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## From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

Happy Year New. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is ready for another year. Let's work at making 2020 a great year for EDGE&TA. We had no accident reports filed in 2019. Thank you to all the Branch Safety Officers for keeping watch over us and letting us know when the Need For Speed gets the best of us. Good Job Everyone for being safe at our shows and events. Now most of you, especially in the cold country, are working in your shops and getting all your equipment in top working condition for the spring show season.

We are getting ready to go to the Southwest Regional Show in Wellton, Arizona the third weekend in January. Buster Brown and Branch 206 always puts on a great show to start out the new year. We always enjoy going down to the desert and soaking up some sunshine. Lots of exhibitors from the northern states that winter in Arizona, display at this show. And we have a large snowbird public that comes out to see us every year. There are a lot of Q Tips there. You know, white hair and white tennis shoes !!

I want to take this opportunity to thank our National Directors. They have all stepped up and are putting lots of effort into this volunteer job. Everyone with a computer should be checking out our website <http://edgeta.com> to find out lots of important information. All the Officers and Directors information and photos are listed on the Administration Page. Also, on the left-hand side of the Home Page there is a list of topics that contain pertinent information. By now every Branch should have heard from their Regional Director. We are trying to keep in touch with all the Branches and be a member organization. The Presidents and any of the members, need to know that we are all just a phone call away if they have any questions or concerns. We appreciate any suggestions on how to get new members interested in our hobby. It seems like we, as an organization, need young blood. So many of our members are aging and it is hard for them to handle all this HEAVY old iron !!

It's time to be thinking about membership dues. The Branches need to send in a check to Carrie Jo, our National Secretary, by mid-March. She will be sending out buttons, stickers and new membership cards, if needed, sometime in February. If you don't have your check and information in by the end of March, we will be calling the Branch President and on down the line of officers. So, if you get a call from (559) 907-9734 it is NOT a telemarketer !!

We are just about ready to start another year. Can you believe it's 2020 already?? Let's have another safe and fun year. The best we can do is try to educate the younger generation about the way things were in the past. Along the way we can have fun running our engines and driving our tractors.

I am looking forward to meeting more club members along the way at various shows. It's always nice to meet up with old friends at EDGE&TA events too.

Thank you and a Happy New Year to all.

**Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large**

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***Dues are \$17 per member***

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**Insurance Update, December 2019, Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director**

Now that we are in the middle of the Christmas season, I hope each of you had a great Christmas and

and have a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year. It is a great time of the year when we connect with our families and friends. I hope Santa was good to you and you got that part that you needed for your current engine or tractor restoration project. So far, our winter has not been too severe here in Montana. We do not have snow on the ground and it appears that we will not have a white Christmas.

The California lawsuit regarding an EDGETA member hitting the back of a Bentley car in a community parade has been resolved. We are glad to see this one brought to an end. I know it has been hard for those involved. I wish we as EDGETA could have been more supportive. Fortunately, now we have Participant Liability insurance coverage for our EDGETA members that will cover any future incidents like this one.

The good news is that we have not had any new insurance claims this year. **Thank you to all EDGETA branches and branch members for taking the time to be safe in all that you do.** It really pays off. We all strive to make sure each of us goes home at the end of the day without any accidents or harm to ourselves, or to our other branch members and spectators. **Again, thank you to all for all you do to keep everyone safe.**

Looking back over the past year, Sue and I attended the National EDGETA show and meeting in Red Bluff, CA the last part of April. In July we attended the NW Regional show and meeting in Shelton, WA. Both were great shows, lots of neat exhibits and friendly people to visit with. Both branches went out of their way to put on a well-planned and successful show.

As time goes on if you have any questions about insurance coverage please feel free to call or email me, my phone number and email address are on the website. I like to send an email back with your answer, that way if you want to take the answer to a meeting you can just read it to the group.

Thanks again for keeping safety first is all you do. And Happy New Year to you and all your family and friends.

