

52nd National Meeting of EDGE&TA, August 18, 2012

Branch 29, Huntley, Montana

President Ken Amann of Branch 29 welcomed the group, thanked everyone for coming and introduced the officers of Branch 29. He then introduced Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association President, Larry Voris. Larry started the meeting with a prayer. He then led the group in the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked Branch 29 for hosting the national show for 2012. He complimented the branch on the show and the number of demonstrations throughout the day. He then introduced the national officers and directors.

Dorene Yearian, Vice President and North Central Director
Northeast Director, Wayne Timchuk
Southeast Director, George Christmas
South Central Director, Johnny Burger
Southwest Director, Don Young
Northwest Director, Dick Tombrink
Director-at-large, Larry Voris, President of the Board of Directors
Secretary/Treasurer, Carrie Jo Parmley
Hall of Fame Chair, Tom Yearian
National Show Coordinator and Northeast Advisor, Morrie Robinson

He also announced that several Hall of Fame recipients were in the audience.

Roll Call of the branches taken by Dorene with 25 branches represented.

Larry announced that we now have 174 branches total with 11 new ones this year and 10,769 members currently. Last year we ended up with a little over 11,400. The last branch is #236.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Larry announced the new business as issues with insurance. He stated, "We are not an insurance company." He stated that liability insurance is one of the benefits of membership in EDGETA. The main purpose of the EDGETA organization is the restoration and displaying of antique engines and tractors.

Larry stated that the Board of Directors had voted last night at their meeting to increase the insurance to \$8.00 for the coming year for a total of \$12 per membership to the EDGETA organization. He explained that our insurance dropped us at the end of the last year because of so many claims. Larry asked for discussion. There was none.

He further stated that while on the topic of insurance and being safe, it would be nice if a safety officer was easily recognized at any event that is held. If someone spotted something unsafe, they could easily report that to the safety officer. It was recommended they wear a safety vest. Someone in the audience then stated that when a branch introduces themselves at the meeting, they state where the branch is from.

Following were reports from the Committee Chairs:

Safety Chair, Don Young:

Don shared two recent accidents where safety could have prevented them. First, someone was loading a tractor on a trailer. They had a different sized ball on truck from the trailer and it flipped back. He suggested backing tractors on trailers. Another accident was when a tractor flipped over backwards when loading, but driver managed to jump off and escape injury. Another suggestion was on crank start tractors. He suggested crank 1 or 2 times with fuel off. If tractor happens to be in gear, then it won't run over the person. Just be very careful and obey safety rules.

Steam Chair, George Christmas

George shared that a few years ago, several who knew about steam engines put together the guidelines we now have, and we have very few problems. He said that branches work with the regulations within their states. Dick Tombrink has been instrumental in working with the Montana Legislature and reported on the progress there with the interpretation of the regulations and laws regarding steam engines. He said they had been able to get the rules interpreted as intended. Montana is making progress on what has to be approved by the legislature and what is not required. Dick offered to answer any questions. Larry announced that Johnny Burger is also on the committee, but no one had questions.

Insurance, Johnny Burger

He began by stating the main thing was that we lost our insurance because of so many claims, but we have acquired another policy. It took 5 companies before we acquired a policy. He showed the group the size of the policy and stated that it is almost a mirror image of the previous policy. He stated the biggest thing is to follow the safety rules. It is difficult to get insurance for an organization like ours. The price has gone from \$4.00 per member to \$8.00 per member for insurance only. Following a question from the audience, Johnny explained the dues to EDGETA as follows. The EDGETA organization was able to absorb that cost for this year, but next year the insurance portion of dues will be \$8.00 plus the \$4.00 membership, so the cost per member will rise to \$12.00. To eliminate further insurance increases, EDGETA pays for small claims so that we do not have to report them to the insurance company. An example he cites was that if a people carrier runs into a vehicle in the parking lot, then EDGETA might pay that claim in order to avoid an insurance claim. However, if a person is involved or hurt, it must be reported. We can handle only small claims within our organization. He explained that if we are safe and have no accidents there is a possibility our insurance might go down in cost. Audience asked if the insurance covers members for their stupidity. Johnny explained it as follows: One of the things we all do is drive cars. We all have liability to cover the damage we

do to others. EDGETA insurance is the same. It is a liability insurance to cover the damage you do to someone else. If you hurt yourself, it does not cover that. That's one of the reasons you are supposed to rope off your area when running an engine. If you hurt yourself within the roped area, you are not covered. However, if someone else is hurt, it protects them. Another question from the audience: "If we are coming to a show, are we protected?" Johnny explained that if you are on the road and have a tractor on your trailer, you are covered by your vehicle liability insurance. Where one insurance covers liability, the other does not. Both insurance companies will not cover you. Most states require liability.

