

# E.D.G.E.&T.A.

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Ruth A. Warnock, Editor

**TO: All EDGE&TA Members**

**Larry Voris, President-Director at Large**

Wishing you all a "Happy New Year 2008". I think we had a successful 2007 year and want to thank each and every member on a safe year. We all have to work together with a safety program to make it work. There are going to be things that I don't like, but your Board of Directors was given the charge to lead all of our members and put forth programs that will protect each and every one of us. We as the BOD have to establish programs and guidelines for all the branches to work with. We have to look at the total picture and decide what is best for all our branches and members. When we go to an Insurance company and they look at our published safety program they immediately see that we are trying to keep our members operating in a safe manner. To all of you, I appreciate your help. When we work on one of these programs we look at the total organization. Every branch may have something a little different. We can't write guidelines for each branch. We try to make the programs as generic as possible and cover everyone and treat every branch the same.

This last week our Web Master has come up with a new program which is directed towards the Branch Presidents and Branch officers and directors. This is a communication tool that we hope that the branches will use and this hopefully will make it easier to communicate. This program is for EDGETA members only. The web master is the moderator. She will remove any post that is derogatory to the organization and if it happens very often then that e-mail address will be removed from the list. Anything you post to this list will go to everyone subscribed to the list. We hope that all branch officers & directors will subscribe to the list. This includes all safety officers too. There are times when the National BOD needs to send something out to the branches and this is fastest and cheapest way to communicate with you. I'm sure there may be a few problems at the beginning and I'm sure Sally can make it work for us. So all you presidents, read your mail once in a while.

Another new program is the Physical Damage Program. It was supposed to kick off on December 1 but hasn't got off the ground yet. I told the agent that it is the Christmas season and money is short. We'll set another date for the first of the New Year. I will send more about this out on the new e-mail list.

If anyone is planning of attending the National Show in Mt Vernon, WA this coming April, now is the time to make reservations. The rooms are short, meaning not many to select from.

And again I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**From- Dorene Yearian NC Director & Vice President**

I read this article in the Ohio 2 Cylinder Club Newsletter by David Badger, Retired JD Service Instructor, thought it was very good and that I wanted to pass it on to you.

### Things I've Learned About the Care of Antique Tractors –

*As our collections grow, it becomes harder to keep track of the needs of each tractor. Winter is fast approaching. Have you checked to be sure the antifreeze level is adequate for all liquid cooled engines?*

*Tires can slowly leak down. Perfectly good tires are ruined when sidewalls crack from tires sitting flat for extended periods of time.*

*Batteries slowly discharge from lack of use. I have tried hooking the battery charger up every month or two. It still seems to be a losing battle. So far the thing that appears to be working is using what is called a "Battery Tender." These are small trickle chargers that slowly bring batteries up to full charge and shut off when full charge is reached. I have a 12-volt and am pleased with the results. Batteries behave well when kept charged. So now I have ordered a 6-volt "Battery Tender."*

*A great many tractors – before the mid 50s have 6-volt systems. People seem to have a dislike of 6-volt systems.*

*There are several reasons for this attitude:*

- 1. There is not much room for error.*
- 2. Tractors with generators do not charge quickly.*
- 3. People tend to think of a battery as perishable and therefore buy a low cost battery. The greater the lead plate capacity the higher the number for CCA (cold crank amps). This number is listed on top of the battery. The higher the number the more cranking power the battery will have. This is most noticeable in cold weather.*
- 4. These tractors may only run for short periods and then at reduced throttle.*

*Be aware when an electrical shop checks out your generator and regulator that they run the generator with an electric motor. This turns the generator faster. The two-cylinder engine typically does not turn fast revolutions per minute (rpm). Consequently, generator output will appear to be low even though adjustments are correct.*

*The path many people take is to convert their 6-volt systems to 12-volt and install an alternator. Yes, this will work, but quickly distracts from being an accurate restoration. (The correct police will quickly notice!)*

*For example, I bought a 1949 "M" (JD) from a friend a couple years ago. This tractor had an 8-volt battery installed. The tractor sat several months and then I learned it did not*

want to start even with an 8-volt battery. So I got out my trusty Fluke meter and took some readings. During cranking I had 1.8 volts at coil input. I had been down this road before and had learned I had badly corroded wires. Corrosion causes resistance. Resistance cuts down current flow. After my readings, I went to my JD dealer and ordered a new ignition switch and a new wiring harness. Battery cables must be clean. The tractor now starts and runs on 6 volts very nicely. Don't guess about condition of starters, generators, and voltage regulators. Have them each checked out and renewed as needed. If you don't "Murphy's Law" will catch up at some future tractor show – been there!

