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From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

Hello from sunny California. We escaped our hot summer months and headed north to Oregon and Washington. We planned our vacation to incorporate four engine/tractor shows. Three shows were EDGE&TA and then the Great Oregon Steam Up at Brooks, OR. We started at the Pottsville Show in Merlin, OR where I displayed my two hot air engines. From there we slowly made our way to Shelton, WA to the NW Regional Show where we met up with NW Regional Director, Dick Tombrink and his wife Sue. We enjoyed visiting with them at our display area. We had 6 members from our home branch that made the 900-mile trip to go to the show. We were lucky enough to have former EDGE&TA President, Cliff Northcote and his wife, Lou, attend and camp with us. Then the next weekend we went to Ridgefield, WA to the Shurman Ranch Show. This was held at the late Alan Shurman's ranch where his entire, massive collection is in the process of being auctioned off. We really enjoyed all these EDGE&TA shows where we saw old friends and met new ones. They were all great shows with good displays and lots of delicious food. We enjoyed staying on the grounds in our motor home at all these shows. A big thank you to all the branch members that helped with putting these shows on. We made our way to Brooks, OR for that big show. It is not an EDGE&TA event, but there were hundreds of our members displaying there and following the EDGE&TA rules. All in all, it was a great, summer road trip.

Along the way, we ran into a few safety problems. After talking to the branch President or Safety Officer they were all handled immediately. We all need to step up. Everyone is a Safety Officer. If you See Something.....Say Something. We are all in this hobby to have a good time and that's what we want, but we must always be safe and responsible. On another note: Golf carts and ATVs are NOT covered under our EDGE&TA insurance. I observed several instances of unsafe use of these at our shows. To be Safe, you should have rear view mirrors and golf

carts should use a backup beeper. With all the people walking around, there is no need to be speeding on the grounds unless you are being shot at or are on fire!! Tractors, including garden tractors, need to follow ALL safety rules while driving on show grounds. This includes non-EDGE&TA events that you may participate in. **Not following our Mandatory Safety Requirements will result in members not being covered by our insurance. Find these Safety rules and other information on our website. <https://edgeta.com>**

I have been receiving a lot of phone calls about tractor pull rules. The Board of Directors are reviewing these rules now and may make some revisions. Because of our insurance, some things cannot be changed. **One of these things is our Youth Drivers. Each person from the age of 12 until they get a valid state license, MUST pass a Youth Driver Test. This includes a separate test if they plan to participate in tractor pulls. Certificates will include each make and model of tractor that they are qualified to drive. This includes driving in a pull. If a model is NOT listed on their certificate, they are NOT covered under our insurance. This is a MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR EDGE&TA SPONSERED EVENTS. The responsibility is with the branch President, Safety Officer or a previously designated branch member to check each youth for a Driver Certificate.** Go to our webpage where, on the left-hand side of the home page, you will find Safety Requirements for Tractor Pulls and the Youth Driver Section. Click for all the information you will need.

We are just trying to keep everyone safe. We don't want anyone to get hurt at our events. We are all in this hobby to enjoy our engines, tractors and old iron. The best way to do this is to follow the safety rules and keep us accident free. So, go out there and have a good time.

Youth Driver Certification Program

I have received a few phone calls lately about our Youth Driver Program. We have safety rules concerning this. **It is up to each Branch President**

or Safety Officer to check Youth Certificates and enforce safety rules at all events, including parades and tractor pulls. The Certificate lists the make and model of each tractor that they are eligible to drive. They are not covered by our EDGE&TA insurance unless they are certified and driving the tractor listed. Our insurance carrier agreed to allow EDGE&TA members between 12 and 16 years of age that have completed the EDGE&TA Youth Driver Training Program and passed the Operational Safety Tests to operate tractors and other motorized vehicles at EDGE&TA functions. A Certificate will be issued to each youth driver upon completion of testing by either the Branch President or Branch Safety Officer. More information on this subject is found on our EDGE&TA website <https://edgeta.com/> On the left side of the homepage scroll down and click on Youth Driver for everything you need to know.

Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large and National Safety Officer



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

Hello from the NC Region. Plenty of rain even in the summer months for us here in SW Missouri. The first part of July, we went to Branch 108 in Emporia, Kansas. They were hosting the Hart Parr Oliver group. The last count I heard, there were over 250 of these tractors & plenty of the other red & green ones. Dale & Bobbi DeLong had plenty of activities, lots of plowing, baling, bundling & threshing. The weather was great.

