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From our president Larry Voris

This summer has been hot. But I think we survived better than we did in 1953 and 54 because we now have air conditioning and we didn't then. It won't be long until we will be wishing for some of that heat. I would rather have temperature of 100 than 0.

We had a good time at our National show this year in Winfield, KS. It was hot but like I said if it had been 0 we wouldn't have been sitting under the shade trees with our gas engines running, parading our tractors and eating homemade ice cream.

Now, let's talk about add-on weights for tractor pulls. At our National Board meeting we voted to allow weights on tractors that compete in tractor pulls. All add-on weights must be securely attached.

If any *weights* or parts fall off the tractor during the pull, that entry will be disqualified. It is up to the pulling club to determine what kind of weights are to be allowed. Tractors before 1960 didn't have suitcase weights. They had bolt-on wheel weights or ballast in the tires. Lately I have noticed some 5 & 10 pound suitcase weights being used at tractor pulls. They looked like that had been laser cut and would fit in with the other weights. Whatever you use try and make it look neat and be sure it is securely attached.

Dick Tombrink and Don Young were both re-elected to the board for a 3-year term. Larry Voris was re-elected as president of the board and Dorene Yearian was re-elected as vice president. Ruth Warnock is retiring at the end of this year. She will be missed but we must move on. We took applications until September 1 and now we will make a decision on hiring a new secretary. We had 5 new Hall of Fame Inductees this year: Arnold Price, Branch 201, Dale Richardson, Branch 54, Gary Yaeger, Branch 187, Robert Rhode, Branch 29 and Sheridan Hansen Branch 134. Congratulations to these 5 outstanding inductees.

I had robotic surgery the last of August. I have been told this is far better than open surgery. I saw the machine before my lights went out. It was big with a lot of arms sticking out of it. I asked the Doctor where he sat and he pointed to a consul on the other side of the room. I woke up with 7 holes in my stomach area and I'm doing fine. Relating this to the farming side, they plant corn by the use of a GPS, run the combines by GPS and many other things automatically that we wouldn't have thought about even 20 years ago, let alone 50-60 years ago. My dream back in the 60's was to have a lawn mower that I could operate from my lawn chair on the front porch. Why didn't I follow through on that dream? This is all possible now. You're afraid to say, what will they think of next.

The 2012 National Show will be hosted by Branch 29 at Huntley, MT, Aug 18-19, 2012. Now is the time to start planning for this show. I am writing this the last of August and you will get it in October and by then it will be about time to start winterizing our equipment. Time sure moves fast when we're having fun. See you all later.

Insurance Update, September 2011

By Dick Tombrink

We attended the EDGETA NW Regional Meeting and Show on July 15-16 at Schurman's Iron Ranch in Ridgefield, WA. If you have not been there it is a great collection to visit. Alan Schurman has collected a lot of very interesting old tractors, stationary engines, fire trucks, bicycles, old pedal cars, etc. His museum is full of fully restored antique pieces. The show grounds is perfect for hosting an event such as the NW Regional Meeting and show. Although mother nature did not fully cooperate in that it rained on Sunday, (Saturday was a great day) everybody took it in stride and the show went on. I was impressed with the emphasis on safety at the show. Safety meetings were held each day, and two safety officers made it their full time job to monitor safety. In order to keep the

speed of tractors down they made it a rule that tractors could go no faster than a person walks on the show grounds. You may want to think about adopting that requirement at your shows.

I also attended the National EDGETA Meeting and Show held in Winfield, KS on August 19-21. Since my branch show was held the same weekend, I was only able to stay one day, on Friday. I was there for the National directors meeting, but was not able to stay for the National meeting. I had a difficult choice to make to either attend the National show all weekend or come back to my branch show. I decided to split my time between the two shows. I am sorry I was not able to be there for the induction of Gary Yaeger and Robert Rhode into the Hall of Fame. Both are personal friends on mine, and very deserving of the Hall of Fame award. Keep your eyes open for members of your branch you think are deserving of the Hall of Fame Award. Consult the EDGETA webpage for instructions on how to submit our candidate.

From an insurance standpoint, things are going pretty well. We currently have a claim that occurred when a tractor rolled into a car, inflicting minor damage to the car. It just reinforces that we need to keep our guard up at all times to prevent accidents, and to anticipate what might happen if you let your guard down. Don't let yourself get distracted while operating any sort of machinery.

