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I wrote an article several years ago about writing down what you have in your collections or in other words take inventory. Did any of you actually do this? If you didn't I'm giving you another chance. My brother started taking pictures of equipment a couple of years ago and putting them in a 3-ring notebook. He was using a program on his computer that I couldn't make work. I have taken pictures of my collection for years and this spring on a bad winter day I decided to see what I could do. Since we don't use the old box cameras anymore that you had to send off the film to get the pictures developed, I went to the new digital cameras it was easy for me to start the project. My first digital camera used a floppy disk for film and this is when we stopped making photo copies or at least I did. They have come along way in the last 10 years in picture taking. Our present camera uses a SD card which is about the size of a postage stamp. It uses what they call a 1-gig SD card that will hold maybe a 500 pictures. Now the 1-gig card is obsolete and our camera won't take a 2-gig card. The old floppy disc would only hold maybe 25. Then all of a sudden they had camera phones and the little card in them is about a fourth the size of a postage stamp and will hold more than a 1000 pictures and they are good. Back in the hills we don't get all the new technology very fast. There are all kinds of storage devices to store pictures on. Some say to store them on a CD or DVD and I have been using a flash drive that is about the size as your index finger or some people call them finger drive and yes I still have some of the old photo in a shoe box. But a word of caution, if you have pictures stored on floppy discs, you need to load them and move the pictures up to a newer storage program. Every time you upgrade your computers you lose some of the old equipment we used to open the older programs.

Anyway back to my story. I pulled up some of my pictures on the computer and hit the right mouse and copied the picture and then opened up the "word" program and hit the right mouse and pasted the picture on the page. I had to shrink the picture down to about a quarter page to leave me some room to tell the story of the equipment in the picture. I would give the brand, manufacturer, type of equipment, patent date if available; who I purchased it from and the date, serial number and any history on the piece of equipment that I could find. Sometimes I would have 2-3 pictures on the page. Now, you say, I don't have one of those computers. Then take a picture with your camera and

attach it to a piece of paper and write the information below the picture which will work just as good.

The last part of my story, my children have said a few times, dad you need to get rid of all that old stuff before you die. I tell them that I'm not through playing with the old stuff yet. We are preserving history with our old stuff collections. If we don't the old wooden stuff will rot down and the metal stuff will go to the scrap man. Then several times I have heard people say, I wish I had paid a little more attention to dad or granddad when they were living and wrote down some of the stories about some of the old stuff and I let that piece of equipment go at dad's sale and wish I had it back. Do any of you relate to what I have been talking about? Winter is coming soon and it would be a good time to start on this project when the snow is flying.

Insurance Update, December 2010 by Dick Tombrink

As I write this, December is upon us, bringing to the end another year. We have had several weeks of winter here, after a real nice fall. We have about 6 inches of snow now (was about a 10"), so it looks like it could be a white Christmas here in Montana. Last year was a snowy winter, and it looks like this one will be snowy as well. I have plowed snow about three times so far this year. In the recent past some winters I have only plowed snow about three times all winter. In the Billings area, most of the time we do not have snow for Christmas.

I am sure you all enjoyed going to shows, tractor pulls, tractor drives, etc this year. Aside from having only a couple safety incidents, it has been a good year from a safety standpoint. When you think about over 12,000 EDGETA members and all the spectators that come to our shows, the exposure is there for some safety incidents. Since they have been relatively few, it points out that we are all keeping safety in mind. It is one of those things that we need to keep thinking about all the time, whether at a tractor show, or at home or where ever. I would like to congratulate all for continuing to keep safety as number one!!

Another reminder, I think you have heard this before, but our EDGETA dues will remain the same as last year, that is \$8 per member. As you know one of the benefits of being an EDGETA member is the liability insurance that goes along with it. We monitor the EDGETA insurance premium cost and adjust the National branch member dues accordingly. When we keep safety in mind and keep our number of liability incidents low, we keep our insurance premiums low. Again our thanks go out to all of you for making that happen.

