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From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

This is my first newsletter article as National President. I was voted in at the National Show in Red Bluff, CA in April. I would like to thank George Christmas for his many years as President and SE Regional Director. All his work is greatly appreciated. I take this volunteer job seriously and will try to make decisions that will benefit the membership. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the retiring Regional Directors, Wayne Timchuck, NE Regional Director, Don Young, SW Regional Director and Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director. We all appreciate their years of service.

We welcome new Directors, David Millsap, NE Regional Director, Travis Brown, SE Regional Director, Buster Brown, SW Regional Director and John Roderick, SC Regional Director. I look forward to working with this group. We are seeing new ideas from the Directors already. Don't be surprised when you get a phone call from either your Director or me. We are implementing a program to keep in touch with all the branches twice a year. So, don't be surprised when you get a call from a strange area code. It just might not be a telemarketer !! We are open to suggestions and comments from you, the members. We need to keep the membership involved so that this organization can continue. We need your input. All of our contact information is available in this newsletter or on the National website, www.edgeta.com/ I have talked to a lot of people around the country that don't even realize that EDGE&TA has a website. There is a lot of useful information on this site. I challenge all the Branch Presidents to have their members check out the website. If you have never been there, you will be surprised at all the information that is available to you. You can type in "early day gas engine" online and the site will come up. There are pages on everything from Administration, Branch Locations with contact information, Insurance FAQs, past

National Newsletters, Safety Requirements, Upcoming Shows, plus much more.

Since our new insurance took over April 15th, Dick Tombrink, the NW Regional Director and our Insurance Chairman, has been busy reviewing and updating all the insurance FAQs. Thank you, Dick, for all your hard work on this.

We really enjoyed the 59th Annual National Show in Red Bluff, CA in the SW Region. We want to thank Branch 114 for hosting this great show. There were 230 members representing 29 branches that attended the dinner/meeting on Saturday night. There were over 150 tractors and over 150 engines displayed at the show. Next year's National Show will be in the SE Region at Eagleville, TN in September 2020.

As this goes to press, we will be on our summer motor home trip to the beautiful Pacific North West. It gets hot here in Central California, and we are looking forward to some cool Oregon and Washington weather. We plan to start our trip displaying at Branch 9's show in Pottsville, OR. July 12th-14th we will be in Shelton, WA for the NW Regional Show hosted by Branch 245 followed the next weekend by the Branch 23 Shurman Ranch Show in Ridgefield, WA. On the way home we will be stopping at the Great Oregon Steam Up at Brooks, OR. I am looking forward to meeting club members along the way. If you are at any of these shows, look me up.

It looks like it's going to be a long, hot summer. So be sure and wear hats and sunscreen and keep hydrated while you are outside playing with your big boy toys. Remember to be aware of your surroundings and keep an eye on everyone else. We are ALL Safety Officers which means, if you see someone doing something unsafe, please talk to them. For a complete list of the Safety Requirements, go to our website. You can print out information you think is important for your branch activities.

I would like to thank all the board members for stepping up and doing a good job taking care of their Regions. And a big thank you to Carrie Jo Parmley,

our National Secretary/Treasurer. She keeps us all in line and informed. Don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to answer questions or just to talk.

Hope you all have a great summer and put on and go to some great shows.

Keep your Oilers Full, Belts Tight and Air in your Tires

Remember: Play Safe Stay Safe.

Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large



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

Spring is almost gone and Summer starts tomorrow. We had our branch tractor drive last Saturday, followed by a taco dinner. Everyone had a great time, and all the tractors made it through without breaking down. We also attended the EDGETA National Meeting and Show in Red Bluff, CA in May. They had a great show, lots of tractors and interesting engine and machinery exhibits. This is a busy time of the year, with most of the shows going on. I encourage everyone to take the time to be safe so everyone goes home happy at the end of the day.

Our improved insurance coverage took effect on April 15, which now includes participant liability coverage. As you know our insurance cost per member was increased to cover it. The rollout went pretty smooth. The participant liability coverage fills a void that we had in our previous insurance coverage.

The Frequently Asked Questions section of our EDGETA website has been updated to reflect our additional coverage. If you have not reviewed it recently, I suggest you review it now. We have also reviewed each question and brought it up to date, including a date each question was reviewed or revised. There have been other changes in the

website in an effort to spice it up. There have been some personnel changes, several directors retired, and new directors have taken their place. See the administration page of the EDGETA website.

