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From our president Larry Voris Keep our Hobby Active

Many of us collect items that will never make the scene at a show. Why, I don't know. I guess it is to say that, "Oh I have one of those".

I think that I have showed about everything that I have collected at one time or another. I may have told this story before but I'll tell it again. An EDGETA friend of mine that lives 150 miles from me had this AC lawn tractor without an engine. I hounded him for a year or so and he would always say, "I'll fix it up someday." Later, I traded for a couple of Panzer tractors. I hadn't unloaded them, and I knew that I would never do anything with them.

So one morning I emailed him telling about the tractors that I had traded for. An hour later I circled through the house and looked at my email. There was a note from him saying "when are we going to meet half way and make the trade?" I called him and told him they were rough. We agreed on the time and place. He got a Pennsylvania Panzer and a Copar, and I got an AC 712-S without an engine. I had an extra 10 HP engine that fit and it wasn't long before I got the AC running. I wrote and told him how my project was progressing. He wrote back and said he had paint on one and the other was about finished. The moral to the story is that we restored 3 tractors to running condition that probably would still be sitting behind both barns. It really didn't matter how much money each had in the tractors or what they were worth on the market. We both went away happy.

I'm sure that there are several of you that have equipment sitting behind your shops that you will never do anything with. Lawn tractors seem to be getting more popular all the time. Our home show would have 10-15 at different spots on the show grounds. Last year we had 150 lawn tractors. I have watched one of our young members that started with one cub cadet with a front loader which was a good find. Now he has 5 or 6 cadets with different attachments.

Use your branch newsletters to advertize something that you would like to trade. To me it is a hobby and you have to think of it this way. I didn't get into collecting to make money and I probably won't.

Don't forget about your Regional Shows. Make plans to attend them. The National show will be in Montana, August 18 & 19. It's not too late to make plans.

Hope to see you somewhere at a show this summer.

Larry

Insurance Update April 2012 by Dick Tombrink

It is that time of the year again for each branch to send in their EDGETA dues. Your EDGETA dues are still \$8 per member per year. Send your dues to our new secretary/treasurer, Carrie Jo Parmley in Tyler, Texas. One of the big benefits of being an EDGETA branch is the insurance coverage. As stated in the EDGETA bylaws, branches are encouraged to submit as many members' dues as possible by March 15th. It helps if we can get as many members to renew before that time so we can pay the EDGETA National insurance premium. However, we realize there will always be members that will not renew their membership until later. Please remember to send them to Carrie Jo within 30 days of receiving them.

It is also the time of the year when branches are making preparations for their shows, and may be working out agreements/contracts with owners of show grounds or places where they hold the events. I know I talked about this in the last newsletter, but I want to bring it to your attention again. When you are asked to sign an agreement, please read it carefully. In the past we have had to pay out several claims that should have been borne by the owners insurance, not ours. Please be sure you only assume liability for the portion of the grounds that you are using. Do not assume liability for other groups or organizations that are on the show grounds while you are there.

When leasing property, the contract should define the buildings and areas to be used for the event. Any building or area not used should be excluded by the contract. Any vendor that has a separate contract with the owner of the property, permitting the vendor the right to provide goods or services at the event should be excluded from our lease and, therefore, not be covered under our insurance. If you have any questions about the contract that you are asked to sign, please email it to either Larry or myself and we will get back to you with our comments.

Now may also be a good time to review the safety requirements on our web site to be sure you understand them and follow them. One area in particular that branches that have tractor pulls should review is the tractor pull requirements. I know that we all like to win the pull, but be sure you follow our safety requirements. Remember we have tractor pulls for antique tractors, not hot rod or souped up tractors.

