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From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

Hello Everyone,

Hope you survived the winter and are ready for the spring show season. We started in January by driving to sunny Wellton, Arizona to attend the South West Regional show hosted by Branch 206.



There was a large group of EDGE&TA RVers that camped on the grounds behind their displays. This is our traveling show, two hot air engines powered by propane.

There were one-cylinder engines belted to various displays, large hot air engines, a good selection of tractors and many exhibits of antique equipment. Interesting displays of kitchen tools, washing machines, barbed wire, watch fobs, sewing machines, kid's toys and hand tools entertained the people. It's always fun to see what our exhibitors bring to show and tell. Both days there were tractor parades which drew a crowd. We always enjoy starting the new year with this show. It's great to see people from all over the US as this area is a Snowbird haven drawing people from all over cold country including Canada and Alaska.

I see that many of the Branches have updated their officers and directors for 2020. But, as I am writing this there are still 80 Branches that need updating. Please take a minute and go on our website.....<https://edgeta.com/> to check and see if your branch is up to date. If it doesn't say Updated 2020, get with the person in your Branch that does this and have them fill out the Officer Update and Director Update Forms. This just takes a few minutes and is really a big help when anyone wants to contact someone in your Branch. It is also membership time. Please check with your Treasurer to see if they have mailed the list and dues in. Our membership year always starts April 15th BUT, Carrie Jo needs the names and money from the majority of the members sent to her by mid-March

so that she can compile everything and get the check to the insurance company on time.

We are working hard to update the insurance to meet our specific needs. We are changing agents, and she is working on getting all the correct wording on both the D/O and General Liability insurance policies. The new wording will make it easier to understand for all of us that don't have a law degree. I know that many of you have called me asking questions about our insurance, and we thought it would be a good idea to clarify the coverage. Thank you to everyone that asked questions and have commented so that we can make improvements to our association and the needs of our members. After April 15th, if you want to see the new policies, contact me and I will email them to you.

On another note, looks like we are living in a Very crazy time. Seems as though hackers and spammers are working overtime to try to steal our hard-earned money. If any of you get an email requesting money or gift cards saying they are one of the EDGE&TA officers or directors, BEWARE !! Just pick up the phone and give that person a call. Chances are they were spammed, and the email looks like it is coming from them when, in fact, it is coming from someone from another country sitting in front of their computer waiting to spend those Amazon gift cards!!

As we start another year, everyone should be checking their engines and tractors to make sure that everything is working properly. Also check your tow vehicle and trailers for brakes and lights. Safety starts before you load and continues until you get back home and unloaded. Slow down, we shouldn't be in a hurry. Accident rates go up when we rush to do anything, even around the house. Remember to check your ropes, stakes, and fire extinguishers to make sure they are in good shape.

We now have a national problem with the Corona Virus. It's changing our world daily with the spread of the virus and public safety. Here on the West Coast, we are having mandatory cancelations of public events. We don't know yet how this will affect some of our shows. We are going day by day. Be sure to contact event organizers before making a

trip to be sure your show has not been canceled. Everyone needs to be careful out there.

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

Remember: Play Safe, Stay Safe.

Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

Insurance Update, March 2020, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

We are looking forward to spring, although our winter was not that bad this year. February was pretty mild compared to the bitter cold last year. We had several days of very high wind, which caused the soil on the bare fields to blow. We have an irrigation ditch on the downwind side of our field, and it is now full of windblown dirt.

As it stands now, we will have the same insurance we had last year, only a different agent. The coverage will remain the same, including participant liability coverage. To refresh your memory, participant liability covers us 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. Again, I want to point out that our website has the details on the general liability policy and the excess liability policy.

We will continue to have Director's and Officer's insurance liability coverage as we have in the past. That will not change. As I have pointed out in the past, at the recommendation of our insurance agent, we will not show it on our website, but we still have it. The reason it is not shown on our website is that in the past we were 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.

We finished up last year without having an accident or an insurance related incident. **Congratulations to all of you for keeping safety high on your priority list and preventing an accident or incident from happening.** We all like to go home at the end of the day safe and without any accidents or harm to ourselves, or to our other branch members and spectators.

One of the important things that each branch

needs to do is a yearly update of your branch's directors and officers on the website. If a D&O related suit is filed against your branch officers and directors and your branch list is not up to date and 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 on line on our the EDGETA 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 2020. If not, please update it at your earliest convenience.

EDGETA director elections are coming up, and the results will be announced at the National meeting in Tennessee in September. My term is up this year, and I have decided to not seek re-election. I have been the NW Region director for about 20 years, and it is time for me to retire. I have enjoyed meeting all the great people in the NW Region and EDGETA branches across the US. There are many nice people in the EDGETA branches. Sue and I have enjoyed meeting them and working with them. Morrie Robinson is running for the NW Region director; I think he will do a great job.

Continue to stay safe and have a good show season this summer. I hope this coronavirus problem goes away soon so we can all get back to our normal lives and have our shows. Until then, wash your hands frequently, distance yourself from others, and be safe.

