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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TO: All EDGE&TA Members

Larry Voris, President
Director at Large

As EDGETA is getting ready to start its 45th year, we continue to grow, and enjoy our hobby of preserving and demonstrating our ancestor's way of life.

This is an organization that reaches out to all 50 states. People holding all positions in life, male and female, young and old, we all share the many stories and good friends are made.

We are now in the first days of spring and for me it isn't any too soon.

I would like to bring everyone up to date on the happenings in the EDGE&TA. When I was elected President of the Board of Directors last fall everything was running pretty smoothly. We have several things that need to be addressed this year. I received a call December 31, 2004 that Jerry Mac Martin our Southwest Director had died. He was also our Webmaster. Believe me this was not a good way to start the New Year. Jerry was a class act and will be missed by all of us.

Don Young was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Mac Martin. Don was an Advisor in the Southwest Region. Josh Dilsaver has been appointed as webmaster. We got control of the web page in early February. Josh has been very busy getting used to the structure of the web pages and is updating as time permits. I would like to welcome both Don and Josh to their new positions in the National EDGE&TA.

The committee appointments have been made and are listed below:

Insurance

Dick Tombrink

Hall of Fame

Howard Hodson

Steam Committee

Tim Wade, Chairman

Dick Tombrink

Darrell Carter

George Christmas

Safety/Accident Review/Youth Driver

Dorene Yearian, Chairman

Dick Tombrink

Wayne Timchuk

Don Young

National/Regional Show Coordinator

Gus Peterson

Magazine Article

Larry Voris

If anyone has a problem or question, contact one of the above. If you have Internet service go to www.edgeta.org.

I would like to share a few thoughts about the changing of the helm so to speak. When us older members have had positions in the organization for several years it is hard to turn loose when we decided to step down.

We still want to run things. It is hard to let go. We don't want the new officers to make the same mistakes we made and have the problems we had. Well, maybe they can do things we couldn't do with newer and younger members and the changing of times. I have been in other organizations through out the years and have watched this happen. A new member has an idea and suggests making a change or trying something different or new. I have watched the older members say it won't work. Then the new member gets discouraged and quits. He might have been able to make it work. Let them try their ideas and help them. I know from experience, I recently sold my business and it is hard to watch some of the changes the new owner is making and the things he is throwing away. After all I sold it and it is his to do with as he sees fit. He has new ideas that he wants to try and it is his to do with. I have to turn and walk off. This is what we older members have to do. And don't ever say I told you so even if you want to. We just need to be there and help them and watch. After all it might work and be better than when we were in charge. And on the other side of the coin it might be wise for the younger members to ask advice from the older members at times so they don't fall in a hole and can't dig their way out. We all need to work together as a team.

That's all for now. Let's have another safe year and hope to see some of you at the shows this summer.



INSURANCE Update, 4/03/05

Policy Renewal, Canadian & Insurance, Membership and

Membership Cards

By Dick Tombrink

As of this date we are in the process of renewing our insurance policy. So far there are no surprises, we will let you know if there are any. Refer to our web page often, www.edgeta.org, any updates will be published there.

There have been some questions regarding insurance for Canadians. I will try to clarify it more to help you better understand it. The intention of the EDGETA directors when we agreed to admit Canadians into US branches was primarily for the benefit of those Canadians who participated in US branch functions. Our insurance company agreed to provide insurance coverage for those individual Canadian EDGETA members when they attend shows/events in Canada. There are Canadians who live close to the border and participate in EDGETA branch functions just across the border in the US. The directors did not

approve the establishment of branches in Canada. The directors have some concerns about our Wisconsin incorporation papers that we would need to be resolved before we could approve Canadian branches.

For those Canadians that would like to join an EDGETA branch and become an EDGETA member, our branch locations are listed on our web page, www.edgeta.org. I suggest you contact one of those branches if you would like to join. Each branch has dues, which vary from branch to branch and includes the \$10 that goes to EDGETA for National dues and the insurance premium. Don't forget to consider the Canadian money exchange rate when considering the amount for your dues. These options is particularly inviting for those Canadians that winter in the southern US, and participate in US shows during the winter. By joining a US branch they have insurance coverage here in the US and for the shows they participate in in Canada.

