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It is time to uncover the equipment and get it all out and do the necessary repairs if you didn't get it done this last winter and lets hit the ground running for a new show season. Then the good ole hot weather comes along and before we know it is fall and all those pretty green leaves start to die, flowers are all gone the grass turns brown and it is cold again. The show season seems like it goes by so fast and we wake up one morning and wonder where the summer went. We already know when we go to the National show this year in Winfield, KS it will probably be hot. We can't all be snow-birds and move around with the seasons of the year. It sure was nice in Florida this year in February. We were fortunate to be able to attend the Florida Fly wheelers show. We were there about 11 days and it was 80 degrees every day. It was one big giant flea market. The fleas and the exhibits were all mixed together. Personally I would like to have seen them separated. If you purchased something and had to come back after the item, you had better write down the address of the spot.

Before we start a show, the first thing that should be considered is safety. Are the machines safe to operate? Is it safe for the operators? If we determine the safety of the operator then we need to do make it safe for the spectators watching the equipment? This is where we get our posts and ropes out and fence it off. We require 2 ropes, but 3 would probably be better in some instances. You have to use good judgment. The little children don't have any fear and want to touch things. They can get away from a parent so quickly that we need to be constantly watching when we operate a machine that has belts, and moving gears and especially the hot manifolds.

Tractor operators, be careful. It is the stupid little mistakes that get us in trouble. To all, keep up the good work.

Insurance Update, By Dick Tombrink

If you have not sent EDGETA dues for this year to Ruth, please do so. Dues for this year are \$8 per member; it has not changed for the last two years. As in the past, your EDGETA dues for those branch members who have paid were to be sent to Ruth by March 15. Per the EDGETA bylaws, branches are encouraged to submit as many members' dues as possible by March 15th, so we can pay the EDGETA insurance premium by April 15th. As you know our insurance renewal date is April 15th. It helps if we can get as many members to renew before that time so we can pay the EDGETA National insurance premium. However, we realize there will always be members that will not renew their membership until later, and therefore you will need to send them to Ruth within 30 days of receiving them.

We have a branch event calendar on the EDGETA website. The website home page has been redesigned to make the calendar easier to access and use. The EDGETA Board of Directors encourages you to report your events via the EDGETA website, www.edgeta.org using the Event Reporting Form on the home page. Your events will be placed on the Branch Events Calendar. This gives you free advertising for those other branches that may have members who are looking for shows in your area and may want to attend. Many branches are taking advantage of this service. Check on the calendar frequently, it is amazing how many events our branches have during the year. Reporting your events also allows the EDGETA Board of Directors to keep track of events, to get a better feel of the pulse of the organization. When you report your event, try to be more elaborate with the name, especially the location of the EDGETA sponsored event. This will help other branches to better understand where and what your event is.

Please visit our EDGETA web site often, www.edgeta.org. If you have any questions they

probably are addressed there. If you still have a question please send an email note or call me. I will attempt to answer your questions or get you an answer.

I am looking forward to this year's show season. It has been a long, cold, snowy, and windy winter. I am ready for spring and an end to -20 degree temperatures. In the last week we have had warmer temperatures. The snow is almost all gone, and the frost is out of the ground, so the snow water can now soak in. I have not been in my shop for almost two months, because my wife has me working on our house remodel project. It sure takes time from working on my tractors. Bummer!!

GET INVOLVED

Dorene Yearian – NC Director

The EDGETA is an organization made up of people for people with our interests. It is only as good as the effort you put in it. You need to get involved. Get involved in the everyday life of your club; get involved in the workings of the National organization. Go on line and check out our web page. (Of course I think it's a great web page.) Push a button and read the insurance summary, the frequently asked questions, and/or the safety requirements. Really read them. We can make errors. You're continually reading and using it helps make it better. The frequently asked questions area was developed by you asking questions. Check out the Hall of Fame – read about people that other people felt should to be honored. Maybe you should write about a person in your local branch that needs to be honored. Check out the area listing National and Regional shows. Check to see if there is one in your area and make yourself known and get to know us. Tell us your concerns. Push the branches button and check it out. We have a lot of branches with people that know a lot of stuff you might need to know. The safety requirements area lists a great deal of information. Want to build a kiddies train or a people mover – check it out. If you are into steam – check out our information. You want to develop a show for your branch – the information is there. We have everything and if we don't – tell us about it at a show. We would love to meet you and swap "stories" about this hobby. I think we have the greatest people in our hobby.