Insurance Update, March 2020, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director



DUES ARE \$17.00 PER MEMBER

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

Greetings from the North Central. In our area it has really been wet; it might be time to start restoring boats & leave the tractors and engines alone.

Some things we all should do is look at our

trailers, brakes, tires & lights, etc. Make sure they are ready for another season. It's not much fun being stranded on the road when preventative maintenance would resolve the issue at home. Also, be sure to look at all chains and straps to see if any need to be taken out of service.

This year I attended a class taught by a state trooper. He talked about weight limits on straps and chains, and things the DOT would look at ensure your load was secure. I found it to be very informative.

There are really no shows in our area this time of year; the weather just won't allow it. We do have a few swap meets. Branch 16 has one scheduled in April; it's always good to find another project that realistically you will never get done. NEWS FLASH! I just received a text from Dean Voris, president of Branch 16 Republic, Mo. All of our meetings and swap meet in April have been cancelled, probably for the best. In our immediate area, I have no knowledge of anyone suffering from coronavirus. The only symptom I have seen is no toilet paper in stores, but coronavirus is a serious thing. Please limit your exposure. Hopefully, if everyone acts responsibly and limits their contact as we get into the summer, things will become more normal. Shows and other parts of our lives will become as they should be.

We will have our North Central 2020 Regional at Ozarks Older Iron Club EDGETA Branch 28, October 10-11 in Cabool, MO. They have a great facility. They are located off US Highway 60. I am sure they will have many activities planned.

If any clubs have any younger operators that need certified in our youth driver certification program, let's get them taken care of so they can have an enjoyable summer.

Thanks, and hope to see everyone at a show somewhere this summer.

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

From John Roderick, South Central Regional Director

Texas Flip and Move, Flea Market Flip, Home Town, etc. are a few of the television shows that document the newest trend or hobby in today's world. Everyone seems to be finding antique, falling apart houses and furniture, and they remodel

or restore them to resell or use themselves.

Another trend is to find pieces of antique iron and work to bring it back to life. All ages from young to old are becoming more and more interested in this hobby. Some of this equipment is completely restored, and some are only repaired and left in their "work clothes." They are often used only to display or drive in parades, and some are used to do field or garden work. A friend of mine can drive down the road and see a rusty piece of equipment or a tractor and immediately start to imagine what it was and could be again.

The following poem is an example of his thoughts.

Old Iron Memories

**Click or clack, tires or track,
These tractors move along
Some are weak, some are cute
And some are very strong.**

**The dream was started
A long time ago
When you saw that tractor
And could not let go!**

**You saw the rust,
And her frame was a mess.
You said, "I'll fix her up!"
And you gave it your best.**

**What makes a person love them so,
To rebuild their hearts and make them go?
To put new tires and oil and grease
In old machines that were bought or leased.**

**What makes a person work many hours
To put on paint or clean the plows?
Put on the decals and make them right.
You have to get done, there's a parade tonight!**

**What joy it brings to sit up high,
To wave at the crowd as you pass them by,
This old tractor, you love it so!
You will keep her memories wherever you go.**

I must give credit to Mr. Bob Bean for this poem. He is a longtime teaching partner and one of my best friends who I can count on any time, and he has captured the true feelings of the ones of us who love to repair and restore "antique iron."

John Roderick, South Central Regional Director



From Buster Brown, SW Regional Director

Greetings from Southwest AZ and the Southwest Director.

It's a nice day to write a letter as it is raining outside. The average rainfall here is 2 inches per year. It has rained over 2 inches the last two months and is forecast to rain for the next three days.

The Southwest Regional Show is history. It was held in Wellton, AZ in January. The grounds where we have the show belong to the Parks and Recreation Department of the city of Wellton.

They man the gates and take care of the grounds. Members of Branch 206 lay out the grounds for the displays, putting up the stakes and ropes. We have a lot of members come early and help with the preparation. It all turned out very well and the weather was nice both days.

The show ended up with 127 engines, 20 tractors and nice displays of hot air engines. There was a tractor parade both days. Also, we had a lot of good food and live music. There were a total of 14 branches attending from 5 states with 160 people registered. Branch 206 also signed up 13 new members. We have met since the show to plan for improvements to make next year a better show.

At the business meeting, EDGETA President Jeff Fenske and I both talked about how to keep the membership count up in the national organization. Some of the problems we have are that both people and EDGETA Branches are dropping out. We need to be getting new members to replace the older members who are dropping out and have stopped showing.

A special "thank you" goes out to our neighbor, Branch 22, as they always make a huge difference in our show.

The best is yet to come...

Keep smiling—it is good for your health!!

Buster Brown, SW Regional Director

THIS NEWSLETTER IS ON OUR WEBSITE

From David Millsap, NE Regional Director

Hello from SW Virginia.

It's been a soggy winter down here, but hopes have been high for the upcoming show season.

It seems that we will possibly be waiting a while longer. So far there has been only 1 cancellation in this immediate area; it is not an EDGETA show but it's a tractor show regardless.

The Northeast Regional Show is coming up July 17. Hopefully, this pesky virus will have run its course, and the show will go on. Check the EDGETA website for updates and information

I don't know what this virus will amount to, but please be SAFE, as you were told when you were wee tots. Wash your hands and keep them away from your face.