For your branch members who have paid their branch dues, your National dues need to be sent to Ruth by March 15. Please try to get as many branch 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.

The Christmas season is upon us. It is time to put your letter together to Santa Claus, and ask him for that tractor, or stationary engine that you have been looking for. I believe you are never too old to believe in Santa Claus. We would like to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous, and **Safe** New Year.

Remember to continue to keep safety Number one!!

Report from SC Director Johnny Burger

I was never good at writing when in school. I have a lot to say but hard to put it in words. I *procrastinate writing the news letter till the last minute and that is why I missed getting something in the last news letter. I will try to do better. I have been to more shows this year than before and have enjoyed each one. A few people have called me for information on EDGE&TA's rules and insurance. I would like to encourage more to call. I have found that we have more to talk about than a problem you might be having and I like making new friends. I have a 1953 Super M international and this year I got to put it to work on a shingle cutter and it did a good job. I have one more parade to go and that will do it for this year. I have a 1935 John Deere B and maybe I can get something done to it before next year shows begin. I have to get this off to Ruth and maybe I will be on time. May all your shows be better than the last.*
Burger

Report from Don Young SW Director

A Veterans Day Service was held at Flabob Airport in Riverside, California on November 6th. Besides many service men and women there were airplanes, cars, tractors and engines. Our local branch had twenty tractors, three engines, a corn sheller, grist mill, washing machine and a sewing machine to entertain 2000-3000 spectators that came for the service. The CEO of the airport said airplanes and tractors are a natural fit, they make noise. Another club had about twenty engines.

It has been in the 20's in the night time in southern California, and will be 80 degrees this weekend. Now is a good time to winterize your tractors and engines if you haven't already. The summer has seemed to pass quickly with so many shows and parades. Before you know it we will be starting all over again. In this area there are shows in January.

Safety begins at home, when in doubt, take an extra moment to be sure what you are about to do is the safest way.

Hoping all you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

A report from the NE Regional Area: Wayne Timchuck

Well after all the nice weather we enjoyed during the fall month's winter has arrived in a big way. As I sit here looking out my window to 5 to 6 inches of snow and whiteout conditions and cold temperatures I thanked God for my wood-burner. As I said before we had a beautiful fall. The farmers have all their crops harvested and most of the fall plowing done for the year. We had bumper crops in beans and corn in my particular area.

I want to thank all of my branches for a safe and enjoyable summer. But always remember just because the shows are overdue not forget about safety. We had a very enjoyable trip and a very nice show at Hartford Michigan for our regional show. I want to thank the people up there again for their hospitality and the good food. Keep up the good work. I attended a lot of shows this summer in and around my area. Some of them are super good shows and had good turnouts. We also had a few shows this summer with a lot of exhibitors and not many spectators. I wish somebody could figure out a way to bring people to the shows. They spend a lot of money bringing the machinery and setting it up to show people the way it used to be. And the younger generation doesn't seem to really care. We need to get some activities incorporated into our shows that would interest younger people. Our branch has been thinking about getting a hold of the 4H club in the area to work with kids with small engines and garden tractors. If we can get the kids interested and they bring their parents that would be a good start.

Well being a Christmas holiday time I have attended two Christmas parties and missed one because of the bad weather. My branch in the Cleveland area held their Christmas party again this year at the Golden Corral in Medina, Ohio they had a nice turnout in a lot of good food. You know me nothing like good food! And I didn't do too badly in a 50-50 drawing. So I want to thank Fred and Gail for their hospitality. The club I belong to in Sandusky had a very good turnout for the Christmas party and the food was good. But I can't say the same for our show between the rain and the wind it wasn't good.

The holiday seasons will be behind us probably when you receive this newsletter. So hopefully you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.!

When starting the new year and working on projects in the shop be sure not to forget safety because things will be different in the cold weather than they are in warm weather. Be especially careful when hauling and loading or unloading tractors and equipment.

