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TO: All EDGE&TA Members

Larry Voris, President-Director at Large

Physical Damage Insurance Program coming soon.

I would like to report that your Board of Directors has been working on Physical Damage Insurance Coverage for our EDGETA members. This has been in the process since early May. It all started to come together around the time of the 2007 National Meeting in Hutchinson, KS. Our agent met with the full board and offered 2 plans that would cover our equipment for physical damage. This is coverage that some of our members had asked for in the past. It has taken many hours and much discussion before the BOD decided which way to go. This coverage will be for EDGETA members only.

It was the decision of the BOD to go with a program offered by the Hanover Insurance Company. The Hanover Insurance Company is the type company that can do several things to help our Insurance program in the future if needed.

This program will be administered by our insurance agent, Carrel Sanders. We will put all the information on our (www.edgeta.org) web site. The information can be printed off, filled out and mailed with your check directly to the agent. It is not the plans of the BOD to get directly involved in the administration of this program. The policy is an Inland Marine type policy for those of you that understand the insurance lingo. This is not a modified automobile policy. They have 3 options of coverage. This program is designed to provide physical damage coverage for antique tractors, gas engines and related mobile equipment.

- **Option A:** Coverage applies to scheduled equipment for physical damage only. The Insured property will be covered at the insured premises, in transit, at a trade show or exhibition or elsewhere.
- **Option B:** Coverage is available for your trailers used to transport your tractors and equipment.
- **Option C:** Coverage is available for equipment and hand tools used to maintain your tractors and engines.
- Tractors, engines and equipment can be covered if greater than 20 years old. Any age is eligible for trailers and tools used with our antique tractors and engines.
- Items over \$20,000 value must have current photo and appraisal to support the limit of insurance.
- Coverage is "All Risk" subject to the policy terms.
- The insuring agreement is "Agreed Value" subject to the applicable deductible. Trailers and tools valuation clause is actual cash value.
- Minimum Premium: \$50 per Memorandum per member, regardless of the amount of coverage. Example: One antique tractor with a value of \$7000, with a \$250

- deductible, $\$7000 \times .55 = \39 . If you used the \$500 deductible, $\$7000 \times .45 = \31.50 or a deductible of \$1000 would be $\$7000 \times .40 = \28.00 . You could insure 2-\$7000 tractors for \$56.00 using the \$1000 deductible option. This is not a minimum of \$50 per each piece of equipment. It is a Minimum of \$50 per EDGETA member that uses the services. If you chose not to insure any of your equipment, it doesn't cost you anything.

Our agent advised us to go for the higher deductibles and not to "nickel and dime" the company for frivolous claims.

I have only given you a small over all view of the coverage. For further information, we will have this loaded on the web site soon. You will be able to figure the cost and coverage yourself. The policy will be loaded on the web site for you to read. You will be able to fill out the application on the web site and print it off or print it off, fill it out and mail it and your check to the insurance agent. All of his information will be posted.

We hope this will be a good program for all our EDGETA members.

I would like to thank all of our members for a safe show season so far this year. Keep up the good work.

Dorene Yearian, Vice President - NC Director PLAN FOR NEXT YEARS SHOWS

The show season is winding down and winter is on the way. I hope everyone had a safe and fun filled summer going to all the shows. I know you don't want to think about the next season's shows, but now is a good time to start planning them.

The 2008 National is in the state of Washington hosted by Branch 26 in April.

The SE Regional show is in the state of Alabama hosted by Branch 139 in April (One week before National)

The NW Regional show is in the state of Idaho hosted by Branch 7 in June.

The NE Regional show is in the state of New York hosted by Branch 174 in July.

The SW Regional show is in the state of Utah hosted by Branch 95 in August. (One week before the NC Regional show)

The NC Regional show is in the state of Kansas hosted by Branch 11 in August.

The SC Regional show is in the state of Texas hosted by Branch 124 in September.

If you attended the National and all the Regional shows you would be able to see a lot of the USA. They are spaced apart so that you could attend all them. Go to our website www.edgeta.org/shows for further information on the shows

Show your support and go to as many as you can. Attend the meetings and give us your opinion and feelings regarding the organization. We feel that every member and branch is important to this organization. Your input and your vote are needed to help us do our jobs. Looking forward to meeting all of you at next year's shows. If at any time, you have questions, please contact any one of us and we will be glad to assist you. We are listed on the website.