One question that keeps coming up is about using your EDGETA Branch number or your "Also Known As" Club name when dealing with a public entity. Our insurance agent has contacted our insurance carrier and discussed the situation with them. You need to use the "EDGETA Branch number" in all your outside correspondence including rental contracts, show posters, show flyers, etc. If a lawsuit names both the EDGETA Branch and it's "Also Known As" Club name, the policy will respond only for the EDGETA activities. The "Also Known As" Club names are listed on our website under branch locations. It is important for each branch to keep their branch number and branch "Also Known As" Club names up to date on the EDGETA website.

The EDGETA NW Regional meeting and show will be hosted by Branch 245 in Shelton, WA, on July 12-14th. For more information go to www.exhaustfumes.org. We will be there, and are looking forward to seeing you there if you can attend.

Stay safe and have a good show season this summer.

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

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

Well, spring has more than sprung. In our area, it seems like we have had our share of storms. We've had plenty of tornadoes, wind and rain. I'm glad to see its settling down.

In April we went to Branch 37 in Gentry, Arkansas for their 2-day spring show. It was good to see old friends and get to visit with them. The next weekend we traveled to Red Bluff, CA for the National Show hosted by Branch 114. It was a great show. We traveled up I-5 from Sacramento. The area through there was all farmland, large orchards, vineyards, rice & other operations. Surely was a lot different than the rocky Ozarks I come from. Red Bluff is a nice quiet clean older town. It certainly was enjoyable.

At the show, there were lots of nice displays; the majority of the old gas engines were working turning pumps, grinders & other exhibits. It was nice to finally meet Steve Johnson from Salem, OR, and Paul

& Bonnie Vanderhulst from Cochise, AZ. These are folks that I have traded parts and swapped lies with for years but had never met.

The main thing that happened at the Board OF Directors National Meeting was Jeff Fenske being elected president to fill the seat vacated by George Christmas. I first met George at an early 2000's national show in Arkansas. I want to thank him for his efforts and the time he served.

We still have some regional shows coming; if one is in your area, please attend.

On Memorial Day, May 27, we attended the Voris Brothers' fish fry. It is always good food and visiting. We want to thank them for their efforts.

It looks like Josh Dilsaver, our webmaster, has been busy keeping the website caught up.

We have three new directors, Travis Brown from the SE Region, John Roderick from the SC Region and Buster Brown from the SW Region. We certainly want to welcome them and hopefully meet them soon.

We are now getting in a busy show season. Let's all be safe and watch out for each other, remembering that everyone is a safety person.

If you have any young drivers that need to be tested, let's get them done and get them sent in so they will be certified, and we can get their credentials to them.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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

From David Millsap, NE Regional Director

Hello from Southwest Virginia!

So far, it has been a wet summer here after a beautiful spring. I hope this finds each and every one in dryer days and ready for a fun filled summer of EDGETA activities. Just remember SAFETY FIRST.

April ended and May began in the beautiful upper San Joaquin Valley and Redwoods of Northern California at the National EDGETA show hosted by Branch 114 Nor-Cal Antique Tractor and Engine Club.

There were BIG engines and little engines there and some in between. Since we were near large timber country, there was an impressive display of vintage saws, both chain and crosscut. Also, we were in orchard and vineyard areas and were treated to an extensive array of beautifully restored specialty

tractors, as well as several examples of ones that were still in their "work clothes".

Saturday night came with an excellent supper and fellowship with 29 Branches in attendance.

Being from the South (even though I'm the NE Regional Director), I had always heard of "dry heat." On Saturday, we had temps in the 90-degree range. Let me tell you. I have never experienced low humidity such as that before. What a great feeling--if only we had that on the East Coast, haymaking would be so less stressful.

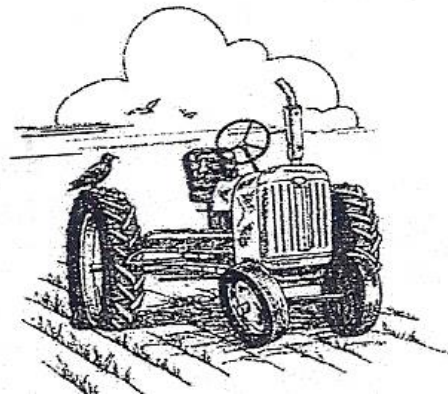
In the Northeast Region, we had 1 inductee into the Hall of Fame, Mr. William "Bill" Ball of Branch 133, from the Maine Antique Tractor Club located in Norridgewock, Maine. I plan to present this award in person at the NE Regional show October 11-12, 2019. Please help me congratulate him.