This year the EDGETA National show and business meeting will be hosted by my Branch #29, at the Huntley Project Museum, just east of Billings, Montana. The dates are August 18-19. Our branch has been working hard to make it a great show for all. A package with maps, suggested places to see and stay, was sent out to all the branch presidents. They should have them by now. We included a RSVP sheet for those that are bringing exhibits, will be attending the Saturday evening dinner, and may need RV parking accommodations. RV parking is available at the show grounds, but there is a busy noisy train track nearby. We are arranging for parking spots away from the busy track that are quieter, but we need to know if you need a RV spot so we can plan for and accommodate you. All spots are dry camping. We have also included the RSVP form on our branch web site, www.antiquetactorclub.org. The form is either in pdf format that you can print off and fill out and mail in, or in word format that you can fill out on line, copy and attach to an email and email back to us. Please contact Ken Amann if you have any questions, or you can also contact me.

Dick Tombrink, NE Regional Director

Have a safe show season. Hope to see you at the National Show in August!

From Dorene Yearian—VP EDGETA & NC Regional Director

I hope everyone has had a good winter. This is a great time to make sure and get your equipment looked at and repaired for the coming tractor season. We just noticed the weld on the bumper pull trailer fenders had come loose. If that had come loose while hauling equipment to a show, it could have wiped out the tires, damaged the trailer and whatever we were hauling. Just a reminder when you check out your hauling equipment (trailers and trucks) for brakes and the condition of the tires, check out your straps, chains and binders. Check out the welds on your fenders, the rack that holds your third ramp, your license plate holder, the brackets that hold the tail lights, your tool boxes (make sure they are secure), etc. This would be a good time to rewire that trailer that has given you some headaches. The wiring always seems to deteriorate on our bumper pull trailer over the winter and we seem to always have to repair it just before a show. When checking the wiring on that trailer and you are checking the brakes, check and repack the wheel bearings. There are numerous things we all need to be doing to get ready for the coming tractor season. Hope to see you at your favorite show and here's hoping all your repairs are not **major**.

Also from Dorene

We have a great web page that is kept up to date with a great deal of information. The web page is there for your use. We as directors try to review it to make sure it is useful and accurate. It could always use your help in reviewing it for accuracy. If you find anything you do not understand, please contact Carrie Jo or one of us. We secretary and directors are here to help you. We will be glad to explain or maybe we need to change something.

Sally is doing a great job maintaining it and keeping it fresh. I am proud to inform members and non-members about our web page. Use it! Go on line and contact a branch near you and find out when they are having their show – attend and support them; you will have a lot of fun!

The National show is in Montana on August 18-19; the NW Regional is in Washington on August 1-4; the NE Regional is in Michigan on June 7-9; the SE Regional is in Tennessee on October 5-6; the NC Regional is in Missouri on October 12-13; the SW Regional is in Utah on October 26-28; and the SC Regional is in Arkansas on October 27.

Check out the regional and national shows for 2012. Plan to attend as many as you can – one or all of us will be at them – we would love to meet and talk to you. You might have a great idea that would help us do our job.

Dorene Yearian
VP and NC Regional Director

From Johnny Burger, SC Regional Director

I would like to start out by asking a question. Why did you join a club? I know why we joined our club. We like the friendship and to convert back to life an old tractor that has no use in the present type of farming. Then we like to show the tractor off.

An alternative to a tractor could be an engine or any antique equipment that can be restored. Your Club may have one or two shows a year. With all the work we put in to restoring, we want more than one show a year to show off our exhibits.

In the world of today if someone gets hurt at a show the first thing they see is dollar signs. If the club you belong to doesn't have insurance, they are taking a big chance. Something you might not know is that a club officer can be sued along with a member for an accident. Most clubs would love for you to show you exhibit at their club. But they want you to have proof of insurance. In the 50's when EDGETA was formed, the need for insurance was not as required. But as time passed, the clubs that had joined EDGETA could see that insurance had become essential. Because members were showing their exhibits at other EDGETA clubs and the cost would be less expensive, EDGETA purchased the insurance. To keep the insurance cost down safety rules were set up and to join EDGETA; the club had to join together as a club. The cost to a club was based on the number of member the club had. The rule was that your club had to maintain 20 members to stay with EDGETA. The big problem today is that people think that EDGETA is an insurance company. We have a few clubs that care less about the rules. They don't report to EDGETA the entire members they have. Most will not take the time to read the rules. Our agent for insurance through EDGETA has been trying to get us the best rate. The rate of accidents that we have been having, our insurance could be the thing of the past if we cannot slow down the accidents. Each person that belongs to EDGETA has the responsible for safety.