Insurance Update, October 2007 by Dick Tombrink

Another show season is about over for the northern part of the US, but it is still a busy time for the southern part. Looking at the EDGETA web site Branch Event Calendar, there are still a lot of events happening in October. As I write this it is raining here in Montana tonight, and the prediction is for snow by morning in higher elevations.

Reporting of branch events is going well, but I still see some being reported at the last minute. Please try to report your events between 30 days and no later than 10 days prior to the event. That allows time for the insurance agent to pass your event info on to the insurance carrier. When you submit your event on the internet, the event is added to the Branch Event Calendar on the web site, and is shown in red (which means it is reported to the insurance agent). This indicates to anyone who may attend your event that it is has been reported to the insurance agent, and all participants will be covered by our insurance. Please try to submit your events on the web page so they will get entered on the web page Branch Events Calendar, instead of faxing them to the insurance agent. By submitting them on the internet, our web master will automatically list them on Branch Event Calendar. If they are faxed, they bypass our webmaster and do not get listed on the Branch Event Calendar. Remember if you do not report your event, you do not have insurance coverage nor does any of the visiting branch members.

We have also made a change on the request for Proof of Insurance Certificate/Additional Insured Certificate. Now we have added a fax number box so you can add fax numbers. The insurance agent can then fax the copies back to the land owner, etc. It should speed up the return, especially if time is a factor.

This is the time of the year when branches are electing new officers for next year. Please be sure to pass on to the new officers the reporting requirements for events. If they have any questions they can send me an email, but if you pass your knowledge on to them it will greatly help.

And now for the good news, our insurance premium and National dues for 2008 will be the same as this year, \$5 for the insurance premium and \$4 for the National dues for a total of \$9. No increase!

Due to the diligence of each one of you we are about to complete another year without any accidents or injuries. You are all to be commended on making safety your first priority. Congratulations to all.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS

Howard D. Hodson, Director

The South Central Region's show season is about over for 2007 and the preparation for the 2008 show season is well under way in the southern part of our area. The 2007 season was great although sometimes a little wet.

The National show in Hutchinson, KS was a little hot. Those who attended the show seemed to be enjoying themselves in spite of the heat. There were a lot of rare tractors at the show. The National meeting brought very few changes for 2008.

Branches 116 and 120, hosted the SC Regional Show in Broken Arrow, OK, September 28th – 30th, 2007. Even though the show was some what smaller than I had expected they did a great job hosting the show. There were a lot of unique tractors and engines on display at the show.

The request for the Youth Driver Training Certificates continues to come in and 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, 2008 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.

Think "Safety All The Time" and you will never be involved in an accident!

EDGE&TA HALL OF FAME UPDATE

Howard D. Hodson, Coordinator

The 2007 Hall of Fame had 5 nominations for this honor and all 5 will have been inducted into the Hall of Fame by the time you are reading this article. They were: Vance West, Branch 16, MO; Al Hauschildt, Branch 49, CA; Dax Kimmelshue, Branch 136, CA; Cliff Northcote, Branch 22, CA; Ralph Ramsey, Branch 16, MO.

We are now accepting nominations for the 2008 Hall of Fame. If you or your branch knows of someone who is deserving of this honor, please submit their nomination as soon as you can. The deadline for submitting nominations for 2008 is April 15, 2008. The selection for 2008 will begin around May 1, 2008. We will be inducting 6 new Hall of Fame nominees during 2008.

If you would like to participate as a judge for the Hall of Fame please submit you name to, Howard D. Hodson, 10227 Atkins Road, Bentonville, AR, 72712 or e-mail it to okiteah@juno.com. I will need to select 3 judges from that list before May 1, 2008.

From the secretary-Ruth Warnock

WE CONTINUE TO GROW

We have added 2 new branches and we have over 10,000 members. We welcome the new branches to our organization.

183 – Northridge, California

184 – Corrales, NM

Reminder: A list of directors and officers and advisors are included with this newsletter. The director and advisor/s assigned to your area are available to help you answer any questions you might have.

