

## 59th National Meeting of EDGE&TA, April 27, 2019, CA

### Branch 114 – Red Bluff, CA

President Steve Zane welcomed the EDGETA Board, members and all guests to the dinner and meeting. He thanked all for coming to the show, both the exhibitors and guests. Steve announced that there were 150 tractors exhibited and about 150 engines on display as well. He then turned the meeting over to EDGETA President George Christmas.

George Christmas, President of the National EDGETA Organization, led the audience in the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He then introduced the Board Members of EDGETA in attendance as follows: David Millsap, Northeast Region, Virginia; Dick Tombrink, Northwest Region, Montana; Jeff Fenske, Director at Large, California; Clyde Brummett, Jr., South Central Region, Arkansas; Bob Craig, North Central Region, Missouri; Donn Young, Southwest Region, AZ; and himself, George Christmas, Southeast Region, South Carolina. He also introduced Morrie Robinson, Northwest Advisor and Coordinator of National and Regional Shows, and Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treasurer of EDGETA from Texas.

Roll Call of the branches indicated there were 29 Branches in attendance as follows: California—Branches 3, 8, 13, 18, 27, 31, 111, 114 136, 152, 158, 197, and 209; Oregon—Branches 9, 15, 21, 159 and 248; Washington--Branches 22, 26 and 245; Idaho – Branch 54; Montana – Branch 29; Arizona – Branch 206; Missouri – Branch 16; Arkansas – Branch 37; South Carolina – Branch 129; Virginia – Branch 249; and Texas – Branch 124.

George announced that we had 5 branches drop out last year and added 6 for a net gain of 1 branch in 2018.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

### **New Business:**

George asked Dick Tombrink to give a summary of the new insurance plan and how it works. Dick explained that the current insurance plan increases the coverage for liability insurance. The previous plan covered only member to spectator; the new plan covers liability from member to spectator and also includes member to member liability. The Director and Officer insurance has a \$1,000,000 coverage for directors and officers of each branch. However, that information will not be posted on the website as it is easily spotted by litigants who might want to pursue further claims than if this is not posted

There were several questions regarding insurance coverage for which Dick gave explanations as to how to handle the situations. One question was about tractors leaving Fairgrounds where they are displaying to do a tractor ride. Dick responded that

that the ride should be documented as an event by your club by including it in minutes of meetings, posting it on your website as an event of your club, or in some way designating that as an actual Branch event.

Another question involved when coverage for a new member begins. Dick explained that if a member signs up today and you accept payment for their dues, you have 30 days to get that membership turned in to EDGETA. The member will be covered those 30 days.

Another question was about insurance coverage at a non-EDGETA event. Dick stated that you should designate that in the minutes of your meeting, have it on your website or calendar of events that it is an EDGETA event for your specific Branch. If you do not have a meeting scheduled, you could have a form for such which can be signed by your President or Safety Director indicating that the event is an EDGETA event for your specific branch. That would verify that it was an approved event for your Branch.

The question of whether a branch had to fill out a form to submit to EDGETA every time they participated by driving in a parade, etc. Dick stated that it would only have to be in your minutes or otherwise verified as listed as an event for participation by members of your club. It would not be necessary to fill out a form.

Next was a question regarding fire extinguishers. The EDGETA guidelines state that each tractor must have a fire extinguisher mounted on the tractor. Dick reminded members that the EDGETA website has all the requirements for Safety including fire extinguishers. Also, specific states and entities have guidelines. Go to the website for information regarding any safety issues. If you see something that is incorrect on our website, please contact your director and let them know so that it can be corrected.

The next item was information regarding scheduling of National and Regional Shows. Morrie Robinson. He gave a brief explanation regarding how the locations for National Shows moves across the United States in the 3 designated regions. The Regional Shows are held annually in each Region, with the exception of the Region where the National Show is hosted that year. That year, there is no Regional show in that Region. He then announced the following show dates and places.

Northwest Regional Show hosted by Branch 245, Shelton, WA--July 12-14, 2019

No Southwest Regional Show this year

South Central hosted by Branch 37, Gentry, AR--Sept. 6-8, 2019

North Central hosted by Branch 16, Republic, MO--Sept.12-15, 2019

Southeast Regional Show hosted by Branch 202, Portland, TN--Oct. 5-6, 2019

Northeast Regional Show hosted by Branch 103 Berlin, Ohio--Oct. 12-13, 2019

2020 National Meeting & Show, Eagleville, TN—September 11-12

2021 National Meeting & Show, Republic, MO—September 16-19

George thanked Branch 114 for hosting the National Meeting and Show this year and congratulated them for a phenomenal show.

George reminded those present that the Quarterly Newsletter is mailed to both the President and Safety Director of each branch, and it also posted on the website. He encouraged all of the branches to read the letter for updates and current information.

He announced that the Hall of Fame is a way to recognize members of your Branch who have done outstanding jobs in promoting the hobby and EDGETA and encouraged branches to participate. This year there are 8 members receiving the award.

George then introduced Jeff Fenske, the new president of EDGETA, from Branch 8 in California, who will take over the office at the end of this meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.