BE SAFE and, above all, HAVE FUN

If I can be of any assistance, feel free to contact me. If I can't answer your question, I'll ask our Illustrious leader, Jeff Fenske, he'll have an answer. He always does!!

David Millsap, NE Regional Director

Practice "Safety First"



From Travis Brown, SE Regional Director

Hello to all, and welcome from Middle Tennessee! I would like to introduce myself as a new director for EDGETA. I have two steam engines that my family and I actively show around the mid- south area. One is a half-scale that my grandfather built, and the other is a 1921 model that is keeping me busy

in the shop getting ready for summer show season. We have taken our engines to Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and all over Tennessee as well as Illinois, Ohio, and Indiana. We enjoy getting out on the road and meeting new people and going to new shows. We haven't been able to get to as many shows in the last two years as we might have due to a run in with cancer, but that is all fixed up and the doctors are happy now, so we are back and hoping to see many of you at a show soon.

I am also a founding member of Branch 202 here in Tennessee, the Tennessee Historic Steam and Gas Association. We will be hosting the SE Regional Show this October in Portland, TN and the National show next September in Eagleville, TN.

One of the biggest struggles I see in our hobby is how to engage the younger generations. Let's face the facts; many of us either grew up on a farm or had relatives that farmed that sparked our interest in the old equipment. One of my grandfathers farmed as well as my father-in-law. But we are seeing less and less people involved in farming. If we don't develop a plan to try and spark interest, there is no natural connection that will keep the kids interested in our hobby. We need to work on ways that encourage future owners of these tractors, steam engines, hit and miss engines, etc. to restore, parade, and display them or there will be a slow and certain end to the shows and the hobby we enjoy so much.

One idea I have had is to recruit, train and then give certain youths equipment. Let's say you have a member of your club who has no heirs and wants to make sure his equipment is placed in good hands. You, as a club, encourage them to donate the equipment or even just pieces of it; then you place it in the care of a younger member. One person had heard of such an arrangement where the parent and child had to agree to keep the equipment up to the best of their abilities and show it for three years.

I'm not recommending to give an 8-year old a 30-60 Aultman Taylor; rather you could give a youth, displaying appropriate interest and maturity, a Maytag or an old Cub Cadet and make a regular practice of doing that so that it could possibly attract some interest and a new generation of enthusiasts.

These young members could be there to host the shows and preserve and display this old equipment we love so much for years to come. Again, this are just my thoughts on the idea; there are many different ways we could identify and recruit younger members to our hobby.

We had a bit of bad luck at our shop about two

months ago. One of our employees was towing a customer's tractor and wrecked. He rolled the truck three or four times, destroying the truck, trailer and tractor in the process. Thankfully, he walked away with only a few minor scratches. It's given us time to review what worked and what did not. Wearing his seat belt certainly saved his life in this instance. Also, I am not a fan at all of strapping heavy items; when you do the math, chains give you a better margin of safety. I read somewhere that in times of stress the weight of the item being secured can triple, so for a 3,000-pound tractor, you need to plan for securement of 9,000 pounds. Our chains held and the tractor was still on the trailer when the wreck ended. One of the disappointments was the trailer coupler failing. The truck was not hooked to the trailer when all the items came to rest. In fact, the trailer was left in the median pointing straight up. It was a new coupler, and I would have never have guessed it would have failed. The root cause of the accident was the trailer started whipping, and the driver could not control it. Whether it was excessive speed or improper weight distribution, this is a regular problem when towing and a cause of many accidents. A more experienced driver might have noticed the symptoms faster and reloaded the tractor. But this is a story where experience can be a great teacher. I am sharing all this in the hopes that others can possibly learn from this driver's mistake. We are all thankful he was ok and the insurance covered the equipment. It can be a bit harder when you are towing a 100-year old piece of equipment.

Be safe on the way to shows this year and I hope to see you there.

Travis Brown, SE Regional Director

From John Roderick, SC Regional Director

I am honored to be appointed to serve as the director of the South Central Region of EDGETA. I wanted to tell you a little about myself and my history in agriculture.

My wife, Barbara and I have been married 51 years. We have two children and four grandchildren between the ages of 4 and 12. We live in a small rural community in Nevada, Texas and we are both semi-retired.

After being discharged from the army in 1971, I earned my BS and MS at East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas and started teaching Agriculture Science in 1976. I taught agriculture for 16 years and

then retired in 2004 as a school administrator. Since my retirement, I have elected to go back to teaching agriculture part time and spent three years working for the Department of Agriculture.

