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From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

Greetings EDGE&TA Members,

It's been quite a year. We are all ready to get rid of this Covid and all its restrictions and get back to normal with shows, parades and events. We have had plenty of time to work on our old iron and get everything ready to show. Things are starting to open up across the country. Shows are being planned now, and we can't wait to get out and see everyone and run our equipment. Our branch is having three events in the next few weeks and there are several planned around the state with other branches. We hope this is the beginning of a year full of good times with family and friends.

We had several branches across the country last year that asked for a one-year leave of absence due to Covid. Hopefully now that things are looking up, they will all rejoin this year. We realize that some branches are disbanding due to age and membership. We are always sorry to lose members. We all need to try and get young people off their phones and interested in our hobby. If you have any ideas on how we can do this, call me.

I noticed that quite a few of the branches have either not updated their Officers on the website or the information is incorrect. Every year someone in your branch needs to go on the EDGE&TA homepage and click the Branch Officer Update form and fill out the information. If any of your officers have not changed, just click the box that says Same. With the wrong addresses the National Newsletter and member stickers are being returned. Every branch needs a designated person to go onto the website and proofread all the phone numbers and addresses to be sure that everything is correct. The Directors, Carrie Jo and I use this page to contact your officers for business and just to call and talk to you.

Most of you know that we have been emailing the newsletter to every branch that has email. We ask you to forward it on to your branch membership to get information out to as many members as possible. Only two branches have no emails listed on their Branch Officer page. Carrie Jo has also been sending it out by regular mail to every President and Safety Officer. This has been costing more than \$300 per issue, 4 issues per year. As a cost saving measure, we now plan to mail it out to only the President or designated branch contact person. All the National newsletters are on our EDGE&TA website. <https://edgeta.com/national-newsletters/> You can read the current one or go all the way back to 2004. If your branch is happy with email only, please let us know and we will remove you from the mailing list. We are trying to do all we can to keep the costs down and the dues from increasing in the future.

We have a branch event calendar on the EDGETA website. The website home page has been redesigned to make the calendar easier to access and use. The EDGETA Board of Directors encourages you to report your events via the EDGETA website, www.edgeta.org using the Calendar Event Submission Form on the home page. Your events will be placed on the Branch Events Calendar. This gives you free advertising for those other branches that may have members who are looking for shows in your area and may want to attend. Branches should be taking advantage of this service. Check on the calendar frequently. It is amazing how many events our branches have during the year. Reporting your events also allows the EDGETA Board of Directors to see what is going on in their Regions. When you report your event, try to be more elaborate with the name and location of the EDGETA sponsored event. You should have your Branch number and a contact person's name and phone number. This will help other branches know

where and what your event is.

Now that we are going to be having events again, we have to remember to be safe. After sitting for a year our equipment should be inspected for anything loose, broken or that needs attention. When you are getting your old iron ready for a show, just give it a once-over to be sure everything is good to go. You know we are all "Safety Officers", so make sure everyone around you is safe too. If you See Something.....Say Something.

We are happy to announce that we are getting new branches. Welcome, Branch 258 from Elwood, Utah. A club in Harrison, Arkansas is filling out the final paperwork and a club in South Carolina is in the process. Also, a club in central Illinois is showing interest. Welcome to EDGE&TA. Go out and have some fun with your engines and tractors.

Stay Safe.....Play Safe -- Jeff Fenske

Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at- Large

2021 Dues are \$17 per member



From Bob Craig, Vice President & NC Director

Greetings from the North Central. It would appear to me that things are opening up; let's hope the trend continues. We have one branch that will be having a tractor pull soon. Another branch has started having social distance club meetings. They had not been together in 10 months. I hope we can keep the trend going.

Any club that has a nominee for EDGETA's Hall of Fame needs to have the turned in by the middle of May so we can get the process started. Before attending any shows this year, be sure and check to see that it has not been cancelled.

Any branch that has someone between the ages of 12-16 that needs to be tested so that they can participate in parades or other activities, please do so. We need to keep the young people involved.

With the start of a new season, I am sure there are some members among us that have not been operating, or are around some of their displays, so let's keep an eye on one another and be sure that all of us are following EDGE&TA's policy so we can all remain safe.

Remember the national show in Eagleville, Tennessee in September. Have a good safe start to the upcoming season. Thanks Bob.

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

From John Roderick, SC Regional Director

The state of Texas is working toward some sense of normalcy and with that, many events that were closed last year are opening back up. I was fortunate this past week to assist the Bland FFA Chapter in transporting students and projects to the Houston Agricultural Mechanics Show. Though it was conducted with caution, it was nice to be there to observe the students and their projects that were the results of many hours of hard work.

