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TO: All EDGE&TA Members
Larry Voris, President-Director at Large

Happy New Year 2007. I hope everyone had a good year in 2006. All the projects we didn't finish this year will have to wait until next year. It seems that I start a project and something comes up that I need something and I push it back. I hope none of you are this way.

I have started making plans for the National show in Hutchinson, KS next year. I have had several e-mails with George Bell about the upcoming show. If you go on the web page there is a good run down of the activities and attractions to see in the Hutchinson area.

The web page is up and running. If you have questions on our insurance program, go to the Insurance section and click on Questions & Answers or (Q & A). I think you will find that most questions are answered here. Sally has a new calendar on the site. This is a printable calendar by months that you can print off and write in show dates so you can keep track of all the events you plan to attend this next year.

All you snowbirds going west, don't miss Welton, Quartzsite and Indio. I haven't heard of anything in South Texas, We're planning to be in Fort Meade, FL at the Florida Flywheelers Show who is hosting the Massey Expo in February.

As I mentioned last year at about this same time, dig something out and mount it on one of your tractors or something to belt to a gas engine. We want the spectators to stop and look rather than walk on by your exhibit. Another thing is to set up your show grounds and give each spot a number and draw for spots.

We all get in a groove and want the same place every year. At our show I used to like to set our tractors up close to the front. We finally moved down to the back row. Now if I need to go somewhere I drive a tractor, then at the end of the day I walk the grounds trying to find where I left a tractor. It is farther to walk, but hasn't every one of your Doctors told you to walk more. We had another "safe" year and hope we can continue it through 2007. To all of you keep up the good work and lets all have another good show year.

We have decided to give Dorene Yearian, NC Director/Vice President

a break. She has faithfully submitted 2 articles for each newsletter in the past. She gets time off for all her efforts serving the membership this year.



Insurance Update, December 2006
By Dick Tombrink NW Director

One of the "Good News" changes that you may need to be reminded of for 2007 is that our insurance premium has gone down. In 2007 your total payment per member to the National EDGETA will be \$9, (not \$10 as it was last year). The National dues remain at \$4 but the insurance premium was reduced to \$5, by your National Directors. This is because our EDGETA insurance premium has gone down. As you may remember the directors will review this yearly and adjust the insurance premiums so that the amount paid in about equals the total EDGETA insurance premium. So when your branch sends in your 2007 National Dues and insurance premiums, send \$9 per member (this goes to Ruth Warnock). This is due by March 15.



The events that are sponsored by your branch must be reported to the insurance agent between 30 and no later than 10 days prior to the event. (Non sponsored events do not need to be reported, and those EDGETA branch members that attend do have our EDGETA insurance coverage, but must follow EDGETA safety requirements.) I continue to see branches reporting events (or shows) at the last minute. There should not be any reason why sponsored events cannot be reported prior to 10 days before the event. Please be sure you report your events at least 10 days prior to the event. If they are reported later than 10 days prior to the event, there is a chance you may not have coverage for your event. You may also remember that now you need to include an estimate of the spectator attendance at your event **prior** to the event. You do not need to report the spectator attendance **after** the event as you have done in the past. The form on the web page to report your events has been changed to reflect these requirements.

Another change this year involves your branch people mover used at non-sponsored events. If you take your people mover to a branch non-sponsored event, the insurance carrier has asked that your branch report it as a sponsored event.

The insurance agent will no longer be sending out insurance certificates in April/May to each branch as they have done in the past. In years past each branch could show this form to those asking for proof that your branch had insurance. This year, if someone needs proof that your branch has insurance; go to the EDGETA web site, under insurance info for the form to submit to request proof of insurance. It will be sent to the person requesting the proof of insurance, not your branch.

Please visit our EDGETA web page, www.edgeta.org, and click on insurance info. We have updated most of the information there over the past several months, including the Q&A section. If you have any questions they probably are addressed there. If you still have a question please send an email note or call either Dick Tombrink or Larry Voris. We will attempt to answer your questions or get you an answer. The insurance agent has asked that we field all questions to take the load off of them.

Submittal of events, additional insured certificates, proof of insurance, etc is done by going to the EDGETA web page, under insurance info, and submitting them on line to the insurance agent. If you need to fax them see the web page for the insurance agent's fax number.

Keep safety number 1

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS

Now that the temperature in the north part of the SC Region hovers around the freezing mark on the warm days and a lot lower on the not so good days, it is hard to think Tractor and Engine Shows. However January and February is the time the shows in the southern part of the region are at their best. It makes me want to pack up my show stuff and head south.

During this cold season it is nice to sit around the old wood stove and reflect on all the great shows I attended during the past show season and the wonderful people I encountered a long the way. I never attend a show that I don't meet someone from the past that I haven't seen in quite a while. It is always good to visit with them and catch up on what they have been doing since we last shared our experiences.

