E.D.G.E.&.T.A. NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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TO: All EDGE&TA Members

Larry Voris, President-Director at Large

Spring is here and we should be thankful. It has been a bad winter in the North half of the USA this year and South wasn't any to warm. By now the winter projects should be getting close to the point to where paint is the only thing needed for completion.

Several new questions have been submitted to the insurance company for answers. Everyone has a different angle of thought.

- 1. Members are afforded liability insurance coverage anywhere they go provided they follow the EDGETA Safety requirements
- 2. To have event coverage, the event must be pre-reported 30 days and not less than 10 days prior to the event. It is up to a designated person in the branch to handle the reporting of events on the web page. If a sponsored event is not reported, then there is no insurance coverage for the event in case of an incident

Members would have individual coverage, but if someone would bring a lawsuit against the branch they would not have coverage. So to all members, ask the officers if the event has been reported.

Show season is right around the corner. I hope everyone that is planning to attend the National show in Hutchinson, KS this summer should have made your reservations. If not, call immediately for reservations. I understand there will be a couple of other events taking place at the same fair grounds besides our show.

There are a lot of things in the Hutchinson area. So come a day early and stay an extra day to see all the sites.

Everybody from the Midwest that is planning on driving, be sure and hook the trailer behind and bring something to exhibit. Branch 55 has been planning for over a year for this show. Lets all help them make this the biggest show ever and we have had a lot of good shows.

We are not an insurance company, even though we have an excellent coverage for our members. We want to be known for helping people from all walks of life, research and give information to help them resurrect and restore antique equipment. Always remember the purpose of our organization is to promote the collection, restoration, preservation, exhibition of gasoline and oil engines, gas & steam tractors, power driven machinery, other equipment of historical value. Further to promote fellowship of those with common interest in the hobby. Other equipment of historical value covers a large area. As I may have mentioned before, if you have 1 historical item, you have a historical piece, but if you have 2

pieces, you have the starting of a collection. We seem to think that our club only has tractors and engines. Many of our members may not own a tractor or engine. They may collect wrenches, broom maker, spark plugs, jacks & wooden corn equipment. We see rope makers and broom makers which are both of historical value. It takes everything to make a good show.

Demonstrations are good at shows. Some shows you see equipment mounted on tractors and some you don't. You get a tractor all restored and painted; it looks great, probably better than it did when it was new. But to a young person or a spectator that has been raised in the city, they say what did it do? This is where you explain to them how it works and what it did. Some people don't have a clue what our ancestors went through just to survive the cold winters, hot summers and floods and drought. Showing and exhibiting equipment is hard work if you stay with your exhibit and explain what it did and what makes it work. I don't think I have ever seen anyone sharpen a sickle at a show.

You can have the oldest engine or tractor at the show all painted and spit shined, and beside it a tractor or engine ½ the age or maybe newer with no paint, and sometimes it will draw more attention. The people will say, boy that is old. How old is it? Where did you find it? Where do you find parts to make it run? This is where you need to be there with a story. They will eat this up. It sounds like I don't like paint. Some of my stuff doesn't have paint. But I admire the equipment that has paint and the owner that can keep it looking like new. I have a 5 HP Witte belted to a No. 4 Bowsher mill. Neither has paint. I have asked several spectators if I should paint them. All say no. With the engine chugging away and steam coming out of the water hopper, grease and oil down in the crank pit and dust coming from the mill, it is a working exhibit and it would be nearly impossible to keep it clean after a 3-day show and operating for 8 hours each day.

Then there are the people that unload the equipment and kind of get everything ready to exhibit, then leave and head for the flea market looking for parts or another project. Are you one of them? I'm not going to comment on myself.

