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From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

It seems like this year just got started and here it's halfway through already. Our Branch has had a very busy spring show season and now we seem to be into a very Hot summer. We had four shows and one parade during the last two months where we displayed our equipment.

The National Show this year will be held in Medina, Ohio July 18th-20th. There the Directors will have a board meeting on Thursday evening and a General Meeting immediately after the dinner on Friday evening. At that time any club member is encouraged to ask questions or give comments. We are hoping to see members from several branches either displaying or just visiting and enjoying the show. Hopefully it won't be too hot and humid there. We are planning to drive our motor home back. This will be a pretty long road trip for us (2,500 miles one way) and there should be lots of interesting things to see and do along the way there and back. The North West Regional Show will be held in Huntley, Montana August 17th-18th. We plan to go there on our way back home from the National Show. The South West Regional Show will be held in Valley Center, California, September 28th-29th, hosted by Branch 22. This will be at the same location as last year since no other branch volunteered. Go onto the EDGE&TA website if you would like more information on any of these shows.

We are having increasing problems finding branches willing to host the Regional Shows and the National Show. Next year's National will be held in Shawnee, Oklahoma hosted by Branch 260. Then in 2026 it will be held somewhere in the West (either the North West or the South West) If your branch would like to have a Regional or National Show, give your director or me a call and we can talk about it. EDGE&TA National gives \$500 to each branch hosting a Regional Show and \$1000 to the branch hosting the National Show. This amount goes toward extra advertising for the show and any other expenses.

This year we welcome three new branches to EDGE&TA. Branch 263 Oakley, Idaho, Branch 264 Corvallis, Montana and Branch 265, Lebanon, Maine.

We have 130 branches now and are getting close to 5,000 total memberships. This is down from 6,200 last year but we will still be adding members all year long.

Stay Safe and Play Safe

Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large



From Ron Hansen, Vice President & SW Regional Director

Hello All,

Hoping you all are having a fun and enjoyable summertime. Have you been able to get out to some Tractor and Engine shows or events? It's been a busy show season here in the South West Region. I have been able to attend a couple so far this Spring/Summer. President Jeff Fenske and his Branch #8 invited me to attend the Kingsburg, CA Swedish Festival. It was nice to accompany Jeff and his wife Glynna in the parade as well. We got to ride in one of their club members wagons pulled thorough the parade. Fun Time!

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Coming up September 28-29, 2024 Branch #22 will be hosting the South West Regional show. It will be held again this year at Bates Nut Farm in Vally Center, CA. Come on out and enjoy a great regional show.

I'm making plans to attend the National Show being held in Medina, Ohio. This is being hosted by Branch #192. They are making plans for a nice show we're hearing. Maybe we can see each other there. Please say Hello.

Wishing ALL a Safe and Fun show season this Summer and Fall.

Ron Hansen, Vice President & SW Regional Director

Mike Pollock, NW Regional Director

Greetings from the Greatland! We hope your summer season is going well. When you receive this Newsletter, we will be past the halfway mark of summer and the days will be getting shorter! Cheerful thought, huh? Here in Anchorage, on June 20 we had 19 hours, 29 minutes and 29 seconds of official daylight.... a gain of 5 seconds from the 19th. However, on June 2st, we lost 6 seconds....and it's been downhill from there! But there is still lots of summer show season ahead to enjoy!

The Northwest Region is growing! We are happy to welcome Branch 263, The High Desert Antique Tractor Association of Oakley, Idaho. Skyler Silcock is President of the group and can be reached at 208-300-0083. Welcome aboard!

GOOD NEWS! Branch 29 has offered to host the 2024 Northwest Regional Show at The Huntley Project Museum Grounds, at Huntley Montana. The dates are August 17th and 18th. Thank you to President Ken Amann and all the Branch 29 folks for hosting this event. Ken's contact info is on the EDGETA website if you have any questions.

What's going on around the NW Region?

Branch 23 Vancouver, Washington. President Richard provided these photos of recent Branch 23 activities.



Branch 26 Sedro Wooley, Washington. President Matt sent these pictures from a recent show. A few of the items displayed were a 3 HP Witte, a lot of green iron and a Schmidt chilled cylinder. Their next show is in Lynden, WA. (Below)



Branch 54 (Below) Asotin, Washington. President Jude shared these photos. It looks like BR54 has been busy!



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

Branch 150 Filer, Idaho. President Lauren reports BR150 recently held a class on recharging magnetos. Also, they ran several engines on propane. This was the second time for presenting the class. The class was well attended and by all accounts, successful. (Below)



Thanks to these folks for sending us news and pictures of their events! If your branch would like to share pictures and news of your activities, please email them to me and we'll post them in subsequent Newsletters.

