

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

From George Christmas, President and SE Director

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. The weather here in the south has been all over the thermometer. It is extremely warm one day and cold the next. There are a lot of people with pneumonia and flu this season. Please do your best to stay healthy. The most important thing you can do to prevent the spread of germs is to wash your hands.

The time really seems to speed by. It won't be long before the show season is in full swing again. Now is the time to check all of your equipment to ensure it is in perfect working order. It is always a good idea to review the safety section of the website www.edgeta.com. Please make yourself familiar with the requirements and suggestions on how to keep our hobby safe for the spectators as well as other members.

Please remember to include your branch number when corresponding to the national secretary or any of the directors. If you are completing any forms for EDGE&TA you must include you branch number on those as well. The branch number issued when your club joined EDGE&TA is how your branch agreed to be identified during the application process. This speeds up any process concerning your branch.

We hope that the newsletter is getting to more members now. Last year we started sending it to a second contact person within each branch. The newsletter is also posted on the website. We are doing our best to keep the website current. Please help us pass along any information to all members by sharing the contents of the newsletter with your branch members. If you have any questions please contact your regional director or any of the officers, we are here to help.

Please make sure you are updating your officer's information form on the website. It is important for the directors to have up-to-date contact information for each branch. It is also important from an insurance stand point. If the officer's information is not up to date, the officers are not covered by the D&O insurance provided to the

officers for each branch. Remember dues are to be paid by March.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Prosperous New Year! I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends this year! Please take every precaution to make our hobby safe for everyone.

George W Christmas, Southeast Regional Director

Insurance Update, December 2013, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

There are several insurance related items that are changing. I want to bring those to your attention. Several FAQ's on the website are being changed or deleted. At this time some of the changes have not been made on the website, but they should be done shortly. The changes are listed below.

1. To be deleted, EDGETA website, FAQ #26, which asks, **We are using an organization called "XYZ Association" for our tractor pull. They have an insurance policy, but are not members of the National EDGE&TA club. Do we need to fax a copy of their policy to you before the show and do their members under their insurance have to still join our club before they can pull?**

The reason it is being deleted is our insurance covers tractor pulls for antique tractors as spelled out in our website tractor pull safety section. It is no longer permissible for branches to allow other organizations to have tractor pulls in conjunction with an EDGETA tractor pull or show. These other organizations do not follow the EDGETA safety guidelines, and are probably modified and "souped up" tractors, which are not allowed under our guidelines. If there was an incident involving the other organization, our insurance would be brought into the legal suit just because it was our show.

2. To be changed, EDGETA FAQ # 28, which states, **Does EDGETA insurance cover a member while riding in his golf cart?**

The new answer is **No, our insurance does not cover golf carts, ATV's, 4 wheelers, Tote Goats, scooters, or like vehicles. Members are encouraged to contact their auto or homeowners insurance agent and obtain personal insurance to cover these vehicles.**

The reason is our insurance policy specifically excludes any mobile equipment that can be licensed for road use. Branch members that operate these vehicles at an EDGETA show need to see their insurance agent and get coverage before bringing them to the show.

3. In the website safety section, page 1, the word sponsored has been deleted from this sentence,

SAFETY MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EDGE&TA EVENTS

The reason "sponsored" was deleted is that it was a carryover from several years ago when we had to report to our insurance carrier our "sponsored" or "sanctioned" events. We are no longer required to report our events to our insurance carrier. The words do not apply anymore, and are confusing.

4. We are also working on providing more guidance on the use of people movers and barrel rides at non EDGETA events. The wording is not yet finalized, but should be shortly. I will cover that in the next newsletter. If you have a question before that comes out, send me an email with your question, and I will get you an answer.

As I write this, it is about 5 days before Christmas. Our weather has been cold and snowy. We had about 6" of snow, and recently 4 nights where it was between -23 and -29 below. We had a warm spell and most of the snow melted or got blown away. About two days ago, we received 4" of snow, and they predict another 4-6" tomorrow. Guess I better get my tractor chained up to plow snow.

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Keep safety number one in whatever you do.

Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director



From Larry Voris, Director-at-Large

In the Mid Central part of the USA, fall hasn't been too good to us. We have had 13 inches of snow and the temperature has been down to -0 F already. I realize that what all the northern states get is a lot worse, but this is bad for us. This has put a hold on some of my projects for the season.

