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From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large



New Year's Greetings

New Year's Greetings from Sunny California. Well, it might be a little foggy and cold here right now, but it is January!! We are getting ready to go to our first big show of the year in Sunny Wellton, Arizona. They always have their show the third weekend in January and get a big turnout of exhibitors from all over the northern part of the country who come to southern Arizona to take in the warm weather. They also have a huge crowd of Snowbirds that come out to see the displays and tractor parades and pulls. Always a great way to start the year.

Holiday Reflections

Hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Christmas. That is always a busy, busy time of the year. Our local branch regularly participates in the lighted Santa Lucia Christmas parade in our little hometown, Kingsburg, CA, and this year we also brought our tractors to a neighboring town's parade. It's fun to decorate and drive through the streets filled with cheering parade spectators.



Members Richard Loven and Jeff Johns



Jeff Fenske leading the parade for Branch 8

Preparing for Show Season

Now is the time of year that a lot of our members spend time out in the shops getting their engines and tractors “show ready” for the busy spring and summer show season. At least that’s what I tell my wife I am doing out in the shop. Although it seems like when she comes out to check on me, I just might be reclining in my chair or watching a video on Facebook. But seriously we need to always check to make sure our equipment is safe and ready to start the show season.

National EDGE&TA Facebook Page

The Directors have been working on something new. We now have a National EDGE&TA Facebook page. We want to give each branch the opportunity to have their events and photos put on a National page. Each Branch President can send one person's name into their Regional Director, and me, to give that person administrative access to the page. That person can get photos and information put on our Facebook page. If you would be willing to be this person, please talk to your Branch President and he or she will contact your Regional Director who will be contacting our EDGE&TA webmaster. We are hoping this will give us more exposure and share our hobby with people across the country. We know that a lot of people take pictures and videos at our shows, parades, plow days and pulls. Hopefully we can encourage everyone to send those in to the person from their branch to put these on the Facebook page. We are trying to get someone from all the branches to be able to post on this page and keep people informed about EDGE&TA events around the country. If you have a personal Facebook page, please go on there and search for the National page and like and follow. The more followers we have, the more times the page will be viewed and the more publicity EDGE&TA will get. We thought that this would be a way to reach out to more people and get more members nationwide.

Certificates of Additionally Insured and Proof of Insurance Certificate

On another note, Certificates of Additionally Insured and proof of Insurance Certificate need to be sent in at least 20 days before you need them. We have mentioned this multiple times but still have branches that wait until the last minute. One branch recently sent one in five days before it was needed. I was called on the last day, which was a Friday. I tried to contact the insurance agent, but the office was closed that day and the branch did Not receive their Certificate. Please check the date that the landowner needs the Certificate. Sometimes they need it two weeks ahead of the event.

National Dues and Membership

The National dues will remain at \$20 per person for 2026. Please remember to send your checks and the completed membership form, including the correct number of people, to Tina Brown. Her name and address are on the last page of this newsletter. Please try to send in the bulk of your membership by mid-March so we have the funds available to pay the large insurance bill by April 15th.

Upcoming Director Positions

In 2026 we have three National Directors terms ending. The SW, NW and Director at Large positions will be open. So, if anyone wants to apply for one of these positions, just send an application to Tina by May 15th. If there is more than one person applying for the position, there will be a vote with each branch in the region having one vote.

Hall of Fame Nominations

Hall of Fame for 2026 is now open. All applications will be due by April 18th with the awards announced at the National Show in Huntley, Montana on August 15th. Send all writeups into the Hall of Fame Chairman.

Regional and National Shows for 2026 and 2027

Regional Shows are needed for 2026. We need one for the Southwest, Central and Eastern Regions. The Northwest is hosting the National Show in August in Huntley, Montana. Please talk to your members and contact your Director or me to talk about hosting one if you are interested. We also will need a National Show for 2027. That year it will be held in the Southwest Region. Each branch hosting the Regional Show receives \$500 and the branch hosting the National Show receives \$1000 to go toward expenses.

