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From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at- Large



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Hello Everyone,

Greetings from the West Coast. Hopefully we all survived this hot summer and are seeing cooler weather and getting ready for winter. Seems like there are several shows and events lined up for this fall. Go out and enjoy our hobby and educate people on the way of life on the farms back in the Good Ole Days. We have seen photos and videos from shows around the country thanks to Facebook and social media. It looks like there have been shows and parades and tractor pulls where everyone is having a great time all while staying safe. That's what this is all about. Talking about social media, anyone and everyone including our insurance company can see what we do now. Not that we need an incentive, but it is really something to think about that now everything we do is out there for the world to see.



We now have 129 branches with over 5,500 members. We are struggling with replacing our members that are passing on with new members. What can we do to get the younger generation on board with our old equipment hobby? It's hard to compete with modern technology these days.

We have been looking over the [EDGE&TA website](#) for out-of-date information and have found several little items to change. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me and we will look into it. There is a ton of information there and it would be great if more members used this site.



Seems like hackers and spammers are active again. Everywhere you look whether it is on Facebook, email or texts, hackers are trying all different kinds of ways to try to make money without working!! Just so you know, neither the Directors nor I will NEVER contact you for gift cards or similar requests by text or email. If you happen to get something that doesn't look right just look on the EDGE&TA website and make a phone call to check it out.

Now that you are getting this newsletter email, please pass it on to all your members by email. This is especially important for your officers and directors as there might be information in this newsletter that they could use.



THIS NEWSLETTER IS ON OUR WEBSITE

[WWW.EDGETA.COM](http://WWW.EDGETA.COM)

Jeff continues...

This has all the Director's and the National Secretary/Treasurer's contact information on the back page. This is VERY important for the membership person/treasurer to have as this year we have had several branches send their membership lists and dues to an obsolete address. This ended up causing lots of problems. All the current information is also available on the EDGE&TA website.

Additionally, our Secretary/Treasurer, Tina Brown, has received requests to update our banking practices. We might be a hobby club that collects, restores, drives, displays and enjoys antique farm equipment, but that doesn't mean that we are living in the past. With modern technology we can improve and speed up our banking and bill paying. EDGE&TA now uses Zelle, which is a feature with over 2,200 banking institutions. If your treasurer is tech savvy and banks online and wants to use this to pay the National dues just drop Tina an email at [edgetatmb@yahoo.com](mailto:edgetatmb@yahoo.com) and she will get you set up. It is fast, easy and saves postage too. Of course, you can always just pay your dues with a check to Tina at

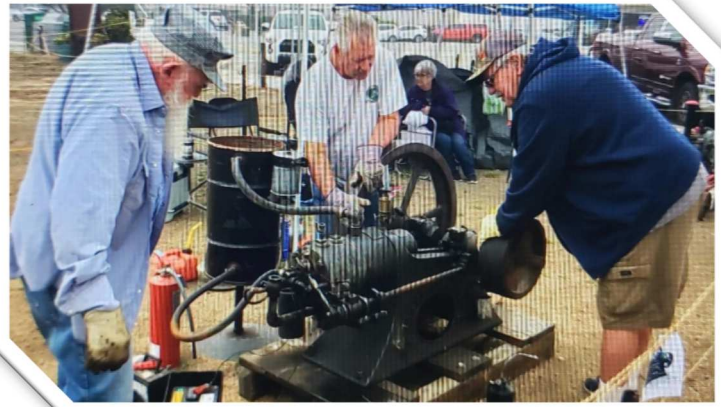
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Reminder, anytime you are contacting Tina or any of the Directors be sure to include your Branch Number on the email or check. All branch information is filed under Branch Number, not club name.

The National Show for 2026 will be in the North West Region. It will be held in Huntley, Montana August 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. This is always a great show with threshing, great displays and steam traction engines. Plan now to attend. Now we need to come up with a place for 2027. This will be in the South West Region. Any branch in the SW Region should bring this up at a board meeting and decide if your group wants to host a National Show and contact either your Director, Ron Hanson, or me. In 2028 the National Show will be in the Eastern Region again.