A couple of years ago, I come across an "English Bros Steam Stationary Engine" that was made to run off a stationary boiler. It appears to be about a 25 hp engine. It was in a basket so to speak; the man had taken it apart and boxed all the parts up and let it set. He said, "There it is; see if you can make it run." I got it home and had to use a loader to move it around in my carport. I sorted out all the parts and didn't have a clue what some of them were. I'm a tractor man and I didn't find any spark plugs anywhere in the mess of parts. I cleaned everything and had to make a new slide rod and a few other parts had to be repaired. I started back together with it and one of the steam guys asked me if I had it in "time." I looked at him and said, "It doesn't have spark plugs; does it need to be timed?" He gave me a book to read. I read it and looked at the pictures and it was all Greek to me. So after I got the slide valve together, I sat down and started turning the wheels and adjusted it to where I thought it would work. I took it to the OSEA show grounds and bolted it down the day before I was to have surgery. At the show 2 weeks later, they plumbed the engine into the system. They fired the big boiler and went around and opened the valve a little and gave the wheel a push and it started puffing. I was there a couple of days later and got to sit down and play with it. And heaven forbid--it sounded like a John Deere. At least on the stationary engine I can play with it, turn the valve off and go drive a tractor.

What little history I can find on the engine, it was used in Arkansas at a saw mill pulling an edger or planer. The man I got it from came by and watched for a while and said he didn't think he would ever hear and see it run. I asked him if I should paint it and he said, "No."

I think there is a color code for steam lines and it would be a good idea to paint the lines in your steam buildings if you haven't already done this. That's all for now; see you later. All you folks in CA, TX and FL have a fun and safe winter show season.

Larry Voris, Director-at-Large

From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

Greetings from the Northeast Region

Well, by the time you receive this newsletter, Christmas and New Year's will be history. Hope everybody had a very nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. All the shows and consignment auctions are over for the year. As I'm writing this, all our Christmas parties are over. Farmers harvested the corn and beans in good shape. Crops in my area were above average even though we had a lot of rain during harvest.

Then came old man winter, and we got about 7 inches of snow. We had over two weeks of way below average temperatures. I know you people in the Northeast had a lot worse than we did. Our show season ended in the latter part of October. I don't think any of our shows broke any records. We had a safe show season in my area. Thanks to all the people that made that happen.

I had a few complaints about some of our insurance changes in the newsletters. But you have to remember, we only have two meetings a year. It seems like our insurance company has made some changes midstream, so we really need to put that in the newsletter and then put it up on the website. Hopefully, our members will see it one place or the other.

Now that we will be working in our shops on winter projects, we need to be extra careful. Remember you never can be too safe! When restoring an old tractor, we need to take extra care in supporting the tractor when we remove the wheels. Also, when painting, be sure to have plenty of ventilation. Be sure and check your mask for the right filters for the type of paint you are using. Some of the spray from the paints are really dangerous.

Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

From Don Young—Vice President and SW Regional Director, Safety Chair, Youth Driver Cert.

For some, the show season is slowly coming to an end; for others it's just beginning. We attended two outstanding shows in the SW Region this year. In October, Branch 160 in Las Cruces, New Mexico hosted the SW Regional. We met many new friends that couldn't do enough for us. Spearheaded by Bud Deerman, we had a fantastic time. There we met

Bonnie and Paul Vander Hulst, SW Directors of the Vintage Garden Tractor Club of America, (VGTCOA), of which I am a member.

In November, a Veterans Day Show was held at Flabob Airport in the Riverside, California area. There were many airplanes, custom cars, fifty hit-n-miss engines and many tractors on display. Our own Pat Donovan, VP of Branch 22 represented EDGETA along with twenty-five other members.

January 17-19, Branch 206 will host the SW Regional Meeting in Wellton, Arizona, just 29 miles east of Yuma, Arizona. It will be a great show. Some flyers have been mailed, and they are available on the edgeta.com website. If you are going to display, you must have your yellow card with the current year sticker on it with you. A running display must be at least three feet behind double ropes in a clutter free area with working fire extinguishers and first aid kits that are easily accessible. Tractors must be parked out of gear, brakes set, and/or wheel chocks.

I have been asked if the National has a Newsletter. There is one published four times per year mailed to each branch President and Safety Officer. It is also posted on the webpage.

Another issue this time of year is members that mail in their dues that do not attend meetings for various reasons; some are not receiving their stickers. It is the responsibility of the membership person to make sure they receive their sticker. Also do not remove the current year sticker prior to April 15th.

As some of us are slowing down and eventually retire from our hobby, we need to get younger persons involved to carry on and keep the hobby alive.

This year in the SW Region there were two inductee's into the Hall of Fame, both from California.

Safety is most important in our hobby. Think before you attempt a task and beware of your surroundings.

All y'all have a safe and prosperous new year.

Don Young—Vice President and SW Regional Director, Safety Chair, Youth Driver Cert.





