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## From George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

I would like to thank the members of Branch 42 for hosting the 2017 National Show. The show was held at the Muskegon County Fair Grounds in Fruitport, Michigan. There was a variety of different exhibits to entertain. They had candle making, butter churning, threshing, hay making, tractor pulls, flea market, even a barrel train for the kids and other activities to interest the children. One of the big attractions was the valve cover races. If you have never seen a valve cover race you owe it to yourself to look it up on YouTube. It is like the Pinewood Derby the Boy Scouts hold. You build a racer out of a valve cover. There are certain rules to building a racer but your imagination is the limit. I had a great time at their show. They host this show each year, so if you are in the area during this time of the year, you owe it to yourself to stop by.

We are always looking for ideas to improve our website. If you have suggestions, please contact one of the directors. I received a letter from a member concerning a show guide we had posted on the website in the past. The board has posted that show guide back to the website, and we are currently working to update it. We are putting together a simple page of reference points to help branches when working on a show. This is one of many suggestions the board has used to improve the information made available for the membership. Again, if you have suggestions let us know.

Please share this information with all members. The board of directors are members of the association. We are elected by a vote of the membership. Each director serves a term of 3 years. The directors come from the region they live in with the exception of the director-at-large who may live in any of the regions. The director's terms are posted on the website administration page under each director's photo. This is a membership run association. Please look for the information in the newsletters and on the web site to see when the director position in your

respective regions will be up for re-election. I encourage all those interested to get involved. It takes all of us to keep our association strong. If you are interested in possibly serving as a director please, contact your regional director or any director and talk to them about serving. There are a lot of good ideas out there, and we would like to hear them.

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.

It would be a good idea for each branch to have someone to visit the web site on a regular basis. The web site is the easiest and fastest way we have to reach all the members. There are web pages set up for each branch. These pages can be used to post pictures, show schedules your branch will attend during the year and general information about your branch. You can include things like history of the club and specific items the club collects. If your club does a good bit of charity work, you can tell all about that too. You may even inspire other clubs to do the same thing or give them an idea of their own. The web pages are a great way for the clubs to learn about each other, too. As small as the world seems to be at times, some folks don't get to travel around the United States and having the ability to see clubs from other states or even in their own states through the use of a branches web page can be a treat. You know they say, "A picture is worth a thousand words." There are many members who would be glad to share the knowledge they have with others. The web pages may also help contact with someone with a rare part needed to complete a project. It may also be a way to get more exposure for your branch to get young folks interested in the hobby.

I would like to end this on a note about safety. The safety requirements listed on the website are put

together by members who understand how the equipment we exhibit works. They understand how quick an accident could happen. It only takes a few minutes to make the show or exhibit safe for everyone. I was working on a closet this evening, and I kept thinking “measure twice cut once.” Safety is a lot like that. Look twice to prevent an accident. Take that one extra step to ensure the equipment and exhibit is safe working order and also that the spectators are protected from hurting themselves from over curiosity.

I look forward to seeing you out at the shows during the show season. I hope everyone has a safe summer.

**George W Christmas, President and Southeast Regional Director**

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**Insurance Update, June 27, 2017, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director**

Sue and I just returned home from the EDGETA National Meeting and Show in Fruitport, Michigan and from the NW Regional show in Filer, Idaho. Both were great shows. Fruitport had a good variety of tractors on display. There were also stationary engines, although predominately more tractors.

The NW Regional show in Filer, Idaho was primarily stationary engines. There were over a 100 engines present, and most of them were the rare and unusual engines. Most I had not seen before. It was a great display.

There are several things that I need to emphasize regarding our safety rules. Don't forget to have a fire extinguisher prominently displayed on each tractor that is in a tractor drive or tractor parade. Exhibits with running engines are required to have easy access to a working fire extinguisher located away from stored fuel containers.

At the National and Regional we talked about the need for branches to send in their membership prior to March 15<sup>th</sup> each year. We realize there will be members that will pay their dues later, but we encourage getting as many as you can by that date. If your branch does not send in your membership by April 15<sup>th</sup>, you are reminded that your branch does not have insurance coverage. Our new insurance year starts on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and only those that have sent in their membership will be covered. We are

also advising our insurance carrier of those branches who have not submitted their membership by about April 1<sup>st</sup>. Any certificate of insurance requests will not be sent out until the branch dues are received by Carrie Jo.

We used to have a show guide on our website for those branches that will be hosting the National and Regional meetings. For some reason it got deleted from the website, but it has been resurrected and is now back on the website.

At the NW Regional meeting, I had a question from one of the branches asking if our insurance would cover a hand cranked corn-shucker with spectator kids turning the crank. It would be located within a roped off area with the crank accessible from the outside of the ropes. I checked with our insurance carrier, and he said it would be covered. But he stated it must be done with a branch member closely monitoring and supervising the operation to prevent the child from any injury. He stated the kids are unpredictable, and you need be sure you tell them how to operate the crank to prevent any insurance incident. If you leave your roped off exhibit, be sure to disable or move the corn-shucker so that it is not accessible by kids.