The show consists of metal fabrication projects ranging from 40-foot grain trailers to livestock feeders. These projects are constructed by FFA members and some 4-H clubs from all parts of Texas. Antique tractor restoration is also a big part of the show. The students are required to not only exhibit their projects but be prepared to answer questions concerning the construction or restoration process when asked by the judges or general public. They also have a notebook which shows the process from start to finish and itemizes the expenses involved.

The tractor restoration portion of this show is always amazing to me. It is impressive to see a group of high school students, under the supervision of their Agriculture Science teacher, take an old tractor that someone pulled from a fence row and make it look new again. I plan to focus this article on some of those students and their tractors.

There are approximately 30 tractors in competition. I interviewed a few of these students, or group of students, to gather basic and interesting information about their tractors and the

restoration process. It was interesting to know the individual cost of restoration of these tractors ranged from \$2,000. to \$22,000. I was thankful to be able to interview a few of these young people.

The first young man I talked with had a 1963 John Deere 4010 diesel. He represents Klein Collins FFA. The tractor was purchased in Oklahoma and he and his brother spent 2 ½ years restoring it. His plans are to keep this tractor. I would, also, because it is a beauty.

Boerne FFA Chapter is represented by a 1960 Oliver 1800A Diesel. The tractor is a survivor of Hurricane Harvey. The engine was full of sand and water and a year later, it is completely restored and runs! If you have done any tractor restoration, you know this is amazing.

Chapel Hill FFA presented, with pride, a 1953 Oliver 77 Row Crop. The tractor was donated and the restoration paid for by a friend of the chapter. The young man doing the work spent 9 months and 395 hours restoring the tractor.



Mitchell County 4-H Club brings a 1930 John Deere GP. The tractor was located north of Lubbock behind someone's barn. Nine months and a total of 322 hours was spent by the young man restoring it.

A student from the O'Connor FFA has a 1950 Farmall C Demonstrator. It belongs to his grandfather. He had been using the tractor for years and did not realize it was a true demonstrator, confirmed by the serial number, until he started the restoration process and found the white paint underneath the red. What a find and a unique tractor for the young man to take pride in.

The Groveton FFA Chapter is represented by two different tractors. One is a 1947 Oliver 99 and the other a 1962 602 Minneapolis Moline. The Oliver tractor was purchased at auction in Tyler for \$850. There were only 1,300 of these tractors

made. It produces 59 drawbar horsepower. The Moline was purchased from a friend of the chapter and produces 64 horsepower. The students have been working on the Moline tractor for ten months and have had to go into the engine three times. These students take great pride in the fact they did all the sheet metal work and paint without the help of an outside source, and they did an outstanding job.

Three young ladies from the Cypress Creek FFA have a 1948 Allis Chalmers B and they have spent 11 months restoring it. They are the only group I interviewed with all girls involved in the process. The tractor belongs to a family member. These ladies are not to be overlooked when it comes to determination and quality of work.

A young man who attends Dubiski Career High School in Grand Prairie purchased a 1950 John Deere Diesel on Craigslist from a man in Bonham. The tractor produces 53 horsepower. During the restoration process, he discovered a name, Elvis Lam, and a date, 1970, when he removed the flywheel cover. After a little investigating, he discovered Mr. Lam was involved in some welding projects for NASA in the 1970's. It is always fun to uncover more of the history of the tractor but also information about the person who previously owned it.

Corsicana FFA chapter brought a 1948 Allis Chalmers W Grader with the extended frame. It was located in a caved in barn 20 years ago and had been stored in a man's shop since it's discovery. Two years and a total of 625 hours were spent restoring this tractor and it was evident from the appearance. It was outstanding! There were only 3,751 of these Graders built. They were used for landscaping and building terraces. This young man knew he had EXACTLY \$5,692.45 invested in the restoration of this tractor.



I located a 1955 Oliver Super 55 Diesel which was exhibited by a young man from Canyon FFA. The tractor was found in a junk yard by his father.

It was about to be crushed when the Dad asked to buy it at scrap metal price. It produces 30 horsepower and took the young man eight months to restore it. It no longer looks like scrap metal. I spent over three hours talking with these students about their tractors and enjoyed every minute of it. Some of the tractors are more unique and many have some very interesting stories behind them but they are all winners. The skill required to complete these projects is outstanding, as many of you know. The hours of dedication and determination are in the thousands.

While I am writing this article sitting at the show, I won't know until tomorrow morning who the division winners are and the grand champion. In my opinion, they are all champions. It is so rewarding to see these young students so interested in restoring Antique Iron. They are the future of the hobby we all love so much.

When the world returns to normal if you ever get a chance to attend the Houston Agricultural Mechanics Show, please do yourself a favor and go. It will be well worth your time and you will come away with a new appreciation for our youth and the efforts of the Agriculture Departments in our public schools.