Report from SC Director, Johnny Burger

I am working on a new project. This new project is a 1936 John Deere B unstyled. The first problem I had was the old tractor had 36 x 12.4 tires. Because of the size of this tire the cost for new ones are hard to swallow. The tractor had been setting for some time on flats and the front reams were in bad shape. The tractor is mounted on spoke wheels, so I will try to save them. When taking off the rear wheels one of them broke in the center and the center is casted iron. I hope that I might weld it back in place. With help from some of my club member we have taken the tractor apart. Most of these part have been cleaned by sandblasting are sanding and primed. Weather plays a big part in when I can paint the parts. I do not have a paint booth and the temperature here is been running below the 50 degree mark. I have learned that paint does not like cool temperatures when applying it to something. The carburetor was an experiment in itself. I had to drill and tap screws, the old float crumbled, but I got it looking like a new one hope it works. I did luck out the cylinders were in good shape and had a standard bore. The rod bearing and main were in good shape.

This is not my first tractor to restore I have eight tractor that are show quality. I also have a 1930 AA ford truck. If I have learned one thing working on this old equipment is that you can put a lot of money into each project. You have to do it for the love of it. Do not think you will get you money back. On the other hand you can take great pride in bring it back to life and showing it off. If you do rebuild an antique tractor you might check on availability of parts for the tractor you will be working on. Some parts you might have to make yourself. New parts are getting harder to fine and the price is going up. From my perspective the rewards are worth the time and money.

A report from the NE Regional Area: Wayne Timchuck

A winter update from the Northeast region

Well as spring is just around the corner and hopefully our old-fashioned winter is behind us. We had a fairly nice winter as we were not exceptionally cold. We had very little wind when our snows came. All totaled in Dec, Jan and February we had a total of 60 some days with

decent snow on the ground. I spent a lot of time cutting wood fueling the furnaces and plowing driveways.

My projects for the winter did not get off the ground as planned. I went to a couple of meetings with the state Highway Patrol and the Department of Transportation people. These were long meetings and very interesting in the changes that they have made it will affect all of us.

First off there is a difference between what we do and being a commercial truck. If they consider you a commercial truck and trailer than the laws are 100% different than if you are hauling antique equipment for yourself. The first saying that both the patrol and the Department of Transportation people told us was to go to the Internet and pull up the laws on hauling antique equipment noncommercial and driving vehicles with antique license plates. Now I know every state probably has something different but you need to check with your local and state laws. Federal laws also make allowances for noncommercial operation. The reason that these people told us to have these papers with us is because the patrol and the DOT people are trained on federal commercial laws basically. Most patrol that you talk to don't even know about the antique non-commercial laws.

One of the first things to do is be sure all lights, your safety chains and brakes are in good working condition. They look for a small infraction so they have a reason to stop you. Another big thing may look for is chain binders that are not wired to keep them from opening. I'll bet there is not one person out there at some time or another had a chain binders open up. Remember most of this stuff is just common sense. Also do not forget to check air pressure, visibly check your tires and re-torque your lug nuts on your vehicles and trailers. If you are using cheap chains and binders maybe you should upgrade to a grade 70 chain and binders and don't forget you need grade 70 hooks to. Two chains and binders is not an acceptable way to tie down a large tractor. If you are using straps be sure they are heavy enough to do the job. Also be sure there are no cuts or frayed areas on the straps. Also be sure that the strap does not go over something sharp without being protected. There again this is common sense! Loading and on loading tractors and equipment is the most dangerous part of the trip so be sure your planks or loading ramps are secure and

won't kick out from under you. Remember being safe takes a lot less time than getting over an injury or repairing the damage it caused.

I want to thank all my branches for having a nice safe 2010 and hoping for a safe and enjoyable 2011 season.

George W Christmas, SE Regional Director

Well, it has been an interesting winter. I hope everyone is doing well. Maybe you had enough time to finish that winter project. Maybe you took the time to find a new project or catch up on some task that you have been putting off for a while. I know I have been working in the yard and now that the time has changed (I realize some of you folks do not have to worry about daylight savings time) I get just a little more time outside in the evening. I went from working 12 hour shifts 3 days a week to 8 hour shifts 5 days a week over a year ago and I can't seem to find my groove.

