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From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

Greetings from California,

Greetings from Sunny, and I mean Sunny California. It's common in the Central Valley for summer high temperatures to be in the 100 to 105 range. Guess that's what makes the crops grow and the fruit ripen.

We have been having lots of shows, parades and events in our area in the past few months. It's good to get out that old iron and spend the day with other people that enjoy our hobby. Hope you are going out there and having fun.

Social Media If you haven't already you can go to our new Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association Facebook page and follow us for more information. We are trying to promote **EDGE&TA** and our hobby. You go find us on [Facebook](#) or go to our **EDGETA** website www.edgeta.com and the link is on the home page. We are always looking for branch information to put on so if you have an upcoming show or photos and videos from your shows either Facebook message us or email us at jeff-glynna@att.net and we can put them on to advertise for your branch.

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The 2026 National Show

We are getting ready to go to the National Show in Huntley, Montana. The show is August 15th -16th. This is going to be a great show and if you can you should attend. Hope to see you there!

You can find the flyer and additional information for the upcoming show on the national website or [Facebook](#) page. On [Facebook](#), click the banner to view the flyer along with photos from previous shows. We attended it two years ago, and it was a lively event with many demonstrations and displays.

Next year's **National Show will be held in Farmington, New Mexico, hosted by Branch 19.** Save the date: June 11th-12th. The show will be on Friday and Saturday, with setup scheduled for Thursday, June 10th.



Welcome to a New Branch

We would like to welcome a new branch, Branch 270 of Aberdeen, South Dakota. This is our first branch in South Dakota.

Central Director Update

David Scibeck has resigned as **EDGE&TA's Central Director**. His resignation was effective June 5th. David indicated the demands of his business are such that he feels unable to give the Regional Director position the attention it requires and deserves. We will miss the experience and business acumen David brought to the Board, not to mention his sense of humor. We wish him well. The Board of Directors immediately began looking for a qualified person to assume the position for the remainder of his term which is up in June 2027 at the National Show and Meeting in Farmington, New Mexico. After many phone calls by the Board our Eastern Regional Director, Travis Brown, found members from Branch 260, Shawnee, Oklahoma who were willing to assume the duties of Central Director. We welcome Dylan and Shelby Smith as Co Directors of the Central Region. They have been very active in their Branch and have been instrumental in planning and conducting successful shows and promoting EDGE&TA and our hobby. This is the first time that we have had a husband and wife team and look forward to working with them.

Certificate of Insurance Reminder

In other matters: We are having a few problems again with Certificates of Additional Insurance. **Please check ALL information before you submit the form to the insurance company.** Specifically make sure that you have the correct dates and the correct email addresses.

Don't just use last year's information and think that everything is the same. One branch did that recently and the city had changed internet providers, so the email was Almost the same but not quite which resulted in a Mail Failure to the city. So, when they didn't receive their Certificate, the branch was in jeopardy of not being able to display at the event. It took quite a bit of work for the branch person and the National Director and the insurance company to fix this problem and reissue the Certificate.

Our insurance company provides these certificates as a complimentary part of our liability coverage. We recently learned that some companies charge as

much as \$50 per certificate, and we do not want our provider to begin doing the same. Please help ensure a smooth process by submitting complete and accurate information the first time.

- Verify all dates and email addresses before submitting the form.
- Include the date the certificate is needed, not just the event date.
- Confirm the required date with the landowner or organization requesting the certificate.
- Allow extra time in case the insurance office is closed or the agent is unavailable.

So, until next time, go out there and have fun and remember.....Play Safe and Stay Safe.

Jeff Fenske

President and Director at Large

From Mike Pollock, Northwest Regional Director

Greetings from the Land of the Midnight Sun!

Summer is in full swing here in Alaska. As I write this note, we are experiencing 19 hours and 30 minutes of daylight! Trees are leafed out, grass (and weeds) is green and growing, moose calves are born, bears are out, migratory birds have arrived and nested....it's an exciting time of year! AND the show season has started!

Board Update

I would like to reiterate President Jeff's comments regarding the resignation of David Scibek as our Central Director. He was an asset to the board and he will be missed. We wish him the best!

Information for you to consider

In addition to being the Central Director, David Scibek was also in charge of the Youth Training Program. In David's absence, should you have questions or need help with the program, please call any of the Regional Directors. We're here to help

EDGE&TA Facebook Page

Did you see President Jeff's info regarding the EDGE&TA **Facebook** site? This site is a really good way for us to get info out regarding EDGE&TA and our hobby.

Upcoming Shows

- **2026 National Show:** Branch 29 will host the National Show in Huntley, Montana, on August 15 and 16. Branch 29 puts on a fantastic show, and I hope to see you there.
- **2027 Northwest Regional Show:** Branch 15 will host the show in Brooks, Oregon. Thank you to President Steve and the Branch 15 team for taking on this task.