Sharing the Newsletter

Once again, please forward this newsletter to all your branch members that have email. It is just the click of a button. We are trying to get this information out to as many people as possible. I still talk to members of the organization that don't have a clue that we even have a National newsletter as they have never seen one. Anyone can also go onto our website www.edgeta.com and read this and previous newsletters plus find much more information about our hobby and our group.

Contact Information and Closing

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, give me a call, text or email. All my contact information is on the website and on the back page of this newsletter.

I will be looking forward to seeing some of you around the country at different shows. Until then:

Play Safe.....Stay Safe

Jeff Fenske

From Ron Hanson, Vice President and Southwest Regional Director

Hello All!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Hoping everyone had a Nice Christmas and a Happy New Year!



2026 Southwest Regional Show Host Needed

The SW Region is looking for a branch to host the regional show in 2026. Please reach out if your branch is interested in hosting this year's regional show.

Thanks to all the branches that hosted shows this previous year. I was able to visit a few of them and really enjoyed them. Great Work!!

Appreciation for 2025 Branch Hosts

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the branches that hosted shows over the past year. I had the opportunity to visit several of these events and truly enjoyed each one. Thank you for your hard work and dedication—great job to everyone involved!

National EDGE&TA Facebook Page Launch

The national has been working on something new. The National now has a National EDGE&TA Facebook page. Each branch will have the ability to post pictures and events. Please reach out to a director on how to set this up for your branch.

Hall of Fame Nominations for 2026

Hall of Fame Nominations are now open for 2026. Please submit your nominations no later than April 18th, 2026. Hall of Fame recipients will be awarded at the National show in Huntley, Montana.

Thank you EVERYONE for a FUN and SAFE 2025

Sincerely

Ron Hanson

From Mike Pollock, Northwest Regional Director

Greetings from the 49th State!

Let me begin by saying **Tracy and I wish you all the very best in 2026!** We hope your holidays were as meaningful and fun as ours were. We did have a bit of excitement on Thanksgiving morning as the day began with an earthquake! Appropriately, we are thankful for minimal damage and no injuries. But it certainly did get our attention! Hopefully, you've had a chance to read President Jeff's message...lots of good stuff in there. I am particularly excited about the progress being made on a Facebook site for EDGE&TA. The increased exposure will be very helpful, and it gives us a chance to show off our toys nationwide! Each Branch will be able to participate. You will be hearing a lot more about this as it develops.

National Director Position

Jeff also mentions National Director's terms ending. That includes the Northwest Regional Director position. (Has it been 3 years already??). I do plan to throw my hat in the ring for another hitch, HOWEVER, that should not keep any of you from doing the same. It's a rewarding and necessary task and I urge you to consider serving. Go to Article 4, Section 1 of the By-Laws for instructions on how to apply. Note your resume should be submitted to Tina Brown not later than May 15th.

Annual Dues Reminder

One more Jeff thing: Our By-Laws request annual dues be submitted by March 15th. This is important, as it gives Tina some time to process a lot of paperwork prior to submitting payment to the Insurance company.

Reminders and Important Announcements

Be sure to **update your Branch information** on the website.

Presidents, please **email the Newsletter on to your members**. If you need help with that, let me know.

The **2026 National Show** is being hosted by **Branch 29** in Huntley, Montana on August 15 & 16. Make plans now!

Very likely there is a special person in your Branch that works hard to keep things moving. Maybe they should be in **EDGETA's Hall of Fame**. Go to the Hall of Fame section of our website and find the directions for submitting someone for this special recognition. Submittals should be made prior to April 18th.

What's going on in the Northwest Region?

Dan Sullivan reports that **BR 21** had a successful show and threshing bee at the Tulelake Fair this fall. The group is excited about the donation of a Case 10-18 to the Club, made by the Paul Arnett family. BR's Christmas party was on December 14th. Thanks, Dan, for the update!



Branch 52 did some combining of oats on the 21st of November! Just so you know, you can combine grain with snow on the ground!



Shane Sperry and John Farley of **Branch 264** would like to invite you to their 2026 Summer Show and Tractor Pull at the Ravalli County Fair Grounds in Hamilton Montana, September 4 & 5.



