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From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

It's that time of year when the weather is getting better and we are all busy getting our engines and tractors shows ready. Spring has sprung here in central California. Our branch has several shows and parades coming up in the next couple of months. Check all your equipment to make sure that everything is in good working order. Be careful loading and unloading as that seems to be where most accidents happen. Make sure that you have walk in gates built into your roped off display area so that exhibitors don't try to crawl through the ropes. These walk-in gates must have bungies or ropes to close off the entrance. This is a great time for you or your safety officer to go online to the EDGE&TA website and review all the safety rules to make sure you and your branch members are following the rules and will be covered by our insurance in case of an accident. You should print out the safety rules and take them to the shows. At the Mandatory Safety Meeting, before the start of the show each day, the Safety Officer can mention that you have a hard copy of the rules for anyone to look over.

We started the new year with a great show at Wellton, Arizona. There were lots of Snow Birds there for the winter sunshine and to get away from their snowy weather. Club members from all over the country were there with their displays and there was a great turnout of spectators. Not only were there tractors and engines but a variety of other antique equipment. We took our "New" 1880s New England Butt Manufacturing Company braiding machine. This 16-spool machine makes shoelaces. It can be belted to a line shaft or engine but for display purposes we slowed it down so everyone could see how it worked. My wife and I had fun talking to people for two days while we hand cranked out the laces.

The EDGE&TA new year starts on April 15th. Be sure to get your dues in and update your branch officer information page on the website. Check all the names, addresses, emails and phone numbers to be sure everything is correct so that anyone can contact you if they need to. Remember that starting April 15th our National dues will be \$20 per person. This small increase was necessary due to higher insurance costs. Also, be sure to send all dues to our new National Secretary/Treasurer, Michele McGill. All her information is on the website.

The National Show will be held in Medina, Ohio on July 19th -20th, hosted by Branch 192. More information is available on the website. Hope to see some of you there. If anyone wants to host a Regional or National Show, please contact either your Regional Director or me for more information. All our contact information is on the back page of this newsletter and on the website.

In the meantime, Play Safe and Be Safe



Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

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From Ron Hansen, Vice President & SW Regional Director

Hello All,

Spring has arrived to us here in the SW Region. It's nice to see all the Flowers and Greenery coming out again this year. Soon for us we will be in full swing with Meetings, Shows and Events. Please Have a Safe and Fun show season this year.

The SW Region is still looking for a host branch to hold the 2024 Regional show. At this point we still don't have a regional show scheduled for our region this year. We are actively looking for a host branch for the 2024 and 2025 SW Regional shows. If your branch has an interest please give me a call.

In regards to the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame. The nomination period has closed for the 2024 year. There have been some GREAT Nominations submitted this year. Congratulations to all the Nominees that have been submitted. We will announce the inductees here shortly and be awarded at or just before the National Show in Medina Ohio in June.

I will be reaching out and calling all the various branches in the SW Region in the coming months. If there is something you're interested in chatting about please feel free to give me a call or email also.

Please remember SAFETY is Very important to practice when around equipment and tractors. Please give yourself extra time and space while loading and preparing for the upcoming shows and events.

See ya soon!

Ron Hansen, Vice President & SW Regional Director

**2024 National Show
Hosted by Branch 192
July 19th – 20th, 2024
Medina, OH**

Mike Pollock, NW Regional Director

Hello from the Not-So-Frozen-North! Spring is here and it's in the air. OK, there is still three feet of snow in our yard, but the temperatures are on the rise, sunny days are becoming the norm, and minutes of daylight are increasing each day.... things are looking up!

Last Month, Branch 52 kicked off their 2024 season by digging 8 tractors and one old farm Jeep out of the snow and participating in Anchorage's Annual Fur Rondzvous Parade. Fur Rondzvous is a local winter carnival with all sorts of events including the World Championship Sled Dog races and the ceremonial start of the Anchorage to Nome Iditarod sled dog race.



