

Minutes from the National EDGE&TA Show in Pottsville, OR June 27, 2023

After the pledge of Allegiance Jeff called the meeting to order and thanked Branch President, Mike Wonsyld and his crew for hosting the 62nd Annual Show and Meeting. This show was very well attended by exhibitors and spectators alike. Jeff asked about the number of tractors and engines displayed but Mike said they were all so busy during the show, no one had time to take a count. The dinner and meeting were well attended at 130 people and by that evening people had to be turned away due to lack of room and food. There were 23 branches represented. Branches were: 8, 9, 13, 15, 21, 22, 26, 27, 30, 31, 49, 52, 54, 114, 141, 152, 159, 198, 202, 206, 230, 245 and 248.

Jeff introduced the EDGE&TA Directors in attendance. Morrie Robinson NW, Ron Hanson SW, Travis Brown Eastern and himself, Director at Large. Then he introduced Mike Pollock who will become the NW Director at the end of this meeting. He thanked Morrie for his years of service to EDGE&TA including being NW Director, Vice President and Hall of Fame Chairman. He mentioned that John Roderick, Central Director, was unable to attend since he was at his Central Regional Show in Oklahoma. Our National Secretary/Treasurer, Carrie Jo Parmley, was also unable to attend due to her and her husband attending the International Harvester National Show in Nebraska. Jeff also introduced Cliff Northcote, former EDGE&TA National President and President of Branch 22 from Campo, CA. Cliff talked about the SW Regional Show hosted by Branch 22, to be held this year at Bates Nut Farm, Valley Center, CA close to Escondido, September 23rd-24th.

Jeff then introduced Michelle McGill who will be our new National Secretary/Treasurer at the beginning of 2024. She is the treasurer of Branch 9.

We now have four regions down from the former six regions. This change was made due to declining membership and finding people willing to be volunteer Directors. There is a new map and branch location page on our EDGE&TA website showing the breakdown.

We ended last year with 6,100 members. As of this date we now have 5,300 members. Ten years ago, we had 12,000 members. Due to declining membership we need to raise the National dues from \$17 per year per member to \$20 per year per member in 2024.

The 2024 National Show will be held in Medina, Ohio July 19th-20th. The club will be featuring Case and Ohio tractors.

Morrie Robinson presented two Hall of Fame plaques. These went to Jude Durfey of Branch 54, Washington and Les Layton of Branch 15, Oregon. He mailed plaques to Duane Nelson of Branch 1, Minnesota and Alvin Bartleson of Branch 28, Missouri.

Jeff Adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Glynn Fenske Secretary Branch 8