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I hope you all survived the Holidays and haven't taken on too much extra weight. It is hard to take off once it is on. My wife and I go to the local YMCA 3-5 times a week and workout. Last May I signed us in a program where we would walk 500 miles by

December 31. I have mine finished and my wife lacks a little at the time of this writing.

She will make the deadline. You are thinking what has this to do with tractors and engines. Well, we have to be in shape to unload and load our equipment safely at home and at the shows for the return trip. The more we haul the more effort we have to exert setting up our displays. I'm one that likes to take everything I can get on the trailer or in the trailer which every display I take. Tractors are much easier to show than gas engines and all the equipment that can go with them. But the old wooden equipment also makes for a real good display. Always make a sign that tells what the piece is and give a brand name if possible. If I don't know what brand it is, I will put a name on it hoping someone will come along and tell me I'm wrong and that has happened. If you take pictures you need to place the signs on the ground or on a stand so as not to obstruct the view of the picture. We started making a picture book of the equipment and I got the pictures out and half of them had signs on them. Next year I will have to retake the pictures and start over again.

We still need to discuss safety. We had an incident this fall involving a person being injured. We can't do anything to prevent it from happening. We don't want them to happen. It could have been me or you involved in the accident. So we need to think safety all the time. Chock blocks need to be used under the wheels when we park them. I'm not only talking about tractors but trailers and anything that rolls. Most tractors have brakes and they should be set before the operators get off after parking. If the tractor is battery started the key must be removed or a cable

should be taken off the battery to insure it won't start. A child likes to get on tractors and touch every knob and pull every lever they can get their little hands and fingers on. Always check the gear shift lever and see that it is in the neutral position. Then check it again. A lot of us work by ourselves in our barns or garages moving things around and loading. We need to be extra careful.

When setting up at a show, give yourself plenty of room. All show grounds should be setup leaving a minimum of 18 feet for a road and 12 feet for the tractors. On parking lots we center on 63 feet and this seems to work for us. For the gas engine area we still keep the 18 foot roads and vary from 20 to 25 feet to allow for parking trailers with equipment. The wider you allow for roads the better.

We have complaints about the ages of children driving tractors. We have surveyed the ages and what we came up with we must follow. We know that there are some children at the 12 year old level that I would rather have drive my tractor as some 60 year olds. The Insurance Company agreed to cover the 12 to 16 old as long as they go through the Youth Drivers Program. That's all for now folks. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

TO: All EDGE&TA Members

Insurance Update, January 2009 by Dick Tombrink



As I write this update, our weather forecaster is predicting a major cold front to be here tomorrow (Billings, MT). He is predicting wind chill temperatures in the -40 degrees range due to the wind. Blizzard conditions will be prevalent in some areas. It has happened many times before but not for awhile. We have had mild temperatures so far this fall, but it appears the temperature will not get up into the 20's in the near future. So much for Global Warming.

Now for the good news regarding EDGETA insurance. **The good news is that our insurance**

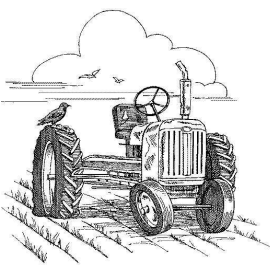
premium for next year is going down, it will be \$4 instead of \$5 as it was last year. So the total will be \$4 for the insurance premium, and \$4 for the National Dues (total of \$8). This is as a result of all of us keeping safety first on our mind. As a result we have only had one claim in the last several years. Our thanks go out to all of you for making that happen.

As in the past, your dues and insurance premium needs to be sent to Ruth by March 15, for those branch members who have paid. Please try to get as many members as you can to renew their membership by the March 15th deadline. Our EDGETA insurance premium for the year is due about April 15th; therefore it helps if we can get as many members to renew before that time to meet our obligation. However, we realize there will always be members that will not renew their membership until later, and you will need to submit them later.