In general, as soon as you pay your dues to an EDGETA branch and are handed the EDGETA membership card you are a member of EDGETA. Even though the branch has 30 days to report new members, you become a member at the time you receive your membership card, and are covered under EDGETA insurance at that time. Remember all exhibitors at EDGETA events must be EDGETA members. If your wife or spouse wants to exhibit tractors, engines, and etc., they also must be an EDGETA member.

For those from other branches that attend and participate in your show/event, ask them for their EDGETA membership card to confirm that they are EDGETA members. It is the responsibility of the individual to have proof of insurance, which is the yellow card with the 2006 sticker on it. I suggest each branch have a reminder on your flyers and advertising that all exhibitors must be EDGETA members and be able to show their EDGETA membership card. The way we would handle it at our branch is if someone shows up and says they are a member of another branch, but do not have their yellow card, we would collect \$10 from them and sign them up as a member of our branch giving them a new yellow card. The \$10 would pay for the National Dues and the Insurance premium. If they persist and can show us proof of their membership by showing us the card within a week or so or sending us a copy of their card, then we would refund their money. Do this before you report it to the National, because the National is not able to issue refunds. Membership cards are only to be issued to paid members, which are then reported to the National and are thereby covered by EDGETA insurance. If someone presents the current yellow EDGETA membership card to you that is sufficient proof for you to confirm that they are covered by EDGETA insurance.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN E.D.G.E.&T.A.

You are not alone when you join an EDGE&TA club. You can singly get information from libraries, book/literature vendors, the Internet and various other places. When you join an EDGE&TA club of course you get the liability insurance but you also get companionship, fellowship, family and a sense of belonging with people that you share a common interest. You

look forward to club meetings mainly because of the socializing and sharing information with good friends. There are many times some member will tell another where they can get information or a part needed to finish a project. They will give you information of auctions, shows, or swap meets and you know you are always welcome to join them. There is a lot of kidding and teasing between members mostly because of brands. They say you only tease someone you care about. There must be a lot of love in our club.

You can be at a show and your engine is not running smoothly and another member will help troubleshoot and show you how to adjust it or get a spring you need out of their toolbox or help you magnetize your magneto. You've run out of gas in your tractor or it isn't running correctly (not JD) – one of your club friends has fuel or a sparkplug and you're back into business. If you have a problem loading or unloading before or after a show, members are always willing to lend a helping hand. We even have fun working together at the grounds getting ready for a show.

When our club needed larger numbers (displays) to attend the State Fair, a few calls to other branches and we had a great display. Which proves the friendship is not only in the individual branches but spreads to other branches?

Members are always helping each other. They do it naturally without thought of getting something in return. You all know the story of when Paul's back went out and Tom helped load his tractor (a red one) after the Empire Fair and then a year later Tom was in pain and Paul (who works at St Johns) moved the MRI appointment to an earlier date and was ready to do anything else he could.

I've seen when a member is sick and the others find out everyone helps load and asks if there is anything else they could do, or they do visits to the homes to see if there is anything to be done.

We were new and went to the MO State Fair for the first time with people we didn't know very well. We were amazed as everyone helped each other unload until everyone was set up and when leaving everyone helped each other load.

The only thing that is more important then our hobbies and our club friends is our family and sometimes it runs neck and neck or friends become family.

There is a lot to be said for joining, as our hobby is unique. We help and care for each other.

As the year winds down, we (the membership) have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to look forward to in the coming year. Have a wonderful show season and remember SAFETY first.



Dorene Yearian, Vice President, NC Director

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS
April-May, 2005**

During January, February, and March there were a few Antique Engine and Tractor shows in the South Central Region. Into some of these shows a little rain did fall, but for the most part, fair weather prevailed.