I know that a lot of you are working on your projects for the next show season. With that, I would like to remind you, the new membership year is not far away. It's time for the branches to start collecting the dues for 2007 in order to have it ready to send to the National Secretary by the 15th of March 2007.

Around this time of the year I always get a lot of questions from the branches in the SC Region as to why the National Membership year begins on the 15th of April each year. The answer to that question is, "It's tied to when the Insurance Company bills National for the insurance for the next year". Several years ago, when we had to find a different Insurance Company our liability insurance, the agreement between National and the Insurance Company was reached on that date. The policy runs on a yearly basis, therefore it would be difficult to change that date without having a part of a year policy. Both National and the Insurance Company are reluctant to attempt such a policy. My home branch starts collecting the membership dues around the first of January in order to have as many members as possible paid up for the year by Mach 15th so we can have our dues ready to send to National on that date. I will agree that it caused, a little extra bookkeeping for the membership committee at the beginning of the year, however it is a lot better than having a lot of old members renewing their membership at the first show of the year. I think all of you will agree that the membership committee would like to enjoy the show rather than spending

their time checking old members for membership when they arrive at the show.

Along with the seed catalogs the new show guides will arrive. With these we can start planning our activities for the 2007 show season. I'm looking forward to attending some of the Regional shows and National during 2007. I plan to attend the SC Regional show hosted by Branches 116 & 120 in Broken Arrow, OK in September and the National hosted by branch 55 in Hutchinson, KS in July. Around these two shows I'll try to build my show schedule and attend as many of the local shows as I can.

I hope to see a lot of you again during 2007.

Howard D. Hodson.

Hall of Fame

I would like to remind all of you the nominations for the Hall of Fame 2007 are due not later than April 15. Please check out our web pages www.edgeta.org Hall of Fame to find out what is required to get someone nominated.

Howard D. Hodson, Hall of Fame Chairman.



Just a short report from your Northeast Director. I can't believe summers left us Thanksgiving's past and Christmas is right around the corner. Not much been happening up in our area. We had a nice bunch of shows that we attended through the summer. I think gasoline prices and other expenses kind of slowed the attendance at some of the show. I would say that the overall consensus was that we had a pretty good summer of shows. We have attended a few Christmas parties and a good time was had by all.

Well as winter seems to be setting in we are going to try and get a couple projects done. I hope everybody had a very good summer and enjoy the shows as they went to. We have had a very safe summer. Thanks to all the people that have put on shows and participated in the shows and kept safety number one priority.

I am thinking about the Massey Expo show that the Florida Flywheelers are hosting in February. Then we will have the few other winter shows I'd like to get to. If anybody has any questions or needs information about shows or clubs feel free to contact me.

Well wishing all my friends and all our members a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Safe New Year.

Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

Southeast Regional Director, George W Christmas

I would like to thank the members of branch 119 for the great show they put on for the Southeast Regional show October 20, 21 and 22. There were lots to see. It was very hard to see everything there in only three days. The weather was wonderful unfortunately it rained on Sunday. Overall, I think the show was wonderful. Thanks to everyone involved with the show you did an outstanding job. I am looking forward to going back next year. It doesn't hurt that my wife's grandparents live near by either.

It is hard to believe that another year has come and almost gone. Time really does fly. It is nice to sit and think back over the past year of the shows we have attended and the friends we have made or revisited. We also spend time with loved ones thinking of blessings that have been given to us all year long. I am thankful for my mom and dad, because without them I would not know the joy of being a parent myself. When I see my little girl and the excitement she has, it reminds me of the joyous times I had as a child. I know looking back the sacrifices my parents made to make everyday special for me and my brother and sister. It seems to reason the only way to really repay that is to pass it on to another generation. Just remember this season was born from unconditional love.

Well the time has come for some of us to rest while others are in their barns finishing or starting that winter project to show at the first show of the New Year. Good luck to everyone, I hope Santa brings you those parts you wished for. We have been fortunate to make it through another year. I would like to thank everyone for their diligence in keeping our hobby safe. It really takes everyone working together to keep accidents from happening. Remember safety is the responsibility of everyone.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas season. May God bless you all. Remember our troops that will not be home for Christmas and pray for their safe return home when their job is done. May everyone have a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. Hope to see you at the shows.

George W Christmas

The SW Regional Show was held October 7-8th at Santee Lakes, CA. hosted by BR 22 on their 20th anniversary. The displays were located between two of the seven man made lakes on lush green grass beneath an abundance of trees. The engines and other displays were neatly arranged throughout the area amongst dozens of flags representing many different countries, while the tractors were lined up in rows surrounded by flags along one of the lakes with breath taking views of the lake and mountains. The flags were supplied and put up by the local flagman who is 94 years young and a highly decorated war veteran.