The first of August, we traveled to Burnett Corners, WI. Their feature also happened to be Oliver. The reason we attended was that they were having a 100-year celebration of Bolens garden tractors. I have restored probably 2 dozen of the older

Bolens units and made parts for many other enthusiasts. It was good to see so many of our friends there, some we hadn't seen in years. In mid-August, we went to Branch 11 in Winfield, Ks. Flooding had pushed the show out of the lower part of the fairgrounds, so they had to move up the hill some, but they coped well. There were a lot of people looking at all the exhibits, and I was told their attendance numbers were great, and also, they certified 4 young drivers.

The first weekend of September, we attended Tired Iron of the Ozarks, Branch 37, in Gentry, Arkansas. The weather was warm. It was nice to get to visit with them. Because of health reasons, some of the regulars were absent. Branch 37 was hosting the SC Regional Show. I was pleased to meet the new SC Director, John Roderick and his wife. It is always good to meet someone that you have talked to on the phone but never met in person.

Always ten days after Labor Day, Branch 16 attends the Ozark Steam Engine Association in Republic, MO. The weather was again warm. The show was well-attended, with lots of lookers. The Friday night tractor pull lasted until 1:40 in the morning. But who needs sleep when you're having fun? The NC Regional Meeting was hosted by Branch 16. I certainly want to thank everyone who attended, Dean & Mary Voris for the homemade ice cream, and the ladies who brought in the sandwiches. Hall of Fame member Dorene Yearian who recently resigned after years of being our treasurer and also past NC Director, was presented a plaque for her service. It was great to see her uncomfortable one more time. We will be home a couple of days then head to Kentucky.

In the early 2000's, some members got together and came up with a plan, that would let younger people operate tractors. **It is called Youth Driving Certification. Go to the SAFETY tab on the EDGETA website. Scroll down to YOUTH DRIVING CERTIFICATION and it will give you all the details. You will see that a young person 12 years old and up can be certified to operate a tractor. THEY MUST BE CERTIFIED ON ANY TRACTOR THEY OPERATE. IF THEY ARE CERTIFIED ON AN INTERNATIONAL A, IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY CAN OPERATE A JOHN DEERE LA WITHOUT BEING CERTIFIED ON IT ALSO. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SAFETY OFFICER OF EACH BRANCH OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO OVERSEE THE TEST. When they fill out the form and submit them on line,**

they can immediately run a certificate certifying them. A COPY WILL ALSO GO TO THE NATIONAL SECRETARY & MYSELF. I will contact the parent or safety officer within a couple of days or within a week should I be out to a show. Sometimes it may be impossible for a safety officer to be on top of everything. What I tell my club members at our safety meetings is this. We are all safety officers; if you see something that concerns you, contact the safety officer, president or someone that can investigate the issue. **WE ARE NOT SERVICING ANYBODY'S BEST INTEREST BY CIRCUMVENTING THE RULES. We need to be policing ourselves. ALL SAFETY PROGRAMS ARE THERE FOR A PURPOSE. LET US ALL INVOLVE OURSELVES AND SEE THAT THEY ARE FOLLOWED PROPERLY. THANK YOU, and let's have a safe rest of the summer.**

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

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

The tractor show season is winding down, especially in the Northern part of the US. We had a wet spring, followed by hot days in July and August. The wet spring following a snowy winter, caused the local farmer's problems in getting their crops planted, so many were planted late. Then August 11, the weekend before our show we had a bad hail storm that wiped out many fields of malt barley and severely damaged the sugar beets. Fortunately, our branch had cut our spring wheat with the binder and it was standing in shocks. However, the shocks were knocked down by the wind with the storm. We went back and re-shocked it, and were fortunate that the heads dried out enough to thresh the following weekend. At our house we had hail stones, actually chunks of ice, that measured 2-1/2" across. My house and out buildings are getting new roofs, as well as replacing the tin on the west side. Many neighbors lost windows, we did not, just the trim around some of the windows.

From an EDGETA insurance and accident standpoint, it has been rather quiet. We have had no claims this year, thanks to all of our branches. It shows that all branches are making sure we are all being safe in whatever we do. A big thank you goes out to all of you.

