A few hit and miss engines came in Saturday; it was good to see them.

The Branch 107 ladies put on a wonderful meal after the meeting Saturday evening. Dick Tombrink went over some proposed changes in our insurance. Branches will be receiving notification of the proposed changes in the near future. Please familiarize all members and particularly decision makers with them, so proper decisions can be made.

EDGETA's Hall of Fame chairman, Doreen Yearian, was present, so we put her to work presenting Sue Tombrink's initiation into the Hall of Fame.

For me it was great to see so many people we don't see but once a year. Remember to always be aware & think safety. Thanks.

### **Bob Craig, Vice-Pres. & NC Regional Director , Youth Driver Certification**

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*Always  
Practice  
Safety!!!*

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

Time goes fast--we all need to make the best of it. My three-year term is up and I will be replaced. Looks like my replacement is Jeff Fenske, from California. Jeff is president of Branch 8 and I have known him for A long time. He will be will be fine and I'll be glad to help any time he is needs me.

My goal was to have all branches updated by April 15, but I did not make it. As I write this letter, around 30 branches have not updated their officers on the web site. That is sad. Also, there are 5 Branches that have not sent in their dues. The problem here is the members of those 5 branches have probably paid their dues and still do not have any insurance. Now that is really sad. Please call your branch president and see

if the national dues are paid.

If you are a branch president or a branch secretary reading this, please take it to your next meeting and read it. Read all the quarterly newsletters. Also, tell all members there is a web site they can go to and get all the info they need to make things better for their Branch.

The main reason for me leaving is my family needs my help--too many health problems for one family. I will spend my time helping family.

For the friends I have made working with different Branches, you can call and visit any time. Thanks for letting me help.

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

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### **From Jeff Fenske, Director-at-Large**

Hello, I am Jeff Fenske, your new Director-at-Large. I was born and raised on a cotton farm in central California where my dad taught me how to operate tractors and work on farm equipment. We had old one-cylinder engines left over from my grandfather's farming days. My dad and I spent many hours working on equipment to keep the farm going. Later in life I started collecting one-cylinder engines and I also have a 1937 John Deere B and a 1929 Cat Fifteen with wood pads. I recently started collecting hot air engines. I enjoy running the one-cylinder engines belted up to assorted pump jacks and driving the tractors in parades. I have been an EDGE&TA member for about 20 years and have been President of Branch 8 for nine years.

I will try to fill Buster Brown's shoes, (no pun intended !!) but that will be really hard to do. He has done a great job as Director-at-Large for EDGE&TA for the last three years. I know he has checked on all the branches during his time in office. I am looking forward to talking with as many of you as I can during my term. All of my contact information is on the Administration page of the EDGE&TA website, <https://www.edgeta.com> Feel free to call me if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions that could help us improve the club.

On the way to the National Show, we started our summer trip with the 15th Annual Old Iron Show in Pendleton, OR held June 1st-3rd. They had great displays of tractors, engines, cars, military equipment and firearms.

We just attended the National Show in Emporia, Kansas. What a great show at the Dale DeLong

Farm. There were well over 100 tractors of every make and model. We enjoyed the threshing, baling, combining and plowing demonstrations. They had many volunteers working during the show on every demonstration. They put on a great dinner on Saturday evening after our general business meeting. Those people back there must be tough because we thought we were going to melt in the heat and humidity.

The North West Regional Show will be in Tillamook, OR on August 17th-19th. The South West Regional Show will be held in Galt, CA on October 5th-7th put on by Branch 13. All the information is on the EDGE&TA website.

Play Safe Stay Safe

### **Jeff Fenske, Director-at-Large**

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

My wife would probably tell you that I have too many hats, but I bet that I am not the only EDGETA member that has heard that from his wife. I will admit that I have bought several hats because of special messages in them or because they send a certain message, but most of my hats have been given to me. I am sure that I have bought one or more at every national show I have attended. In Alaska, I bought two and was given one.

Well, I am sure not all of you wanted to hear about my hats. Have you ever heard it said of someone that he or she wears many hats, alluding to the fact that they are involved in many things? I have concluded that I have more hats to wear than I am capable of wearing successfully.