An easy way to check for voltage losses is to make a voltage drop test with a digital electrical test meter. You will need a friend to help to operate the starter while you hold the meter test leads. To check hot side, touch one lead to center of battery post and other lead to center of starter post. While cranking, you should not see more than .3 volt on the meter. You are reading voltage drop across all connections and cables in the path you are testing. If your reading is higher than .3 volt, do more checking to learn where the resistance is located.

*Now make the drop test for groundside. Place one test lead to center of battery ground post. Place other lead to starter frame (remove paint for good contact). While cranking you should not read more than .5 volt. These values are good for any tractor or other vehicle of 6 or 12 volt. For garden tractors use one-half of these values.*

*We would like to see our voltage drop to be 0. But as machines age, corrosion slowly takes place, causing the voltage drops. This happens while the tractor sits in the shed doing nothing!*

I thought he had some good information to pass on to you all. I know it's about JD tractors but some of his information will pertain to yours also.

Remember your tractors and your hauling equipment during this winter weather. It's not too late. Winterize your equipment. Check your batteries in your trailers and trucks along with your tractors. Make sure the leads are clean and have good contact. Check to make sure they have water. Keep them charged. We bought a trickle battery charger for this purpose. We hook it up to one then to the next and so on. This helps the life of the battery

Check your tires and keep them pumped to the correct pressure. Some people like to put the equipment up on blocks to save the tires. Remember to check the spare tire. Last summer my husband was on the top pumping the spare tire of the gooseneck trailer and said it didn't look like it was getting air. I looked up and there were big slits on the bottom side where the sidewall had split in the heat of the summer. "I see the problem," I said. When we have problems with a tractor because of its batteries (starting a tractor) or its tires – my husband will say thank goodness for the steel wheeled hand start tractors.

This is a good time to check your straps, chains, binders, etc. I've been hearing stories where my friends have been stopped and DOT checks the condition of these and gives out tickets if warranted. If your strap is frayed or a link in your chain is damaged you need to get rid of the strap or the chain

(or make it shorter). I'm sure you all know a piece of equipment has to be tied down at all four corners if it is over 10,000 pounds. Every state is different on how your binders need to be secured. The state I came from – you had to wire them shut and we still do along with the clamp on the straps. You need to check your state regulations and with every state whose line you cross.

This is a good time to check the brakes on all your equipment – on that one I think I would wait until early spring. You never know what the winter weather will do to the brake pads or the corrosion that can happen – besides it's warmer in the spring.

**P.S. Start making plans for the April 2008 National Show in WA and then the next weekend the show in Tulare CA**

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## **SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS**

**Howard D. Hodson, Director**

It's hard to think Engine and Tractor Shows when it's freezing rain and snowing. It won't be long until the birds will go "Cheep!, cheep!," and the little spring flowers will start blooming. Will you have your winter projects completed and ready for the 2008 Show Season?

The temperature in the northern part of the SC Region hovers around the freezing mark on the warm days and a lot lower on the not so warm days. 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 people 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 would like to remind you that the new membership year is not far away. It's time for the branches to start collecting the dues for 2008 in order to have them ready to send to the National Secretary by the 15th of March, 2008.

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 for 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 causes 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.

In January and February, along with the seed catalogs, the new show guides will arrive. With the new show guides I can start planning my activities for the 2008 show season. I'm looking forward to attending some of the Regional shows and the National show during 2008. Around these 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 2008.

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#### **EDGE&TA HALL OF FAME UPDATE**

**Howard D. Hodson, Coordinator**

**I would like to remind all of you that the nominations for the Hall of Fame 2008 are due no later than April 15. Information is on our website [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org)**

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#### **Insurance Update, December 2007 by Dick Tombrink**

The Christmas season is upon us. This is the time to reflect on the season, and to enjoy our friends and families. We want to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous, and Safe New Year. (If you still believe in Santa Claus, it doesn't hurt to send him a note asking for that part you need for your tractor or engine restoration. I still send him a note, and it still works!!)