**Insurance Update, December 2019, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director**

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*Happy New Year!!!*

**From Bob Craig – Vice President & NC Regional Director, Youth Driver Certification**

Hello from the North Central. We started the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year with a flurry. The first being in Paducah Kentucky. We always have a great time there. We certainly had plenty of flea market finds. Then on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of October we attended the SE regional show in Portland Tennessee; it was held at Days Gone By Museum--what a place. They featured lots of transportation exhibits from a DC3 to pedal cars. I would have to say if you are ever in the neighborhood, stop by. There were several working steam engine exhibits. That is where I met up with the SE Director, Travis Brown. He was working the sawmill. We met lots of nice people, but the weather was warm.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, we went to the Ozarks Older Iron Club, Branch 28 in Cabool Missouri. Two branch 28 members, Jim Brassfield and Ralph Moore, were inducted into the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of October we went to Catoosa, Oklahoma. We saw several friends there, the only place we typically see them. There were at least a dozen Branch 16 members there, all exhibiting. There were also several Branch 37 members, all with exhibits. We always have a good time at that show.

I guess now is the time of year we put our toys away; some are in good shape & others will need some attention. Let's reflect on close calls we may have witnessed this past show season. We are all in this hobby together, so let's all respect the rules. They are there for a reason.

One thing that I really enjoy, is the young driver's certifications. It is a way of keeping young people involved. I had a young lady that certified and had also received an award at school. Her picture was in the local newspaper; she was on her tractor holding her driver's certification. She was rightfully proud of both. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK & THANK YOU JOSEY.**

Remember, it's not all that difficult to certify a youngster and it's the only way they will have insurance coverage on our policy. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a great start to the New Year. Thank you all so much. Bob Craig.

**Bob Craig – Vice President & NC Regional Director, Youth Driver Certification**

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**From John Roderick, SC Regional Director**

Carrying On The Tradition

I have been very blessed most of my adult life to be able to work with teenagers in the field of education. It is truly amazing to witness what some of these young men and women are capable of doing if given the opportunity and encouragement. Every year I am able to go to different Ag Mechanics Shows in Texas. It is rewarding to see the tractors they have restored and trailers they have built as well as many other innovative pieces of equipment to be used on farms and ranches.

For some time, one of our concerns at Branch 138 has been to find ways to get more youth involved in our club. I did a survey at our last branch meeting. With approximately 15 members present, the average age was 75. This should be a concern for EDGETA branches nationwide. We all need to consider ways to get more youth involved in a hobby that is dear to us all.

I have always thought that a problem should not be presented unless a solution can also be recommended. I realize that there are many branches who already have some of these solutions in place but here a few I have thought of.

1. Some branches offer scholarships to local high schools for students interested in Ag. Mechanics.
2. FFA Chapters often need speakers for their FFA Meetings.
3. Invite these young students to your shop and involve them in the restoration process.
4. Donate a tractor or early engine as an incentive for them to restore and show.
5. Pass out flyers inviting young people to your meetings and local shows.
6. Take every opportunity presented to share your experience with early equipment by volunteering in an Ag. Mechanics class at a high school or college.

In conclusion, we all need to get involved with the youth of our society. My concern is failing to do so will result in having no one to carry on the tradition of proudly caring for and exhibiting our Antique Iron. It also gives us an opportunity to have a conversation with young people who are the future of our society. You never know what the results will be.

**I hope all of you have a Happy Holiday Season and I want to wish you a Happy New Year. May God Bless you and yours.**

**John Roderick, SC Regional Director**

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**From Buster Brown, SW Regional Director**

I cannot believe it is time for another letter. Time flies when you are having fun! I have been calling Branch Presidents in the Southwest Region. I think I have 10 to go, but I will be in touch with them in near future. All I have been in touch with are having the same problem—older people are not taking loads of toys to shows, or they are dying and no one is coming in to replace them.