Requests from the branches for additional insured certificates of insurance and proof on insurance certificates have been streamlined by our web master. She keeps making changes and they all turn out to make the system work better. If you have a problem getting either of these documents, please let me know and I will do what I can to help you. As you probably know the easiest and best way to request either of these documents is on our website, www.edgeta.org. The insurance agent issues all insurance certificates, I cannot do that. EDGETA is not an insurance company. Due to the size of our membership, we are an organization that has developed an insurance package for our branches that is cost effective for all. It is one of the benefits of being a member of an EDGETA branch. As is normal, in order to keep the insurance costs down,

each of us must keep safety in mind to prevent accidents. More importantly, we want everyone to go home at the end of a day at the steam show, threshing bee, tractor pull or whatever, happy, unharmed, and safe.

ADVANTAGES OF THE EDGETA ORGANIZATION

By Dorene Yearian, NC Director

There is a lot you can take advantage of when you join an EDGETA branch or create one of your own (you only need 20 members). You don't even have to have any equipment to join a branch of EDGETA – just join and have fun!

We have a great web site (www.edgeta.org) you can take advantage of – i.e. how to put on a show; how to build a people mover, a barrel train, how to display your equipment safely, information on steam tractors, etc. There is a multitude of information to help you. There is even the serial numbers of Waterloo Boy Engines – who doesn't like Waterloo Boy Engines.

At a branch show you get the camaraderie of like people of the same interest. They like engines, implements, tractors, etc just like you do. They know people who know people that might have that special part you have been looking for to put your favorite implement, tractor, or etc. back in working order just like your father, your mother, or uncle, etc remembers. You make lasting friendships when you network. You have people to visit while showing your equipment at a show. You learn something new at each and every show/gathering you participate or attend. You get to a show with your equipment and you need help unloading – it's there; your spark plug fouls, a spring breaks, etc., someone has another one or knows where you can buy or get one. You can attend a branch show without any equipment and make great and lasting friends.

The organization offers you the opportunity to attend or hold a Regional or a National Show and meeting (after you have been a branch for five years). We have six Regional shows/meetings a year in each of the regions – Northwest, Southwest, North Central, South Central, Northeast, or the Southeast. There is always an EDGETA (Regional or National) show/meeting in your neck of the woods each year. The National show alternates

across the United States. The EDGETA organization even offers to help your branch put on the show with information, support, and money. This organization gives the branches hosting a Regional Show \$300 and if your branch hosts a National Show the organization gives the branch \$1000. This money is to help you advertise the show (mail Chamber Commerce and show information to other and surrounding branches); help you set up and advertise, rent chairs, PA system, door prizes, dinners, etc for the annual meeting. At the meetings one or all of the EDGETA directors attend to answer any questions or give out information you might need. Find out what is happening or new in the organization. This is the time to meet new people from across the US and widen your network of great friends.

Join a branch near you or create one of your own with 20 like friends. It creates lasting friendships. This is one way to safely enjoy this hobby of ours no matter what brand you collect.

Report from SC Director, Johnny Burger

In 2001 Branch 37 bought 17 acres for our show grounds. The land is located near Gentry Arkansas in Benton County. We have been paying property tax to Benton County from 2001. This year we won a law suit that we no longer have to pay that Tax. By the constitution of the State of Arkansas a 501-3 nonprofit organization is free of Taxes. But Benton County would not listen till we take them to court. This saved our club about \$1400.00 a year. The law suit cost about \$2200.00 for our lawyer. In two year we will get a return on our money. Our shows are free to the public so the only money we bring in is dues or donation. I know most clubs rent or use fair grounds but if you do get land it might help to know that we won this law suit.

I have to say I have enjoyed the regional and national show this year. If you did not go you missed a great time. I have yet to go to a show and not see something new. Our pass was filled with equipment that would take a life time to research and discover knowledge of it working. That is why this is a great hobby.

Johnny Burger

SW Regional Director, Don Young

While I stare out the window on this cool sunny morning watching the clouds rapidly moving to the southeast, I realize how quickly our show season has passed. It seems like only weeks ago that we were getting our toys out of storage preparing them for the shows ahead. We are also getting older and need to encourage and teach our youth how to follow in our footsteps to keep the hobby alive.

One of the benefits that EDGETA provides to our young members is the Youth Driving Program. Following the guidelines outlined in the Safety Section on the EDGETA.Org web page, the young hobbist upon completion of the program will be given a temporary certificate, which will allow them to operate a tractor on show grounds. A permanent card will be issued at a later date.