Now that spring is slowly creeping northward, the birds and the bees have returned and the flowers are blooming. Along with all of this, the engine and tractor shows are popping up here and there. During April and May the South Central Region show season will be in full swing. It will be great to visit some of these shows and see all the different pieces of equipment that has been restored during the winter months.

The South Central Regional Show and Meeting will be hosted by Branch 96 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham, TX, July 22-24, 2005. Now is the time to start making your plans to attend this regional show.

Branch 37 is busy working on their show grounds near Gentry, AR to get it ready for the National Show and Meeting. They are also posting more information to their web site every few days, check the site often to see what new items have been added. Their web address is, www.tiredironoftheozarks.com.

Now would be a good time to review the Safety Rules and refresh our memories of the do's and don't to insure that we enjoy a safe 2005 show season. We can never be too safety minded.

I'm looking forward to see many of my old friends and making some new friends during the coming show season. See you at a show somewhere along the way.
Howard D. Hodson South Central Regional Director



We have made it thru another winter. I realize some of you guys are still shoveling snow. Hopefully it will melt away soon. It's time to get those tractors and engines out and show them off. I prefer not putting them away. We will go to shows, parades, and town festivals. We meet new people and old friends to talk about things we have seen and wish we could see again. It is time to slow down and enjoy simple pleasures.

Please, be careful there are little things we forget or ignore that can be hazards lurking. Check the brakes on your tractors, trailers, trucks and cars. Just a quick check will sometimes help us avoid a mishap. Never leave your engines or tractors running unattended. Who knows the things that could happen to your machine or someone around it while you're gone? Be sure to keep spectators back a safe distance while your machine is running. Let's keep our hobby safe for everyone.

This years South East Regional show will be out of Oakboro in a place called Big Lick. It is a wonderful show with lots of tractors and engines to see. This is not the first show of the season in this area but a well put together show. Hope to meet a lot of you fellow antique collectors and traders there.

I hope we can all learn something new this year from the folks that have been doing this for a long time. Don't be afraid to ask that question you are thinking. They say the only dumb question is the one that is not asked. The more I learn about tractors engines and old equipment the more I would like to know.

Take care this show season. I am glad there are so many others out there that enjoy this hobby as much or more than I. Hope to see you folks at the shows. Have a wonderful spring.
George W Christmas, Southeast Regional Director

Well let's hope the storm we had this weekend will be the last for the winter. I haven't got a lot done this winter because of the ice, snow and the rainstorms we had in January and February. We had power off for up to six days in February. Thank goodness for the generators.

I have been in contact with Branch 133 about our up-and-coming regional show. It sounds like those folks have got things under control. I hope we have nice weather going up there.

I have been working with Branch 162 president to help them get their student drivers training program going. I will be going down to their show in May. Hope to see some of you there.

I am in the process of trying to get in touch with all of the Branches in my region to see what we can do for them or to provide any help that they might need.

I have a couple of projects that I'm working on hope to and hope to have them done for some of our shows at home.

I went to the winter convention for HART PARR OLIVER in Moline Illinois this year. We had real nice weather and a real nice turnout. We had about 350 people at our banquet. Saw a lot of old friends that I hadn't seen for a while.

Also in March I went to Alburn Indiana NATMUS and Maumee Valley Antique Steam and Gas Assn. winter show. They feature Rumely and Allis Chalmers and had a very nice selection. One thing nice about that show is it is all inside. They had a real nice selection of other tractors and implements too.

Well let's get that machinery cleaned up, tuned up and ready to roll.

I hope everybody had a nice winter and hopefully a good spring and will have a fantastic summer!

I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of new people this year. So until next time. Wayne Timchuk, North East Director



Here is some info about our organization that can be useful in your quest for a letter of welcome from your state Governor.

The EARLY DAY GAS ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSN, referred to as EDGE&TA, is an organization of local collectors, restorers and displayers. Clubs, from all over the United States. We have at this time 124 clubs, or branches, involving some 9000 members. We display our machines, many in operation doing whatever their job was, as far back as machines were used to ease the tedious task of farming, milling timber, mining, manufacturing, and the many industries at hand. We take a keen interest in the educational aspect of our hobby. It is a very graphic way we can show younger people just how things were accomplished back beyond 100 plus years ago. We have a National show, and Annual business meeting each year, hosted by a branch in numerical order, which is held in the eastern part of USA one year, and in the western part the next year.