Johnny Burger,
South Central Regional Director

From George Christmas, SE Regional Director

The New Year is under way. If you are like me, you have more projects than you have time to complete them. I look around at all I have to do, and yet it seems I bring more projects home. I don't understand why I do this; maybe I just like knowing I have a variety of options to keep me busy.

I hope everyone had a good winter season. Here in the deep south, we really did not have a winter at all. It got a little cold for a few days, but it didn't last long. I guess that means we may have a long hot summer.

I do have one project I think I will complete this year. A couple of years ago my wife's grandfather gave me a John Deere 140 H3 and a Bolens garden tractor. I have allowed those two tractors to sit long enough. I think I will start with the Bolens; it has a couple of attachments plus it appears to be the easier of the two tractors to complete. I will let you know as the year goes by how I am progressing. I guess that is the simplest way to get a job done. Just commit to it and see it through.

Maybe some of you folks out there have been looking at a special project but you keep saying to yourself, "I will get to it soon." Well my challenge to you is get up and do it. I have made the commitment to do my project. I also vow to hold off bringing more projects home unless it is absolutely necessary to rescue some treasure from the jaws to the crusher!

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable show season. Please take the time to make your show outings safe for both you and the spectators. It is because of you, the exhibitors, we have a show, but the reason we have a show is for the spectators. So let's keep it safe for everyone. Please review the safety guidelines on the web site. If you have any questions on any of the safety guidelines do not hesitate to contact one of the directors. We are here to answer questions and give advice when it is needed. Have a safe spring!

Southeast Regional Director
George W. Christmas



From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

Just a short note from the Northeast Region. Well, with the winter months behind us and Easter just around the corner, I can't believe the weather we've had this winter. Never had to get the snow plow out, but we sure got a lot of rain. I know other areas had bad weather at times, but we've had a real mild weather. Here it is the middle of March, and I'm looking outside at 70° weather. Unbelievable! I've got sections of lawn that should be mowed.

I hope everybody had a good winter and got all the projects done that they wanted to. I got very little done this winter; I guess old-age is catching up with me. As we start to bring out tractors and machinery to get cleaned up for our show season, remember SAFETY FIRST!!! It's time to get the trucks and trailers out and check all the tires, wiring and lights. Now is a good time to check your chains, binders and anything else you use to tie down your tractors and implements. Be especially critical to check your ratchet straps for cut in the straps. The Highway Patrol does not like to see that.

By the time you read this newsletter, I will have attended my first show which is held in Auburn, Indiana. That is a very good show, and it is held indoors in three big buildings, so the weather doesn't matter much. The show usually gets me in gear to do something to be ready for the next shows and the rest of the season.

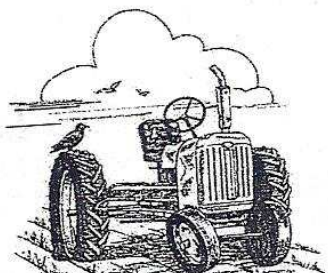
Remember, wet planks and a wet trailer deck make for a bad situation, so all of you be super careful both on loading and unloading tractors and implements. Also, when loading or unloading, try to have somebody help you.

So, in closing, I wish everybody a safe and enjoyable summer season. It'll be great seeing some of the people that we haven't seen for some time.

Wayne Timchuk your Northeast Director

A little worthless trivia

In 1941 gasoline was less than \$.20 a gallon!



Secretary/Treasurer/Editor-Carrie Jo Parmley

Hopefully, by the time you get this letter, you will have sent in your dues and list of members for the upcoming year, which begins April 15. I hope that you all received your buttons and stickers and have the supplies you need for the current time. There were a few mix-ups during the transition of the secretary/treasurer position from California to Texas, but overall, it's been rather smooth. A few members sent the checks and lists to Ruth Warnock, who kindly sent them on to me. A great big thanks goes out to Ruth for being so cooperative in handling those issues and also for answering the many questions I've had. Our webmaster, Sally Walker, has been very patient and helpful as well.