Now back to EDGETA insurance. Our insurance premium for next year is the same as this year, \$5 for the insurance premium, and \$4 for the National Dues (total of \$9). As in the past, your dues and insurance premium needs to be sent to Ruth by March 15, for those branch members that have paid. Please try to get as many members as you can to renew their membership by the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Our EDGETA insurance premium for the year is due about April 15<sup>th</sup>; therefore it helps if we can get as many members to renew before that time to meet that obligation. However, we realize there will always be members that will not renew their membership until later, and you will have to submit them later.

This year your directors worked on getting physical damage insurance coverage for our EDGETA branch member's antique tractors, gas engines, etc. This is being offered through the Hanover Insurance Group. The EDGETA directors are not administrating the policy; it is being administrated by our agent, Carrel Sanders. If you are interested in it and have questions, please contact Carrel. I cannot help you with questions on this insurance. Please consult with our EDGETA web page for more information on this coverage.

Please visit our EDGETA web page often, [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org), and click on insurance info. We try to keep the information there updated. If you have any questions they probably are addressed there. If you still have a question please send an email note or call Dick Tombrink or Larry Voris, rather than our insurance agent's office. 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.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe New Year to all.

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#### **Don Young, SW Director/Safety Chairman**

The 2007 show season has about been completed. Time to winterize our tractors and engines if you haven't already done so. We had a good year and now have over 10000 members. The Southwest Regional Show in Paso Robles, CA was a very good show. Branch 27 under the direction of President Ben Ostini really went all out to make it a success. It was the first time that I saw crawlers and tractors with lugs drive down the street in a parade, no problem, just repave the street after the parade. The SC Director and Hall of Fame Director Howard Hodson was in attendance at the show and presented BR 22 President Cliff Northcote a plaque for his induction to the Hall of Fame. The show concluded with a wonderful dinner. I saw Ben again in November at the Tulare, CA swap meet and congratulated him again for a job well done.

Now that we have some idle time, it would be a good idea to look over the EDGE&TA web site and read all the safety rules that apply to you. We do not want to have any mishaps in the coming year and only you can prevent an accident. I have heard from local law enforcement that there may be some new regulations on how we haul our equipment. I hope that you all enjoy the holidays and take time to give thanks. I am looking forward to a great 2008 show season.

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**From the secretary-Ruth Warnock**  
**DUES** should be mailed to me by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please advise the person in your branch that is responsible for this task.

The New Year starts April 15<sup>th</sup> and this gives me enough time to do my job, getting your branch insured for the New Year. You don't have to wait for all your members to pay. As soon as you have 20 paid members submit them to me and then follow-up with additional members as they pay. For branches that were established prior to 2000, you are grandfathered in and do not have to meet the quota of 20 members.

The form is back up on the web pages that you can print and use or you may send it to me in any legible format as long as it has the required information on it.

Membership continues to be \$9.00 per member (\$4.00 EDGE&TA dues and \$5.00 insurance).

#### **2009 STICKERS AND NATIONAL BUTTONS**

They have been ordered and will be mailed to your branch in February. If you know in advance that you need additional membership cards to replace broken or worn out, or for new members, please email me so I can include them in your package to save time and additional trips to the post office. Thanks. Please remind your members that these are intended to be "one time" cards and are costly, and they will receive new stickers each year.

#### **NOMINATIONS FOR NEW DIRECTORS**

There will be 2 directors' positions available this year. Applicants must live in either the Northwest or Southwest area.

Any member in good standing may have their name placed in nomination for the Director position in the Region in which they reside.

Nominees must send to the Secretary/Treasurer a resume providing a straight forward profile of themselves and a recent photo. As a minimum, the resume should contain the following:

- (1) EDGE&TA membership history
- (2) EDGE&TA offices held
- (3) Ideas and goals for EDGE&TA
- (4) Knowledge of current EDGE&TA issues

The Secretary/Treasurer must receive the resumes and photos no later than ninety (90) days prior (January) to the Annual Meeting which will be held in April 2008.

**This can be either emailed to me, faxed or snail mail.**

**Looking forward to working with all of you in 2008.**

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#### **Southeast Regional Report -Director George Christmas**

I hope everyone is enjoying the holidays! It has been a great year. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work keeping our hobby safe. Please continue to use good common sense and the EDGE&TA guidelines for continued safety.