**Southeast Regional Show Report from
Director George Christmas**

Happy harvest Days from the southeast region. It has been a long hot and dry summer for my area. I am looking forward to cooler weather! Fall is here and there is a show or town festival every weekend. It is also time to start looking at those winter projects. What will it be this year? Will it be something new or something that you just hadn't gotten to the year before? I would like to thank everyone for their continued observance of safety. Our hobby is safe because of the preparations everyone makes. It only takes a few moments to prevent an accident or to avoid it altogether.

I was the victim of not being prepared a couple of weeks ago. I was out of town traveling. I am an asthmatic. I normally use only my inhaler if I need medication. I also have a nebulizer just in case. I rarely use it so prior to this trip I have never considered taking it along. Well to make matters worse I did not know where the hospital was and as luck would have it there was no one available at the hotel desk at 3:30am that day. Well needless to say I made it through with a lesson learned. I will travel with my nebulizer in the future. I will also make it a point to locate the hospital just in case. It is very scary to be alone in a strange place and needing medical attention.

I hope this will help someone not end up in the same predicament I ended up in. If you can prepare yourself you should. Always try to stay in control of your situation. Anticipation is the first step to avoiding an accident. Please continue to keep our hobby safe both for the visitors but also for those of us that show our favorite old iron. Hope to see you at some of the shows have a safe fall season.

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***A little update from the northeast director.***

**Wayne Timchuk**

Well with summer behind us and heading into fall I hope everybody had a good safe and enjoyable summer at their shows. I want to thank Rodney Richards and his crew in West Virginia for the fine show that we had for our northeast regional meeting. They have a well-organized and a very safety conscious bunch of people in that organization. The meeting was a little small but we had a good time and the food was super good. Thanks again Rodney for a fine job.

I also want to thank the branch at Hutchinson Kansas for the fine show that they put on to host our national meeting. Those folks were well-organized and safety conscious. It was good seeing all the other directors and their families again.

I enjoyed the trips to both shows as the weather was great and the scenery was good to.

have had a very busy summer with a show every weekend somewhere. Our weather has been fairly good as we only had rain at a couple of shows. We had four major Oliver shows in August and early September. We went from Mt Gilead, Ohio to Forest Ontario and then back to Portland, Indiana. Then Labor Day weekend we had our state Oliver show at Gibsonburg Ohio. We had a tremendous amount of Oliver tractors, Oliver machinery and of course the Oliver Toy trailer owned by Bev and Donnie Fischer.

In my area here in Ohio we have been very lucky as we got rain when needed and not a whole lot of extra but also in our area some of the areas got flooded real bad. The farmers are just starting to harvest soybeans and some of the corn is coming off. The yields have been all over the place some very good in some not so good.

Be looking forward to the up-and-coming holiday seasons! And in closing I hope everybody had a real enjoyable summer. Now summer is winding down we need to remember to prepare our tractors and engines for the up-and-coming winter. I know you folks down south don't worry about as much as we have to up north. We surely do not want any freeze ups in any of our engines this winter.

As always remember safety first! As we go into the fall season be doubly careful as rain and snow make it a lot more treacherous loading and unloading machinery.

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SOUTHWEST REGION

This summer went fast, only 100 shopping days left before Christmas. We left home early in July headed to the National Show in Hutchinson, KS hosted by BR 55 on July 14&15. We thought we left the heat behind, but it followed us. In Oklahoma City, rain, now what, this doesn't happen in the California desert, so out with the user's manual to find out how to turn on the windshield wipers. Arrived in Hutchinson safely, checked in, then proceeded to tour the show grounds and meet with the officials. There were many tractors, but few engines. It turned out to be a good show, although a little warm. It was there that I learned that I would be conducting the meeting at the NC Regional Show in MN. After packing up on Monday we followed our friends to their home in Niangua, MO where we would spend the next three weeks. As luck would have it, I celebrated a birthday while there and our friends treated us to a day at Silver Dollar City (Branson) what a blast! It was really a super day. We also spent several days at the Ozarks Empire Fair. August 8th, time to say our goodbyes and thank our friends for a wonderful time and head to Minnesota to the NC Regional Show. Glad I found out how to turn on the windshield wipers, rain, wind, lightning, thunder, hail. After some frantic moments with the car quitting six times on the interstate, we made it to our motel in Taylors Falls, MN just a stones throw to the State of Wisconsin. A few miles north would be the Almelund Threshing Show grounds on 100 acres where BR 1 would be hosting the NC Regional Show. The Branch had a very nice

