

# NATIONAL EDGE & TA



## National Meeting Agenda Fredericksburg, Texas June 13, 2009

1. Becky Smith, Pres Branch 66, made the Welcome & Introduction of National Officers
2. Opening Prayer by Jim Krauze, Branch 130
3. National Anthem by Larry Voris, Branch 16
4. Pledge to the Flag by Jim Krauze
5. National President Larry Voris thanked Becky Smith and Branch 66 and all the other branches that helped make this a great National Show. There are probably 15-20 or more members keeping the show going for those that did attend the meeting.
6. Introduction of National Officers, By Larry Voris
  - a. VP & NC Director, Dorene Yearian, Branch 16, Niangua, MO
  - b. NW Director, Dick Tombrink, Branch 29, Worden, MT
  - c. SW Director, Don Young, Branch 30, Pearblossom, CA
  - d. SC Director, Johnny Burger, Branch 37, Gentry, AR
  - e. NE Director, Wayne Timchuk, Branch 103, New London, OH
  - f. SE Director, George Christmas, Branch 129
  - g. President & Director at Large, Larry Voris, Branch 16, Springfield, MO
  - h. Tom Yearian, Hall of Fame chairman, Branch 16
  - i. Sec'y-Treas., Ruth Warnock was introduced. She wasn't able to make airline connections after the big storm in Dallas Thursday night. Ruth spent all day Friday in San Diego trying to make connections. 500 or more flights were cancelled at the Dallas airport. Several people have asked me, "where is Ruth". That is the reason we aren't very well organized here today. Ruth isn't here to keep us in line.
7. Roll Call of Branches by Dorene Yearian.

66 - 5  
145 - 2  
22- 2 Dudley Mills, Gloria Flores SW  
138 - 1  
130 - 9  
7 - 1  
29 - 2 Dick & Sue Tombrink  
201 - 4  
8 - 2 Ed Stewart & Nancy Gable  
96 - 7  
16 - 4 Larry & Hazel Voris, Tom & Dorene Yearian  
30 - 1 Don Young  
129 - 1 George Christmas  
103 - 1 Wayne Timchuk  
37 - 1 Johnny Burger

This total is 15 branches and 43 people. I counted 47.  
Roll call completed.  
9353 members present as of today. 11 new branches, 195 Centralia, Mo, 196 Presque Isle, ME, 197 Nine Mile Falls, WA, 198 Priest River, ID, 199 Cave City, AR, 200 Exmore, VA, 201 Grandview, TX, 202 Rockvale, TN, 203 Dublin, TX, 204 Beaver Falls, PA, 205 Medlan, IL.
8. Old Business No old business.
9. New Business. We didn't have any opposition in the election this year so we won't have that portion of the meeting. Dorene Yearian, NC Director. After the death of Howard Hodson, Johnny Burger was appointed SC director and will hold that position until the next National in 2010. Howard died after the deadline for filing for election and Johnny was appointed this position. And Larry Voris, Director at Large.
10. By Laws
11. General Discussion or questions