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The temperature was in the mid-20s and it was snowing hard when we headed downtown and I questioned my sanity for even getting out of bed! You can see in the photos, it turned out just fine and everyone had a good time, including my wife Tracy on the IH A-I. If there isn't an award for first-of-the-year, tractor participation in a snowy parade, there should be!



I know you all are getting ready for your show season, too. As President Jeff pointed out, **Safety is Priority One!** Dust off those Slow-Moving Vehicle signs, find the fire extinguishers, and review the Safety Manual.

I am pleased to report that, as of a few days ago, I have now contacted all of the Branches in the

Northwest Region. Our members have so much experience and knowledge.... soon I hope to create an email group where we can share our ideas, information, pictures & maybe even a few jokes.

In the last two newsletters, I asked you all to consider having your Branch host the 2024 Northwest Regional Show. I have to say, there has not been a huge rush to sign up! Any Branch in Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming Idaho, Oregon, Washington or Alaska is eligible to host a Northwest Regional Show. Please consider doing so. Contact me if you have questions.

As a housekeeping item, don't forget to update your Officers and Directors information for 2024. The forms for the updates are on the EDGETA website.

✨ We are also pleased to announce the 40 members of the Tired Iron Collectors Club have joined EDGETA as Branch264! Shayne Sperry is the contact person and he can be reached at 406-880-3450. Branch 264 is located at Corvallis, Montana near Hamilton in the Bitterroot Valley. Welcome aboard! ✨

That's it for today. As said previously, if there is any way I can assist your Branch, please contact me (talk or text) at 907-229-3500 or email, farmall1945@alaska.net. For now, enjoy Spring, stay safe and be happy!

Mike

Mike Pollock, NW Regional Director

From David Scibek, Central Regional Director

Greeting from the Central Region,

Well, it is that time of year when the weather is changing for the better and allowing us to be outside working on or with our equipment. Closer to home, we had a mild winter and were able to stay busy at the office and on the farm. The “hoarding” continued this winter with the addition of two (2) more ‘orchard” tractors, and the building of a new shop to store the hoard. 😊 I was also able to travel with our local branch to a couple of early in the year shows that were thoroughly enjoyable.

A quick glance at the National website, I see the calendar is starting to fill up. Please list any show(s) your Branch will be hosting this year. I hope to make as many as I can.

Don’t forget to put on your schedule the Central Regional show this year in Ozark, Arkansas graciously being hosted by Branch #90 Arkansas Valley Antique Tractor Club on May 31-June 1.

As I mentioned in last quarter’s newsletter, One (1) of the main agenda items I would like to focus on during my tenure is the recruitment and adding of new members to the EDGE-TA family and to your club. The idea I would like to share this quarter is not new or especially difficult, but it is an idea that often a club has done in the past but for some reason or circumstance has discontinued applying on a regular basis.

SPONSORSHIP: Members should sponsor another person.

Locally we adopted a high school FFA “mechanics-ag” group of students. We had members step up and pay students membership fees for the year and be their sponsor. The students come to club meetings, events or shows we attend, and some even bring items to display.

Now... no one in our group believes all the students will be life-long members, but there is a handful of them that seem genuinely interested in the hobby. These small handfuls each year are part of the future, a future that is needed to sustain the traditions. It doesn’t have to be a group of students, it can be individuals, but the key is sponsoring or mentoring...to play a part in the hobby with them.

You know the old saying “you miss 100% of the shots.... you don’t take”. Go out and sign someone up, you never know!

That’s it for now....stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy your interests.

Regards,
David Scibek

Central Regional Director

Ps. And remember what I tell Marcie each time another tractor, implement or engine shows up at the farm.

” It makes me happy...it’s only money; I can make some more.”