Reminders

- Please update your **Branch information** on the website.
- Branch Presidents, please **email the newsletter to your members**. If you need help, please let me know.

What's going on in the Northwest Region?

We would like to welcome **Branch 270** of Aberdeen, South Dakota. **Cory Bremmon** is President of 270. 270 is the first branch located in South Dakota...YAY! You can reach Cory at 605-448-3145 or email at whatevercory@hotmail.com.

The addition of **Branch 270** brings the Northwest Region branch total to 40!!!



Branch 264. Be sure to mark your calendar for 264's 2026 Summer Show and Tractor Pull at the Ravalli County Fair Grounds in Hamilton, Montana, September 4 & 5.

Thank you to Andy Roche for sharing these photos from Branch 264's Memorial Day parade.



- Boyd Cobb and Al Babel on their Farmalls



- This is John Farley's JD MT

More photos from the parade:



- Here's Dan Lyon and his JD 40



- Here's Fred Gross with his JD and very colorful overalls!

Branch 52. Branch 52 recently had 20 entries in the annual Colony Days Celebration in Palmer, Alaska. Here's a few pics.





Summer is here and we are looking forward to a season of fun with our hobby. And, as always, if there is any way I can assist your Branch, please contact me (talk/text) at 907-229-3500 or email, farmall1945@alaska.net. Take care of yourselves, stay warm, always be safe, always be happy! Mike

HAPPY JULY 4TH!

Mike Pollock, Northwest Regional Director

From Travis Brown, Eastern Region Director

Spring Crank-Up in Nashville

Things have been quite busy in this part of the world. We had the Spring Crank-Up in Nashville, hosted by the State of Tennessee, but we ended up not threshing because the

forecast was not good.

After agonizing over the forecast for days, we elected not to get the thresher out and risk it getting wet. The show itself turned out sunny and nice, but the rain moved in shortly afterward, so we made the right choice. Since we did not thresh, we had to throw away the leftover wheat to make room for the fresh crop. I hated doing that, but after sitting



for a year and being rained out of multiple threshing events, it was getting in rough shape. Those are the breaks.



Wheat Binding

We did our wheat binding the other day. As usual, day was the hottest day in June. We had some help hired but the young ones all dropped out of the heat quickly. At one point I was the youngest out there at 54, with another club

member who just turned 60 and local club member and tractor collector Buddy W was driving my 450 pulling the rack through the field and he is at least 75. It was a long day, but we got all the wheat in the barn around 9pm after some other club members got off work and helped us over the finish



line. Just to make things look more authentic we took my son Cables John Deere B to pull the wheat binder through the field and took my Farmall 450 to pull the wagons of wheat we were loading.



Some use pitchforks to load their wheat bundles, but I prefer just grabbing the bundles by the strings and handling them that way to be easier. You can stack the bundles and if the stacker is good, you can get a pretty nice load that travels well. We have had 20-mile road trips before with the wheat but this year we were lucky to find a nearby farmer that was only about 7 miles from our show grounds, and he donated us about two acres of wheat to use.



A New Project Comes Home

In other news, I delivered some trucks to a friend in Illinois, and wouldn't you know it—another tractor jumped on for the ride home. I could not come home empty, after all. This one is a 1957 Farmall 450 that runs very nicely. I am eager to try it out on a future plow day. It runs great, although the power steering comes and goes, so that has been added to the project list.





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Upcoming Demonstrations

We are planning quite a few extra demonstrations in connection with the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding. We have already done a lot of extra work preparing for these events.

June 26: We took John Ford's 40 hp Case to Murfreesboro for the 50th anniversary celebration of Cannonsburg Pioneer Village, which was built for the bicentennial.

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- **September:** We will add several demonstrations to our annual show.
- **Late October:** We will return to Cannonsburg to thresh there for the first time.
- **April 2027:** Additional wheat has been bound for next year's Nashville show

Family Tractors and Show Memories

One of the nice things that happened this year was that at the Nashville show at the Ellington Ag museum they were asking how long had the tractors that you brought been in the family. I had brought two Farmall Ms up, I told them I had owned the first one about thirty days. The second, however, was the one my son Caleb had rescued from my in-law's farm and rebuilt mechanically



The Farmall “M” Award

It is a 1944 Farmall M and was bought new by my wife's grandfather. We even have the original owner's manual which has a page added to the back stating that war time tires might not be as good of rubber due to shortages but use them wisely as you aren't likely to get any others for the duration of the war.

That Farmall M won the award for the tractor that had been in one family the longest. I accepted the award on Caleb's behalf since I did all the loading and hauling for the show. I thought it was amusing that he won an award without attending the event, but it was still very special.



