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I can not believe that 2008 is a little over half gone. Everyone is busy trying to get ready for shows. Then when we do finally get everything ready, we don't have enough money to buy the fuel to go to the show. I think that some of the shows in our area may be down. The fall shows will give the final numbers. In our area we are moving on ahead like nothing is happening.

Here in southern Missouri we are having the wettest year in history and California is on fire and burning.

I'm sorry to say that the Physical Damage Program didn't make the grade. We only had 5 members apply for coverage and I was one of them. I thought it was a great program at very little cost. Either the timing wasn't right, the economy, the high price of fuel at the pumps or we didn't get the message out to our members. We had 3 or 4 non-members picked up on our program via the web page.

We have been updating the Q & A page on the web site. They will be posted shortly. You all need to read them and then re-read them again. I think they are straight forward and easy to understand.

Let's all keep with the safety program and have another safe year.

TO: All EDGE&TA Members

Insurance Update, June 2008 By Dick Tombrink

Due to lack of participation we have had to drop the physical damage insurance that we offered last year. There were only about half a dozen who bought the insurance. It was not financially feasible for the insurance carrier to continue to offer this coverage.

It is good to see that branches are reporting their events. Those that are reported are posted on the EDGETA website, on the branch event calendar. Each weekend is full of events that you can attend if you have the inclination. As you know you are no longer required to report your sponsored events to have insurance coverage. But we encourage you to report them so they get posted on the EDGETA web page branch event calendar. Then other branch members can see when and where your event is. Also it gives us EDGETA directors a means of keeping up with the events in our region.

My wife and I just returned from the EDGETA North West Regional meeting in Pottsville, Oregon, (near Grants Pass). It was a great show, with tractor pulling, steam threshing, a sawmill, a shingle mill, parade of power, many tractors and stationary engines on display, and a big flea market. Pottsville was started years ago by Deb Potts who was an Oregon

Senator. He set aside this area to display old memorabilia. It provides a great place for branch 9 to have their show each year. Branch 9 does a great job organizing and promoting it.

Have a great show season, and don't let your guard down on safety.

NC Director Dorene Yearian

SUPPORT YOUR REGIONAL & LOCAL SHOWS

There are four shows left you could go to and have a great time.

July 18-20 in Greenwich, NY

August 6-9 in Ogden, UT

August 15-17 in Winfield KS

September 6 in Tyler TX

Further information can be found on our web site

www.edgeta.org/

Attend the regional meeting and find out what's happening. Ask questions and give your opinion. We need your input to do our job.

We all need to support each other and attend as many of the local branch shows around us. Volunteer to help at their show. See what they do at their show and take ideas back to your own. Visit with the different members at the show – they might have information you need for the project you are restoring. Networking is a great way to increase interest in our hobby.

I know the price of fuel is astronomical but maybe you can carpool – you know like people do to get to work. Get a big trailer to fit three tractors that way the three of you can split the fuel cost.

Get out there support each other and have fun!

GET THE YOUTH INVOLVED!

We have lost several members from our branch/club this year and are on the verge of losing more due to sickness and death. We are losing the knowledge and may never get it back unless we educate our youth. We need to get our youth involved in our hobby. This can be done around their busy schedule like sports and homework. What better way to keep them out of trouble but by keeping them knee deep in rusty parts and oil.

Volunteer to help out with your local 4-H or FFA. You could volunteer at 4-H to teach small engine repair, etc. Maybe the local FFA in your area is restoring a tractor for competition – give your time or your club could give a donation to help support them and pay for parts. Get both organizations involved in your branch/club. Pay for their

membership and have them display their restored engine, tractor or equipment at your show. An FFA girl's team in TX won first place with their restored tractor. We need to get these youth in our branches. Call your local Extension Center, which is run through the Land Grant Universities in each state for 4-H information. Call your local high school for FFA information. Go on line

Interest your children, grand children, great grandchildren or your neighbor's children (maybe your neighbor too) in our hobby. Take time to teach them how to restore some of your equipment. Take them to your show and give them a small job – get their interest.

If you have other ideas in getting our youth involved let us know – we'll publish it.