Another benefit of being a member of EDGETA is that the insurance company that provides insurance which is available through your membership has agreed to insure youths 12 of age and older.

Some tips on safety, in the past I have observed multiple persons on a tractor, which is designed for one person. This is an unsafe practice and can lead to disastrous results. In some cases when loading your tractor, it is safer to back it on your trailer especially if your ramps are short and steep.

Enjoy your remaining shows and share your knowledge with others.

Don Young, SW Director, Safety Chairman
Youth Driving Coordinator

SE Regional Director, George W Christmas

I would like to thank the members of Branch 79 for hosting this year's national show. The show was held in Winfield, Kansas. Everyone did an excellent job. The harvesting equipment on display was great. I was lucky enough to drive a self propelled New Holland hay baler in the parade of power on Saturday. The baler is a 1957 model owned by Dean Voris from Missouri. The baler is a marvel for it was made from a least 4 different machines. The front pedestal is for a cockshut tractor. It has 2 Wisconsin engines, one powers the drive system of the baler the other powers the hay baler. The rear end is from a Ford truck. There are not many of these left unfortunately. There were plenty of tractors, engines, lawn and garden tractors and some steam engines. I had a great time meeting new folks

visiting with friends. Thanks again for the hard work everyone did putting the show together.

There is always a hall of fame presentation at the national show. Unfortunately a couple of the recipients were not able to make the trip to Kansas to receive their award. One of the recipients happens to be from the Southeast Region. I attended a branch meeting with branch 207 in Monroe, NC on September 6th. I was honored to present Mr. Arnold Price with a hall of fame plaque. He is the president of branch 207. He spends much of his time helping others fix or restore their lawn and garden tractors. Branch 207 is comprised of mostly garden tractors. The club is also known as Dixie Turf Toys. Mr. Price has also made some lawn tractor from the ground up. He and 3 others chartered this branch. The branch is involved very much in the community. Under Mr. Price's leadership they raise and donate money to help many families in their community. When Mr. Price was presented with the award he stated he didn't consider the award for himself but for the entire membership of branch 207. I would like to congratulate Mr. Price on his induction in to the Early Days Gas Engine and Tractor Association Hall of Fame. I would also like to thank the members of branch 207 for the hospitality they extended to me during my visit to their meeting.

I hope everyone has a safe show season. All the town festivals and fall shows will keep everyone busy for a while. Remember to take the time to ensure that your equipment is in safe operating condition. Rope off the displays that are running and working to keep spectators from walking in to them. Remember if you plan to walk off from any running equipment to turn it off before you do walk away. It is our responsibility to keep our hobby safe for the spectators as well as for us. Have a wonderful fall season. I hope to see some of you at the shows.

George W Christmas, Southeast Region Director

Northeast Regional Director-Wayne Timchuk

Hopefully the miserably hot and humid weather is behind us! I don't know where the summer went. It seems like only a week ago we were celebrating Memorial Day and here it is three weeks past Labor Day. I hope everybody had an enjoyable and a safe summer season. I want to thank the K and O branch for hosting our national show. Even though it was a

little warm, it was a very nice show. I want to personally thank the officers and the people that I met and made my stay very enjoyable.

My trip this year was a little different. I left a little early and stopped in La Grange, Indiana at their steam and tractor show. They featured BF Avery, which is some of my collection and I got to see a lot of my friends at that show. That is a very nice show. They have a lot of steam and tractors at that show. The vintage garden tractor club held a regional show that weekend. They had a large display of tractors, steam engines and garden tractors and equipment. It was a well-organized show and they were good hosts.

From there I headed southwest towards Kansas. I kind of run the two lane roads through Indiana and Illinois and saw what a nice country it was and there was a lot of stuff along the road for sale. I then run the interstates through Missouri and into Kansas and down to Winfield. I was a little concerned when I saw they were featuring harvesting equipment, but what a surprise. There was a good selection of Balers, combines and an Oliver cotton picker. I was impressed. They had a real nice selection of tractors and associated equipment to go with it. There was a very nice selection of vendors with tractor and equipment related items.

We held our board meeting at the motel where it was nice and cool. Our national meeting was held on the grounds under Larry and Dean Voris's tent with a nice turnout. I had a lot of fun at all the shows that I went to on that trip. I took two seed potato cutters and you cannot believe the questions that I got about them. The people would walk by my trailer and look and then walk off about 30 minutes later they would come back by and have to know what those two machines were.