There is just something about family tractors. We have a few, including:

- The 1944 Farmall M Caleb rescued and rebuilt.
- A Ford 2000 LGC, formerly used by maintenance crews at Middle Tennessee State University and was given to him on his retirement from that department which my cousin and I co own.
- The 806 Farmall my wife was driving when we first met.
- A Farmall B, the first tractor my paternal grandfather bought new in 1945 when he started farming, now owned by my uncle.
- A 1953 Minneapolis-Moline industrial tractor that my maternal grandfather used on his sawmill. I have untold hours on it moving logs, hauling trailers, and doing all sorts of work. It was sold after his passing, and although I have tried a few times to buy it, I have not been able to get it back.

Eastern Region Show Needed

We still need a branch to host the Eastern Region Show this year, so please help me out if you can. This will be another short post, as we had our annual truck and tractor pull right after wheat binding, and I am still recovering from some very long, hard days.

Thanks,

Travis Brown, Eastern Region Director

Introducing our New Central Regional Co-Directors as a team, Dylan and Shelby Smith!!

Hello EDGE&TA!

My name is **Dylan Smith**. My wife **Shelby** and I were recently named the new **Co-directors** for the **Central Region of EDGE&TA Branches**, and we wanted to introduce ourselves in this quarter's newsletter. We were quite surprised to receive a call from Travis Brown recently and learn that our hats had been thrown into the ring for consideration to fill the position of Central Director. We were absolutely elated with



the offer to make us Co-Directors because, in Travis' words, we are always "a package deal" in everything we do. We are honored to be selected for this position, and excited for the opportunity to take leadership roles in what we believe is the best organization in this wonderful hobby. A bit about us. Shelby and I have been members of Branch 260 of Shawnee, OK for several years now. My fascination with antique iron began as a young kid growing up in the farm country of Southeast Missouri. I always had an obsession with farming and farm equipment, and developed an interest in old iron watching a friend's dad restore an Oliver Hart-Parr 18-27. The hooks were truly in when my dad and uncle took me to Branch 28's show in Cabool, MO. The Christmas morning after I turned 9, my dad (who was not a collector) showed up with a Farmall M for me to call my own. It was all over then.

Shelby was born and raised in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. We met while attending college, moved to Oklahoma after getting married, bought a small homestead, and brought the M from Missouri in short order. Shelby has never been one to sit back and watch, so she learned to operate, my faithful companion right away. But of course, it simply would not do for Shelby to not have her own tractor. She found a Farmall H, and I found a Farmall C. After weighing the pros and cons of each, we naturally bought both. And so it began. Shelby quickly found her own love for operating and tinkering with this old iron, and, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

Today we are both equally involved in our Branch and the hobby as a whole. We still specialize in IH tractors, but our collection has expanded to include several makes of tractors, stationary engines, and equipment. We firmly believe in using our equipment, and nothing here is exempt from a day's work. At our Branch's show, we bring and operate the threshing, rock crushing, and seed cleaning demonstrations together. As Travis put it, we are indeed a package deal.



We look forward to serving as the Central Co-Directors and meeting more of our EDGE&TA family! We cannot truly express the gratitude and excitement we have for the opportunity to be more involved in this wonderful organization, and we hope that we can do some real good in promoting this hobby and bringing our Branches even closer together! We can be reached at smithstirediron@gmail.com, and look forward to talking to as many of you as possible. 'Til then, keep'em dusty and have some fun!

Dylan and Shelby Smith Central Regional Co-Directors

Update from Tina Brown, Secretary/Treasurer/Editor

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Greetings to all of our members and friends. I hope this message finds you well as we move through another busy and exciting year together. Thank you for being a valued part of EDGE&TA and for the work you do to support your branches, our members, and this hobby.

Updating Branch Information/Insurance Changes

Please make sure your branch information is current, including officer names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. To update your

branch information, visit the EDGETA webpage, select Forms, and complete the Branch Officers Update Form. Keeping this information accurate helps us maintain current records and ensures that important notices, insurance information, and membership materials reach the right people.

2026 Membership Dues Reminder

Annual dues and insurance premiums for each member are due to the Secretary/Treasurer by March 15 for the upcoming membership year. To help keep records current and processing on schedule, branches should submit as many dues and insurance payments as possible by that date.

Thank you to the branches that have already submitted dues for this year. When sending dues and insurance payments, please include a current Branch Membership Roster and a list of branch officers and directors. Payments should be sent to **Tina Brown at 806 Allisona Road, Eagleville, TN 37060**. To help avoid delays or errors, please make sure checks and membership forms are properly addressed and include your branch number in all correspondence, whether by email or by check.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about dues, rosters, insurance changes, or branch information, please contact me at edgetatmb@yahoo.com. Dues payments may be mailed to: Tina Brown, 806 Allisona Road, Eagleville, TN 37060.

Tina Brown, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor

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