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From George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

I hope everyone is having a good spring so far. It is officially spring now. The pollen is in the air, and my hay fever is running wild. The National show is just a month away. I hope you have made your plans to attend the show. It is hosted by branch 114. The show will take place at Tehama County Fairgrounds in Red Bluff, CA. I am looking forward to it myself. Hope to see many of you there.

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 \$510. That is \$17 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. 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.

The board was able to find new insurance coverage this year. The new policy will cover member-to-member accidents. As you are aware, the old policy did not offer this coverage. The board has shopped for several years to find this coverage; unfortunately, it was never at a price that was affordable until now. It did require a slight increase in the premium. There was also an increase in the deductible. The board decided the deductible members would be responsible for in the event of an accident would remain at \$1000. It is always our hope that the insurance will not be used. Hopefully, the new coverage will give a little more peace of mind. If you have any questions, please contact your regional director or any of the board of directors.

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 maybe 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.

I would like to welcome David Millsap to the Board of Directors as the new Northeast Region

Director. David is from Virginia. He brings a lot of knowledge of antique iron. We are glad to have him aboard. We are still looking for someone to fill the Southeast Region Director position for the upcoming term. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact 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 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 to course of a show. Please make sure you are following the guidelines to make your show or display, wherever 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.

George W Christmas, President and Southeast Regional Director

Insurance Update, March 2019, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

I thought last winter was a cold snowy year, but this one wasn't any better, even colder. It started out pretty nice until we got to February. Then it turned cold and stayed there. We had daytime temperatures in the 10's and 20's and nighttime temperatures below zero for the whole month. Our coldest was -35 below, with many nights in the -20's. It turned out to be our second coldest February on record.

As you know EDGETA will change to a different insurance carrier on April 15th. This new carrier will provide us with participant liability coverage which we did not have before. This means that we are now covered for a liability accident or incident between fellow members, and also between a branch member and someone who is not a branch member when we are participating in community parades. This is in addition to the General Liability and Excess Liability policy coverage that now have.

We will continue to have Directors and Officer's insurance liability coverage as we have in the past. That will not change. However, at the recommendation of our insurance agent, we will not show it on our website, but we still have it. The reason it is being deleted from our website is that we were recently involved in a lawsuit that involved our D&O insurance carrier. We believe that the lawyers read on our website that we had the D&O coverage and that prompted them to pursue a lawsuit against EDGETA which they knew the insurance would pay for.

One of the important things that each branch needs to be aware of and do is to yearly update the list of your branch's directors and officers on the website. If a D&O related suit is filed against your branch and your list is not up to date, and if the person the suit is filed against is not on the list, they have no coverage. Updating your D&O list is easy to do. The list is online on our website for each branch. Check your branch number on our EDGETA branch location website and be sure it shows that the list is updated for 2019. If not, please update it at your earliest convenience.

As part of the new participant liability coverage, we will update our Insurance FAQ's on the EDGETA website to reflect the change. These will be posted on the EDGETA website about April 15th, when the new policy takes effect. Please review these FAQ updates and become familiar with them.

I am sure most of you have sent in your dues for this year to Carrie Jo. If not please collect them from your members and send them in. Remember dues this year are \$17 per member, a \$5 increase from last year to pay for the Participant Liability coverage.

Insurance Update, March 2019, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

***** YOUTH DRIVER NOTICE *****

It has been brought to our attention that some of the kids who have passed the Youth Driver Test have NOT received their certificates. Vice President/North Central Director, Bob Craig, has recently taken over the Youth Driver Program. We would like all Presidents and Safety Officers to check with their members to verify that ALL the kids that have passed the Driving Test have received their certificates. Contact Bob (info in this newsletter), and he will be happy to help our young members receive their certificates.

From Bob Craig—Vice President and NC Regional Director and Youth Driver Cert.

Winter is not my favorite time of year. It hasn't been real cold here--just windy & wet. I hope everyone has taken time to shine and service their show toys. Make sure to look over your trailers, brakes, bearings & etc. Also check chains and tie downs.

I know Dick Tombrink has been working hard behind the scenes getting our insurance finalized. I certainly want to thank him for that.

As the clubs reorganize, be sure and update your information on your website. And always have EDGETA & YOUR BRANCH NUMBER with all your correspondence. This is very important.

On March 17, we attended the meeting of Branch 172. They had some concerns about the insurance. I hope I was able to address some of them.