Please visit our EDGETA web site often, www.edgeta.org. We have recently made some corrections to the Insurance Frequently Asked Questions and the Insurance Summary. Please check it out. We try to keep the information on the website 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. We will attempt to answer your questions or get you an answer.

The Christmas season is upon us. We want to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous, and Safe New Year. I sincerely hope all of you will be able to survive the current economic crisis unscathed.

National Secretary/Treasurer-Ruth Warnock



I will be sending out a reminder via email regarding dues and supplies soon. Please, if you receive this email and your Branch has had a change in officers, make sure the new officers receive it.

Additionally, don't forget to go to our website and fill out the

forms for Branch Officers and Branch Directors. Even if your Branch officers remain the same for 2009, your Branch is required to fill out these forms each year. You would be surprised how many little changes do not get sent in. i.e. email addresses, phone number, or even a change of address. This information is required for insurance purposes, to update my files, and Sally our webmaster updates your page on our website. As you schedule your events for 2009, send the information to

Sally for her to put on the 2009 calendar. Great way to advertise your show.

Looks like it will be a blustery winter in many areas this holiday season. Stay warm, stay healthy and stay safe.

I look forward to working with you all in 2009.

Greetings from the Southeast Region



I hope everyone has had a good year. It doesn't seem like a year has passed since last Christmas. I would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work keeping our hobby safe.

There are many shows, parades and plow days that take everyone watching out for safety to keep these events going smoothly. It takes everyone working together to keep everyone safe. Just remember that safety is really a lot of common sense. If you have a question of whether it is safe or not error on the side of safety, just don't do it.

I hope everyone will take the opportunity to give to someone in need this Christmas. There are many ways to give. There is time just helping someone in need. You can give blood. You can donate money clothes or old things no longer needed to Good Will or the Salvation Army. Maybe your church helps families at Christmas. My church does an angel tree. You know how you can best help someone. This time of the year is happy and sad. I think of all we have and then I think of those that really don't have a lot or those that have nothing at all. So I pray for those I can't help because I know God can help them.

Please remember to pray for one another and for the men and women in the armed services that will not get to come home this year. Pray that they will be safe and will get to come home soon. If you get the chance thank a veteran for the job they have done. Their sacrifice is the reason we enjoy the freedoms we do. I am reminded of a slogan, all gave some, some gave all. God Bless you all.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. George Christmas, Director

From the Northeast Region:



Well as our winter season got an early start this year, it has been cold and snowing in my area. I hope everybody had a Happy Thanksgiving and have gotten on the machinery inside and ready for cold weather. Most all crops in my area have been harvested. We were very lucky as most yields for corn and beans were

good. The good prices sure helped. We still have a few seconds crop beans that haven't been harvested.

With Christmas just around the corner everybody is trying to get their shopping done. Just because the tractors and the machinery are put away do not forget SAFETY! We now have slippery roads and slippery sidewalks! Also like this time of the year be careful with electrical connections, heaters and wood burners.

I would like to thank all the branches and their newsletter editors for the newsletters that I received. They are very informative and keeps me abreast of what's going on in other areas.

In closing I want to wish our branches and members A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A SAFE and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Director Wayne Timchuk

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION



Now that the holiday season is over it's time to finish up our restoration projects and get them ready for the 2009 show season. I'm hoping that all of you received what you wanted for Christmas, like another old tractor or engine that needs a little tender loving care. That should give you a reason to spend some time around the shop stove and something useful to do during the cold weather. I hope you will have your winter projects completed and ready for the 2009 Show Season by the time March rolls around.

In the northern half of the SC Region there aren't many shows or gatherings to attend during January and February. However, in the southern half of the region the show season will be getting under way by mid January,

I would like to remind you that the new membership year is not far away. Some of the branches have started collecting the dues for 2009 in order to have them ready to send to the National Secretary by the 15th of March, 2009.

Around this time of the year, I always get questions from a lot of 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 March 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.

Be sure to check the Q & A page on the EDGE&TA web. It was updated recently and there are several very important questions and answers on the new update.