As I grew up, my dad was a mechanic, and I watched him spend many hours working on tractors built in the 30's, 40's, and 50's. That is where my love of tractors began. I have partially restored, by myself and with my students, a number of tractors over the years. Most of these were IH tractors. I currently own only one tractor-a 1948 model Farmall Cub which belonged to a family member.

I enjoy participating in shows and parades as often as possible with Branch 138 in Wylie, Texas. I look forward to serving in the role to which I have been appointed. I have learned much already just talking with some of you. I am sure I will have more questions for you than you do for me, but I welcome all questions. If I do not know the answer, I will find the answer if possible.

Thank you,

John Roderick, SC Regional Director

July 4, 2019

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



From Buster Brown, SW Regional Director

When Don Young resigned at the National Meeting in California, I was appointed to fill in the rest of his term. In the past I was Director-at-Large, so I have talked to many of the members in the Southwest Region. If anyone has question or needs help, please feel free to call me at any time. I will be calling some of the officers in different Branches just to keep up on what is happening in the Southwest.

EDGETA is not an insurance company. It is a

tractor and gas engine association with good insurance. Members of EDGETA have liability insurance and are issued a yellow membership card as proof of membership and coverage. The white sticker on the cards shows if the cardholder is a current member. Officers and Directors of each of the Branches have additional insurance if the Branch has updated their officers and directors to the current year on the EDGETA website.

After I was appointed as director, I started to call every Branch in the Southwest Region that had not updated officers for 2019. I had 14 branches; now, all except 2 branches have entered their current officers. It is not that hard to update the officers on the website. If you need help, contact the director in your region. The insurance company has no way to know who your officers are if you do not update that information at the beginning of every year. The new insurance goes into effect on April 15 each year. If your officers are not updated at that time, they do not have extra liability insurance until someone updates your branch officers.

Last Saturday, I went a meet at Branch 22 at Cliff Northcote's ranch. There were very nice displays, and they know how to feed you. The weather was also nice and people were very friendly.

I would like to make more meets this year if health permits. All for now. Remember, keep smiling; it is good for your health.

Buster Brown, SW Regional Director

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

I totally agree with all of the comments in the articles from the Directors regarding the National Show in Red Bluff, CA. There were more demonstrations with engines than we had ever seen at a single show. The activities for the children were outstanding as well, and we got a lot of ideas for things to add to our show. The people were very friendly and helpful with explanations for everything. The evening meal, entertainment and National Meeting also went very well. The FFA members serving food was a highlight for us since my husband is a retired Agricultural Science teacher and worked with the Ag students for 38 years. We've made many trips to FFA events all over Texas and to the National Convention as well with students. Those students are always a pleasure to work with.

Also, the farming we observed driving up I-5 from Sacramento to Red Bluff was very interesting. We

have a lot of row-crop farming in our area, but the large orchards and rice paddies were new to us. It reminded us of scenes from movies--beautiful. We really enjoyed the drive.

While we were in Red Bluff, it seemed as though it was typical Small Town, America. The people were very friendly and helpful, and we enjoyed visiting with many of them. It was a great experience.

I want to welcome the new directors, just as Jeff mentioned earlier. Also, I congratulate Jeff on being the president and appreciate all of the hard work both he and Glynnna are doing for a smooth transition. Both Jeff and all of the directors have been working to assist in getting current information on officers and getting dues sent to us in a timely manner. Thank you, Directors. I really appreciate your help.

Also, thanks to all of you for following up and getting your dues turned in and for updating your officers and directors. This helps tremendously, especially when mailing the Newsletters. I often get a good number of them returned to me as "undeliverable" and it will be the address and person listed on our website for that official office. Having correct information saves postage for us as well.

I communicated earlier with Josh Dilsaver regarding the "same" button for Directors. He has put the "Same" button at the top of each director slot so that you can click that if it is the same person as the prior year.

"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.

Remaining Shows 2019

NW Regional Show July 12-14, 2019

Hosted by Branch 245

Old Iron Showgrounds, Shelton, WA

SC Regional Show Sept. 6-8, 2019

Hosted by Branch 37

13344 Taylor Orchard Rd., Gentry AR

NC Regional Show Sept. 12-15, 2019

Hosted by Branch 16

Ozark Steam Grounds, Republic, MO

NE Regional Show—Oct. 12-13, 2019

Hosted by Branch 103

Quarry Hill Orchards, Berlin, OH

SE Regional Show—Oct. 5-6, 2019

Hosted by Branch 202

122 Davis St., Portland, TN

2020 National Show, Sept. 11-12

Hosted by Branch 202,

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Eagleville, TN

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