We are losing around 400 members each year now. I think what needs to happen is that every branch needs to add one more person to management level. The job description will be to go to County Fairs, FFA Meetings, and to call on local schools to see if anyone is interested. If the job turns out to be too much for one man, then we need to get him or her some help. Branch 206 has a program where if someone looks promising, the branch pays for their membership for National Dues and Insurance. Also, Branch 206 give dues 2-years free to new recruits so that they can get a yellow membership card and also a newsletter to their name. IT WORKS.

Branch 206 will be hosting the Southwest Regional Meeting in 2020. It will be in Wellton, AZ January 17 and 18. It is a little town 30 miles east of Yuma, AZ. If you plan on coming and are motor-

homing, and if you have a current EDGETA yellow membership card, then you can dry camp for 9 days free. If you are staying in a motel, call the Microtel in Wellton, AZ and tell them you are coming for the tractor and engine show and you will receive a 15% discount.

If you need additional information, go to the EDGETA website and click on Branch 206. At the **bottom** of the page, you will find information regarding the Southwest Regional Show including contact information for people who will assist you.

Hope to see you there.

Keep smiling! It is good for your health.

**Buster Brown, SW Regional Director**

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**From Travis Brown, SE Regional Director**

Welcome from Middle Tennessee! Hope everyone is having a safe and happy holiday season. We are staying busy in off season this morning making plans for next year. Equipment is being repaired and readied for next year's shows. We are planning our spring saw school and steam school. We at Branch 202 are excited to be hosting the National Show in 2020 at Eagleville TN on the Friday and Saturday after Labor Day, which is September 11 and 12.

On a different note, we are sad to note the passing of Kathleen Collins. She and her husband Joe have been gracious to host our regional show and steam schools many years at their impressive Days Gone By Museum in Portland, TN many times. Join us as we send condolences to the Collins family.

Anyone interested in coming to our steam school or saw school or wishing to get more information on the national show, feel free to call me at 615-556-2344 or email me at [tbkeck@yahoo.com](mailto:tbkeck@yahoo.com).

**Travis Brown SE Regional Director**

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

Hope all of you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I'm looking forward to starting a new year and working with you again as secretary/treasurer.

Buttons and stickers will be mailed out the end of the first full week of February. The number sent is based on the total membership for each branch for the 2019 year. Please be certain that the person who has been designated to receive the buttons is aware of what the box is and the necessity to open and distribute the contents accordingly.

**Stickers for membership cards are in the top of each box of buttons inside a plastic sandwich bag. Also, an envelope with the EDGETA Annual Financial Statement will be in the top of the box. Please be certain that it gets to the president of your branch.**

Just a reminder that dues are \$17 per person, and I should receive those by mid-March. The **Branch # must be on all pieces of correspondence: email, checks, and lists. The list and amount included must match or it will be returned, as was stated in several of the past newsletters. No dues will be accepted until after February 20, 2020.**

The 2020 EDGETA National Annual Meeting is September 11-12, in Eagleville, TN hosted by Branch 202.

The following Director's positions are open this year: **Northwest Region, currently held by Dick Tombrink; Southwest Region, 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 September 12, 2020. Please send those nominations to Carrie Jo Parmley, 15246 Seven League Rd., Tyler, TX 75703. The date due to me is June 15, 2020. A banner will run across the top of the Homepage of our website as a reminder which will also list the Regions where the Director positions open.**

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

**ARTICLE IV – DIRECTORS/OFFICERS/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) EDGETA 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.

If you have questions, or if you need additional information, please contact me at [cjparmley2@gmail.com](mailto:cjparmley2@gmail.com) or 903-360-0396.

Happy New Year, and I hope each of you has a successful year.

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

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# *Important Dates*

**Southwest Regional Show, Host-Branch 206**  
**January 17-18, 2020, Wellton, AZ**

**2020 Annual National EDGETA**  
**Show & Meeting**  
**September 11-12, 2020**  
**Branch 202 – Eagleville, TN**

**See EDGETA.org for all Regional Shows for 2020  
 will be posted as dates are received**

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