John Roderick, SC Regional Director

From Travis Brown SE Regional Director

Hello everyone. It's been quiet here in TN, but we are looking forward to the upcoming show season. We have a lot to do before the Eagleville Show but it should all come together. Wheat to bind and store. Logs to acquire. Grounds to prepare. Then we have equipment to prepare and haul. But our crew of volunteers is ready for the challenge. Not only are we planning on all that, but we recently have been given two exciting projects. We hope to have those on the grounds and at least one set up by the time the show rolls around. I also hope to get out on the road and take in some other shows this year. We hope to see a lot of you come September 10-11 at Eagleville TN for the National Show

Travis Brown, SE Regional Director



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From Morrie Robinson, NW Director

Talking with NW Region Branches, it's unanimous: we're tired of "social distancing," masks and no shows. 2021 is starting to see show plans moving ahead, YES.

Many of you live in a rural setting and don't have to worry about "social distancing", etc. Fortunately, we can use the time to work on those neglected projects BVT & AVT (Before Virus Time & after Virus Time) and haven't had to worry about social distance or masks. However, on the occasional necessary trip to town, it's easy to forget to mask up or think about social distancing. I don't know how many times I have returned to the car to mask up.

Last Saturday, we made a trip to preview a large on-line auction and were surprised that very few were wearing masks and not concerned about social distancing. Final prices were not lacking for bids – setting prices 2 to 3 times BVT. Seems everyone is spending their "stimulus money" Plus. Word is out that our local 4-Day show is moving ahead. Yes, it will be great to see friends in person rather phone calls.

See you at a 2021 show, keep in touch, be healthy, and do good deeds.

Morrie Robinson, NW Regional Director



Practice “Safety First”

(Actual Photo of a member’s tractor/trailer)

From David Millsap, NE Regional Director

Greetings from rainy wet SW Virginia. Not much has been happening here so far this season. I did, however, see a family of ducks the other day, and they all had on life jackets. They were headed to this big boat being captained by a bearded fellow who was taking on animals 2 by 2.

Spring has sprung; the yellow bushes are in full bloom along with the Bradford pears--redbuds will soon follow. Purdy soon the poplars will have a leaf as big as a squirrel’s ear, and it will be time to plant corn.

Other than having a new knee installed, life here has been fairly mundane. Some Cedar Creek Tractors members got together for a day of turning dirt and sowing a few oats; hopefully will, turn off and give us something to run thru the little Frick. Hay season is fast approaching and if rain helps, then it’s going to be a busy summer.

Speaking of busy--as we get geared up for a summer of shows and farm work, let’s take an extra few second and make sure all our safety gear is in place. Just last week, I hauled in 2 tractors to a local dealership that had caught fire. On one, I had an extinguisher, the other was a total loss. So please put or have a fire extinguisher on your beloved piece of history, or it may become toasted. Also, if you’re doing any road travel have working flashers and/or signal lights along with a “UNFADED” SMV emblem on the back. REMEMBER, it’s the law (at least in VA). Here’s hoping everyone has a great spring and a better summer.

I hope to see y’all in Eagleville Tennessee.

Side note: If anyone is interested in becoming an advisor, please let me know.

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David Millsap, NE Regional Director

Ron Hanson, SW Regional Director – No article available.

From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./ Editor

Hope all of you had a Happy New Year--by now, 2021 is underway and there are still many, many unknowns for all parts of the country.

As with most of you, now is the time usually filled with shows that we regularly attend. Many of you are in areas where the shows are still cancelled, but we are open for shows and have attended one already, with big one coming up April 9-10. We feel fortunate to be able to enjoy our hobby again.

I’ve received membership dues from many of the branches; however, there are still those who need to send their dues. I’m aware that many branches are not able to meet or have events, so each one of you is an individual case. The new membership year begins April 15, 2021; 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 Director's positions are open this year: North Central, currently held by Robert Craig, South Central, currently held by John Roderick and Director-at-large, currently held by Jeff Fenske. If there are any nominations, I must receive the resumes with photos 90 days prior to the National Meeting to be held on September 10-11, 2021. Please address to Carrie Jo Parmley, 15246 Seven League Rd., Tyler, TX 75703. The date due to me is Saturday, June 12, 2021. A banner across the top of the front page of our website is also a reminder that the positions are up for election this year.

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) 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 only show that we currently have on the schedule is the National Show which is posted below this article. If we receive information regarding any Regional Shows, those will be posted on the EDGETA.ORG website immediately. We are hoping for some kind of normalcy to be restored, but many areas are still in complete lockdown. I will be certain to keep Josh updated so that the website has the most current information available.

Check the EDGETA.ORG website for any Regional Shows. At this point we have no dates on any of those, but will post all dates as they are received.

Everyone be safe—take care of yourself and others!

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Editor

Important Dates

22nd Annual National EDGETA Show & Meeting

Host – Branch 202

September 10--11, 2021, Eagleville TN