This is one way for branches to get kids interested and involved in our branches. I feel these kinds of activities will go a long way to continue the branch membership in the future. If you find a kid interested in antique engines, or tractors, or other branch activities, please encourage them and work with them to develop that interest. They will be the future members and leaders of our great hobby. If the kids are happy at the show and want to stay longer, their mothers are probably going to stay longer too, and the Dads benefit because they can also stay longer and enjoy the show.

Hope you all have a good and safe show season.

**Insurance Update, June 2017, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director**

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

Summer is here. Temperatures have reached 110° in my area. Tourists from all over the world head for Death Valley to experience high temperatures which recently reached 131°. The first day that I worked there years ago, I enjoyed the cool of my air conditioning from Bishop, CA to Death Valley. Upon my arrival the superintendent informed me that it was 126°, and assured me that it would cool to 100° at night for a comfortable sleep. Not exactly what I had in mind. Due to the abundance of rain here in California this past season there is plenty of dried vegetation now. In certain areas the State employs the use of goats to eat the vegetation to help control the dangers of wildfires. At the present time there are a number of wildfires across the State. As of three months ago from my area at 3000' to 300 miles to the north at 9000' there was 240" of snow. A number of engine and tractor shows have passed with many more to come. There have not been any reported accidents so far, and we hope that it stays that way. Safety is very important.

Recently I heard of a tractor roll over. Was that person practicing safety? Not likely, or it wouldn't have happened. We hope that the rest of the season is fun and safe.

On a personal note, due to major email and USPS issues, I believe that I may have missed a number of Youth Driver applications. I would appreciate it if anyone that has submitted an application and not received a card please use the form on the homepage and resubmit. Thanks.

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

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**From Bob Craig, NC Regional Director**

First things first. I am the new Director for the North Central District. I want to thank Doreen Yearian for all of her help and advice, and also the other Board members for welcoming me to this position. I hope to be in contact or meeting in person as many people involved with EDGETA as possible during the show season.

I have been a member of Branch 16 in Republic, MO for many years. I don't know the exact year I joined, but I first started attending shows there in 1973. I have attended National Shows from Virginia

to California, then north to Alaska and several in between these points. I do enjoy the different displays and diversity of equipment in different areas.

My first official duty was to present 2 Hall of Fame plaques in Cabool, MO at Branch 28. To me, it is very important to recognize the heavy lifting that our members have done through the years. In June, I attended the National Meeting in Fruitport, MI at Branch 42. They had a wonderful showgrounds and facility, lots of good shade, and they certainly set a good table for the Friday Night Meeting. I was pleased to see the number of tractors that had a good passenger seat. I saw only 1 tractor riding double without one, but the Safety Officer quickly took care of that.

Earlier this spring, I attended Branch 37 in the South Central District and got to see 2 good friends, Dale Crawford and Glenn Smith, receive their Hall of Fame plaques.

When the Board reorganized at their Annual Board Meeting in Fruitport, I was appointed to the Insurance Committee, with Dick Tombrink heading that up. The price of our insurance is tied directly to our ability to remain safe. Safety is something we should all be look at.

Use our website EDGETA.com and click on the Safety tab. Please read and understand it; it is there for all of our benefit.

Thank you All!

**Bob Craig, NC Regional Director**

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**From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director**

I have just been home a few days and still trying to catch up. Doris and I left for a week of vacation right after the National show, and things have been extremely busy since getting home.

We enjoyed the National Show in Fruitport, Michigan. There were a good number of tractors on display and a good variety of other displays. As always, we met a lot of nice people and made new friends. We came to appreciate our new North Central Director even more and enjoyed visiting with Bob and his wife. The longer I serve on the BOD, the more I appreciate the board members and officers and the work that they do. I also want to express my appreciation for all the branch officers in the South Central region who work diligently all year long to promote our hobby.

I want to encourage the Branch Presidents of the South Central Region to contact me any time you have questions or to just fill me in on what is happening in your local branch. If I don't have an answer for your questions, I will try to get an answer and get back to you. I would very much like to know the date and location of your shows and events. Although I won't always be able to attend, I will when possible.

I would like to encourage all of you to take advantage of the EDGETA web page, especially branch officers, so that you are familiar with safety rules, Insurance, our Bylaws, and Frequently Asked Questions and answers.

Some of our branches struggle to maintain membership. Here are some suggestions of things that might help you gain members

1. Talk positively about your local branch and its members
2. Invite friends to go with you to your branch meetings and shows.
3. Go out of your way to welcome visitors to these events
4. Brag on the other members of your branch.
5. Never, ever criticize your fellow members to others.
6. Invite a friend to go with you to a Regional or National Show

There are also some things you should not do if you want your branch to grow

1. Don't be a know-it-all.
2. Don't force your opinions on others, respect their right to their own opinion.
3. Don't be a grouch or complainer.