Dorene Yearian

From the national secretary-Ruth Warnock

WELCOME 7 NEW BRANCHES

Branches are 185-AR, 186-KS, 187-MT, 188-CO, 189-MO, 190-MI and 191-OK. Total of 142 branches

We also have one or two others that have filled out forms, but have not actually joined yet.

There have been some revisions made to the Frequently Asked Questions on our web pages. Stay up to date and check them out.

Please visit our web pages www.edgeta.org often. The directors and webmaster try to keep you all up to date with any changes or additions. Spread the word to your membership. All EDGE&TA members should know the dos and don'ts. Contact the director/advisor in your area if you have questions. .

Check out our Calendar for events. Sally keeps this up to date as she receives information.

Send her your events and she will post them on the calendar. Best advertisement for your shows.

Southeast Director George Christmas

I am sitting here tonight thinking about what I could be writing about while I am taking ridicule from my wife about watching RFDTV. I enjoy the shows about tractor drives, shows and pulls. It gives me ideas of places to go and events to look forward to seeing in the future. I think some people just don't get the tractor thing (my wife). That is ok because I don't get shopping.

It is hot and dry here in the south and it isn't July yet. We are finally getting a little rain so that is a relief. Hopefully it will help some of the crops recover from the draught. My thought and prayers go out to our neighbors in the mid west with the troubles they are facing.

Well it seems that more and more antique tractors and engines are being asked to participate in town festivals and parades and I think it is great. Just this past weekend our branch visited a small town festival that has only been going for a couple of years. The sitting is an old Bean Market building in the center of town that is being restored. On the grounds they are rebuilding an old five room log tobacco barn. It is great to see some of the old barns restored and saved. I

drive around the countryside and see a lot of the old barns falling down and it is really sad to see that heritage disappear.

I guess my point is enjoying all of this while we can. Unfortunately one day a lot of this will be gone and not many people will remember when we used to string tobacco or plow mules because there were no tractors in this part of the country. Now with the price of scrape going up, the cost of preservation of old iron gets higher.

Remember we are the ones keeping our hobby safe and passing the love for old iron to a new generation. There are a lot of kids out there that can't wait to get on a tractor to find out how hard it really is to plow a field. I showed a friends young son how to drive a tractor and how to plow. His remarks to me ¾ 's of the way across the field 'this is too hard'. I told him to stick with it and by the time we started the turn he was excited about finishing the row.

I just want to thank everyone for preserving our heritage and keeping our hobby safe. It is our constant attention to safety that makes it enjoyable for everyone. Thanks and stay safe

Northeast Director Wayne Timchuk

Just a short note of what's happening in the Northeast district. Since the last newsletter I made a trip to Mount Vernon WA for our national meeting. The trip out there was very interesting, good weather, snow and rain and then cold weather.

I want to thank all the officers and members that put that show and banquet on for us. They had a very nice, well-organized and a safety conscious show. Thanks again job well done!

They had a very nice selection of tractors, hit and miss engines and a nice selection of other related items. They also had some good food and that will get my attention every time.

We had a very nice turnout for the national meeting and I think we accomplished a good many things. Following the meeting we had a very nice and delicious banquet.

After meeting and making a lot of new friends and having a good time the weekend had to come to end.

When I left Washington I made the trip down to Tulare California. I arrived at the show grounds on Wednesday evening. It was a very nice drive through northern California.

I have heard about that show and saw pictures. But being there and seeing it in person makes a big difference. Well after making a lot of new friends and had a super great time it was time to be out of road again. I kind of took the scenic route home. I guess I was lucky I had no problems anywhere on the trip.

I want to thank all the branch 22 people for the hospitality and the fine food and a great cookout.

When I got home I found very much the same thing I left. Cold wet weather and very few crops planted in my area. May wasn't much better the crops that did get planted have been replanted at least once some of the corn twice. I guess looking at the other areas of the country were not in to bad shape. Shows in my area have not been too great. Between the people trying to get crops in and the price of fuel it is taking its toll.

I am making plans for the trip for our North East regional meeting in Greenwich New York in July. Hope to see a good turnout.