A reminder. If your Branch hasn't updated your Officers and Directors information for 2024, please take time to do so. The forms for the updates are on the EDGETA website.

Shows. Hope to see you at the National in Medina and the Regional in Huntley.

In the meantime, if there is any way I can assist your Branch, please contact me (talk/text) at 907-229-3500 or email, farmall1945@alaska.net. That's it for now.....enjoy Summer, stay safe and be happy!

Branch 231 Boise, Idaho. President Mary sent these photos of BR 231's recent picnic and show at Simplot Hill. Their next event is the Western Idaho Fair in August. (Below)



Mike Pollock, NW Regional Director

✶ **Welcome the new branches to the EDGE & TA Family!** ✶

Branch 263 High Desert Antique Tractor Association of Oakley, Idaho in the North West Region

Branch 264 Tired Iron Collectors Club of Corvallis, Montana in the North West Region

Branch 265 Southern Maine Tractor Club, Inc. of Lebanon, Maine in the very farthest corner of our Eastern Region.

Welcome one and all, we are very happy to have you!

From David Scibek, Central Regional Director

Greeting from the Central Region,

We are finally drying out here in North Texas from the torrential downpours that have plagued us all spring and into June. First item of business, I would like to thank several EDGE&TA Branches that worked together to put on the Canton, TX show earlier this year in April. This group partnered up with several other local clubs to make this event the biggest of its kind in North Texas.



Branch #124 Lonestar Antique Tractor & Engine Assoc, Whitehouse, TX

Branch #138 Wylie Antique Society, Wylie, TX

Branch #145 Lake Country Antique Tractor Association, Quitman, TX

Branch #220 Waco Antique Farm Machinery Club, Lorena, TX



There was a very good public turn-out, many returning vendors and some new ones as well, some new sources of delicious food, and great pieces of antique machinery. Yours truly was featured in the local newspaper, and even snagged a ribbon or two.

In May, I had the good fortune of attending the Central Regional Show in Ozark, AR sponsored by Branch #90 Arkansas Valley Antique Tractor Club. For my money...Bill Garner and his dedicated staff put on the quintessential small-town show. It had all the essential trappings of the start of summer. Great weather, scenic location, perfect facility, wonderful people, family friendly activities, interesting tractors & machinery demonstrations and all this topped off with Home-Made Ice Cream. (with the help of a hit- n-miss engine). What else could you want?



June was a little more tumultuous, with several shows being re-scheduled or completely cancelled because of inclement weather. Let's hope the rest of the summer's forecasts are more favorable to the heavy schedule of events.



I am looking forward to our National meeting in July at Medina, OH. I have been told that National Event is well worth the trip. I will be hauling some of my "hoard", looking to add to the collection, and meeting as many members as possible.



Have safe journeys this Summer and I hope to see you out at a show. And remember, what I tell Marcie, "It's only money, I can make some more".

David

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David Scibek, Central Regional Director

From Travis Brown, Eastern Region Director

A topic that often comes up at our shows is what is the future of our hobby look like? You can see where some shows are doing great and others are struggling to get attendees and exhibitors.

What is to be done? Many are quick to point out the problems but solutions are less easy. The first thing is making sure you have volunteers to put on the event. We suffer at our local show as many of the people involved are also very busy putting on the show. I'm only trying to make sure the gates are staffed, the bathrooms are clean and stocked, the events scheduled on the track like the wrench toss and the parade are going off as planned and the steam engines are sawing wood and threshing wheat as well as fielding any phone calls about the event. Every show need this but we need more people. Not just to do those mentioned tasks but to be a greeter. I don't know about you but I need someone just to watch the parking lot and every time a new exhibitor shows up, direct them where to park or unload roll up, assist them and make sure above all, they are appreciated. Each and every one of us likes to hear a thank you once in a while. Loading and hauling this old stuff is not easy, it gets harder every year it seems. I am always looking for someone just to ride around in a golf cart and make sure everyone who comes is appreciated.

The next thing is are we doing enough to explain ourselves as a hobby? Grampa knew what the old tractors were for but who is explaining this to the younger

generations? We need to do a better job of interpreting the past and the significance of these old objects to the attendees. Signs are a necessity especially if you don't have people there at each exhibit.

The next thing is what is going on at your show? Demonstrations are what gets people's attention. Not only do we have hay baling, wheat threshing, sawmill going, blacksmith and usually a corn shelling exhibit where kids can shell their own ear corn, we are also wanting to add in as much other relevant exhibits as we can. Broom making, wood carvers, soap making etc., are all exhibits I am on the lookout for to add in.

Also, a different area we are trying is to add in more trucks. Not high dollar low riding show trucks, rather construction trucks, old well drilling trucks, water trucks, dump trucks, wreckers etc. We have the room; they are relevant to our mission of preserving the agricultural past and we are going to try and see if this works out. If so, it could be a great logical addition to our show. If not, it was worth trying. Note that we have a blanket insurance policy so we are free to try other things at our show that can get into areas not explicitly covered by the EDGETA policy.