Now that the show season has begun it is important to review the guidelines set aside to help put on a safe show, display or pull. Some of the things are just common sense. Most of us have been around this old machinery long enough to know where the problems could show up. The folks that come to our shows have not had the exposure and would not know what to expect. All of the guidelines are in place to keep you and the spectators safe. If you are displaying an operating display like an engine, saw, pump or anything moving, take the time to rope it off. Do it right! I remember a small sign my Dad had on his toolbox at work. It read "why is there never enough time to do something right but always enough time to do it over". Well there are no opportunities to do something over once someone gets hurt. Take your time; make sure it is right the first time. Keep it safe. The following story was an email I received a couple of months ago. It is a funny story of how things can go wrong from the start. Enjoy it and share it with your friends.

Why we shoot deer in the wild (A letter from someone who wants to remain anonymous, who farms, writes well and actually tried this)

I had this idea that I could rope a deer, put it in a stall, feed it up on corn for a couple of weeks, then kill it and eat it. The first step in this

adventure was getting a deer. I figured that, since they congregate at my cattle feeder and do not seem to have much fear of me when we are there (a bold one will sometimes come right up and sniff at the bags of feed while I am in the back of the truck not 4 feet away), it should not be difficult to rope one, get up to it and toss a bag over its head (to calm it down) then hog tie it and transport it home.

I filled the cattle feeder then hid down at the end with my rope. The cattle, having seen the roping thing before, stayed well back. They were not having any of it. After about 20 minutes, my deer showed up-- 3 of them. I picked out a likely looking one, stepped out from the end of the feeder, and threw my rope. The deer just stood there and stared at me. I wrapped the rope around my waist and twisted the end so I would have a good hold.

The deer still just stood and stared at me, but you could tell it was mildly concerned about the whole rope situation. I took a step towards it, it took a step away. I put a little tension on the rope .., and then received an education. The first thing that I learned is that, while a deer may just stand there looking at you funny while you rope it; they are spurred to action when you start pulling on that rope.

That deer EXPLODED. The second thing I learned is that pound for pound, a deer is a LOT stronger than a cow or a colt. A cow or a colt in that weight range I could fight down with a rope and with some dignity. A deer-- no Chance. That thing ran and bucked and twisted and pulled. There was no controlling it and certainly no getting close to it. As it jerked me off my feet and started dragging me across the ground, it occurred to me that having a deer on a rope was not nearly as good an idea as I had originally imagined.. The only upside is that they do not have as much stamina as many other animals.

A brief 10 minutes later, it was tired and not nearly as quick to jerk me off my feet and drag me when I managed to get up. It took me a few minutes to realize this, since I was mostly blinded by the blood flowing out of the big gash in my head. At that point, I had lost my taste for corn-fed

venison. I just wanted to get that devil creature off the end of that rope.

I figured if I just let it go with the rope hanging around its neck, it would likely die slow and painfully somewhere. At the time, there was no love at all between me and that deer. At that moment, I hated the thing, and I would venture a guess that the feeling was mutual. Despite the gash in my head and the several large knots where I had cleverly arrested the deer's momentum by bracing my head against various large rocks as it dragged me across the ground, I could still think clearly enough to recognize that there was a small chance that I shared some tiny amount of responsibility for the situation we were in. I didn't want the deer to have to suffer a slow death, so I managed to get it lined back up in between my truck and the feeder - a little trap I had set before hand...kind of like a squeeze chute. I got it to back in there and I started moving up so I could get my rope back.

Did you know that deer bite?

They do! I never in a million years would have thought that a deer would bite somebody, so I was very surprised when I reached up there to grab that rope and the deer grabbed hold of my wrist. Now, when a deer bites you, it is not like being bit by a horse where they just bite you and slide off to then let go. A deer bites you and shakes its head--almost like a pit bull. They bite HARD and it hurts.

The proper thing to do when a deer bites you is probably to freeze and draw back slowly. I tried screaming and shaking instead. My method was ineffective.

It seems like the deer was biting and shaking for several minutes, but it was likely only several seconds. I, being smarter than a deer (though you may be questioning that claim by now), tricked it. While I kept it busy tearing the tendons out of my right arm, I reached up with my left hand and pulled that rope loose.

That was when I got my final lesson in deer behavior for the day.

Deer will strike at you with their front feet.

They rear right up on their back feet and strike right about head and shoulder level, and their hooves are surprisingly sharp... I learned a long time ago that, when an animal -like a horse -- strikes at you with their hooves and you can't get away easily, the best thing to do is try to make a loud noise and make an aggressive move towards the animal. This will usually cause them to back down a bit so you can escape.