Probably the worst thing is helping put on a show. Someone has to do it. You have to have someone at the gates, parking exhibitors and cars, dust control, bathrooms, registration, announce parades, and the list go on & on. If every member of the hosting show would give 1 hour to a 3 day show, most all the jobs would get done and everyone could exhibit there equipment and have fun. You look around and think well that person hasn't done anything today. Well, maybe he worked all summer on the grounds, he arranged for the port-a-pots, wrote the newsletter, ordered the trophies for the tractor pull and picked them up, put up all the signs around

the grounds, picked up trash every night after everyone else went home. Yes, and maybe he really hasn't done anything. Maybe he hasn't been asked in a nice way. We have to do all these jobs and smile like we are having fun because next week we are going to another clubs show and exhibit our equipment and watch and see how they put on there show. I'm sure you all have heard, no paper in the restrooms, the port-a-pot is full, how come the parade is late, and the program says the saw mill was supposed to operate at 1:00 PM. I drove 100 mile to bring my dad who is in a wheelchair and he can only be in the chair 30 minutes at a time and the saw mill is not sawing lumber. Then a young couple with 2 kids come in and walks through for a couple of hours and say, "we want our money back." They say they walked through the engine section and nothing was running. No action going on.

Especially don't get stressed out at another co-worker just because you haven't had a good day. You aren't wearing there shoes and don't know what they have been going through or what they have been doing. Your problems are probably far less than theirs. Communications among the workers is the best way to keep piece in the family. Sometimes things happen beyond our control and things changes and you don't have time to communicate. So don't get stressed out and blow your cork. If you don't know the answer or what to do, ask and be patient. Besides these are all volunteer jobs. If you need help with a task and no one is available, sit down and look around and see what is going on. Most of the men are with their engines or tractors. Then you observe several ladies visiting trying not to be bored and bingo. They can't do the physical work but can do the paper work of registering exhibitors, tractor pulls, membership and many other jobs. And they do a good job too. But, most important is to thank them for a job well done when the show is over.

It takes everyone to make a show successful. First, it takes spectators coming through the gate. Second, we have to entertain them every minute they are here, because we want them to come back next year.

I'm off my soap box now. Have a good year. Hope to see you at a show soon.

SUPPORT & SAFETY-Dorene Yearian, VP/NC Director For some of us in the middle and the east side of the country, we are getting ready for the coming tractor shows. You on the west side of the country have already started. I ask of you two things – *support and safety*.

Support – remember there are many, many little shows around you that need your support and help. Make a list of the shows around you and start calling your friends to get them to attend with you, and then go and advertise your own show. Tell them how great your show is. Call or go early and see if they need help in setting up. You never know you might make the acquaintance of someone that knows someone that has that part you are looking for and have yet to find. Make new friends.

Try and attend your regional show. In the NC area the show is in Almelund, MN, August 10 & 12. I have attended this show before. It has a big show area, big swap meet area, playground for children, entertainment, buildings with

different demonstrations, tractor parade, and a tractor pull. You will have a fun time.

I want to see every one of you at the National Show this year as it is in the middle of the country – Hutchinson, KS, July 14 & 15.

Safety – I know we keep harping on safety. Every one of our magazines always has some articles on safety. An article from Successful Farming magazine writes that law officials are cracking down on trailering violations even with the tiedowns. Some states require a tie down on four corners of your equipment and in some only if the equipment weighs over 10,000 do you need a tie down on each of the four corners. Remember Federal regulations require that individual tiedown chains or straps have a working load capacity equal to one half the entire weight of the equipment you are hauling. Remember you can receive a violation if your straps or chains are damaged. In almost all states a trailer carrying more than 10,000 pounds requires brakes on all axles. The contents of the trailer must not exceed the manufacturer's maximum weight limits. Most of all remember that the pulling vehicle must be adequate for the trailer and its load. You have to stop safely. Remember every state is different and not knowing its laws is no excuse.

Please make sure each and every one of you is safe this year. Remember every member has insurance coverage to all shows whether it's an EDGE&TA sponsored show or others as long as you follow our safety requirements.

Have fun and be safe this season

Insurance Update, March 2007 By Dick Tombrink

Our insurance year is from April 15 to April 15. For those of you that request Additional Insured certificates/Proof of Insurance at this time they sometimes get delayed until after April 15th. This gets to be a problem especially if your event occurs right after April 15th, and you request the certificate before April 15th. Our insurance agent cannot issue the certificates until the new policy is in place. Please be patient, and we will try to accommodate your needs as best we can.

Also remember that your national dues and insurance premium this year is \$9/member, not \$10 as it was last year. Your first payment was due on March 15th, so I am sure you have all sent your payment in by time you get this newsletter.