These dates are not many days after the National Show in Huntley. In the between time, they suggest there are several fun things to do in western Montana, particularly the Bitterroot Valley...such as observing majestic mountains, National Forests, wilderness areas, farms, ranches and blue-ribbon fishing streams! Oh, and the hospitality is great. They wanted to get this info out now, so you have time to plan! You can call Shane at 406-880-3450 or John at 406-369-6930 for more information.

That's it for now. It's cold and the days are short as I write, but winter solstice is behind us, and the days are getting longer. We are looking forward to another season of fun with our hobby. As always, 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, stay warm, be safe, be happy! Mike Pollock

From David Scibeck, Central Regional Director

Central Region Update

Greetings from the Central Region,

With the Holidays in the rear-view mirror, we can all look forward to a great 2026. I know that 2025 was a difficult year for me personally, but with faith, some hard work, and a little luck, this upcoming year will be much better overall.

Business Items and Announcements

The National EDGE-TA group has a brand-new Facebook page. This is just one step of the overall commitment we are making to get our group's message out there to more potential members. If you have an account, please look us up and give us a follow. As discussed in earlier newsletters, we are also looking into making our presence felt at some of the Nationally known shows coming up in the future, so look for us at these events in the future.

(a calendar of those events will be made available later this quarter)

Hosting the Central Regional Show

The Central Region is still looking for a Host Branch for this year's regional show. I would like to hear from any Branch in this Region that is interested in hosting. I will also be reaching out to each Branch and their officers to discuss all options for Hosting. Such as, tying into a show already scheduled, setting up a specific show for this event, or even several Branch's working together to share the work...as it was done 3 years ago in Texas.

Sharing Branch Activities

If you have any pictures of your events, or a story about someone in your Branch, please forward those to me so that I can get them onto the Facebook page, or reference them here in the next Newsletter. I am sure most of us would like to see or hear about the activities of other Branches and their members.

National Meeting in the Northwest Region

Ok, with that said, don't forget the EDGE-TA National meeting is in the Northwest Region this year and is being held in Huntley, Montana August 15th-16th. I hope to see you there!

Youth Driver License Applications

Lastly, do not forget to get your Youth Driver License Applications into my email. dascibek@gmail.com

The Licenses are now printed and laminated. Also, each young person who earns a Youth Driver's



License receives an EDGE-TA pin for their cap, shirt or whatever.

Christmas Parade Highlights

With the temperatures starting to drop it can only mean one thing



Christmas Parade Time!!

So here are a
few Parade
Pics...enjoy!!



Lastly, my 2025 Christmas Present!!



HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR!!

David Scibeck

From Travis Brown, Eastern Regional Director

Recent Activities and Upcoming Events

Hello everyone, lots of exciting things have been happening lately. We are preparing for Christmas parades and having our annual club dinner. Also, we are already thinking of great things to do next year when we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary of its founding. At one of our local clubs, we have been donated fireworks to add to the event so that it will be really great if we can pull that off.

Need Eastern Region host for Regional Show

In other news we need some clubs in the Eastern Region to help us out! We need a club to host a Regional Show in 2026, and none have volunteered yet. So, if this is something your club might be interested in call me or email me.

Trip to the Eastern Regional Show in Lower Alabama

We traveled to LA for the Eastern Regional show. Now for those not in the know that is not California, in our neck of the woods LA is what we call lower Alabama. In this case we went to Stockton, Alabama to the South Alabama Antique Tractor and Engine Club show and what a great time we had. They had a really nice selection of old tractors and hit and miss engines there. Darrell Sudduth welcomed us there warmly along with his wife Kathy.



He was quite busy operating exhibits and also taking his tractor through the parade.



Peanut Threshing and 10-Bottom Plow and more!

One of my favorite things to see there was the peanut threshing exhibit. Just when you think you've seen it all, this was a new one for us. I had never put much thought into the process of separating the peanuts from the vines and how labor intensive that had to be. Darrell and crew were doing a demonstration on such, and it was neat to see.