Other things that we are trying to build on are adding more arts crafts and flea markets. We have covered the old men segment of the population; we need something for the women to want to come see.

Along those lines, more kids' events: This is tough, we fight this issue quite a bit. The problem is these days it seems that kids tell the parents what they are doing on Saturdays instead of what it was like when I was growing up. Sometimes we have a good amount of participation in our kids' offerings and sometimes we have very little. It's hard to compete with the mindset now where sports go year-round and Saturday is game day.

There are a lot of good things going on at many of our shows but I think we need to be progressive and not get behind on what it takes to keep going. As each generation gets older, we are seeing less and less people who grew up on a farm. It is going to prove more and more challenging to attract members and attendees if we do not do a good job of educating and making the shows a family event. And as I am fond of saying, look after those bathrooms. I can assure you guys are a lot less picky about such but if you want the ladies to return you better have clean and stocked restrooms.

Enough on that topic, things are now heating up here in Middle Tennessee. We got out and bound our wheat last week. Always a good feeling to have the wheat in the

barn for our threshing demonstration. I like binding the wheat but I also like that day only happens once a year. We are getting ready for doing a flue replacement in our steam engine, a repair that we will bring in a skilled friend to assist with.



Next month we hope to have our steam engine up at the Adams TN show and that will be a busy weekend. It falls on the same weekend as the National Show in Ohio, and hopefully we can attend both if the schedule and airlines cooperate.

Hope to see you at a show soon,

Travis

Travis Brown, Eastern Region Director



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Utilize the website for helpful information

From Michele McGill, Secretary/Treas./Editor

Greetings All!

It's hard to believe another 3 months have already flown by, so we are diving right into the heart of summer and a popular time of year for shows. I would like to share the current shows scheduled.

National Show

Branch 192 – Medina County Antique Power Assn
49th Annual Engine & Power Show
Medina, Ohio July 18th-20th

Northwest Regional Show

Branch 29 – 35th Annual Threshing Bee
August 17th-18th Huntley, MT

Southwest Regional Show

Branch 22 – Valley Center, CA
September 28th – 29th

Branch 24 – Evolution of Pioneer Power 1900-1950
July 12th – 14th Shelton, WA

Branch 36 – Annual Antique Tractor and Engine Show
July 20th – 21st Carnation, WA

Branch 11 -- K & O Steam and Gas Engine Assn 43rd Annual Show
August 16th-17th Winfield, KS

Branch 134 – Iron County Tractor Pull, Show and Parade
August 31st-Sept 2nd Parowan, UT

Branch 211 – Old Time Day
Oct 5th Stockton, AL

Branch 28 – Ozarks Older Iron Club Fall Show 2024
Oct 11th – 12th Cabool, MO

Branch 134 – Cedar Livestock Festival
Oct 25th – 26th Cedar City, UT

2025 National Show

Branch 260 – 26th Annual Farming Heritage Festival
June 20th-21st 2025 Shawnee, OK

As a reminder, safety is everyone's responsibility. Whether you are an exhibitor, a volunteer, or a spectator, be aware and fix or report any potential hazards.

A heartfelt thank you to all members who have promptly submitted their membership dues and rosters. And a reminder, dues did increase for 2024 and are \$20.00 per member.

So Important Reminders:

- ✚ If you need any membership cards or 2025 stickers, please let me know how many you need and I am very happy to send the quantity of supplies you need for current memberships.
- ✚ This newsletter is posted on our EDGETA.com website for access by anyone. Please feel free to go to the website and seek any information that you might need. There is a lot of useful information posted on the site.
- ✚ You must go to the EDGETA.com website and update your officers and director's information at the beginning of each year and after your yearly elections, even if they do not change from the prior year. This must be done for the D&O Liability Insurance.

Click on the blue "Update Officers or Update Directors" tab. If the officer is the same as last year, you may enter "same as last year" instead of having to enter the entire information again. Then click "Submit."

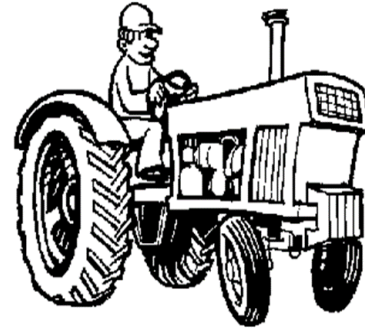
- ✚ Always include your Branch # on all correspondence including e-mail and checks. This is the best way I can identify your organization—not just by name.

Take Care of yourselves and each other!

Michele McGill, Secretary/Treas./Editor



"Practice Safety First"



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