Friday evening we were treated to hamburgers and hotdogs, while afterwards we chatted and became acquainted with members of other branches. After a good nights sleep, Saturday morning we awoke to the aroma of coffee and a complimentary breakfast. Following a mandatory safety meeting, BR 22 President Cliff Northcote announced, start your engines. Throughout the day spectators enjoyed the displays of antique cars, trucks, engines, the blacksmith area,

sewing, quilting and other attractions. At 1 PM tractors paraded around the lakes.

At 5 PM a general meeting was held. President Cliff Northcote introduced member William Jellyman who lead with the Pledge of Allegiance. The SW Director, Don Young was introduced, and he welcomed the exhibitors, members and friends. The National Secretary/Treasurer and BR 22 Secretary Ruth Warnock was introduced as well as SW Advisor Dick Wilson and BR 22 Safety Officer Gordon Morris. It was noted that there are now 130 Branches with 9400 members. There are four new Branches this year. There is additional NW Advisor that came aboard, Jan Hedge, of Idaho. The web pages have almost been completed by our new Webmaster Sally Walker, dba Sally's Office Solutions. For information concerning safety, upcoming shows, insurance, etc., go to edgeta.org. The 2007 National Show will be hosted by BR 55 in Hutchison, KS on July 14-15th. The 2008 National Show will be hosted by BR 26 in WA. Morrie Robinson, VP of BR 26 was introduced and gave a report on that upcoming show. He also traveled the greatest distance to attend the SW Regional. The exhibitors and BR 22 members were thanked for making the Show possible and a great success. At the conclusion of the meeting Cliff Northcote made some announcements. At 6 PM a BBQ beef and ham dinner was served, with Anniversary cake for desert (no ice cream) followed by drawings for prizes and entertainment was provided.

Sunday morning began with coffee, complimentary breakfast, church service and a mandatory safety meeting. During the day a fun and rewarding time was enjoyed by all.

Late into the evening exhibitors and members had the task of loading up their exhibits and for some the long journey home. Don Young, SW Director

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM EDGE&TA SECRETARY!!!!

1. **Please read the article that Dick Tombrink wrote very carefully. This is both good news and very important.**
2. **Please make sure the person responsible for submitting dues to the National Secretary is informed of the changes outlined in this article. (This will cause less confusion when submitting checks)**
3. **Please make sure the person responsible for reporting your events is informed of the changes outlined in this article.**
4. **To make sure your branch will be insured and ready for the New Year which begins April 15th, our bylaws state the following.**

ARTICLE VI - DUES AND INSURANCE

Section 2. Payment of Dues and Insurance Premiums:

- a. Dues and insurance premiums are payable to the Secretary/Treasurer by the branches.
- b. Annual dues and insurance premiums for each member are due to the Secretary/Treasurer no later than March 15 for the forthcoming year. Branches are encouraged to submit as many member's dues and insurance premiums as possible by March 15. Those

that are collected later are to be submitted within 30 days. With the payment of the annual dues and insurance premiums, each branch shall submit a current Branch Membership Roster and a list of branch officers and directors.

c. Dues and insurance premiums will not be prorated for part of a year.

Please go to our website www.edgeta.org and fill out the Branch Information form. This is required each year as you elect your branch officers. Even if there are no changes.

Please fill out the Directors form. This is the only way your officers will be covered by our D&O Insurance.

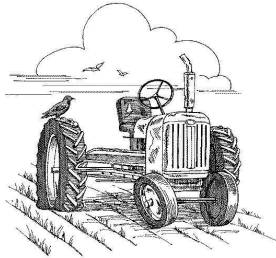
Buttons and stickers will be mailed to each branch early in February. If you need additional membership cards, please email me your request and I will include them in the package. This will help to keep costs down.

Don't forget to include your Branch Number in the subject line of all emails. It is the way we identify you. Also include it when sending additional membership lists for identification and make sure it is on the paperwork you submit to me with your checks. This is really appreciated.

Please help by getting your dues in on time. After I complete my part of the job it has to go to the insurance company. We want you all ready to enjoy the new show season in 2007. This all takes time!! Your cooperation is appreciated. Many branches have shows going on all year and we want to make sure they are insured and ready.

If I can be of any help to you, please email me. rawarnock@sbcglobal.net.

It is my wish that you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ruth



2007 Show Schedule

National July 14-15, 2007

National Meeting will be held on Saturday.

Branch 55, Hutchinson, KS

George Bell, 620-664-1646 jddt@cox.net

Dennis McKee, 620-442-4372

kees@pixius.net

Elbert Freeman, 620-727-2824

Alfred Schmidt, 620-543-2677

Check out the flyer on our website. It is loaded with information about this show.