As I sit here drinking a cup of hot chocolate, looking out the sliding glass door past the Christmas tree as the river flows by, it is cold this morning but not cold enough to snow, but that is the only thing missing from this picture. It is a peaceful picture just the same. I hope everyone has the opportunity to slow down and look at the scenery around them and enjoy God's many gifts to us this season.

Christmas is a time for sharing. Sharing time with friends and family. Sharing the blessings we have been given with others. Making their season a little brighter. It is such a great feeling to help others not as fortunate as ourselves. I was given the opportunity to teach that lesson to my daughter the other day. We were going into Wal-Mart and a Salvation Army worker was ringing the bell. I gave my daughter some money to put in the red kettle. She asked me why? I then explained that it was for others that are in need of some assistance this time of the year and all through the year. Hopefully she will remember the lesson of sharing. That is the true meaning of the Christmas Story, going out of your way to help one another. That is what the wise men did. That is what the folks did in the story that Tim Wade our Southeast Regional advisor sends us every year. I hope Ruth will include it in the newsletter I never get tired of reading it.

Well I hope and pray everyone has a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from the Southeast Region and God bless you all.

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#### **Just a note from the Northeast area Wayne Timchuk**

Well as the summer season has wound down I hope everybody had a safe and enjoyable summer. I know in

our area fuel prices have slowed down some of the activities. As I set here looking out the window of the weather looks good but the weatherman says this afternoon and into tomorrow we could have between 8 and 12 inches of snow! Oh well it's that time of year! At this time of the year with everybody hurrying to get their Christmas shopping done we still cannot forget about safety. As you know this time in the year it is especially dangerous loading, securing and unloading tractors and equipment. After the holidays we will be in our garages working on those new projects for next year. We need to be especially careful as all doors are closed and this can cause fumes and the danger for explosions or fire. So be very careful.

Our branch up in Massachusetts is collecting toys for the children of our service people that are overseas and will be able to spend Christmas with them. I think it's a very worthy cause and think this is something we could do nationwide. At last count they said they had over 90 toys, great job!

This is also a good time in the year to check smoke detectors and your fire extinguishers!

Well in closing I want to wish everybody **A Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.**

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Our Southeast Advisor, Time Wade has submitted this story. Many of us have seen it before, but it certainly is worth reprinting at this time of year when we get all caught up in the hustle and bustle of Christmas.

### **The Christmas Rifle**

Pa never had much compassion for the lazy or for those who squandered their means and then never had enough for the necessities. But for those who were genuinely in need, his heart was as big as all outdoors. It was from him that I learned the greatest joy in life comes from giving, not from receiving.

It was Christmas Eve 1881. I was fifteen years old and feeling like the world had caved in on me because there just hadn't been enough money to buy me the rifle that I'd wanted so badly that year for Christmas.

We did the chores early that night for some reason. I just figured Pa wanted a little extra time so we could read in the Bible. So after supper was over, I took my boots off and stretched out in front of the fireplace, waiting for Pa to get down the old Bible. I was still feeling sorry for myself and, to be honest, I wasn't in much of a mood to read Scriptures. But Pa didn't get the Bible; instead he bundled up again and went outside. I couldn't figure it out because we had already done all the chores. I didn't worry about it long though; I was too busy wallowing in self-pity.

Soon Pa came back in. It was a cold clear night out and there was ice in his beard "Come on, Matt," he said. "Bundle up good, it's cold out tonight." I was really upset then. Not only wasn't I getting the rifle for Christmas, but also, now Pa was dragging me out in the cold, and for no earthly reason that I could see. We'd already done all the chores, and I couldn't

think of anything else that needed doing, especially not on a night like this.

But I knew Pa was not very patient at one dragging one's feet when he'd told them to do something, so I got up, put my boots back on, and got my cap, coat, and mittens. Ma gave me a mysterious smile as I opened the door to leave the house. Something was up, but I didn't know what. Outside, I became even more dismayed. There in front of the house was the work team, already hitched to the big sled. Whatever it was we were going to do wasn't going to be a short or quick or little job, I could tell. We never hitched up this sled unless we were going to haul a big load. Pa was already up on the seat, reins in hand. I reluctantly climbed up beside him.

The cold was already biting at me, and I wasn't happy. When I was on, Pa pulled the sled around the house and stopped in front of the woodshed. He got off and I followed. "I think we'll put on the high sideboards," he said. "Here, help me."