It has been very busy for me since the middle of January getting all the buttons and stickers counted and sent out with the membership renewals coming in at the same time. We've also added 6 new branches since February and have several additional applications. I appreciate the patience and understanding of all of you during the time I've been "learning the process." I have talked with and communicated with so many nice people already. It's been a pleasure.

I'm now retired from a long career in education as an English teacher and Librarian. I've also served as secretary of our local EDGETA Branch #124 for 12 years; this EDGETA position has been a very welcome change for me, and I look forward to working with all of you. Also, you have a great staff of officers and directors who have been most cooperative and very helpful as well.

A few reminders to you that will make our process flow well and speed up the transactions follow. Some I've taken from Ruth's letter last year at this time, but it seems appropriate to restate them:

Be sure to go to the EDGETA website and update your officers and directors even if they are the same as last year. That is very important, and as Dorene stated, it's a wonderful site where you can get an abundance of information.

Always include your branch number on your e-mail or paper correspondence and checks. We identify your organization by Branch #.

Make your checks payable to EDGETA. When you need membership cards, please specify the number you need. Also, let me

know if you also need stickers. We send stickers each year to cover all the members in the club, so if you have members who did not renew, use those stickers for the new members. Supplies are costly and we try to be frugal with your dues. However, if you have needs, please let me know and I'll be happy to get those to you as quickly as possible. We're here to help you.

Remind members to keep their cards from year-to-year and replace when worn out.

Remember--Safety First

To all of you who have been serving your club in the past, thanks for the hard work that you do in keeping your branches active and alive. To those of you who are new to EDGETA, welcome. I look forward to serving you, and if you have any questions or needs, please let me know. My contact information is on the EDGETA website.

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treasurer/Editor

*** * * * IMPORTANT * * * ***

WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING 2 DIRECTOR'S POSITIONS OPEN THIS YEAR:

North Central and Director-at Large

Our bylaws pertaining to the election of directors are printed on the next column of this page, or you may view it on the website.

If there are any nominations, I must receive the resumes no later than April 30. Thanks.

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary

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There will be 2 director positions open this year: North Central and Director-at-Large. Our by-laws state the following

ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS/OFFICERS/ADVISORS Section 1. Directors:

- a. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) directors which includes the President, Vice President, and Safety Officer.
- b. There shall be one Director from each of the six (6) EDGE&TA Regions with the seventh being a Director at Large.
- c. Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority of the branches voting, either in person or by proxy. Every branch may vote to fill all Director Positions, both Regional and Director at Large.
- d. Any member in good standing may have their name placed in nomination for the Director position in the Region in which they reside.
- e. Any member in good standing, from any region, may have their name placed in nomination for the Director at Large position.
- f. Nominees must send to the Secretary/Treasurer a resume providing a straight forward profile of themselves and a recent photo. As a minimum, the resume should contain the following:
 - (1) EDGE&TA membership history
 - (2) EDGE&TA offices held
 - (3) Ideas and goals for EDGE&TA
 - (4) Knowledge of current EDGE&TA issues
- g. The Secretary/Treasurer must receive the resumes and photos no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- h. If there are no valid regional nominations presented, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing from the region to serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- i. If there are no valid nominations presented to fill the Director at Large position, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- j. For continuity, Directors shall be elected on a rotating basis under the following cycle: Two (2) Directors shall be elected/re-elected in each of the first year, and the second year. In the third year, three (3) Directors shall be elected/re-elected.
- k. The Board of Directors shall fill a vacated Director position by appointment of an EDGE&TA member in good standing. Directors so appointed shall serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- l. Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years, and/or until their successors are elected, with the exception that a Director elected to fill a vacated appointed position shall serve the remainder of that three (3) year term.
- m. The number of terms a Director may serve is unlimited.

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