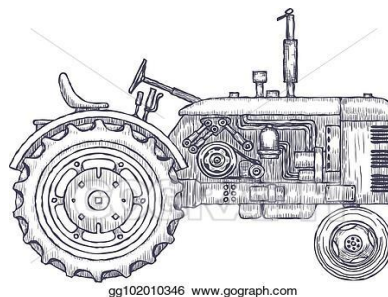
The lawsuit of the car being hit by a tractor in a community parade in California is showing signs of being resolved. We hope to see it get settled in the near future, and get it behind us. I know it has been a hardship for those involved in the incident. Fortunately, now if an incident like this one should happen again, we have participant liability insurance coverage to cover it.

Here is an EDGETA computer problem that you may have run into. We have had several people that have had problems opening some parts of our EDGETA website, for example the answers to the FAQ's. I also ran into this problem as well. The problem occurs if you are using Internet Explorer as your browser, it will not open the answers to the FAQ's. Internet Explorer is no longer supported by Microsoft. The solution to the problem is to use a different browser more up to date, like Firefox or Google Chrome. I guess it is time for those of us that have used Internet Explorer for years to upgrade to a more current browser.

I continue to get emails or phone calls asking about our insurance coverage. If you have a question, please call me or email me. I will try to get back to you as soon as I can. I would rather talk to you and get the question resolved so that you know what is covered and what is not.

Once again, thank you everyone for making safety your first priority. Keep up the good work.

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



Practice "Safety First"

From John Roderick, SC Regional Director

Recently, I was fortunate enough to attend the South Central EDGE&TA Regional show in Gentry, Arkansas. The event was hosted by Branch 37 (Tired Iron of the Ozarks). There were approximately 60 tractors and engines on display from EDGE&TA branches from Arkansas and Oklahoma. Other members from Texas and Missouri were present as well. There was a nice number of people who came to tour the grounds and enjoy the many antique displays. I was also lucky enough to meet Bob Craig, the North Central Director, and the former South Central Director, Clyde Brummett.

This show was very impressive, but the most outstanding aspect was the property where it was held. This property, 17 acres, is owned and kept up by Branch 37. They have constructed several buildings. They have a building that is equipped with restrooms, concession stands and a meeting room. The meeting room has a library of various tractor manuals for use by members as well as many photos of former and present members and their machines.

A working sawmill and blacksmith shop as well as several covered areas are also there. The covered areas are perfect for protecting their tractors and other machines from the weather when they are not on display. There is also a building with hundreds of antique items on display from farm tools, corn shellers, sewing machines, quilts, an antique school room and many antique kitchen items, to name only a few. It is amazing the work and organization that has taken place to make this display what it is. In addition, there are many pieces of antique iron for the public to see.

I was curious as to how they were able to build the numerous buildings and storage sheds. The branch President, Jerry Friend, informed me that the members took their own time and effort and dismantled old chicken houses that people in the area wanted torn down. They then worked to recycle the materials and build their event center. Very impressive.

The members of Branch 37 are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to the preservation of antique equipment. Above that, they showed their ability and skill by doing demonstrations of how the sawmill and blacksmith shop work. The members were patient and answered many questions as well. They are very interested in making sure that the youth present understand the processes involved with all of the machines.

The regional meeting was held Saturday evening followed by a potluck dinner. During the meeting, I was honored to participate in the induction of two members into the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame. Ann Burger and Pat Morrison were honored for their hard work and dedication to Branch 37. It was very evident from the comments other members made that these two ladies were a huge part of the success of this branch.

The members of Branch 37 went above and beyond to make my wife and me feel welcome, but I got the feeling they are just that kind and welcoming to anyone who attends their shows. I would personally like to say a special thanks to Clyde Brummett and Jerry Friend for their help throughout the weekend.

From John Roderick, SC Regional Director

From Buster Brown, SW Regional Director

Greetings from the Southwest Region. The weather is starting to cool off, and it will not be long for some shows to start.

Here in Arizona, southern California and New Mexico, the last three days have been nice. You do not need leather gloves to open the mail box.