Floyd Schmall, former EDGE&TA SW Regional Director-at-Large with his "new" Fairbanks Upright Engine



Carl Ross, getting a little help from Jeff Fenske and Robert Simms starting his 1899 Union HP California Engine

Jeff continues...

Lately we have had several requests for Additionally Insured Certificates that have been submitted late. Two branches in one day called me asking for help because they needed the Certificate before they had submitted the request. The following information is on our website.

**National Insurance Policy  
Proof of Insurance Certificate**

1. If a Land/Facility Owner requests a "Proof of Insurance" for a Branch Event, fill out the form below and submit.
2. If the Land/Facility Owner requires to be added as an "Additional Insured", check the "Additional Insured Certificate" box below, complete the form and submit

These certificates will be sent directly to the land/facility owner(s) requesting the coverage.

Please submit both requests not less than 20 business days prior to the date the certificate is needed by the landowner. The insurance agent needs time to process these requests. Requests made at the last minute may not be able to be processed by the time you need it! (See Question 15 on the Insurance FAQ page)

Always check with the person requesting the Certificate to make sure ALL information is correct before submitting the request.

Thanks to all of you for keeping this great organization going by showing your engines and tractors.

Stay safe and play safe!

From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large



From Travis Brown, Eastern Region Director

It's newsletter time and these seem to come faster and faster. Since we last did a newsletter I have attended the Adams TN show, (Tennessee Kentucky Threshermans) where I gave John (Tree) Ford his official plaque for his inclusion in the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association Hall of Fame. I did my best to keep it under wraps and pulled it off; he was nearly speechless. Big thanks to our steam friends from Georgia (Branch 169) for attending the big unveil.



*John "Tree" Ford receiving Hall of Fame*



## Travis continues...

Speaking of Tree, he has been a very busy man this summer. Well-known and respected steam engine owner Tommy Lee passed away and left his steam collection to Tree. He has been spending a lot of time burning up the roads hauling all the parts and pieces home.

Later on, Tree and I along with Tina hauled a Keck Gonnerman owned by Josh Starrett a fellow branch 202 member to Rushville Indiana for their Keck Gonnerman feature this year.



*Tree checking over chains on  
22 Hp Advance Engine Steam Engine*



*Josh Starrett's 19 HP Keck ready to leave Rushville, IN*

It rained quite a bit Thursday before we arrived and the grounds were a little wet when we first arrived. I got the truck hauling the camper stuck and my trucker friend Dale from Kansas got his truck stuck for a short time up on a hill unloaded.

Fortunately, it dried out and they put on a great show. They had a lot of exhibits, over a thousand combined tractors, lawn tractors, hit and miss engines, and steam engines. The grounds were packed full, threshing wheat, sawing wood and plowing. Every night they had a great spark show. We threshed wheat with Josh's 19hp Keck and belted up to the baker fan as well as parading it. I would have done a dyno run with it but did not think I should work it that hard with the owner not present. (He and his wife had a vacation scheduled but was gracious enough to let us use his engine when it became apparent my Keck will be down for work)



*Camper stuck at Rushville, IN*

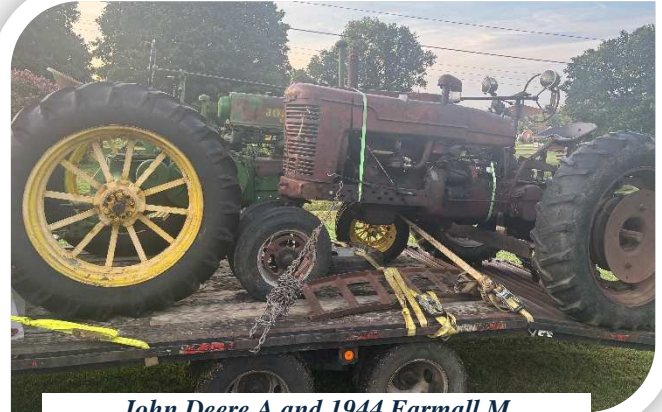


*Vintage International 4X4 Tractor pulling us out of the mud!*



### Travis continues...

Next it was time to get ready for the Eagleville show. While my son was loading up for the trip to Pinkneyville, IL for the show there I was working on getting things in place for our home show. Moving in exhibits, mowing, trimming back the brush, weed eating, our crew was busy. We had nearly everything perfect for show week. Thursday, we worked on getting steam engines inspected, getting nine done that day. It was a full day doing inspections, getting the logbooks updated and filling boilers with water for their hydro pressure test. We are fortunate to have a good relationship with the state boiler inspectors, and they appreciate our passion for safe operation.