The high sideboards! It had been a bigger job than I wanted to do with just the low sideboards on, but whatever it was we were going to do would be a lot bigger with the high sideboards on.

After we had exchanged the sideboards, Pa went into the woodshed and came out with an armload of wood - the wood I'd spent all summer hauling down from the mountain and all fall sawing into blocks and splitting. What was he doing? Finally I said something. "Pa," I asked, "What are you doing?"

"You been by the Widow Jensen's lately?" he asked. The Widow Jensen lived about two miles down the road. Her husband had died a year or so before and left her with three children, the oldest being eight. Sure, I'd been by, but so what?

"Yeah," I said, "why?" "I rode by just today," Pa said. "Little Jakey was out digging around in the woodpile trying to find a few chips. They're out of wood, Matt."

That was all he said. He then turned and went back into the woodshed for another armload of wood. I followed him. We loaded the sled so high that I began to wonder if the horses would be able to pull it. Finally, Pa called a halt to our loading and went to the smokehouse where he took down a big ham and a side of bacon. He handed them to me and told me to put them in the sled and wait. When he returned he was carrying a sack of flour over his right shoulder and a smaller sack of something in his left hand. "What's in the little sack?" I asked. "Shoes. They're out of shoes. Little Jakey just had gunnysacks wrapped around his feet when he was out in the woodpile this morning. I got the children a little candy too. It just wouldn't be Christmas without a little candy."

We rode the two miles to Widow Jensen's pretty much in silence. I tried to think through what Pa was doing. We didn't have much by worldly standards. Of course, we did have a big woodpile, though most of what was left now was still in the form of logs that I would have to saw into blocks and split

before we could use it. We also had meat and flour, so we could spare that, but I knew we didn't have any money, so why was Pa buying them shoes and candy? Really, why was he doing any of this? Widow Jensen had closer neighbors than us; it shouldn't have been our concern.

We came in from the blind side of the Jensen house, unloaded the wood as quietly as possible, and took the meat and flour and shoes around to the front door. We knocked. The door opened a crack and a timid voice said, "Who is it?" "Lucas Miles, Ma'am, and my son, Matt. Could we come in for a bit?" Widow Jensen opened the door and let us in. She had a blanket wrapped around her shoulders. The children were wrapped in another and were sitting in front of the fireplace by a very small fire that hardly gave off any heat at all. Widow Jensen fumbled with a match and finally lit the lamp.

"We brought you a few things, Ma'am," Pa said and set down the sack of flour. I put the meat on the table. Then Pa handed her the sack that had the shoes in it. She opened it hesitantly and took the shoes out one pair at a time. There was a pair for her and one for each of the children - sturdy shoes, the best, shoes that would last.

I watched her carefully. She bit her lower lip to keep it from trembling and then tears filled her eyes and started running down her cheeks. She looked up at Pa like she wanted to say something, but it wouldn't come out.

"We brought a load of wood too, Ma'am," Pa said. He turned to me and said, "Matt, go bring in enough to last awhile. Let's get that fire up to size and heat this place up."

I wasn't the same person when I went back out to bring in the wood. I had a big lump in my throat and, as much as I hate to admit it, there were tears in my eyes, too. In my mind, I kept seeing those three kids huddled around the fireplace and their mother standing there with tears running down her cheeks with so much gratitude in her heart that she couldn't speak. My heart swelled within me and a joy that I'd never known before filled my soul. I had given at Christmas many times before, but never when it had made so much difference. I could see we were literally saving the lives of these people.

I soon had the fire blazing and everyone's spirits soared. The kids started giggling when Pa handed them each a piece of candy, and Widow Jensen looked on with a smile that probably hadn't crossed her face for a long time.

She finally turned to us. "God bless you," she said. "I know the Lord has sent you. The children and I have been praying that he would send one of his angels to spare us."

In spite of myself, the lump returned to my throat and the tears welled up in my eyes again. I'd never thought of Pa in those exact terms before, but after Widow Jensen mentioned it, I could see that it was probably true. I was sure that a better man than Pa had never walked the earth.

I started remembering all the times he had gone out of his way for Ma and me, and many others. The list seemed endless as I thought on it.

Pa insisted that everyone try on the shoes before we left. I was amazed when they all fit and I wondered how he had known what sizes to get. Then I guessed that if he were on an errand for the Lord, the Lord would make sure he got the right sizes.