These shows are open to the public, and we have exhibitors bringing their machines great distances. An example recently was a hobbyist from Iowa who brought his Lindemann crawler tractor to the National show hosted at Union Gap, WA. The items one might see at one of these shows are not limited and just about anything old and collectible might be there.

You have my email, phone etc, and if I can be of any help, please let me know. Sincerely,

Gus Peterson EDGE&TA show coordinator and NW Advisor



We have 2 new branches already this year 166 Kansas and 167 Nevada with two more ready to come in.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!!
PLEASE!!!!**

Several branches were late mailing their dues and insurance to me this year. Each year I try to figure out a way to make it easier for all of you, but to no avail.

The March 15th deadline is very important. I need time to get everything completed and then sent to the insurance company and then they need time to do their job in order for you all to be insured for the New Year on April 15th

I put it in newsletters, and ask the branch person receiving the newsletter to share the information with their branch officers. Not sure this always happens. New officers don't always get the information passed on to them.

I would like to suggest something that works very well in my local branch. Job descriptions!!

Each branch can write up a job description for their officers. When you have elections, hand a copy of these to the new people coming on. Actually, a better idea would be to hand one out to all of the officers each year. Some of us forget. I will be more than happy to work with you and give you some suggestions if you want to contact me.

When corresponding with EDGE&TA please put your Branch Number in the subject line. It is the way we identify you. Also include it when sending additional membership lists. Thanks, Ruth A. Warnock, Sec

Visit our web pages www.edgeta.org for additional contacts and information on the following shows and please support the branch hosting an event in your area. A lot of planning and work goes into putting on one of these shows.



**2005 SHOW SCHEDULE
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**Branch 37 132344 Taylor Orchard Rd., Gentry, AR
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Regionals

**SE Branch 110 Big Lick Festival Park NC
May 13,14,15**

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**NE Branch 133 Farmington Fairgrounds, ME
June 24-26**

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**SW Branch 19 Montezuma County Fairgrounds Cortez,
Colorado June 09-13**

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**NW Branch 77 Culbertson MT
September 24-25**

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**SC Branch 96 Washington County Fairgrounds, Brenham
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To All Branches of EDGE&TA

We only received one candidate for the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame this year. It was sent in to the Hall of Fame chairman long before Jerry Mac Martin died by some of his friends. I can't think of anyone more deserving than Jerry.

Jerry Mac Martin 1947-2004

Jerry Mac Martin, EDGE&TA webmaster passed away late December.

Jerry had been a member of Branch 3 for many years. He was a mechanic by trade. Once he saw our old iron, it intrigued him so much that he said he HAD to join the club. It wasn't long after joining that he had collected some engines and had them restored to perfection, not only running well, but also painted and polished to a very bright luster.

After becoming director in 1992, Jerry became vice president of Br 3 and served in that position until 1995. He then served as President of Branch 3 for 5 years. He was also a member of Branch 22

On the National level, he took on the job of Web-Master, was the Hall of Fame Chairman and served as the South West Advisor and then became the South West Director. As webmaster, besides keeping the National pages up to date, he would make web pages for any of the branches that wanted one, Jerry would spend endless hours at the computer keeping everything up to date. Battling Rheumatoid Arthritis, he took an early retirement from his job as a mechanic.

Jerry finally had to stop showing his beautiful old iron he loved so much as the heavy equipment was just too much to

handle. He was able to continue his work on his computer, making many friends across the country, both through his work with the National and the branches, but also with an on-line health support group. Jerry served 4 years which included 14 months in Vietnam in the infantry.

We say Good Bye to a good friend, a friend that was committed to make the EDGE&TA a better organization, but more importantly, helping to make each of us a better person.

Jerry will be missed by many.



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