*John Deere A and 1944 Farmall M  
loaded on one trailer*

Friday, we got things set up for the show and started off with our biggest tractor drive to date. Last year we had about 40 tractors, this year we had almost 70. We do a fun drive through some country roads to a local dairy where they have a neat shop set up and sell ice cream, milkshakes, and sandwiches. It's a

awesome local business and a very fun place to take people on tractor drives. One of our show members businesses sponsors free ice cream for every participant. (Jeff did you read that? Free ice cream, I could probably find you a tractor to drive) Sadly our former club member who organized the tractor drive for many years lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. We gave everyone who drove a free magnet in his memory with his image wearing his beloved John Deere hat on it.



*Eagleville Tractor Drive*

We put on a great wheat threshing demonstration and got everything stowed away Friday of the show just in time. They started the tractor pull and got in about 20 hooks on two sleds when the rain started. And it rained all night and up to 3:30 pm the next day. That was it for the show. We had to cancel all events as the grounds were just a complete soggy mess. I heard later reports that we received three inches of rain. For the record that is three for three events this year that we have had to either cancel or cut short due to rain. We are thinking of going into business offering to end droughts by coming to the afflicted area and scheduling a tractor pull.



*Josh Starrett and Gage threshing wheat*

**Travis continues...**

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Coming up this year still is our trip to the East Regional show in Stockton, Alabama on October 4th. We hope to see many of you there. Then we are heading to Boonville Indiana with our half scale Keck to celebrate 50 years of steaming since its official first show after completion the very next weekend. It's been a busy year, and we have seen many old friends and made many new ones. It's great how many people are still getting these old tractors, steam engines and hit and miss engines out and taking them to all these shows.

**From Travis Brown, Eastern Regional Director**

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**From David Scibek, Central Regional Director**

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**Greetings from the Central Region,**

Time is flying by, as you read this newsletter, we are in the middle of tractor show season here in Texas. The weather is starting to cool enough we can tolerate being outside, Locally, my branch is attending the largest show in the state....Temple, Texas.

Nationally: I can report that over the last quarter our Youth Driver License requests dropped significantly. A common trend for this time of year.

Regionally: We have seen a slight up-tick in the number of requests for Branch's participation in local events.

We are in my favorite part of the year for this hobby....taking tractors to a show and seeing the looks on people's faces, having people take pictures of themselves with a tractor, or simply answering questions about a tractor.

**But at EVERY show I attend, people ask me these 4 questions repeatedly:**

1. Do you race this?
2. How FAST does it go?
3. Did you do this, or is it factory?
4. What is the purpose of all the metal?

**Can you guess why, and can you answer the questions?**



David continues



With all this talk about shows, it is time to start planning for 2026 shows. The Central Region is still looking for a Host for 2026. If you are interested in hosting, please contact me to find out the details involved. It can be an extremely rewarding event in several ways.

Lastly, I want to update the members on work that began this summer.

Discussions regarding EDGE-TA having a presence at some of the large National/Regional shows around the country next year are in the beginning stages. Our goal is to attract more like-minded individuals to local Branches and provide existing groups with the benefits of becoming a new EDGE-TA Branch. If you have a FAVORITE Show that you would like to add to the consideration list, please contact me with the details, so we can research it.

We'll enjoy the remaining part of the year and be safe on your travels.

David Scibek, Central Regional Director

From Mike Pollock, NW Regional Director

'Cama-i' from the Greatland!  
(Cama-i is Alaska native Yup'ik, meaning 'hello')



Greetings Everyone! I hope this message finds you well. Up here in the Northland, we move towards fall a bit faster than most of you. Leaves are mostly yellow, nights are a bit cooler (and longer!), Canadian Geese are teaching this year's young ones how to fly in formation.....all reminders for us to get busy on those last-minute projects that need to be done before freeze-up. Our show season is winding down also. Branch 52 just completed 14 days at the Alaska State Fair....it's a lengthy commitment, but every day was enjoyable. We have a pull every afternoon, weather permitting, hay wagon rides and we had 30 tractors on display.