Safety is an ongoing thing. Not only should we be very careful while at a show but all the time. Branch 37 lost one of our members in September because he was not careful while in route to a local craft show. He was hauling an Allis 'G' w/plow on a 16 foot trailer behind a JD 'B' going down an 11 percent grade. Somehow, he lost control of the pulling tractor and was not able to stop when he came to a 90 degree intersection and the trailer ran over him. Both tractors and the trailer were destroyed when they went over a twenty foot embankment and landed on him. This happened on a road that was less than five miles from his home and he had traveled that road several times. Think safety whatever you are doing!

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 2009 show season. I'm looking forward to attending some of the Regional shows and the National show during 2009. I'll try to build my show schedule around these shows and attend as many of the local shows as I can.

I hope to see a lot of you again during 2009.
Howard D. Hodson, Director

Edge&TA Hall of Fame

I would like to remind all of you that the nominations for the Hall of Fame 2009 are due not later than April 15. I already have two nominations and I have talked to a couple more branches about how to submit a nomination.

Howard D. Hodson Hall of Fame Director

Southwest Region

How time flies. After all the 100 plus degree temperatures, the fires and the earthquakes, now it's snowing here in southern California. In about one hour it will be my favorite kind of snow, melted snow.

Many shows and parades have passed with only two incidents that I know of. One was at the local fair, a rider less tractor decided to unload its self from the trailer, fortunately it didn't hit anything or anyone. The other one, not so lucky. It only takes a few moments to double check to make sure you are doing things safely. Be careful at home when you are working on your equipment, use proper jacks, stands, and clean up fluid spills before you slip and fall. This time of year make sure that there is adequate ventilation in your shop if you are using a fuel burning heater or wood stove or running an engine.

With some spare time until next show season it would a good time to read our great web pages.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Don Young SW Director/Safety Chairman



Without the Armed Forces of the United States of America, we would not have the freedom we enjoy today... for freedom is never "free".

Please continue to pray for all of

those who are currently serving and remember those that performed the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives for our country. **Don't Let the Memory of Them Drift Away**

***Keep Our Troops in all your prayers now,
and throughout the New Year!***

We have a great web page that is kept up to date with a great deal of information. The web page is there for your use. We as directors try to review it to make sure it is useful and accurate. If you find anything you do not understand, please contact Ruth Warnock or one of us. We, secretary and directors, are here to help you. We will be glad to explain or maybe we need to change something.

Sally is doing a great job maintaining it and keeping it fresh. I am proud to inform members and non-members about our web page. Use it! Dorene Yearian NC Director

North Central Region

I hope everyone has had a great holiday and a happy new year. This is a great time to get your equipment looked at and repaired for the coming tractor season. We just noticed the weld on the bumper pull trailer fenders had come loose. If that had come loose while hauling equipment to a show it could have wiped out the tires, damaged the trailer and whatever we were hauling. Just a reminder when you check

out your hauling equipment (trailers and trucks) for brakes and the condition of the tires, check out your straps, chains and binders. Check out the welds on your fenders, the rack that holds your third ramp, your license plate holder, the bracket that hold the tail lights, your tool boxes (make sure they are secure), etc. This would be a good time to rewire that trailer that has given you some headaches. The wiring always seems to deteriorate on our bumper pull trailer over the winter and we seem to always have to repair it just before a show. When checking the wiring on that trailer and you are checking the brakes, check and repack the wheel bearings. There are numerous things we all need to be doing to get ready for the coming tractor season. See you next year at your favorite show and here's hoping all your repairs are not major.