Larry expanded on insurance. We are insuring against a spectator. We are not insuring against each other, but for spectators. EDGETA member against EDGETA member is not covered.

Carrie Jo Parmley, Website

She explained the importance of updating officers annually so that we have current contact information when sending the newsletters or other communication. Also, for the events your branches have, you need to enter those dates directly on the calendar on the website and the webmaster places them on the website calendar. That way everyone knows all the activities your organization is doing. She asked for suggestions to be e-mailed to her. Also, she reminded members that the D&O Insurance will not cover officers and directors not listed on the website. Be sure to have the current names posted for the D&O Insurance protection for your Officers and Directors.

Larry explained the D&O insurance, stating that it stands for Directors and Officers. All branch officers and directors listed as current directors are covered with liability insurance. You may have your elections for the new year late in the previous year, but you need to update the website the first of the year so that you have D&O coverage. If you've not posted them for 2012, either post it or send the information to your regional director or Carrie Jo.

Larry asked for articles for the E&E Magazine. He is responsible for getting articles to the magazine and needs your stories.

National/Regional Show Coordinator, Morrie Robinson

Morrie began by explaining how the branches are selected for the National Show. Currently the host branch is selected by location. Branches west of the Rocky Mountains host the meeting in even years and branches east of the Rockies host in odd years. He selects the national hosts first. He goes down the list numerically. If a branch declines, he goes to the next branch. Currently he has the following booked: 2013 is Branch 85 in Morrow, AR-May 18-19; 2014 is Branch 51 in Lewistown, MT—June 14-15; 2015 is Branch 89 in Henderson, TX—April 18-19.

He reported that Regional Shows are chosen from the list of branches for each region. He follows the same procedure for each region as for the national process. **Regional shows for the 2013 year** are as follows: **NW**-Branch 29, Huntley, MT—August 17-18; **SW**-Pending;

NC-Branch 50, Haviland, KS—August 23-24; **SC**-Branch 149, Angleton, TX—November 2; **NE**-Branch 196, Presque Isle, ME—June 28-30; **SE**-Branch 110, Spencer, NC—April 13.

2014 Regional Shows booked to date are as follows: **NW**-Branch 36, Carnation, WA—July 19-20; **SW**-Branch 158, Woodland, CA—dates pending; **NC**-Branch 55, Inman, KS--September 27-28; **SC**-Pending; **NE**-Pending; **SE**-Branch 211, Robertsdale, AL—dates pending;

Morrie reported that some branches request a specific year because of special events they want to coordinate with it. Morrie expressed appreciation for the cooperation. Question from the audience—“Are the dates on the website so that members can plan? It would be nice so that people can plan a couple of years ahead of time.” Larry stated that the current year is on the website, but recognized the wish for the future dates be posted.

Newsletter, Carrie Jo

Carrie Jo mentioned that when newsletters are sent to presidents, be sure to share the information with the members. The information is important for members to have access to. If members do not hear about the newsletter at their meetings, they may access the letters on the EDGETA website. All newsletters are posted.

Hall of Fame, Tom Yearian

Tom explained the Hall of Fame process, which includes sending all applicants to a three-judge panel. He then recognized the Hall of Fame members for this year as follows:

David & Nancy Ruark, Branch 54, Pomeroy, WA

Douglas Peterson, Branch 141, Ashland, OR

Walt Curtis, Branch 106, Winnemucca, NV

Tom Yearian then asked Dick Tombrink to assist. They called Larry Voris to be recognized. Larry received the Hall of Fame honor as well.

Larry Voris, Branch 16, Republic, MO

Larry then called Dorene and Tom Yearian to present the Hall of Fame to each of them.

Dorene Yearian, Branch 16, Republic, MO

Tom Yearian, Branch 16, Republic, MO

The next item of business was to handle the positions of directors. He stated that the North Central Regional Director and the Director-at-Large were to be re-elected this year. Since there were no applicants, the two current directors will remain on the board without a vote: North Central Director—Dorene Yearian and Director-at-Large—Larry Voris.

Larry announced that the National Show for 2013 will be Branch 85 in Morrow, AR May 18-19. Still have 4 regional shows for 2012: **SE**-Branch 202, Eagleville, TN—October 5-6; **NC**-Branch 28, Cabool, MO—Oct. 12-13; **SW**- Branch 124, Cedar City, UT--Oct. 26-28; **SC**-Branch 157, Jacksonville, AR--October 27;

Meeting adjourned.