Safety First & Always! Our 14-day show at the Fair took place with no accidents or injuries. Yay! Did we have any safety infractions....yeah I'm afraid so. They serve as a reminder that safety concerns are not just the responsibility of the Officers and the Safety Officer, rather safety is the responsibility of every member. It's easy to get lax. We will again be reviewing the Safety items with our officers and members before our next show. Safety is on-going!

A few housekeeping items.....

Don't forget the '26 National Show will be on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Huntley, Montana hosted by Branch 29!

As we move in to fall and perhaps elect new officers, please revise your Branch Officer Information. The form is on the Website.

If your Branch has photos it would like to share from recent activities, please email them to me and we will include them in future Newsletters.

Pass it on! Most of you are now receiving this Newsletter via email. We hope this method makes it easier to get the Newsletter to each of your Branch's members. If you need help with this, let me know.



Mike continues

## Northwest Region Activities



Above are a few pics from Branch 264, Corvallis, Montana, taken of their activities at the Ravalli County Fair in Hamilton, August 27-30. Note the safety fence between the bandstand and the pull track....well done! Thanks to Shane and John for the photos!



Mike continues...



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Branch 159 of Hebo, Oregon, sent in a couple of photos  
their recent show in Tillamook. Thanks, Mike, for the shots

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September 18-21 found Branch 54 of Asotin, Washington at the Nez Perce County Fair in Lewiston, Idaho.  
Thanks to Jude Durfey for these photos!





Mike continues...





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In early August, 7 members of Branch 52 hauled tractors 300+ miles north to Delta, Alaska, to attend the annual Deltana Fair.

Lots going on all around the Region! Send us your photos and let everyone see what your branch is up to! That's it for now. In the time span covered by this Newsletter, we will be moving towards 2026 and celebrating several holidays. If you are a veteran, thank you for your service! Tracy and I wish you all Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! And, as always, if there is any way I can be of help to your Branch, please call/text to 907-229-3500. Stay warm...always be safe...and, of course, be happy!

Mike Pollock, NW Regional Director





From Tina Brown, Secretary/Treasurer/ Editor

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Fall is such a wonderful time of year, the air is different, getting just a little cooler. It makes me think about warm sweaters, colorful pumpkins and hot drinks like cocoa! We have had such a busy summer with all of the tractor shows and events going on. It is time to slow down a little and regroup for next year.



*I have just a few reminders:*

- The newsletter is emailed, not mailed. It's also available on EDGETA.com.
- Please be sure to visit [EDGETA.com](http://EDGETA.com) to update your officers' and directors' information. Click on the blue “**Update Officers or Update Directors**” tab. If the officer's information has not changed from last year, you can enter “same as last year” instead of re-entering all the details. Then click “Submit.”
- Effective **January 1, 2026**, we will no longer be providing support for Directors and Officers (D/O) liability insurance for our members. Due to a drop in membership, we are unable to continue covering these additional expenses. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.
- Include your Branch # on all correspondence, including emails and checks. This helps identify your organization accurately.

As always please contact me if you have any questions.

My email address is [edgetatmb@yahoo.com](mailto:edgetatmb@yahoo.com)

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Have a lovely fall!!



Tina Brown, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor

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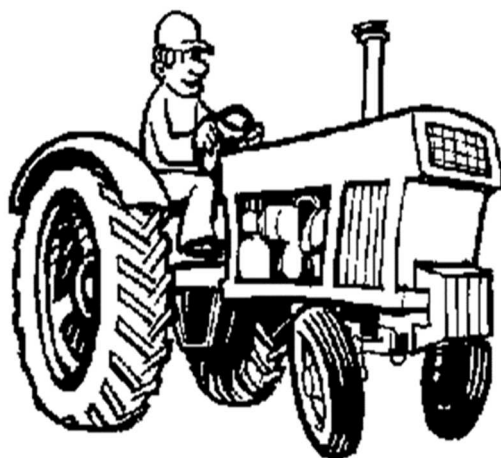
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