

54th National Meeting of EDGE&TA, June 14, 2014

Branch 51, Lewistown, Montana

President Brian Sallee of Branch 51 welcomed the group, thanked everyone for coming. He then introduced Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association President, George Christmas. EDGETA South Central Director, Clyde Brummett, opened the meeting with a prayer. Larry Voris then led the group in the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. George thanked Branch 51 for hosting the National Show for 2014. He complimented the branch on the show and the number of demonstrations throughout the day. He also called attention to the wonderful facility we were enjoying for the meeting, calling attention to the hangar, all of the artifacts from the 50's and the staff for providing the venue for the meeting. He then introduced the national officers and directors.

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

Roll Call of the branches indicated there were 17 branches represented.

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

George announced that we now have 174 branches total with 3 new branches this year, and about 8,209 members currently. Last year we ended up with 11,252 members. The last branch is #242.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Each of the National Committee Chairs reported on the status of the committee he/she chair as follows:

Safety and Youth Driver: Don Young reported that all of the information is on our webpage at EDGETA.com with FAQ's included. He urged members to read the safety guidelines and be certain that their particular branch followed the guidelines. He also reminded members that

the Youth Driver Certification was required for drivers under the legal age for driver's license and those who do not have valid driver's license. Those Youth Driver Certificates are good for the operator to drive only the tractor for which it was issued—no others. He said at this point, our safety situation looks good.

Steam: George Christmas reported that they were looking into a procedure for a pop-off valve on steam engines. Other than that, things were the same. He stated that we had made a change in our webmaster, so we had some lapse time in changing over all of the documents, updates, and information. However, it seems to be coming together very well and items are being posted in a timely manner. He asked members to bear with us as we get it completely in order and to let us know when parts are not working.

Insurance: Dick Tombrink reminded members that golf carts are not insured by EDGETA. He also called attention to members that the EDGETA Branch number should be included on all advertisements of events and correspondence. He stated that the Branch # must be included because the insurance company does not recognize a club without the Branch # included. Dick also stated that the insurance portion of the \$12 membership dues was \$8.00 per member, hoping it will grow for enough cushion to cover the insurance so that it can remain the same. He added that our website is a good place to look for information for members, including questions and answers regarding any safety or insurance issues. Also, he suggested that members read the Frequently Asked Questions section since many specific issues are addressed in that section, and the website is the quickest way to get information to the members. He stated that we had made a change in webmasters and there has been some interruption of information, but it seems to be getting in order. He stated that anyone with a question should feel free to contact a director for answers or information. Also, if anyone sees errors in information they should contact their director and we will get it corrected.

National & Regional Shows: Morrie Robinson gave a report on the Regional shows left for 2014: NW is being hosted by Branch 36 in Carnation, WA on July 19-20, NC is being hosted by Branch 107 in Inman, KS on June 28, and NE is being hosted by Branch 103 in Berlin Heights, OH on October 11-12, 2014. He announced that the 2015 National Meeting and Show will be hosted by Branch 89 in Henderson, TX on April 17-18, 2015, the 2016 National Meeting and Show will be hosted by Branch 52 in Wasilla, Alaska on June 11-12, 2016.

Magazine Article and Newsletter: Larry Voris explained that he writes an article for the E&E Magazine published every 2 months; he also writes articles for the EDGETA Newsletter. He encouraged everyone to read the magazine and the EDGETA Newsletters and share them with their branches. He asked that members pass along information from the articles to other members.

Newsletter: Carrie Jo Parmley reported that the newsletter is sent quarterly to the President and Safety Director in each branch. There is a lot of information in the newsletter relevant to current issues that are of importance and urged everyone to read the newsletter and pass along the information to their members. The newsletter is also posted on the website each quarter for access by all members. She thanked members for reporting memberships

accurately in a timely manner and those who update officer and director information on the website annually.

Hall of Fame: Dorene and Tom Yearian represented the Hall of Fame Committee. Dorene reminded attendees of the guidelines for the recognition and urged members to nominate any deserving person for the award. She also reiterated that all of the information is on the website including the application, which must be received 120 days prior to the National Meeting. She announced that we presented 3 awards this year and 2 of them were here at the meeting. The other will be presented at the NW Regional Meeting.

President George Christmas presented the first Hall of Fame Award to Matthew Montague from Branch 26. Next he presented Theo McAllister from Branch 134 the award, stating that both were very deserving.

George reminded members that we had two Regional Director Positions that were up for election this year—NW Regional currently held by Dick Tombrink and SW Regional currently held by Don Young. There were no resumes submitted other than those of the current directors so those will be elected by acclamation.

George again reminded member of the National Meeting and Show in Henderson, TX on April 17-18, 2015.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.