The Nationals at Red Bluff, CA will be on us

soon. I hope to make new friends and reconnect with friends we don't often see. Looking forward to meeting the NE Director, David Millsap. I want to thank Wayne Timchuk for his years of service. Please, above all, have a safe summer

Bob Craig—Vice President and NC Regional Director and Youth Driver Cert.

From Jeff Fenske, Director-at-Large

After a long, cold winter, I think most of us are ready for the spring show season to get underway. We were fortunate enough to go to Wellton, Arizona in mid-January for the Branch 206 EDGE&TA annual show. We were enjoying weather in the 70s while most of the country was COLD !! This show always has exhibitors from all over the country that come to sunny Arizona for the winter. We also had a great turnout of Snow Birds coming to see all the engines and tractors.

Now we are looking forward to the National Show coming up April 26th-28th which will be held in Red Bluff, California. We are hoping to see exhibitors from all over the country. There is plenty of room at the Fairgrounds for displaying all our treasures. Branch 114 is working hard to make this a great show for all of us. I will be driving there on Wednesday so I can help Steve and his crew get the show set up on Thursday. We are lucky to be close enough to the National Show that we can pull our trailer and take engines to display. Any day you can play with your big boy toys is a GOOD day. While you are at the show, be sure and look me up so we can visit.

By the time you receive this newsletter, your branch treasurer should have sent in a membership list along with the dues money to Carrie Jo, our National Secretary. She has requested the checks by March 15th. She must send a check to the insurance carrier to cover all 155 branches in EDGE&TA before April 15th so that we are all insured. If your branch is late with the dues money, your members are NOT covered. Carrie Jo puts in a lot of time and effort to keep our club running smoothly. When we all do our part, it makes her job easier.

The Board of Directors just voted in a new director for the North East Region, David Millsap, from Abingdon, Virginia. Those of us on the Board are looking forward to meeting and working with him on EDGE&TA business. We will be having our annual Board meeting on Friday night at the

National Show in Red Bluff. If any of you have questions, concerns or suggestions that you would like to be discussed at our meeting, please contact me or your Regional Director. Our contact information is on the last page of this newsletter. Get those engines and tractors out of the shop, check them out and start having fun at shows. Remember: Always play safe and stay safe.

From Jeff Fenske, Director-at-Large



From Don Young, SW Regional Director

Spring has arrived. The temperature has increased, the snow has disappeared and the grass is appearing. There is an abundance of poppies due to the large amount of rain. On the down side, areas where the devastating fires occurred, there are mudslides that are creating havoc. There has also been a lot of wind, which in some areas, trees have been uprooted due to the saturated soil. Sadly, a few of our long-time members have passed. A lot of knowledge is gone. With many antique power shows upcoming, be careful. Look out for and help each other.

Don Young, SW Regional Director

From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

I am looking forward to Spring and Summer, as I am sure most of you are. Our winter has not been as bad as some parts of the country. Our daughter, who lives in Nebraska, is so ready for winter to be over. These occasional warm sunny days excite me. I hope that you are excited about all the EDGETA events coming this summer, and I hope you will attend many tractor and engine shows and events.

I believe we have to be a people focused group because without people, there would not be shows or events. I believe our focus must be more outward than inward. If we are to maintain and grow in membership numbers. I just turned 78 this month and my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren are doing their best to keep me young. In spite of their efforts, the wrinkles, scars, aches and pains keep adding up. It is evident that we need to enthusiastically recruit people to take our place, and especially young people. Our enthusiasm, or lack of, will directly affect the future of EDGETA and antique farm machinery. We need to recruit, recruit, recruit.

We, as a group, need to be known as a caring people. People must come first above all else. I learned early in life that caring for people was of utmost importance. I came from a large family that experienced much tragedy. From my earliest memories, there was tragedy after tragedy, but God used, and still does use, those experiences to help others. I have literally hundreds of people who stay in touch with me today because I was there when they needed me. EDGETA is not a benevolent organization, but I am convinced that one way, and perhaps the best way, to attract people to our local branches is to be aware and sensitive to family and community needs and seize the opportunity to help.

There are a lot of hurts and pains hidden behind smiles. As we really get to know people, we learn that most have had things that still bring pain when remembered.

I trust that we are known as a group who cares about people, our community and our country.

Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

From David Millsap, NE Regional Director

Hello everyone. My name is David Millsap, but everyone calls me SAPPO. I hail from Abingdon, VA which is about 30 miles north on I81 of a little town called Bristol. That is where they go round and round, turning left on Sattidy night.

I am the new Northeast Regional Director. Please feel free to contact me either phone or email (276)608-1626 or sappo59@embarqmail.com. Currently, I am the President of EDGETA Branch 249 Cedar Creek Tractors. I live on the old home place farm that has been in the family over 100 years. I raise cash hay and my wife of 36 years has miniature donkeys, mules, goats and a few chickens. I usually roll 250-300 rolls and square bale 1000-

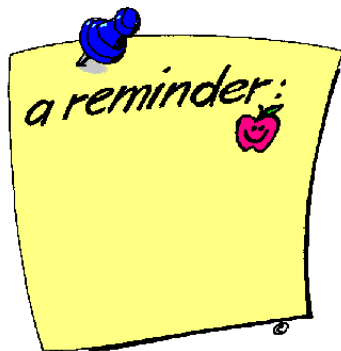
1500 per year using a 1960 John Deere 730 Diesel and a 1959 CASE 311B. Who says that you need new cab air-conditioned comfort to get by?

I am a member of Greenfield Baptist Church, serving on several committees, Treasurer of the Washington County Virginia Farm Bureau, member of Wolfhills Toastmasters and currently serving as Sergeant-at-Arms, and I'm proud to be a volunteer usher at the State Theater of Virginia, the Barter Theatre.

If I can be of any assistance to anyone in the NE Region or other areas, please feel free to contact me. If I can't answer your question, I'll find an answer. If I can't find one, I'll make one up that even Carrie Jo would believe.

I look forward to getting to know the folks in my region and as many as possible from across the US. HAPPY TRACTORING!!!

David Millsap, NE Regional Director



Dues are \$17 per person per year!

From Morrie Robinson, NW Region Advisor

Attracting the Youth:

As National and Regional Coordinator, one the most common comments I get when talking to Branch Presidents and Vice-presidents is “the young aren’t interested.” This may be true, but if each of us don’t take time to encourage and help a young person, then there is no hope.

So how can it be done?

If you are like me, each of us owns at least 1 or 2 common single-cylinder engines. The same can be said about common tractors. As we upgrade our collections, often the common engines and/ or tractors may end up in the “back forty” or on “rotten row.” If you decide it’s time to haul those relics to a swap meet, what happens? You spend a day loading and hauling, and then wait until some jockey

tries to beat you down so they can buy it “just for the mag” and for a few \$ it's gone. Why bother!

Here’s where you can hook a young individual who hangs around looking at that engine or tractor, No, you can’t just “give” it to him or her because if you do, it’ll end up in a corner and nothing gets done. You have THEM write a CONTRACT. You can specify the terms: i.e. #1. I need to get the engine or tractor running by a specific date; #2. I must take this treasure (tractor or engine or ?)to at least 1 show per year for 1 or 2 years.

I believe it’s a responsibility of each of us, no matter the level of your experience, to help and encourage the young. This is one method I have found that works. The individuals I’ve helped have stepped up their own collection. They may step away for a while when advanced schooling and/or marriage comes long, but they will come back.

Morrie Robinson, NW Regional Advisor

From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./ Editor

Hope all of you had a Happy New Year--by now, 2019 is well under way. Many have already attended shows this calendar year. A very big "Thank You" to the branches that have sent their memberships on time. It is a very big responsibility for you to keep and maintain the membership for your branches. However, there are several branches who still need to send their dues. The new membership year begins April 15, 2019; 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 4 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.

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 April 26-28 in Red Bluff, CA hosted by Branch 114. They have been working hard to have a good show and to make all those who are traveling to California feel welcome and make the experience memorable. I am excited about going to California 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 California.

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Editor

Important Dates

2019– Annual National EDGETA Show & Meeting

Host – Branch 114

April 16-28, 2019, Red Bluff, CA

Northwest Regional, July 12-14, 2019

Host – Branch 245–Shelton, WA

South Central Regional, Sept. 6-8, 2019

Host – Branch 37, Gentry, AR

North Central Regional, Sept. 12-15, 2019

Host – Branch 16, Republic, MO

Southeast Regional, October 5-6, 2019

Host - Branch 202—Portland, TN

Northeast Regional, October 12-13, 2019

Host – Branch 103—Berlin, OH

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