Things people don't know

Drivers kill more deer than hunters. The word Mrs. cannot be written in full. In 1941 a gallon of regular gas costs 19.2 cents

HAVE A GREAT WINTER and A SAFE 2011

Merry Christmas from the Southeast Region, George W Christmas

On November 12th and 13th the Southeast Regional show was hosted by branch 169 at the fairgrounds in Cumming, Ga. It was a great setting for a show. It is adjacent to an old homestead exhibit showing early life in the frontier of Georgia. There was an excellent display of steam engines and traction engines. The club maintains their engines on the show ground and stores them in a steam shed build right on the fairground. There is an operating cotton gin on the grounds as well as a sawmill. The members of branch 169 were very gracious host. It was amazing to see this collection of steam engines so close to my home. I say close but it is approximately 340 miles from my home. There was also a good showing of stationary engines tractors and 3 drag saws. Drag saws are not a common item in my area either. The branch provided a hobo supper on Friday night for vendors. This show is an annual show so if you are interested in visiting this area in November next year please contact the officers of branch 169 for the show date. They also fire up the steam engines for the 4th of July celebration hosted by the city of Cumming. I would like to thank all the members of branch 169 for their hard work in hosting such a great show.

Well, here it is another Christmas season. It seems like it was just Christmas only a couple of months ago! What a grand time. I know it is only early December but we have been so busy. Getting together with friends, Christmas parties, cantata practice for church, we seem to be going somewhere every day. I was thinking the other day as I was listening to Christmas music, about singers like Nat King Cole, Bing Crosby, Dean Martin and even Jimmy Durante. You may be thinking Jimmy Durante? He sings my favorite version of Frosty the Snowman. There is just something about hearing these voices that say Christmas time is here.

Christmas time is a time for sharing. It seems there are more people this year that need help than ever before. The sad thing is the folks that usually help those folks find themselves with a little less this year too. It is a hard decision to choose whom to help. Do you give a lot of people a little or fewer people more. Only you can make that decision. We can all do a little something. Donate an old coat or blanket to a needy group. Some of those clothes that have been in your closet for a couple of years could be donated to someone. There are a lot of pantry's that give canned goods to needy folks, you can donate money or canned goods there. Our church decided to help some families with their power bills for our Christmas project this year. There are many ways to give that are economical. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I wish a safe Holiday Season to you all.

An Old Farmer's Advice



Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.

Meanness don't just happen overnight.

Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.

Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.

It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

You cannot unsay a cruel word.

Every path has a few puddles.

When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.

Don't judge folks by their relatives.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.

Hall of Fame – Tom Yearian

There are a lot of our members who deserve to be nominated for the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame. Now is the time for everyone to look around at your branch membership and to those people you think we all would like to read about. There are probably some great members who have contributed to your club and this organization that you think we need to honor. Look around you at your membership. Now is a great time to do it. It's too cold to go out and work on your equipment so get out the membership list and check it over.

Send in an application for nominees according to the guidelines on www.edgeta.org. Nominees must be received by _____ so they can be sent to the judges for review and approval. Plaques will then be presented at the National Show in Kansas in August or at your local regional show.

NC District – Dorene Yearian

My local branch is Branch 16 and we had the best show (10 days after Labor Day) we've had in a very long time. For once the weather was just great. We didn't die from the dust or get rained out and stuck in the mud. We have our show on the Ozark Steam Engine Association (OSEA) grounds and have enough steam equipment to have a steam show. We had a kiddy tractor pull, parades, adult tractor pulls, kiddy train rides, and lots of food. We featured the Leader tractor, Garden Tractors, wooden equipment and air-cooled small engines. Our engine area is getting smaller each year so this year several of our members pulled in equipment and created a stationary working display. In the wooden display area we had equipment I've never seen before and a lot of it was a working demonstration. We had the lawn and garden group gather at our show. There were more garden tractors there that I've ever seen before and some that I didn't know existed. The antique truck club brought enough equipment in to fill a whole corner of our grounds. Some of our branch members belong to the truck club and the steam club.