Regional Shows

SC Regional Show

September 28th, 29th & 30th, 2007 Autumn Iron Branch 116 and 120, Oklahoma

12216 S. 116th East Ave, Broken Arrow, OK (121st Street and Garnett Road)

Contact - Glen Emery (918) 638-3501/425-6188, glenlynn@aol.com or John Hoover (918) 527-

3332/482-3453 hooverfarms@yahoo.com

Regional meeting Saturday, September 29th, 2007

NW Regional Show

August 18-19, 2007 4th Annual Northwest Old Iron Show Branch 159, Tillamook, OR

Blue Heron French Cheese Co. - 1 mile north of town along Hwy 101.

Tractor parade, balance platform, and barrel roll

Regional Meeting on Saturday, August 18th, 5:30 p.m.

Nominal fee dinner follows regional meeting.

Dry camping available on the grounds

Contact Vince Bogard (503) 842-3130 or (503) 801-

4900 bogard456@charter.net

NC Regional Show

August 10-12, 2007 Almelund Threshing Show

Branch 1,

17760 St Croix Trail (Hwy 95) Taylors Falls, MN

Contact Chuck Erickson, (651) 257-1264

SW Regional Show

October 5-7, 2007 Pioneer Days Branch 27, Paso

Robles, CA

Parade Saturday - Regional Meeting and dinner to be announced.

Contact Ben Ostini (805) 423-4865

jbo.aermotor@nipinet.net

NE Regional Show

September 15-16, 2007 Hancock County Old Time Fair

Branch 162, New Manchester, West Virginia

Tractor Parade

Dinner and Regional Meeting: September 15 TBA

Contact: Rodney Richards (304) 387-1406

rockin@spii.net

SE Regional Show

September 28-30, 2007, Southeast Regional Show & 2nd Annual Pee Dee Farmer's Market Show

Branch 129, Florence, South Carolina

Tractor Parade 10 am

Business Meeting 11 am

Kids pedal tractor race 1 pm

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Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

SAFETY TIPS FOR ALL EDGE&TA BRANCHES

Take Time To Be Safe:

Saving a few minutes is not worth the chance of losing a life time. Don't be too busy to be safe. Help teach that attitude to others.

Teach Children About Farm Safety:

When young people become mature enough to help around the farm, it's vital that they receive thorough instructions - including safety instructions. Teach children safety early and often.

Just Say "NO" To Riders:

Children often plead for rides on equipment. It's tempting to say "yes" just so you can enjoy extra time with them. But don't do it - it's simply too dangerous.

Teach Safety By Good Example:

Actions do speak louder than words. Children notice when adults don't follow the Safety Warnings they give. Set a good example by always following safe work practices.

Take A Break...In Fact, Take Several!!

A high percentage of farm accidents occur after 5 p.m. Stress grows from long hours and pushing to finish a job. Fatigue overtakes you before you realize it. Just a few minutes of rest now and again make a big difference in safety and productivity.

When You Work, Keep Others Informed:

Let someone else know where you're working, what you are doing, and when you'll likely return - just in case you do have an accident. A lot of farmers and ranchers are alive today because they were found soon enough to get help. (Can't forget the city folks either.)

Make Sure Your Equipment Is Operating Properly:

Before you take equipment to the field (or operate at a show) inspect each machine thoroughly. Look for loose or broken parts,

check safety shields, guards, reflectors, warning signs, and transport locks. You will be safer and improve performance.

Read the Operator's Manual. Then Read it Again, Carefully:

You know how to start the engine or how to hook up so.. Why read the Manual? Because, in addition to helping you operate more efficiently, the manual is the single best source of Safety Precautions. Study it. Keep it handy. Encourage all operators to read and understand the manual.

Shut it Off...Before You Get Off.

Always disengage the power. Shut off the engine, and remove the key before you work on any part of a machine. When others are working with you, take time to make sure everyone is clear and in view before you restart the machine.

Maintain An Alert Safety Attitude:

Experienced operators think they know everything there is to know about safety. Sometimes they do - yet - they try to by-pass safety procedures. Inexperienced operators also think they know all about safety - and take dangerous short cuts. But no one's strong enough to stop a tractor during a rollover. No one's reflexes are quicker than a P.T.O. Farming safety requires constant awareness of what could happen.

Safety Pays:

Safety is too important and expensive to learn by accident. Consider the impact of injury on your farming or ranching operations. (In our case, club events.) Safety - live with it.

Safety Is EVERYONE'S Job:

Avoid accidents and injuries. Learn to recognize hazards and follow safe work practices. Agriculture work related accidents can be avoided by incorporating safety into your daily management process - and make SAFETY everyone's business.