Tears were running down Widow Jensen's face again when we stood up to leave. Pa took each of the kids in his big arms and gave them a hug. They clung to him and didn't want us to go. I could see that they missed their pa, and I was glad that I still had mine.

At the door, Pa turned to Widow Jensen and said, "The Mrs. wanted me to invite you and the children over for Christmas dinner tomorrow. The turkey will be more than the three of us can eat, and a man can get cantankerous if he has to eat turkey for too many meals. We'll be by to get you about eleven. It'll be nice to have some little ones around again. Matt, here, hasn't been little for quite a spell."

I was the youngest. My two brothers and two sisters had all married and had moved away. Widow Jensen nodded and said, "Thank you, Brother Miles. I don't have to say, "'May the Lord bless you.' I know for certain that He will."

Out on the sled, I felt a warmth that came from deep within and I didn't even notice the cold. When we had gone a ways, Pa turned to me and said, "Matt, I want you to know something. Your ma and me have been tucking a little money away here and there all year so we could buy that rifle for you, but we didn't have quite enough. Then yesterday, a man who owed me a little money from years back came by to make things square. Your ma and me were real excited, thinking that now we could get you that rifle, and I started into town this morning to do just that. But on the way I saw little Jakey out scratching in the woodpile with his feet wrapped in those gunnysacks and I knew what I had to do. Son, I spent the money for shoes and a little candy for those children. I hope you understand."

I understood, and my eyes became wet with tears again. I understood very well, and I was so glad Pa had done it.

Now the rifle seemed very low on my list of priorities. Pa had given me a lot more. He had given me the look on Widow Jensen's face and the radiant smiles of her three children. For the rest of my life, whenever I saw any of the Jensens, or split a block of wood, I remembered, and remembering brought back that same joy I felt riding home beside Pa that night. Pa had given me much more than a rifle that night; he had given me the best Christmas of my life.

God Bless you one and all

## **2008 National Show Information**

Hosted by Branch 26, Washington April 11-13,  
Contact Morrie Robinson  
[antiquetractor@yahoo.com](mailto:antiquetractor@yahoo.com) (360) 826-3782 Matt  
Montague [kc7uhn@comcast.net](mailto:kc7uhn@comcast.net) (360) 966-3884

### **Regionals**

**SC Regional Show** September 6, 2008  
Branch 124, Tyler, Texas  
Contact Charles Parmley, President (903) 581-3811

**NW Regional Show** Father's Day Weekend June 14-15, 2008  
Branch 9, Pottsville, Oregon  
Contact Dale Michels (541) 596-2586  
[daleshawn@frontiernet.net](mailto:daleshawn@frontiernet.net)  
Marianne Peterson (541) 479-9281

**NC Regional Show** August 15, 16 & 17, 2008  
Branch 11, Winfield, Kansas  
Contact Floyd Moore, President (620) 326-8729  
Email [floydmoore@sutv.com](mailto:floydmoore@sutv.com)

**SW Regional Show** August 6-9, 2008  
Branch 95, Great Basin Antique Machinery &  
Millard County Tractor Pullers, Ogden, Utah  
Weber County Fairgrounds (I-15 Exit 349 and follow signs)  
Contact Dennis Holland, President  
5810 W. 16800 N.  
Garland, UT 84312  
(801) 554-6886  
[dennysue4@netzero.net](mailto:dennysue4@netzero.net)  
[www.gbam95.tripod.com/gbam](http://www.gbam95.tripod.com/gbam)

**NE Regional Show** July 18, 19 & 20, 2008  
Washington County Fairgrounds  
Branch 174  
Old Schuyleryville Rd., Greenwich, NY  
Contact Jared Thomas, President (518) 695-4325  
Email [jat@capital.net](mailto:jat@capital.net)

**SE Regional Show** April 4, 5 & 6, 2008  
Branch 139, Alabama  
Contact Rayford Johnson, President (256) 396-5486

**Check out our Calendar for events. Sally keeps this up to date as she receives information.**

**Remember to report your hosted events to the insurance company.**

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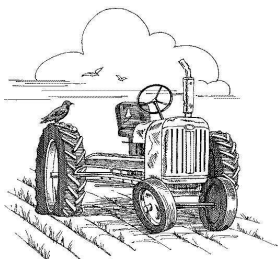
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