Be safe and have fun!

David Millsap, NE Regional Director

From Travis Brown, SE Regional Director

Hello everyone.

It's been a crazy last few weeks, and many of us are scrambling to keep up. What looked like an ordinary show season has now been turned on its head, along with disruptions to every part of our lives.

Seems like we should be counting our blessings if we are among the healthy so far and not worrying about our collections of somewhat useful old equipment. But we still carry on and dream of the days when normalcy returns.

I, for one, can't wait until we are back sawing wood or threshing wheat and shoveling coal. I'm sure most of you are ready to get out of the house as well.

Right now, early season shows are having to cancel due to health concerns. We are still hopeful the situation improves, and we will be hosting the National Show for EDGETA in Eagleville this September. I pray all of you are able to keep healthy until then and your spouses have the patience to endure your pacing as we self-quarantine all across the nation.

Travis Brown, SE Regional Director

From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Editor

Hope all of you had a Happy New Year--by now, the new decade starting with 2020 is "topsy-turvy" with many, many unknowns for each of us.

As with most of you, now is the time usually filled with shows that we regularly attend. For us, they are cancelled. We are certainly looking forward to an end to this tragic situation.

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, 2020; unless memberships are renewed prior to then, members will not have membership coverage until those dues are paid. A "Branch Members Form" is posted on the website that allows 24 members and information per page. It is at the bottom of the home page and is labeled "Branch Members Form." It would be very helpful if you could switch to the new form.

One housekeeping chore that we all 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.

The following two Director's positions are open this year: Northwest, currently held by Dick Tombrink, and Southwest, currently held by Buster Brown.

If there are any nominations, I must receive the resumes with photos 90 days prior to the National Meeting to be held on September 12, 2020. Please address to Carrie Jo Parmley, 15246 Seven League Rd., Tyler, TX 75703. The date due to me is Saturday, June 13, 2020. A banner across the top of the front page of our website is also a reminder that the NW and SW director

positions are up for election.

By-Laws pertaining to the election are printed below and are also on our website.

ARTICLE IV – DIRECTORS/OFICERS/ADVISORS

Section 1. Directors:

- a. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) directors which includes the President, Vice President, and Safety Officer.
- b. There shall be one Director from each of the six (6) EDGE&TA Regions with the seventh being a Director at Large.
- c. Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority of the branches voting, either in person or by proxy. Every branch may vote to fill all Director positions, both Regional and Director at Large.
- d. Any member in good standing may have their name placed in nomination for the Director position in the Region in which they reside.
- e. Any member in good standing, from any region, may have their name placed in nomination for the Director at Large position.
- f. Nominees must send to the Secretary/Treasurer a resume providing a straightforward profile of themselves and a recent photo. As a minimum, the resume should contain the following:
 - (1) EDGE&TA membership history
 - (2) EDGE&TA offices held
 - (3) Ideas and goals for EDGE&TA
 - (4) Knowledge of current EDGE&TA issues
- g. The Secretary/Treasurer must receive the resumes and photos no later than (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- h. If there are no valid regional nominations presented, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing from the region to serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- i. If there are no valid nominations presented to fill the Director at Large position, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- j. For continuity, Directors shall be elected on a rotating basis under the following cycle: Two (2) Directors shall be elected/re-elected in each of the first year, and the second year. In the third year, three (3) Directors shall be elected/re-elected
- k. The Board of Directors shall fill a vacated Director position by appointment of an EDGE&TA member in good standing. Directors so appointed shall serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- l. Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years, and/or until their successors are elected, with the exception that a Director elected to fill a vacated appointed position shall serve the remainder of that three (3) year term.
- m. The number of terms a Director may serve is unlimited.

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.

If you have questions, or if you need additional information, please contact me at cjparmley2@gmail.com or 903-360-0396.

The Southwest Regional Show was held January 17-18 in Wellton, AZ. It was a big success as reported by Buster Brown.

The other Regional Shows and the National Shows for which I've received information are all posted on our website as well--EDGETA.com. We will have to wait to see if there will be any normalcy restored at those time before we will know for sure they will actually occur. I will be certain to keep Josh updated so that the website has the most current information available.

On another note, we feel very blessed and thankful to have the support that we have here from friends and family. The neighbors on either side of us have each contacted us as they have gone out for groceries, etc. to see if we need anything. They have been so good to shop for us. Both couples are in their mid to upper 30's with children and have many other things they could be doing. I know we all probably have "acts of kindness" we could share. Hopefully, this pandemic will pass soon, and we can get back to some kind of normalcy, if that's what we would call it.

Everyone be safe—take care of yourself and others!

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Editor

22nd Annual National EDGETA Show & Meeting

Host – Branch 202

September 11-12, 2020, Eagleville TN

South Central Regional, June 5, 2020

Host-Branch 90 - Arkansas

Northwest Regional, July 10-11, 2020

Host - Branch 248 - Prineville, OR

Northeast Regional, July 17-18, 2020

Host – Branch 192 – Medina, OH

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