Branch 16 members show at the Steam-a-Ram (OSEA) and call it their home show. We help maintain the grounds and take responsibility for registration. *We are all in charge of safety.* We have a person that is an EDGE&TA & OSEA member that goes around on a golf cart with rope, stakes, etc to help exhibitors set up and rope off if necessary. We all follow OSEA's safety rules that are published and handed out at registration. We also individually follow the EDGE&TA safety guidelines. For example the kiddies train that is pulled by an Allis is built and approved according to the EDGE&TA guidelines. They operate under the EDGE&TA and OSEA guidelines that are very similar. OSEA pays for the insurance for the show – so at our show we do not have an age restriction of a driver on a single tractor. Children are able to drive safely at our show as OSEA has their own insurance. Everyone has to follow OSEA's safety guidelines though.

At your show if you want to have your own guidelines of who can operate equipment, you need to look into purchasing insurance for your show.

I saw a lot of other EDGE&TA branches there besides Br 16. That is something we all need to think about next year – do support the shows/branches around you. It helps your branch show grow as you can advertise your show and it helps support the shows around you. You meet great people that way.

NC – Dorene Yearian

Secretary/Treasurer/Editor-Ruth Warnock

Encourage your members to read this newsletter and keep up to date with what is going on at the National level.

As you can see by the "Volume Number" I have been putting out this newsletter for 12 years..

I am never very sure of how many branch officers/directors/members get to read it on our web pages. There are things written in the newsletter for all to read.

EDGE&TA's calendar year is from April 15th to April 15th.

REMINDER Dues should be mailed to me by March 15th.

I am already getting requests for new stickers etc.

I know all branches have elections of officers at various times of the year, however, I would like to emphasize how important it is for the outgoing officer to make sure the new officer understands their position.

Make sure you go to our website www.edgeta.org and fill out the forms for your current officers. This is required each year even if there aren't any changes.

JUST A FEW MORE REMINDERS.

To the person responsible for submitting their branch dues.

Always put your branch number on all correspondence and emails. It is the way I identify your branch. Not by your club name.

Make all checks payable to EDGE&TA not to Ruth Warnock.

As you have read in Dick Tombrink's article, dues remain at \$8.00 per member.

Always send full information about the members you are submitting checks for. I.e. name, address, city, state and zip.

You need only report this information about the people you are sending a check for. You do not need to send me your full membership list each time.

When your branch needs additional membership cards please contact me and give me a quantity you need and also state if you need stickers. All branches should have a few extras on hand, but we try not to be wasteful. All of these supplies are costly. Also please allow me sufficient time to mail them to you. Many branches don't realize they need them until a few days before their event and then they panic.

Remind your members to hold on to their cards from year to year and let them know they will receive new stickers each year.

Please take time to read our by-laws, and safety section and keep your members up to date. Encourage them to visit our website.

I am reprinting part of our by-laws for you to pass on to you officer in charge of submitting your branch member's dues. Hopefully this will help things run smoother from a branch level as well as mine.

ARTICLE VI - DUES AND INSURANCE

Section 3. Non-Payment of Dues and Insurance Premiums:

- a. The Secretary/Treasurer shall send a Notice of Termination for non-payment of dues and insurance premiums to a branch whose dues and insurance premiums are not received by April 15.
- b. The Secretary/Treasurer will forward a copy of the Notice of Termination to the Insurance Agent.
- c. The Association insurance coverage of a branch terminated for non-payment of dues and insurance premiums will be canceled at the time of branch termination.

I hope to get stickers and buttons mailed out during the month of February. I base the quantity I send to each branch on the number of members reported for the previous year.

To all of you who continue to stay in your position for another year, thank you and I look forward to working with you again this next year. To the new people coming on board, welcome and if you have any questions, please contact me.

This is a reminder to you to go on line and look up the National Show and the Regional Show in your area. Start making plans now. Figure out what equipment you want to take to that show. Look up the branches near you and check or call them to find out when their branch show are. Start planning because tractor (and other equipment too) season will be here soon – you want to be ready.



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

Merry Christmas to all.