12. **Report of Committees.** We are going to have committee reports this year. Last year the directors passed on there reports. I had a lot of flak over this and I reminded each committee chairman to make a report this year.
- a. **Safety, Don Young,** Safety is one of our most important issues in this organization. W need to watch each other, make sure the ropes are up around our displays and watch around tractors. Tractor at show are out of there area. We are now using tractor for things that they were not designed for. Be careful while in parades. Brakes were designed for turning brakes on the farm and were designed for pulling people.  
Larry stated that the safety chairman was on duty at the show here today. Wayne got a ticket for going off and leaving his Gibson tractor running. Wayne said he was checking to see if the safety people were doing there job. As soon as the safety person turned and walked away a young kid came through on a 4-wheeler and he got his ticket back.  
Larry mentioned on another note on what Howard did was the Youth Driver program. I went down and visited with Glenda and found several youth applications that hadn't been issued. I started trying to bring everything up to date and found there wasn't enough information on the applications. There wasn't telephone numbers to reach someone at the branch level. We re-did the application form and I decided early on that I didn't want to do this program. This falls under Safety and Don Young is our Safety Director and I passed it on to him. After we revised the form maybe it will help in getting more information. The major problem I found was that I couldn't read the writing of the names or addresses. It is very important to print very carefully on any form. We don't have time to try to find out what you meant to say or the spelling.
  - b. **Insurance, Dick Tombrink.** First of all good news is that our insurance premium went down this year. This due to your effort in keeping our shows safe and working on our safety program. Next, Vendors in the past we have been able to insure some vendors at our shows. The insurance company no longer covers food vendors. They must furnish there own insurance and we should ask for a coverage on their policy. Tractor pulls, make sure you read the pull rules on the web site. We don't insure hotrod tractors. Make sure you are in compliance with the pull rules. Question from the floor, about swap meets. At our EDGETA swap meets all vendors must be members. Arts and crafts our insurance will not cover them. Tractor drives are covered under our insurance. You must comply with your state regulations. Tractor pulls, the rules, state you are allowed up to 10% over stock RPM's. Larry then said, in our tractor pulls regulations we say 3.5 mph. If this is complied with it slows the hot rod tractors down to regulation rpm's and this is one advantage they get over a stock tractor. You keep all tractors at 3.5 mph it levels the playing field to some extent making it fairer to all pullers. Momentum is what helps go further down the pulling track. More discussion on tractor pulling on stock vs. hot rods.
  - c. **Hall of Fame, Tom Yearian,** Tom mentioned the Hall of Fame is talked about on the web site. Every year names are submitted for the hall of fame and then the names are submitted to a team of judges that do not know the applicants. Started in 1998. Tom showed the plaque with the past recipients. Can have up to 4 recipients per year. Each individual will receive an individual plaque. This year there have been 4 people selected and there names haven't released until they can be at a National or regional show to receive the honor. There were no questions on the Hall of Fame. Larry thanked Tom for taking over the Hall of Fame program. Howard Hodson did this for a few years and after Howard's death we are still picking up things that he did.
  - d. **Web Site, Larry Voris.** Larry asked how many people have access to the web. How many have been on the web site? There were several show of hands. Larry mentioned that everyone needs to go to the site and look around. We have a very nice web site and the web master is Sally Walker of Gooding, ID. She is doing an excellent job with the site. We also have a Branch Presidents e-mail address attached to the web site. This is a way to communicate with the branch in a very short amount of time. We also have a calendar on the web site. If your branch has a show, send it to Sally and she will add it to the calendar. Also each branch has access to a web site of there own on the EDGETA web site. If you go to the web site calendar and look around at all the shows it will scare you looking at all the shows we have on any weekend of the summer. Dorene has been working on the safety section and we are in the process on redesigning the safety page on the web site. When you go to the safety page there will be a button to punch for tractor pulls, garden tractor pulls, barrel train etc. Each button will take you directly to that page without having to look.

- e. **Physical Damage Insurance, Larry Voris** We set that up last year and it was in force for four months and we only had 7 people sign up for this benefit. It only cost \$50 per 10,000 worth of coverage. We as the board thought it would be a good benefit. The agent called me and said Larry we only have 7 people signed up for the coverage and that isn't enough premiums to cover a very big claim. He said the insurance company is getting worried. I told him to cancel the program if the 7 people could get there money back. He said that would work. I don't think I could get them to re-instate the program today.
  - f. **Steam, George Christmas, The steam program has been revised and ready to be posted on the web site.** Dick added that two people help us with the update to the web site material.
  - g. **Magazine Articles, Larry Voris** Larry said he got appointed to do the E & E Magazine. I need help or subjects or sometime to write about. There are 6 issues per year. Good magazine.
  - h. **National Newsletter, Ruth Warnock** writes the National EDGETA newsletter and is always bugging us for our articles. She needs articles too. Larry asked the crowd how many newsletter editors were in the group today. There were several and they also have the same problem. Nancy Gable said she gives them a deadline. Someone asked what magazine I write for and I told her it was the Engines & Engineers or E & E. Brenda Stant is the owner of the magazine and does an excellent job on the magazine. She has steam, gas tractors and engine articles. She is always looking for pictures for the magazine. If anyone has something they want published be sure and send it to Ruth or I and we will see that it gets where it needs to go.
13. **National Show for 2010, Ed Stewart, Branch 8 president** came forward and told us about the 2010 National show to be held at Santa Margarita Ranch  
June 24 - 27, 2010. On the California West Costal Hwy, "101".  
Show will be hosted by 27, 8 & 3. More information on the EDGETA website.  
Larry thanked Ed for the report. Larry said Ed hasn't missed a national show in several years.
14. **Regional Shows for 2009.**  
North Central, Br 16, Republic, MO, Sep 17-20, reported by Dorene Yearian.  
Dorene also reported the feature will be Allis Chalmers.  
South Central, Br 128, DeRidder, LA, Oct 9-10, reported by Johnny Burger  
North East, Br 176, Rehoboth, MA, Oct 3-4, reported by Wayne Timchuk  
South East, Br 168, Salisbury, NC, Sep 18-19, reported by George Christmas  
North West, Br 15, Brooks, OR, Jul 25-26, reported by Dick Tombrink  
South West, Br 113, Merced, CA, Aug 14-16, reported by Don Young  
Two people in the crowd were recognized for being members of the Hall of Fame. Emery & Helen Schulze, Branch 96 of Brenham, TX who were inducted in 2006.
15. **Adjournment Billy Williams branch 201, second by Ed Stewart Branch 8**

Meeting was then turned back over to Becky Smith, President of Branch 66. Everyone at the meeting has a BBQ meal coming up in a few minutes. You should have already purchased your tickets. If you haven't you can do that now.

Becky thanked everyone for coming to the show and drive safe on your trip home.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Voris, President