I have been calling officers in some of the Branches, and plan on talking to all of them within the next month or so. Seems like all the branches are having the same problem—the older people are dying or have stopped going to shows, and the younger ones are not joining the branches and getting involved. All of the branches need to find ways to get younger people interested in joining....maybe we could have a “Smart Phone” contest???

Everyone needs to mark their calendars for the Southwest Regional meeting for 2020. It will be hosted by Branch 206 on January 17-18 in Wellton Arizona. That is 30 miles east of Yuma, Arizona. It is located close to town.

If you are traveling with an RV and want to dry camp at the show grounds, be sure to bring your yellow membership card and you can get in.

Also, there are RV Parks close by. You can go to the National EDGETA.com website and click on Branch 206 for more information and phone numbers. This is a very friendly show. You will leave happy. Keep Smiling--it is good for your health!

From Buster Brown, Southwest Regional Director



From Travis Brown, SE Regional Director

It's been a hot summer here in Tennessee. We have been working hard going to several shows. We hauled steam engines into Adams, TN for the Tennessee, Kentucky Thresherman's 50th annual show. Let me tell you, hauling steam engines in July isn't for the faint of heart. It's extremely hot and humidity is off the chart. Then, we headed south to Piney Chapel, Alabama for their show with our Keck and a friend's Frick to thresh wheat. Continuing the tour, it was back to Eagleville where we had a great show the weekend after Labor Day. Eagleville will be the site of next year's national show. All are invited.

I see many people putting their tractors and steam engines up for the year. Make sure to properly drain the water and clean them out. I've seen many examples of damage from freezing even in southern climates.

We are still not done yet here; we are scheduled for four steam engine events in October, the regional show at Portland, Tennessee and three more local shows. Then it might be time to put our toys away, but only if we don't decide to make the road trip to Georgia and see our friends at the branch in Cumming, Georgia in November.

Hope everyone has a safe fall!

From Travis Brown, SE Regional Director

From David Millsap, NE Regional Director

Hello folks,

I hope this finds everyone well, safe and exhausted from a busy summer season. There have been plenty of shows for everyone to visit and

participate in. Here in our little corner of paradise, we have just finished up with the County Fair and Branch 249 fall show.

We had a 1915 Frick belted up to a Case thresh box. At both events, we also had a Baker fan, hooked a 3000 Ford, John Deere A, and tried my John Deere 730, but the pulses of 382 cubes were more than the belt wanted.

Come October, I'll be at the Northeast Regional Show. Look me up. I'll be the guy with a beard in Pointer brand bib overalls. Hope to see you there.

From David Millsap, NE Regional Director

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Ed.

As the year winds down, most of you have sent the majority of members you will have for our membership year which ends April 15, 2020. We are definitely on the down side of the calendar year, with many fall activities that include our antique tractor and engine participation. Where I live, the months of September-November are teeming with fall festivals, displays, parades, and shows—all requesting our participation.

On another note, "thank you" for doing a good job submitting your membership and dues for the year. Most of you are aware that the insurance auditor comes to my house randomly to examine the individual Branch# files to verify how members were submitted with payment and how the proof of payment was kept. He is also interested in the process I use to record membership and how I determine the total maximum number of members during our year running from April 15 one year to April 15 of the following year. He pulls random branch files to check the record of membership and the number for which we've paid as of that date. This may help explain the reason for my insisting that your record of membership submitted match the amount of the check included. A copy of that check is stapled to the list submitted for examination purposes. That's why we request a "clean list" from you. All of our guidelines are included in the By-Laws which are posted on the EDGETA website.

Also, by the end of the year, it will be time to update your officers and directors on the website. Again, this is information that we must keep current.

If you should have questions, I'll be glad to try to answer them or refer you to the appropriate director for the information.

Remember, our website, EDGETA.org, is an excellent source of information for instant answers.

Utilize it when you have questions. We work hard to keep the information current and readily available to our members.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

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



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Remaining Shows 2019

SE Regional Show—Oct. 5-6, 2019
Hosted by Branch 202
122 Davis St., Portland, TN

NE Regional Show—Oct. 12-13, 2019
Hosted by Branch 103
Quarry Hill Orchards, Berlin, OH

Regional Shows 2020

SW Regional Show – January 17-18
Hosted by Branch 206
Wellton, AZ Parks & Recreation Grounds

2020 National Show, Sept. 11-12

Hosted by Branch 202,
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Eagleville, TN