SW Director/Safety Chairman Don Young

Today is the 183rd day of the year and only 183 days left in 2008. The tractor and engine shows are well underway across the country. Hopefully the fuel prices haven't contributed to a great loss of participation and spectators. One concern here in California is fire, a spark from the exhaust can easily start a fire or if a person is using a welder or cutting torch it can be a disaster. Have a certified fire extinguisher on hand on or near your equipment at all times. There are many parades during the summer months and it is usually very hot. There has been an instant where a tractor has overheated, blew a hose and sprayed boiling antifreeze on the driver. Check your cooling system to make certain that it is functioning properly. In a parade at slow speeds or stopping there is not adequate air flow to minimize overheating. It is very important in a parade to be focused on your surroundings. The many years that I worked the fields on the farm, there was myself and the fence posts. In a parade there are hundreds of people to watch out for, therefore keep safety in mind at all times.

Sally has been and is doing a fantastic job with the web pages and I encourage everyone to read them. From a number of questions that I have been ask, it is evident that not everyone is doing so. There are members that do not have access to the web pages and I would like a fellow member to share with them the information that is available. Enjoy and be safe.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

After attending the National show and the show in Tulare in April, some of the shows I have attended sense then seem rather small. I'm sure the price of fuel is affecting the attendance at the resent shows. There seems to be a few less spectators and the number participants in tractor pulls have decreased.

The South Central Region's show season is progressing at a rapid rate and several of the branch shows are already in the history book for 2008. From the reports I have had they were all a success even if they were smaller.

Due to the price of fuel and a few minor health problems, I have had to miss some of the shows I had planned to attend. I know I have missed some great shows and will try to get to a few more in the coming months.

I have been working with Branch 124, who will host the SC Regional Show in Whitehouse TX, September 6th, 2008. Their preparations for this event are coming along on schedule and it promises to be one of the best shows the SW Region will have this year. There are a lot of things see and do in the Tyler, TX area, so when you are making your plans to attend the SC Regional Show include a couple of extra days to take in the sights.

From the number of request for the Youth Driver Training Certificates I have received, it appears that a lot of branches are working with the younger generation to preserve our hobby. It is great that we have so many young people involved in our branch activities. If your branch does not have a Youth Program, this year would be a good time to develop such a program. Our children and grandchildren are the old gray haired and greasy handed men and women of the future who will keep this old machinery running.

I hate to keep harping on the same old subject but it is important that we have insurance coverage at our branch sponsored events. Be sure you report these events even though it is no longer an insurance requirement, it helps us at National to track when and where the shows are...

Each branch president and safety officer should review the safety requirements often and pass any changes along to their branch members as they occur. It is good idea to also check the Q & A section of the Safety Requirements. Many of the branches have the same questions and many of these questions have already been answered in this section of our web page."

Think "Safety All the Time". Howard D. Hodson,

2008 Regional Shows

NE Regional Show July 18, 19 & 20, 2008

Washington County Fairgrounds Branch 174
Old Schuyleryville Rd., Greenwich, NY
Contact Jared Thomas, President (518) 695-4325Email jat@capital.net

Southwest Regional Show

August 6th – 9th Check out the websites for all the information www.edgeta.org; National and Regional Shows www.edgeta.org; Branch Locations; Utah 95 Weber County Fair

Director: jwilson@co.weber.ut.us

Ogden Utah Convention & Visitors Bureau:

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Fielding Garr Ranch: www.davisareacvb.com

Century RV Park, on 2100 South, Ogden:

CenturyRVpark.googlepages.com

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NC Regional Show August 15, 16 & 17, 2008

Branch 11, Winfield, Kansas Contact Floyd Moore, President (620) 326-8729Email floydmoore@sutv.com

SC Regional Show September 6, 2008

Branch 124, Tyler, Texas

Contact Charles Parmley, President (903) 581-3811



Without the Armed Forces of the United States of America, we would not have the freedom we enjoy today... for freedom is never "free". Please continue to

pray for all of those who are currently serving and remember those that performed the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives for our country.

Don't Let The Memory Of Them Drift Away

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