2014 DUES ARE \$12 PER MEMBER

From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

It has been an interesting and busy year. After two or three years of drought, we had much needed rain this year (several five and six inch rains), creating severe damage to roads and other things. There was an abundant hay crop and the busiest brush hogging season ever. In spite of that, I was able to participate in our Branch 37 show September 6-8, where I serve as chaplain. I listened to people's adversities and their blessings, scheduled blue grass gospel singing groups on Saturday, and conducted church service on the grounds Sunday. It seemed to be one of the best shows since I have been a member. Flying Lens Visuals did an aerial video of our show which is outstanding.

I also attended the show in Republic, Missouri September 12-15, which I enjoyed immensely. I took time out in October to take my older brother to the Route US 66 Flywheelers Gas Engine and Tractor Show in Catoosa, Oklahoma. After spending the first two weeks of November cutting and splitting my winter supply of fire wood, Doris and I headed to the SC Regional show early Thursday morning, November 21, arriving in Angleton, Texas about 8:30 that night. I found out that a 12-hour road trip is still hard on an old man.

Early Friday morning, we went to the fairgrounds where Jason Phillip and his dad were unloading and parking tractors. It was 80 degrees when we arrived, but it soon dropped to 40; then came the wind and rain. Forty degrees can be cold with 98 percent humidity and wind. We received a warm and cordial welcome from all the people in Angleton, and enjoyed our stay there. It was a good show although the weather, no doubt, caused participation and attendance to be less than it normally would have been.

We had planned to stay until the show was over Sunday afternoon, but the forecast for freezing rain coming through central and northern Texas late Sunday prompted us and others to leave earlier. In spite of our attempts to get ahead of the weather, we encountered sleet in northern Texas and freezing rain in southern Oklahoma. Twice I lost control on icy bridges, but managed to steer clear of other wrecked vehicles on the bridges. Thank God, we got home without injury to us or our pickup.

Now that we are home in our warm and cozy house, we are iced and snowed in, using the four wheel drive every day. Temperatures are ranging from 8 degrees at night to mid and upper thirties during the day. I am looking forward to spring. I just hope we have enough warm days that I can get my old upright Cushman engine running by spring show time.

Since my major tractor accident in 2008, I think about safety and accidents much more than before. In fact, my daughter Julie has nicknamed me "Worry Wart". I don't let it stop me from enjoying my tractors; I am just much more focused on the possible consequence of what I am doing. Please don't turn a deaf ear when someone reminds you to be safety conscious.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director



"And Bless our Troops"

**Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./
Editor**

I hope that all of you have enjoyed a good holiday season. For East Texas, we've had some unusually cold temperature, but it has been a nice change for me. In an effort to assist you. I'm going to devote my article to answering many questions that I've been receiving both by phone and e-mail from branches regarding the new year and all the issues involved

1. The buttons for 2014 and the new stickers that go on the membership cards will be mailed the last week of January or first week of February. The number sent is based on the membership number that your branch had at the end of the 2013 calendar year.

2. Dues for the new year should be sent to me by March 15. That gives me time to get them processed and deposited so that the members are covered by April 15 when the new year begins. Dues are \$12 per person.

3. The new membership year begins April 15, 2014. The new stickers that will be mailed to you do not become effective until that date. Be sure to place them below or above the current sticker if you attach them to membership cards prior to that date.

4. **No one should receive an EDGETA membership card and sticker except those whose names you send to me as members of your branch. Individuals may not be a member unless they are carried on a branch roster as a member of a designated branch. You may not issue a card to someone who visits your show because they want to pull unless you add them to your roster and send their membership dues within 30 days of that date. I have had a number of calls from individuals who stated that they had been made members but were not on a Branch Roster. They wanted to know how to handle getting their membership renewed individually.**

5. Forms are available on our website for submitting your membership. You may use those or another spreadsheet if you like. We need name, address and phone number for each member you list.

6. Officers and Directors must be updated on our website at the beginning of each year, even if

they stay the same as the previous year. Otherwise, they are not covered by D&O Insurance. Go to the edgeta.com website, scroll down to "Update Officers" and enter your officers. Be sure to click Submit. The same process is used for updating Directors.

I hope these items will address some of your questions. If you have others, I'll be glad to assist you.

**Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./
Editor**

⇒IMPORTANT INFORMATION⇐

2014

***Annual National EDGETA
Show & Meeting – June 14-15
Branch 51
Lewistown, MT***

Regional Shows & Meetings

*North West Regional Show—July 19-20
Host Branch 36, Carnation, WA*

*South West Regional Show—Jan. 17-19
Host Branch 206, Wellton, AZ*

*North Central Regional Show—Sept. 27-28
Host Branch 55, Inman, KS*

*South Central Regional Show—Sept. 20-21
Host Branch 161—Perry, OK*

*North East Regional Show—Oct. 11-12
Host Branch 103—Berlin Heights, OH*

*South East Regional Show—May 30-31
Host Branch 211—Robertsdale, AL
(Baldwin County)*

See EDGETA.com for details for shows