Another reminder, the insurance agent will no longer be sending out insurance certificates in April/May to each branch as they have done in the past. In years past each branch could show this form to those asking for proof that your branch had insurance. This year, if someone needs proof that your branch has insurance; go to the EDGETA web site and under insurance info click on the form to submit a request for proof of insurance. It will be sent to the person requesting the proof of insurance, not your branch.

And another reminder, the events that are sponsored by your branch must be reported to the insurance agent between 30 days and no later than 10 days prior to the event. If you are

co-sponsoring or helping with the organization of an event, you need to report it to have insurance coverage. Non-sponsored events do not need to be reported; those EDGETA branch members that attend do have EDGETA insurance coverage, but must follow EDGETA safety requirements.

We continually get questions on insurance coverage, and do our best to get back to you as soon as we know the answer. If we are not sure of the answer we pass the question on the insurance carrier, and it takes time to get an answer back. We will be updating our Q&A shortly with some recent questions that we have been asked. This is a changing world, so for the latest information, keep checking back to our Q&A section under insurance on our web page, www.edgeta.org.

On a non insurance issue I attended the Larry Weber antique tractor auction the first part of March in Yuma, AZ. I can report to you that your tractor investments are doing well, especially if it a rare tractor. You may want to pass this on to your wife, tell her that your tractor investments are appreciating and doing well. She may give you approval to buy more tractors, especially that rare one that you have always wanted!!

Don't let your guard down on safety.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS

The south Central Region's spring show season is under way as you read this article. Several of the southernmost branches have already had their spring shows. Those I have heard from say, "This season's shows are the best they have had in several years." "The exhibits are better than usual and the attendance is good considering the price of gasoline."

I recently received my 2007 show guide and have about completed my schedule of shows that I would like to attend during the spring season. My problem seems to be that several of the shows I want to attend are on the same weekends and some are miles apart. With the growing number of branches in the South Central Region, it is hard to work the new branches into my schedule and still attend the shows I have previously attended.

I would like to remind all the branches in the South Central Region they need to fill out the events reporting form on the web page at least 30 days prior to the events they will be hosting. This will insure they have the proper insurance coverage at these events. Each branch president and safety officer should review the safety requirements often and pass any changes along to their branch members as they occur. It is good idea to also check the Q & A section of the Safety Requirements. Many of the branches have the same questions and many of these questions have already been answered in this section of our web page.

We, the officers and directors of EDGE&TA, are always working to improve the safety record of our organization and keep the membership informed of any changes that might affect the safety at our sponsored events. If any branch has a question about safety please let one of us know about it and

we will get you an answer as quickly as we can. <u>The only</u> "dumb question" is the one that isn't asked.

Recently overheard at a non EDGE&TA event were two of the Sponsoring Organization's officials discussing the conduct of a group of tractor and engine exhibitor's (EDGE&TA Branch). One was saying to the other, "Those tractor and engine folks always seem to be doing their thing in the safest way possible. If we could just get the rest of the exhibitors to follow their example we would not have so many gray hairs." They went on to say that was one of the reasons they always invited the group to attend their function and because they always seemed to be having a good time while at the event.

<u>WARNING</u>: to all <u>EDGE&TA</u> members. Be careful how you observe the safety regulations, you never know who might be watching!

I met with the SC Regional show hosts, Branches 116 & 120 in Broken Arrow, OK a couple of weeks ago they are working hard to insure the show will be a success in September. There are a lot of things see and do in the Tulsa area, so when you are making your plans to attend the SC Regional Show include a couple of extra days to take in the sights.

I plan to attend as many of the local shows as I can and I hope to see a lot of you again during 2007.

Howard D. Hodson, SC Regional Director

Hall of Fame Chairman Howard D. Hodson

I have received 2 nominations for the 2007 Hall Of Fame as of this date. If you have anyone in mind for this nomination please get it to me as soon as possible. The cut off date is **April 15, 2007**. I will be sending the nominations to the Hall of Fame Judges before May 1, 2007. I have been working on the list of Judges and I could use at least one more judge for 2007. If you would like to volunteer to be a judge send me your name, address and phone number.