I left Winfield Kansas Sunday afternoon and started meandering my way back east and north. I spent three days at the Half Century of Progress Show in Rantoul, Illinois. This show is only held every other year and what a show. This show is held on the old Air Force Base about 1300+ acres. They had over 300 acres of crops to be harvested corn and beans. Everything was harvested with vintage

equipment. I counted 30 some, one row corn pickers in one area. Plus there was 2 row and self-propelled corn pickers. There was a large selection of all makes of tractors and other equipment there. They also featured manure spreaders and had a very good selection from very old to not so old. They also featured in 50 years of Cub Cadet garden tractors and had a very nice selection. Another feature was BIG BLUE built by Kinze Manufacturing which is a four wheel drive with two V-8 Detroit diesels for power. Pretty impressive tractor. They also had a lot of John Deer's repowered with the V- 8 Detroit diesels. His newest repower was a big new John Deere with two 855 Cummins diesels. This was a very memorable show and I would recommend to any buddy to go to it if they can.

Well in closing I want everybody to have a safe and enjoyable fall season Thanksgiving just around the corner and a Merry Christmas is close behind. Remember be safe putting our equipment a way for the winter and have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Wayne Timchuk your Northeast regional Director

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.

EDGETA HALL OF FAME

By Tom Yearian, Chairman

The EDGE&TA Hall of Fame was established in 1998 in the interest of honoring those who have made significant contributions to the collection, preservation, and exhibition of antique tractors, engines, and equipment.

Every EDGE&TA member is eligible for this award. Posthumous submissions will be accepted with past EDGE&TA membership.

Each year the inductees to the Hall of Fame will receive their award in the form of a plaque with their name on it. The announcement of the year's inductees will be made at the National business meeting unless other arrangements are made. This award will be presented to them at the National or Regional Show of their choice. A stand-in can accept the award if the inductee is unable to attend. Their name will then be put on the large Hall of Fame plaque that EDGE&TA keeps along with the previous year's inductees. Their names along with their applications will then be put on our web site for all to view.

This year's inductees to the 2011 Hall of Fame are as follows:

Name	Br/City/State	Where Presented
Arnold Price	207, Monroe NC	NC
Dale Richardson	54, Lewiston ID	ID
Gary Yaeger	187, Helena MT	KS
Robert Rhode	29, Springboro OH	KS
Sheridan Hansen	134, Cedar City UT	AZ

The Hall of Fame chairman chose three anonymous judges that had no affiliation with the nominees. The nominees received two votes from the judges and are now inducted into the Hall of Fame.

In an effort to have all applications judged equally, the following application guideline reviewed at the National Board meeting must now be followed.

**Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association,
Inc
HALL OF FAME
APPLICATION GUIDELINE**

Applicant
Name_____

Branch No. & Name_____

Applicant
Address_____

City_____

State_____ Zip_____

Phone_____

Brief summary of significant contributions to
EDGE&TA.

Brief summary of why this person should be
chosen. Why you are honoring this person.

Brief summary of significant contributions to the
collection, preservation and exhibition of antique
equipment (tractors, engines, implements, etc.)

If the nominee is the recipient of the Hall of Fame,
where does the inductee want to receive their award
– **NATIONAL** or **REGIONAL** show? (circle one)

Person submitting/Contact Person

Branch No_____

Phone Number/E-mail Address_____

Date Submitted_____

*(Above application should be no more than two
pages long)* Attach any other pertinent information
you wish.

Nominee’s application should be
postmarked/mailed to Tom Yearian, Hall of Fame
Chairman,
P.O. Box 82, Niangua MO 65713-0082 or e-mail
trydiron@hughes.net no later than April 15th of the
year the nominee is to be considered.

Tom Yearian, Chairman - EDGE&TA Hall of Fame
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**Secretary/Treasurer/Editor-Ruth Warnock**

**It has been a great  
year! We added 8  
branches to our  
organization in 2011.**



**Since taking this job 14  
years ago, I have  
watched EDGE&TA  
grow from 70 branches  
to 170 branches. Please remind your members  
to follow the EDGE&TA guidelines so that we  
may continue to grow. Remember who we are  
and why we have this wonderful organization.**

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**  
**To promote collection, restoration,  
preservation, and exhibition of gasoline  
and oil engines, gas and steam tractors,  
power driven machinery, and other  
equipment of historical value. Further, to  
promote the fellowship of those with  
common interests.**

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the director in your area is and contact  
her/him if you have any  
questions.**

**Have a safe, happy,  
holiday season.**

