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From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

Here we are in the middle of 2022 and seems like Covid is finally starting to let up a little. Just when we thought maybe we could get back to semi normal then the fuel prices started going sky high. We are hearing from members that are having to make a choice of which shows to go to as they can't afford fuel for all the shows.

We just went to the South West Regional Show in Gardnerville, NV. There were exhibitors from five different states there. There were 70 tractors and over 30 engines on display. Branch 132 did a great job hosting this show. Ron Hanson, the SW Regional Director, was there and exhibited with us. We were honored to present the trophies to all the winning tractor pullers after the Saturday night dinner and meeting.

Now we are looking forward to the National Show which will be held in Republic, Missouri September 15th-18th this year. Branch 16 will be hosting this show. Hopefully, many of you will be able to go to this one as we have heard that they put on a great show every year.

As of this date, we have 5,200 members and more are coming in every week. We are down to 137 branches. There are a few that have not sent in membership this year and have also not updated their webpage with current officers. There are 42 branches that have NOT updated their officers this year. Some have not updated since 2019 and when I try to call them, the phone numbers are out of service and addresses are not current. Carrie Jo gets newsletters and correspondence returned. Please check your branch webpage and make sure the officers are current and that all the information is correct. We need to be able to contact you.

Also, our insurance agent is getting more requests for Additionally Insured Certificates this year. You should make this request at least 30 days ahead of your event. Also, Please make sure that all information is correct on the form you

submit to the insurance company. This form is found on our EDGE&TA website on the forms page. We have had several Certificate requests with incorrect information. Then the landowner (fairgrounds, city, whoever is requesting the Certificate) rejects it and asks for another one with the correct information. So, Please, double check the form to make sure you have the correct phone numbers, emails, addresses and dates before you submit the form. Putting the wrong information down will result in a delay and possibly you not receiving the Certificate in time for your event.

We are still looking for a North Central Director. If you live in Missouri, Kansas, Wisconsin, Michigan, or Illinois and would like to have input into the National business, please call me for more information. My information is in this newsletter and on the website.

Just be sure and follow all the safety rules at every show. It is mandatory to have a safety meeting the first morning of each show to remind everyone of the rules and ask if anyone has any questions or concerns. This meeting should be conducted by the President of the branch or the Safety Officer. If you have any questions or comments, please contact either your Director or me and we will discuss them.

Go out there and have fun. We need to enjoy our hobby and teach others about how farm life was before all this technology. We always need new blood in our club. Do your best to recruit new members.

Play Safe, Stay Safe

Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

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Renew Memberships for 2022

From Morrie Robinson, Vice President & NW Regional Director

Hello from the soggy NW.

By the time you receive the newsletter, it will probably be just past the longest daylight of the year. One would normally associate this event with increased temperatures and spend time enjoying the outdoors. This year, we get 2-3 days of sun with a high of 70 and then it's back to heavy rain and a high of 65, which causes the grass to shoot up like it's rocket propelled. Oh well, we don't have to worry about a drought. Maybe we can find a way to send it south.

Our branch recently had our 39th show. It started out as the "mid-winter gas-up" usually held on the Saturday of February President's Day weekend. Weather was generally dry, although we did have a couple of days with snow over the years. Static displays inside a mall were a week before the outside event. Gradually, the weather got worse, so it was moved into March, which wasn't much better. April was no better. Our past 5 shows have been in conjunction with a local "Master Garden Plant Sale." It's a Saturday before Mothers' Day. Now it's "The Gas-Up." The weather is usually warm and there's great public exposure. If your branch is struggling for public exposure, don't be afraid to change your venue—maybe a car show, a plant sale, static display inside a mall, or hook up with a local fair. There are unlimited possibilities—give it a shot—use your imagination.

One of the major complaints I hear from branches is there are no young members joining. How about giving a young, new member free membership for the year? How about making a

contract for a common engine or tractor that they get running and show it for 2 or "X" years. Then it is theirs. Or, if you have a running engine or tractor, maybe it could be leased to eventually own after "X" number of years.

If you haven't seen a branch member for a while, how about a 5-minute personal call and/or "time to renew" on the Newsletter.

Remember, a lot of members didn't join until their 40's, 50's or 60's, so don't cut their potential membership short. Promote your Branch.

Stay safe, keep in touch.

Morrie Robinson, Vice President, NW Director



From John Roderick, SC Regional Director

Farmall tractors will always be special to me. My Dad always had one, and the first real job I had was raking hay on a "B."

The year 2022, marks the 75th anniversary of the Farmall Cub. I recently came across this song or poem that does a great job of telling the story of the "Cub". I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.....

"I am working on a song.

Thanks to a VA farm and business loan
On reclaimed acreage overgrown
Small farms offered Veterans a new occupation
For winning World War II for a grateful nation.
In 1947, International, under the Farmall Brand
Developed a new machine to work the land.