Dorene Yearian NC Director

Chock Blocks

Larry Voris

Chock blocks or wheel blocks or what ever you want to call the blocks we put in front or behind the wheels while parked. Number 12 in the safety section states the follows:

12. All tractors shall have good parking brakes if so equipped and/or wheel blocks while parked for display.

This is very important and is a good habit we all need to follow. You can purchase the plastic blocks or make your own. I have seen round stove wood, rocks and other things to block the wheels. We need to clean up our act on this subject. I make my own blocks out of 4 x 4 blocks about 14 inches long. I look at the grain of the wood and with a spade bit drill a hole through the block and thread a piece of yellow rope through and tie a knot in the rope. This makes it easy to hang the blocks on your tractors or equipment so you always have them with you. You could paint the blocks and put your name on them. This way you can always get your same spot if you drive your tractor during a show or go through the parade. Exhibitors coming in and parking don't know where to park and will sometimes take the first open spot not knowing if the spot is being used or not. This will sometimes avoid hard feelings of someone parking in the middle of your display.

We have been talking about tractors. In the gas engine area we also need to block trailers when unhooked and other equipment that is on wheels. They will sometimes roll too.

We are now in the winter months for most of us and we have plenty of time to make blocks. ***This is one of the things that the Safety committee will be watching for next year.*** The bigger the piece of equipment the bigger the block needs to be. Even on flat ground put your blocks down to mark your spot. Don't forget to pick them up when you are leaving the area to go back home.

2009 SHOW SCHEDULE

49TH NATIONAL SHOW & BUSINESS MEETING

Hosted by Branch 66, Fredericksburg, Texas
June 13 and 14 - Gillespie County Fairground,
US Hwy 16 South
Opening ceremony 6-13-09 at 9:00
Exhibitors free. General attendance \$6.00 children under
12 free
Featuring all crawlers and steam. Feature all engine
companies celebrating their Centennial
Contact Becky Smith dbs@fbg.net (830) 997-3012-
Food and drinks available on the grounds. RV spaces by
reservations only. Additional camping or RV spaces
close-by. Check our website www.rustyiron.org for all
updates as they become available.
EDGE&TA business meeting 10:30 June 13

Regional Shows

SC Regional Show Branch 128 October 9-10

LA 2 Cyl Tractor & Engine Club
Beauregard Parish Civic Center – Covered Arena
5515 Hwy 190 west, DeRidder, LA 70634
7 miles west of DeRidder, LA on Hwy 190 West
Contacts: David Bass, pres 337-540-5023
Buzz Bradley, Sec 337-302-7212
Danny Futch, Arena Director 337-462-3333
Cell 337-540-8342

NW Regional Show Branch 15 July 25 - 26

Antique Powerland Museum-3995 Brooklake Rd. NE
Brooks Oregon – [www/antiquepowerland.com](http://www.antiquepowerland.com)
Celebrating 150 years of Oregon Industry
Regional meeting will follow dinner 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Mike Boell 503-631-3993
Email j_joell@yahoo.com (No calls after 8:00 p.m.)

NC Regional Show Branch 16 September 17-20

Ozarks Steam Engine Association Grounds. .
Republic MO (Just off Hwy 60)
Featured Tractor: Allis Chalmers & Related Equipment
Featured Garden Tractor: Allis Chalmers
Regional Meeting Time: Saturday, September 19
At 4 PM on Show Grounds
Contact Person: Jeff Ruth – 417-767-4632
thesteampowerman@hotmail.com

SW Regional Show Branch 113 August 14-16

Agricultural Museum
4498 E State Highway 140
Merced, CA 209-383-1912
Bring out your California engines
Contact: Charlie Parish 209-383-3628
Cell 209-756-1912
Email: sparish@dishmail.net

NE Regional Show Branch 176 October 3 - 4

Location: Francis Farm-27 Francis Farm Rd. Rehoboth
Ma.Farm
Phone 508-252-6512 www.francisfarm.net
Contact: Gayle Abrams – 508-252-4809
Gabrams77@aol.com
Theme: Autumn in New England
Dinner Saturday 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 pomp...

SE Regional Show Branch 168 September 18-19

Location: 355 Chandler Rd
Salisbury NC 28147
Contact Randy Ellium
Phone 704-636-2459 or 704-636-2671
Email: relium@jrenet.com