4. Don't criticize everything and everybody. Appreciate what others do even when you 'know' you could do it better.
5. Don't express your unhappiness all the time. These things will discourage others from belonging! Let's keep EDGETA going and growing.

**Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director**

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**From Buster Brown, Director-at-Large**

Not much to report on my job as Director-at-Large. I have been laid up for around 4 months. I am just getting going again. I had a triple Bypass and had some work done on one corner of my heart while they were in there. After I got home, heart started to shut down and went back to hospital for another week. I could not travel, so missed the National Meeting and was looking forward to that one.

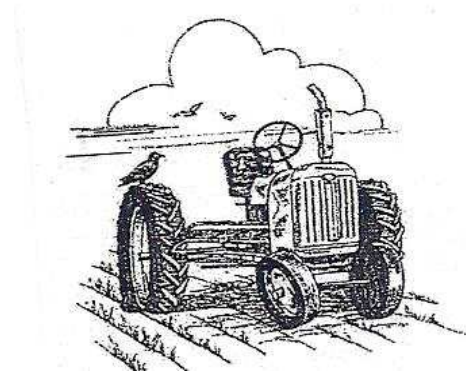
I also had reservations for the Coolspring Show the following weekend, and I also had to cancel them. They were featuring hot air engines, and I have furnished information for people back East for 45 years and have never met some of them.

I have spent a lot of time the last 3 weeks talking to other EDGETA branches trying to get them to update their officers and send in memberships.

If any officers have questions, feel free to call me any time: 928-210-6751

**From Buster Brown, Director-at-Large**

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Practice "Safety First"



**Pray for our Armed Services**

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**Morrie Robinson, NW Advisor and Show Coordinator**

Changes for selection of National EDGETA Shows

Prior to 2017, the country consisted of 2 divisions for selection of Branches to host a National: divisions: 1. NW/SW

- 2. All remaining Branches EAST of Division 1

Effective in 2017, the country now consists of 3 divisions for National Show locations:

- 1. NE/SE
- 2. NC/SC
- 3. NW/SW

By dividing the country into 3 divisions versus 2 gives east and central Branches more opportunity to host an EDGETA National Show. The timeline for hosting a National is:

- 2017 NE/SE
- 2018 NC/SC
- 2019 -NW/SW
- 2020 NE/SE – etc.

Also, effective in 2017, there will be NO Regional Show in region hosting a National. (i.e., the 2017 National was in the NE so there was no Regional in the NE.)

A question often asked at National and Regional meetings is how a Branch is selected to host a National and or Regional Show.

There are 2 lists for me to select each type of show: a National list and Regional list. Both Shows are selected by the NEXT Branch Number within the division or region. If a Branch declines, the next number is asked if they would like to host a show.

If you have further questions contact my email: [antiquetractor@yahoo.com](mailto:antiquetractor@yahoo.com)

**From Morrie Robinson., National & Regional Show Coordinator**

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**From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Ed.**

I fully agree with all of the comments above in the articles from the Directors regarding the National Show in Fruitport, MI. Like George, we were really taken with the Valve Cover Derby. I took several pictures, and we are going to try to get that started in our branch at home. It’s definitely something the kids would like. We had a wonderful time while there. A big part of these shows is making new friends and reaping the rewards of their hospitality.

I can only guess that I had an opportunity that some of the directors did not have. One day, Bob Johnson and Howie Piccard took both my husband and me on a tour of Grand Haven. We visited the beach, watched the vessels on Lake Michigan, saw the visitors in the hammocks along the shore and volleyball players on the sand. After a wonderful lunch at a restaurant overlooking Lake Michigan, we had a tour of the city and the old buildings, which were so well-maintained. In short, we had our private tour guides—true “Northern Hospitality.” They offered to take us on a tour of the apple orchards that evening, but we were so exhausted, we just could not go anymore.

We’re looking forward to seeing them at the Red Power Roundups in the future. Bob and his wife were in Des Moines in late June, but I’m sorry to say that we left a day early, so missed them this year. However, we plan to try to meet up with them at the next RPRU.

As several have mentioned, please utilize the website, as it will answer many of your questions.

Some of you still have not updated your officers and directors for this year. It causes a delay in my sending information to your branch when we do not have the correct contact information for all of your officers. I have packages of membership cards returned to me as “undeliverable” because of incorrect addresses, which causes a delay for the branch and additional shipping costs to the membership. Current information solves many issues.

“Thank you” to all of you who work hard to keep your information in order and send correct lists with the proper amount for dues. This is a big job for all of you people who handle membership, but I really do appreciate your efforts.

Good luck to all of you as you have your shows and visit others. I look forward to working with all of you in the future to make EDGETA a success.

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

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# *Important Dates*

Southeast Regional, July 1-4, 2017  
Host - Branch 125, Denton, NC

Southwest Regional, July 21-22, 2017  
Host – Branch 222, Artesia, NM

North Central Regional, Aug. 11-13, 2017  
Host – Branch 1, Taylor Falls, MN

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# *2018 National Meeting & Show*

*June 29-30, 2018*

*Branch 107 – Emporia, KS*

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