

National EDGE & TA National Meeting

Medina, Ohio July 19, 2024

The meeting of the Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association was opened with a pray by Branch 192 President Dennis Murlock and then a wonderful story was read by Medina County Hay Queen, Betty Acer from Lynchfield, OH.

President Jeff Fenske then called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He thanked Branch 192 for hosting the National Show this year, complimenting them on a great show and special thanks to President Dennis, Steve, and Kathie.

Branches that attended the show were 192, 202, 30, 138, 9, 52, 8, 103.

Jeff asked each EDGE&TA board member to introduced themselves and give a report on the different programs.

Michele McGill, Secretary/Treasurer reported there are currently a total of 5272 members.

David Scibeck, Central Director reported on the Youth Driver Certification Program. There was a certification event held on Wednesday evening before the show for local youth. He and Steve from Branch 192 certified eight 12–15-year-olds. Year to date there have been twenty new youth driver certificates issued.

Ron Hanson, Southwest Director introduced himself and shared that we had 5 new Hall of Fame recipients this year. 2 couples and 3 individuals and each will receive their plaques at their local meetings. Thanked branch 192 for their hard work on the show.

Travis Brown, Eastern Director thanked everyone for the great show and great dinner. He shared about his branch and the tractor pulls they host where they will have 500-600 hooks a show. He is also the Steam Director for EDGE & TA so if any questions you can contact him.

Mike Pollock, Northwest Director introduced himself and shared about his region which has 38 branches and covers 3 time zones from Alaska to Kansas and covers the largest physical territory. Wasilla and Fairbanks, AK branches are considering hosting the 2026 National Show. They previously hosted it in 2016. Complimented the branch on what a great venue and show it was along with the parade which had at least 80 tractors and 8-10 trucks. The Youth Driver class was impressive and thanks to Steve.

Jeff shared the 2025 National Show will be held in Shawnee, OK June 20th and 21st.

He asked if there were any questions from the attendees.

Br 192 President Dennis shared the show had approx. 700 attendances between Friday and Saturday. He has been working on promotion of EDGE&TA and increasing their membership. Expressed concern for declining membership nationally and suggested national sponsorships.

How many national board members are there? Jeff shared we currently have 7, we very rarely all get together but we do have regular conference calls.

How does someone become a board member? Volunteer. Mike Pollock shared that when a position needs to be filled it is posted in the newsletter. Encouraged everyone to read it.

How many regions are there? 4 and they each have approx. 35-38 branches.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Michele McGill, Secretary/Treasurer