setup and was very safety conscious (did they know that I was coming?) The branch members were very accommodating and we had a great time. As for the Threshing Show, amazing, at least 800 tractors, all the like colors together, engines, steam saw mill, shingle and lath mill, threshing machine, snow fence making, glass blowing and over two acres of swap meet. The featured tractor was the Rockol which was produced by The Custom Mfg. Company. The company also built the Custom, Wards and Lehr Big Boy. We left Sunday at noon, now heading to Minden, NV for the twelfth annual Antique Engine & Tractor Show, this year hosted by BR 132 on a 10 acre site owned by Dorine & Bill Ramsden. There were antique tractors, garden tractors, engines, cars, trucks and many other antique items as well as a swap meet. Arrived home just in time for BR 65's monthly meeting. In all we traveled 6500 miles thru 15 States and was gone 55 days.

Next up the SW Regional October 5-7 hosted by BR 27 in Paso Robles, CA. See you there.

Submitted by Don Young SW Director/Safety Chairman

The 2007 NW Regional EDGETA show was hosted by Br 159, at Tillamook, OR, an area with some very interesting things to see, as well as a very nice location for our show. It was on the grounds of The Blue Heron Cheese and Wine Co. The Steam Traction engine at the show was theirs. Interesting tours of their plant were available, and of course, very handy. The grounds were very nice, well laid out, and close to parking. The displays of the show were very well arranged, with plenty of room for everything, and showed lots of forethought and planning.

I seem to use this word 'very' a lot, but that is just the way it was!

This was all done by a some what new club, celebrating their 4th anniversary! They hosted a show second to none, however.

We went across town Sat at 5:30 for the ample, worthwhile, meal, followed by the business meeting.

I mentioned interesting things to see, which includes the larger Tillamook Cheese Company, where the world famous Tillamook Cheddar Cheese is made. The writer found time to tour that plant, and must say, it is worth driving a great distance to see! The other tour taken was through the Tillamook Air Museum, also absolutely worth seeing! This is the building built to house the huge blimps, used to patrol the coastline watching for the Japanese who might bomb us during WW2. It is the largest wooden structure in the world! Originally, there were 2 of them, but one was used at one time to store baled hay, and it burned.

Gus Peterson

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**2007 NW Old Iron Show Report - by Vince Bogard, Show Coordinator**

EDGE&TA Branch 159 held its 4th annual old iron show Aug 18/19, 2007 at the Blue Heron French Cheese Co. just north of downtown Tillamook The club was honored to be selected to host the NW Regional EDGETA show this year. We're pleased to say the show displays are still growing!

The Northwest Region of EDGETA includes the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

Thirteen EDGETA clubs were represented from the NW Region and five (5) from the SW Region.

EDGETA National representatives here for the show were National & Regional Show Director Gus Peterson of Monument OR; NW Advisor Jan Hedge from Gooding ID; and NW Advisor Alan Schurman of Ridgefield WA.

There were more than 60 exhibitors plus 10 Swap Meet Vendors. Exhibits included nearly 40 tractors and numerous antique engines.

Some of the most interesting exhibits were:

two (2) outstanding antique logging tool displays  
1 was hand tools, and 1 was power tools

two (2) displays of model engines (mostly ¼ scale), including 1 that was the size of the palm of a hand

Buffalo Pitt steam tractor owned by Blue Heron (always a crowd pleaser!)

NW Advisor Jan Hedge from Idaho had a crowd pleaser too. She was serving delicious ice cream both days – the ice cream maker was operated by an antique gas engine.

Five (5) Tillamook High School FFA members (Future Farmers of America) competed in the following:

Tractor maneuvering    Pallet Loading  
Tractor loading        Tractor operator  
Tractor/cultivator operation

We had 750 paid adult admissions. Did not do tickets for children. Visitors to the show – travelers from as far as Florida and Frankfurt Germany.