I am a 77-year old retired pastor, and I use that word retired, loosely. I serve as Chaplain of Branch 37 in Gentry, AR and am still called Pastor or preacher by many, many people. I am also called Dad by four people who know I am "retired" and who feel free to call on me for help. I am called PaPa by a dozen more people, have one great and another on the way. There are benefits to all of this. I am not complaining. Recently went on an all-expense paid vacation compliments of a wonderful son-in-law.

I still know I cannot wear all my hats; within the past month, we had two family members die and a close friend of many years. I made five trips to Tulsa in one week and a trip to Dallas the first of the next week, conducted two funerals, attended a grandson's graduation in Nebraska and a great grandson's 1<sup>st</sup>

birthday.

I realize I have neglected my duties as EDGETA South Central Director, and for that I am sorry. But if the same set of circumstances happened again, I would have to do the same thing again.

If you as an officer or member of EDGETA are aware of things that need to be brought to my attention, please call or text me. I have severe spinal stenosis and am facing two back surgeries, but please don't hesitate to leave me a message.

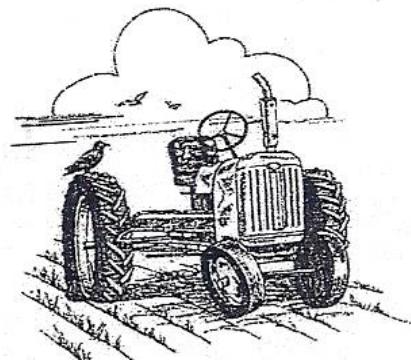
I know that it is not always possible for you to attend a Regional or National show that is in your area, but please promote and support these EDGETA events when you can. A lot of planning and work goes into these shows and your support is appreciated.

I still plan to wear all my hats as best I can and pray you will be forgiving if you just can't stand the way I wear my hats.

**Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director**

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### **Practice “Safety First”**



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

I fully agree with all of the comments above in the articles from the Directors regarding the National Show in Emporia, KS. Branch 107 had wonderful demonstrations. We don't see the thrashing here at all. We have baling, but it's mostly grass cut meadows that are baled and used for feeding. Their facility was ideal with all of the equipment in place to do the demonstrations. It was very hot, but we seemed to have wind a great deal of the time—unlike where we are in Texas with 100% humidity and heat with no wind. I took several pictures to share with members at our next branch meeting. We had a wonderful time while there. A big part of these

shows is making new friends and reaping the rewards of their hospitality. Branch 107 did an excellent job of providing plenty of opportunities for their guests.

We welcome Jeff Fenske to the Board of Directors. I'm looking forward to working with him and with Glynnna. I will certainly miss Buster Brown as he was a person I could always contact if I needed a branch contacted with an issue. I wish him the best; he deserves a reprieve from all the work he's done for us.

I've had the opportunity to get to know a little about Glynnna as she shared the Branch 8 newsletter with me. It has always been a joy to see what they are doing and the ideas she has to enhance the newsletter. There is always something special in it.

On another note, some of you still have not updated your officers and directors for this year. It causes a delay in my sending information to your branch when we do not have the correct contact information for all of your officers. I have packages of membership cards, and often the Newsletters, returned to me as “undeliverable” because of incorrect addresses, which causes a delay for the branch and additional shipping costs to the membership. Current information solves many issues.

“Thank you” to all of you who work hard to keep your information in order and send correct lists with the proper amount for dues. This is a big job for all of you people who handle membership, but I really do appreciate your efforts.

Good luck to all of you as you have your shows and visit others. I look forward to working with all of you in the future to make EDGETA a success.

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

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### ***Let's Honor our Country and those who fought for us!***



# Important Dates

## **2019 National Meeting & Show**

**April 26-28**

**Branch 114  
Red Bluff, CA**

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## Remaining Shows 2018

**NW Regional Show, August 17-19, 2018**  
**Branch 159**  
**Blue Heron Cheese Co**  
**Tillamook, OR**

**SC Regional Show Sept 8-9, 2018**  
**Branch 37**  
**13344 Taylor Orchard Rd.,**  
**Gentry, AR**

**SW Regional Show Oct. 5-7, 2018**  
**Branch 13**  
**8899 Orr Road**  
**Galt, CA**

**SE Regional Show, Oct. 20-21, 2018**  
**Branch 119**  
**Hodges Farm**  
**Charlotte, NC**

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