David Scibek, Central Regional Director

2024 Regional Show Hosted by Branch 90 May 31st – June 1st, 2024 Ozark, AR

From Travis Brown, Eastern Regional Director

Well, it's starting to green up here and temps are coming up. I need to crank up the mower and start in,

Coming up soon will be a fun event. Located in Nashville at the state run Ag Museum we will have a spring crank up. Several different brands of old tractors will be displayed along with a bunch of hit and miss engines and at least two or three half scale steam engines. It is a fun event and the really neat part is that we get to work with a lot of people especially young people who never have seen anything like an operating steam engine before. We will take our sawmill and cut some wood, that is usually a crowd favorite.

This story is from a Non EDGETA show I participate in:

A recurring issue at many of our shows is volunteers. Without people coming in and devoting their time most of our events would not be possible to happen. We are always looking for people to help anyway they can, from helping with taking tickets, to helping with organize the parade line up to even picking up trash. I always say if I have a volunteer that only shows up one day a year for one hour, I will take it, especially if they do this year after year. The question is how do you make your volunteers feel rewarded and valued? Besides our normal annual year end dinner, here is an example of what we had to do:

A few years ago, we had a gentleman and I use that term loosely take exception to his being caught cheating in a truck pull. The rules said stock and his heavily modified truck was not. He berated our volunteers working the desk, then came to me and berated me, then went to the tech guys who told him it was time to leave. As he was leaving, he chose to use some language that I never want used. Since he was using this in relationship to our volunteer, our board sent him a letter stating we run a family friendly event and he was no longer going to be a part of it.

Harsh, yes, but again his behavior was terrible and his language very socially unacceptable. Most of all, I want our volunteers to know that this is unacceptable and that they do not have to tolerate such in the future. I can't undo what happened but I can prevent him from attending again. Our volunteers were very happy that the board would back them up on such. The gentleman might be remorseful but he crossed the line several times and in a few different areas. He can find a new playground to play in

This time of year, is always exciting, getting the equipment out from its winter slumber and starting or firing it up for the first time. I am working on getting EDGETA President Jeff down here to help clean all those ashes and soot out of my boilers. He did it for a few moments at our show a few years ago and I am pretty sure he is hooked on jobs that involve him getting all covered with soot and ashes!

Hopefully I can get out and visit a few of you this year. We have had some health concerns in the family that kept me close to home but we might be seeing better days on that front which will free us up to do more traveling.

Don't forget to get those dues in to Michele!

Travis

Travis Brown, Eastern Regional Director



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From Michele McGill, Secretary/Treas./Editor

Hi everyone!

I would like to thank all the branches that have sent in their members dues already and for very quick responses on any little bumps that may have needed to be corrected. Thank you!

If you have not received your 2025 stickers for the 2024-2025 membership year and additional yellow membership cards, please reach out to me. I will get those right out to you. I have mailed them out to every branch. Also, if you need additional ones at any time please don't hesitate to ask.

Congratulations to Rick Simmons Branch 15, Salem Oregon and Lee Snorteland of Folsom, CA for their correct guess on the Engine & Tractor Trivia!

Michele McGill, Secretary/Treas./Editor

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Who am I?

Play Engine & Tractor Trivia!



Hornsby Steam Track Tractor or Hornsby Chain Track Tractor

This steam-powered tractor has been in Canada since it was shipped as a new machine from England in 1910. Built by Richard Hornsby & Sons of Grantham England, the crawler track principle was patented in 1904. The following year, the device known as a "chain track" was fitted to a Hornsby oil tractor built in 1896

Several other Hornsby oil powered tractors were completed with crawler tracks, but despite energetic promotion, including the first film ever made for commercial purposes (1908), and demonstrations for high-ranking military personnel, the idea did not catch on. This machine was originally sold to the Northern Light Power & Coal Company for hauling coal to Klondike gold fields in the Yukon.

After this lone sale, the Hornsby company became disillusioned and sold the patent rights of the "chain track" to the Holt Manufacturing Company in 1914. Holt later combined with Best to become the Caterpillar Tractor Company. This was the only steam powered chain track machine built by Hornsby.