We advertised the show to be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday & Sunday. We apologize to folks who came later in the afternoon Sunday. Many exhibitors who came from quite a distance, started leaving as early as 2 p.m. which was a disappointment to the public. Next year our Sunday hours will be shortened. Come see us in 2008, the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of August.

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I would like to wish all EDGE&TA members and their families a bountiful Thanksgiving.



## CHRISTMAS TREES

Most 19th-century Americans found Christmas trees an oddity. The first record of one being on display was in the 1830s by the German settlers of Pennsylvania, although trees had been a tradition in many German homes much earlier. The Pennsylvania German settlements had community trees as early as 1747.



In 1846, the popular royals, Queen Victoria and her German Prince, Albert, were sketched in the Illustrated London News standing with their children around a Christmas tree. Unlike the previous royal family, Victoria was very popular with her subjects, and what was done at court immediately became fashionable—not only in Britain, but with fashion-conscious East Coast American Society. The Christmas tree had arrived.

By the 1890s Christmas ornaments were arriving from Germany and Christmas tree popularity was on the rise around the U.S. It was noted that Europeans used small trees about four feet in height, while Americans liked their Christmas trees to reach from floor to ceiling.

The early 20th century saw Americans decorating their trees mainly with homemade ornaments, while the German-American sect continued to use apples, nuts, and marzipan cookies. Popcorn joined in after being dyed bright colors and interlaced with berries and nuts. Electricity brought about Christmas lights, making it possible for Christmas trees to glow for days on end. With this, Christmas trees began to appear in town squares across the country and having a Christmas tree in the home became an American tradition.

### Tree Trivia

Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the United States since about 1850.

In 1979, the National Christmas Tree was not lighted except for the top ornament. This was done in honor of the American hostages in Iran.

Between 1887-1933 a fishing schooner called the Christmas Ship would tie up at the Clark Street bridge and sell spruce trees from Michigan to Chicagoans.

The tallest living Christmas tree is believed to be the 122-foot, 91-year-old Douglas fir in the town of Woodinville, Washington.

The Rockefeller Center Christmas tree tradition began in 1933. Franklin Pierce, the 14th president, brought the Christmas tree tradition to the White House.

In 1923, President Calvin Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony now held every year on the White House lawn.

Since 1966, the National Christmas Tree Association has given a Christmas tree to the President and first family.

Most Christmas trees are cut weeks before they get to a retail outlet.

In 1912, the first community Christmas tree in the United States was erected in New York City.

Christmas trees generally take 6-8 years to mature.

Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska.

100,000 people are employed in the Christmas tree industry.

98 percent of all Christmas trees are grown on farms.

More than 1,000,000 acres of land have been planted with Christmas trees.

77 million Christmas trees are planted each year.

On average, over 2,000 Christmas trees are planted per acre.

You should never burn your Christmas tree in the fireplace. It can contribute to creosote buildup.

Other types of trees such as cherry and hawthorns were used as Christmas trees in the past.

Thomas Edison's assistants came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees.

In 1963, the National Christmas Tree was not lit until December 22nd because of a national 30-day period of mourning following the assassination of President Kennedy.

Teddy Roosevelt banned the Christmas tree from the White House for environmental reasons.

In the first week, a tree in your home will consume as much as a quart of water per day.

Tinsel was once banned by the government. Tinsel contained lead at one time, now it's made of plastic.

In 1984, the National Christmas Tree was lit on December 13th with temperatures in the 70s, making it one of the warmest tree lightings in history.

34 to 36 million Christmas trees are produced each year and 95 percent are shipped or sold directly from Christmas tree farms.

California, Oregon, Michigan, Washington, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina are the top Christmas tree producing states.

The best selling trees are Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, and White Pine.

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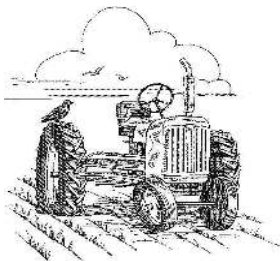
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