The smallest tractor ever on their line
The name Farmall Cub suited it just fine.
Almost ten horsepower and 7 miles an hour
The little tractors opened up the new American

Dream

Plowing, planting, mowing; raking hay, or manure
throwing

And best of all it was Red and not green.
 It could run all day on a tank of fuel replacing
 horse or ox or mule.
 Pulling the same equipment they used to use.
 Using any gear in the 3-speed transmission you
 could see what you were doing thanks to
 cultavision
 Quality construction in all the bolts and nuts and
 screws.
 Almost ten horsepower and 7 miles an hour
 The little tractors opened the new American
 Dream
 Plowing, planting, mowing raking hay, or manure
 throwing
 And best of all it was Red and not green.
 Using Union labor in a Kentucky factory shop
 It took thirty-four years before production came to
 a stop
 The most successful tractor ever with almost a
 quarter million sold
 Now many have been parked or scrapped because
 their owners have grown old.
 The last Cub came off the assembly line over 40
 years ago.
 But thousands are still out their helping farmers
 grow.
 Small farms are now few and far between.
 But some still prefer the Red to the green.”

Credit goes to Russel Ray Bragg. I don't know
 him, but it is obvious he owns a Farmall Cub.

John Roderick, SC Director

From Ron Hanson, SW Regional Director

Hello All,
 The Tractor and Engine Shows are in full
 swing out this way. Hoping that you are getting
 out to some of the events and enjoying
 them.
 Recently the National President Jeff Fenske
 and his wife, Glenna, and I were excited to attend
 the South West Regional Show. WOW ... What a
 Great Show that Branch 132 put on. The show was
 held at the Gardnerville, Nevada Fairgrounds on
 Saturday and Sunday June 4-5, 2022.
 There was a Great Display of Engines and

Tractors to be seen, and it was also great to see
 old friends out enjoying the Show.
 “Thank you” to Jim Miller and ALL the
 members of Branch 132 for putting together a
 Great Show !!!!
 If you have a Question, Concern, or Comment,
 please reach out to me.

Have a Happy and Safe Show Season.

Ron Hanson, SW Director



Happy Fourth of July

From Travis Brown, SE Regional Director

Well, it's that time of year again. It's hot in
 Middle Tennessee and that means the show season
 is in full swing. We start off by doing our annual
 wheat binding event. This year I got double the
 fun as to get our show's wheat bound, I had to
 trade labor with the folks that own the binder. So,
 on a Tuesday, I went up to southern Kentucky and
 helped them bind wheat and load it up on the
 trailers. Come Saturday, we did it again in
 Tennessee. It's hot dusty work that takes me back
 to when I was a young man helping the farmers
 bale hay. I remember one time, we had a small
 field to pick up and I had places to be, so I literally
 jogged the whole time while they pulled the rack
 alongside, and I would throw the bales on the rack
 and another guy would stack. I don't imagine I
 will be doing that anymore.
 It's a good feeling having wheat in the barn
 ready to thresh. The next challenge is hauling
 steam engines to the Adams show. Hauling them
 involves a semi, a winch, a tractor to position
 them, and lots of chaining and binding. It's hot,
 heavy work followed by an hour drive then
 another session of loading or unloading. I'm still

looking for the easy button to push on that job. I hear President Fenske has experience in the past hauling heavy equipment; maybe we can invite him to come throw some chain and re-live old memories!

After Adams, we haul everything to Eagleville. We get a month respite, then it's time for our 35th annual show. The following week is the National in Republic, MO and we will be hoping to see you all there.

I hope the rest of you are having safe, enjoyable show seasons. There are times I think I should take up something a bit lighter like collecting stamps in a heavily air-conditioned environment. But, as I am fond of saying, the people who built this country were some tough men and women. It's a privilege to honor their memory by being able to re-create some of the things they used to do on a daily basis without thinking about it, even though we aren't doing it to provide for our families, rather we are mostly working hard at playing.

Be safe, chain those loads, and stay hydrated you all!

Travis Brown, SE Director

From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Editor

Hopefully, all of you are doing well. We are having shows in our area now. Our Branch has participated in a number of events as well as hosted several events. Hope the same things are occurring for you as well.

We have two Regional Director Positions that will be open for election this year—Northeast Region and Southeast Region. Resumes for those seeking the position are due 90 days prior to the National Meeting, which is September 15-18, 2022. So far, there have been no resumes submitted for the positions.

We are looking forward to our trip to attend the National EDGETA Show in Republic, MO in September. Hopefully, we will see some of you there.

“Thank you” to those of you who have renewed your memberships for the year. Branches are

continuing to submit your membership rosters for this year. It appears that some of us are a little slow in getting back on track, but our numbers are growing daily as more of you get back into participating.

“Good Luck” to all of you as you have your shows and visit with others. I look forward to working with you in the future in the effort to get collectors back into the mode of participating in activities. Let's make the hobby and EDGETA a big success!

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Editor



2022 National EDGETA Show, Sept. 15-18

Hosted by EDGETA Branch 16

Southwest Missouri Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Assn.

60th Annual Steam-O-Rama

Republic, MO

Northwest Regional Show
August 19, 2022
Hosted by
Branch 248
Madras Fairgrounds
Madras, OR

**Southeast Regional Show
October 22, 2022
Hosted by
Branch 226
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