

NATIONAL EDGE & TA



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EDGE&TA Members,

The 38th annual EDGE&TA National Business Meeting was held June 13, 1998 at the Chowchilla Fairgrounds in Chowchilla CA and was hosted by Branch 18. The meeting was opened by Branch President Jim Moore. He introduced the National Acting President Curtis Cook.

Curtis thanked Branch 18 for their job well done and then introduced the directors, advisors, and special guest Jerry Mac Martin.

Roll call of branches was taken, there were 28 branches present.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

INSURANCE:

Larry Burchfield from Maumelle Insurance talked about the loss control person from Scottsdale Insurance Company being present at this show. He said that he gave us a good report. Larry talked about reporting new members and thanked the branches for reporting and urged them to report at the same time as they do to the National. There was a discussion period. Everyone seemed happy with the policy.

WEB SITE:

Curtis introduced Jerry Mac Martin, our Web Master. Jerry explained about the EDGE&TA Web Pages and the ATIS Page. Jerry had 2 computers set up and gave demonstrations throughout the weekend.

FINANCIAL REPORT & BUDGET:

Curtis explained the copies of the financial reports and 1998 budget that were handed out. Asked for comments. There were none.

AWARDS:

Charlie Stark presented Menno Kliewer a plaque from the National for his time served as Secretary/Treasurer. Menno thanked everybody and introduced Ruth Warnock as the new Secretary/Treasurer.

Ed Beoshanz from Branch 13 presented Menno a plaque for his service and faithful help to Branch 13.

Curtis and Ruth presented a certificate of achievement award to Jerry Mac Martin for his dedicated work on the Web Pages.

BALLOTS:

Curtis explained the ballots. A question was asked why they have to sign the ballot, that the branch number should be sufficient. Curtis told him we would take it under advisement.

DOOR PRIZES:

While the ballots were being counted, 5 door prizes were given out. The door prizes were purchased with points earned from the Kings River Visa credit card.

BALLOT RESULTS:

The results from the ballots are as follows:

Adopt the by-laws as written: 39 yes 3 no

Election of Directors:

Curtis Cook 40 yes 2 no

Dale Fry 38 yes 0 no

Remove Jack Versteeg as Director 33 yes 8 no

Remove Jerry Wymore as Director 20 yes 6 no

Replacement of these Director positions are in the Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL SHOWS:

Gus Peterson talked about the up-coming Regional Shows for 1998 and the National and Regional shows for 1999.

Tim Stewart from Branch 27 talked about the Regional Show to be held at Paso Robles CA October 9-11. Charlie Stark extended an invitation from Branch 28 to attend the 1999 National Show/Meeting to be held at Cabool, MO August 13-15, 1999.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Murph Alderson made an announcement about the president of Branch 31, Nip Rasmason, being in an accident on his way to the National Show. He had multiple injuries.

A Branch 31 member talked about a new type of construction fencing and suggested that the National adopt the usage of this. A side comment to this was that the Loss Control Agent from Scottsdale Insurance Co. had made a previous comment to Larry Burchfield that that was probably the best roped off display on the show grounds.

Curtis mentioned that we have had one insurance claim this year. An incident between a tractor and a car and it was great that we come up with some ideas of our own to show that we are working for better ways to improve our safety.

Bud Minor, safety man for Branch 18, commented on the cooperation he got from members displaying. Bud was everywhere, and did a great job of making sure that the exhibitors complied with the safety rules.

Jim Moore announced the following branches helped branch 18 put on the National show. Branches 30, 22, 13, 8, 6, 63, 3. He thanked everyone for all of their help. Curtis said that's what it's all about. Helping each other out. Sleepy Avant announced there were 145 tractors and 390 gas engines at last count.

A lady from Branch 8 suggested we have an American flag and pledge our allegiance to the flag at the National Meetings. Curtis said we would take it under advisement.

Mike Mc Kenney, director from branch 27 thanked Menno for all his help and branch 22 for their monetary help to put on their regional show this year.

A member from branch 3 talked about the pricing old equipment being priced too high. He said the younger people are trying to keep the hobby going and suggested giving them a break.

There was a lot of inter-action from the members in the audience, and a lot of laughter. All in all the 1998 National Show was a great success!!

Branch 18 had a raffle drawing for a Massey Harris Tractor. The ticket was drawn and the winner was Jim Moore, Branch 18 president. Jim told them to draw again. The winner was Skip Buttke.

Curtis told the branches that the Officers/Directors and Larry would be around during the entire show to talk with them and answer any questions they might have.

Charley Stark closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Ruth A. Warnock, National Secretary