This was not a horse. This was a deer, so obviously, such trickery would not work. In the course of a millisecond, I devised a different strategy. I screamed like a woman and tried to turn and run. The reason I had always been told NOT to try to turn and run from a horse that paws at you is that there is a good chance that it will hit you in the back of the head. Deer may not be so different from horses after all, besides being twice as strong and 3 times as evil, because the second I turned to run, it hit me right in the back of the head and knocked me down.

Now, when a deer paws at you and knocks you down, it does not immediately leave. I suspect it does not recognize that the danger has passed. What they do instead is paw your back and jump up and down on you while you are laying there crying like a little girl and covering your head.

I finally managed to crawl under the truck and the deer went away. So now I know why when people go deer hunting they bring a rifle with a scope.....to sort of even the odds!

All these events are true so help me God... An Educated Farmer

"Life's tough, pilgrim, and it's even tougher if you're stupid."-- John Wayne

George W Christmas, Southeast Regional Director

SW Region

Here in the southwest the weather is improving and we are enjoying parades and shows. The first show that I attended was in Wellton, AZ. It was the second show hosted by branch 206. It was a very good show with a number of rare and unusual

pieces of equipment. It was well organized and they had ropes and fire extinguishers. The next event that I participated in was the Almond Festival Parade in Quartz Hill, CA with branch 30. Branch 65 in Hesperia, CA that I am involved with has several events coming up, many on the same day that keeps me busy. With all the activity you need to take time out to make sure that your equipment is safe and in good working order. As we get older, myself included, we need to take that extra time to understand if what we are about to do is safe. Something that I mentioned before, if you have to hand crank your tractor, do it once with the ignition off, that way you will be reminded if it was out of gear. The branches are growing larger and hopefully we can help one another. When a new member joins your branch, help them out by going over the safety rules with them. I have seen an increase the youth driving applications that I have been receiving and that is a good sign more youth are becoming involved. We need to set a good example for them so they may keep the hobby alive.

I'm hoping all of the members have a great and safe year. Submitted by Don Young SW Director/Safety Director/Youth Driver Coordinator.

Hall of Fame – Tom Yearian

As of this writing we have three nominations for the 2011 Hall of Fame. Hopefully before you read this we have received a few more. Check out the Hall of Fame on our web site – www.edgeta.org. There are some very interesting people listed there. If there is someone in your branch you think should be honored and you missed the deadline of April 15 – there is always next year.

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.

REMINDER By the time you receive this newsletter all branches should have submitted their branch membership list along with a check. The new year starts April 15th and



we want to make sure all branches have made their initial report. Additional renewals and new members can be reported within 30 days of your taking their membership dues.

If you haven't filled out the branch officer form and branch director form please take a minute to do it. It is required each year, even if there are no changes. Thank you.

JUST A FEW MORE REMINDERS.

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.

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

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.

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.



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

There will be 2 director positions open this year. Northwest and Southwest regions. Our bylaws state the following:

ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS/OFFICERS/ADVISORS

Section 1. Directors:

- a. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) directors which includes the President, Vice President, and Safety Officer.
- b. There shall be one Director from each of the six (6) EDGE&TA Regions with the seventh being a Director at Large.
- c. Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority of the branches voting, either in person or by proxy. Every branch may vote to fill all Director Positions, both Regional and Director at Large.
- d. Any member in good standing may have their name placed in nomination for the Director position in the Region in which they reside.
- e. Any member in good standing, from any region, may have their name placed in nomination for the Director at Large position.
- f. 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
- g. The Secretary/Treasurer must receive the resumes and photos no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- h. If there are no valid regional nominations presented, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing from the region to serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- i. If there are no valid nominations presented to fill the Director at Large position, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- j. For continuity, Directors shall be elected on a rotating basis under the following cycle: Two (2) Directors shall be elected/re-elected in each of the first year, and the second year. In the third year, three (3) Directors shall be elected/re-elected.
- k. The Board of Directors shall fill a vacated Director position by appointment of an EDGE&TA member in good standing. Directors so appointed shall serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- l. Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years, and/or until their successors are elected, with the exception that a Director elected to fill a vacated appointed position shall serve the remainder of that three (3) year term.
- m. The number of terms a Director may serve is unlimited.