They were also doing plowing demonstrations and had a very large Caterpillar there hooked to a 10-bottom plow which is not something we see in the south very much at all. I think he said the Cat was originally from the West Coast.

The show was part of a larger community event and had vendors, singing groups, a car show and even some dogs doing a sheep herding demonstration. It was a great time visiting them and I would recommend anyone put this event on your schedule.



Family time in Boonville, IN

After getting home it was only a few days later that we were on the road again heading to Boonville Indiana for one of my favorite shows. The Steam and Gas show there in the fall is always a fun event and we celebrated the 50th anniversary there of our family having a steam engine as it was back in 1975 my grandfather finished construction on our half-scale Keck Gonnerman. We had a few technical issues so we were only able to parade it on Saturday, but we will soon get those fixed. One thing about owning a steam engine is that there is no shortage of things to work on at any time.

Branch 202 Plow Day Experience

After this we were done for the year or so we thought. At the last minute the plow day that I had been unable to attend due to other events got rained out and rescheduled to a day we could attend. So, a few of us got the new to us four bottom Case trailer plow ready and branch 202 member Josh Pedigo came down and hooked to it. He had a blast using his 830 John Deere and the ten or so tractors there did not take long to plow up a forty-acre field at all. It was a really nice day to be plowing in Middle Tennessee, and the dirt was about as nice as any field I've seen, not usual for us, we are more accustomed to rocks and more rocks.



I hope you all have safe and happy Christmas and New Years
Thanks,
Travis Brown, Eastern Region Director

Update from Tina Brown, Secretary/Treasurer/Editor

As the new year begins, I would like to extend warm greetings to all of our members and friends. I hope this message finds you well as we look forward to another exciting year together. Thank you for being a valued part of our organization, and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable year ahead.

Important Member Updates

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Facebook page, which will serve as an additional resource for members to stay connected and informed. As a reminder, our newsletter is now distributed exclusively by email and is no longer mailed. You can also access it anytime on EDGETA.com. Please help us spread the word by sharing these updates with all your branch members.

Updating Branch Information

To ensure our records remain accurate, we kindly ask you to visit EDGETA.com and update your officers' and directors' information. Simply click on the blue "Update Officers or Update Directors" tab. If your officer information has not changed from last year, you may enter "same as last year" in place of re-entering all the details, then click "Submit."

Insurance Changes

Please note that, effective January 1, 2026, we will discontinue support for Directors and Officers (D/O) liability insurance for our members. This change comes as a result of declining membership, which has made it challenging to continue covering these additional expenses. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

2026 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2026 are due by March 15. Payments should be sent to Tina Brown at 806 Allisona Road, Eagleville, TN 37060. To avoid any processing errors, please ensure that your checks and membership forms are properly addressed. Always include your Branch Number in all correspondence, whether by email or check, to help us accurately identify your organization.

Contact Information

As always, please contact me if you have any questions. My email address is edgetatmb@yahoo.com. Please send dues to my address: 806 Allisona Road, Eagleville, TN 37060.

Tina Brown, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor

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If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to me at edgetatmb@yahoo.com. For dues payments, kindly send them to my address: 806 Allisona Road, Eagleville, TN 37060. I serve as Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor for the organization.

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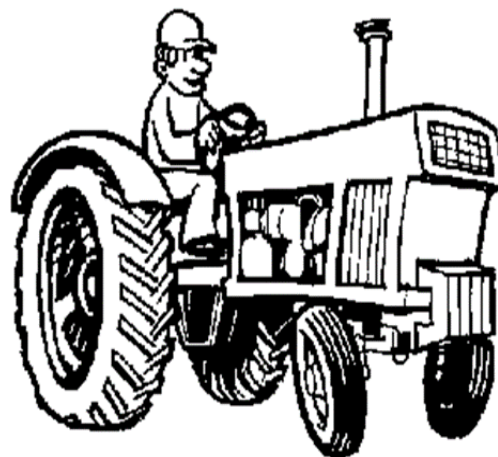
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