Send the nominations to: Howard D. Hodson 10227 Atkins Road Bentonville, AR 72712

Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director Greetings from Your North East Director

Well here it is the middle of March already where did the winter go? Well in the northern part of Ohio we had a real trying winter. From the holidays through January was exceptionally warm. In February we found out there was no global warming. Between a coldweather and the snow we had a real winter. Now were in the March mud and rain. Last night we had a tornado touchdown about 20 miles north of me and when I got home from a meeting it was raining really hard. After I went to bed got up in the morning and looked out to 3

inches of snow. Thank God spring is just around the corner. Well so much for my winter I hope everybody had a good winter and got all the projects started and completed that they needed to do!

I will be leaving tonight for Alburn Indiana. They have a very nice three-day show at the Krause auction barns. There is super three large buildings at that facility. Everything is held indoors. I went to the Oliver Hart Parr Winter Convention in Iowa. We had a nice selection of tractors, saw a lot of old friends and had a very good time. Weather didn't cooperate too much it was darn cold. I want to welcome the new branch from Massachusetts. I will be looking forward to getting up in that area.

Our regional meeting will be held and West Virginia this fall. I would like to see some of the other branches participate in that meeting. There is more information on our web site for that meeting and the national meeting in Kansas. I would like to see some of our branches participate in the national meeting.

Well as we are blowing the cobwebs out of the exhausts and getting everything ready to travel to your shows Always Put Safety First. Remember Safety Starts with You! After the long winter don't forget check out your tow vehicle, your trailer and your straps and chains. Remember the laws have changed on the way we tied down our equipment on the trailer. Also the quality and the condition of your chains and straps! Also remember your fire extinguisher and ropes to secure your moving exhibits. If you are on a hilly area be sure to have blocking for your equipment. Do Not Leave Your Tractors In Gear!!

Well hope to run into my friends and meet new people at a show somewhere down the road. Let's make this A Fun and A Very Safe Show Season.

Your Northeast Director, Wayne Timchuk

Southeast Regional Director, George W Christmas

I would like to share a little bit of history with everyone. March 10th marks a date on the calendar in honor of two people that had a great influence on the art culture here in the coastal area of South Carolina. They were Anna Hyatt Huntington and Archer Milton Huntington.

She was a sculptor. He was a scholar of Spanish culture and a railroad baron heir. They were both born on March 10th and later married on the same date. They bought their 6,635 acre estate in Georgetown County in 1930. The acreage consisted of marshland, forest and beach. They built a 30 room "castle" as a winter sanctuary to help ease Anna Huntington's tuberculosis. They seemed to be very low key in their lifestyle. The home's lack of guest rooms lend to that fact. There were rooms for cooks, housekeepers and servants, along with a library, oyster shucking room and bear pens.

I know you are curious about the bear pens but that was just a part of the different animals there on the estate. There

were also monkeys and peafowl that Anna used as subjects for sculpture. Many of these sculptures can be seen in the gardens at Brookgreen Gardens.

I stated earlier that Archer Huntington was a scholar of Spanish culture. The home named Atalaya was modeled in the style of the Moorish architecture of the Spanish Mediterranean coast. The home was used mainly for winter retreats and inspiration for Anna's art. I am sure they spent time with local friends on occasion. I am only guessing here, but I think they used the time just to be together.

The Huntington's spend their last winter at Atalaya in 1947. Most of the homes furnishings were moved to New York City after Archer's death in 1955. The estate tract was leased to the state of South Carolina in 1960 for a park. The park called Huntington State Park is located across the highway from Brookgreen Gardens.

I remember going to both of these places as a child and later in high school and then as a young adulthood, but until I read a recent newspaper article I had never really thought about the people that lived at the estate. After reading the article I began to think about the private lives they must have shared in South Carolina away from the fast paced world of New York City.

The house in only a shell of the home it once was. The walls are stripped to bare brick and cement floors. You can only imagine what the home must have been like inside. The colorful walls, ornate decorative tile floors, what a beautiful sight. We can only see it now in our minds eye.

What does this have to do with antique power equipment? We have a hobby devoted to preserving the past. Just as important as preserving old homes, old power equipment is also part of our culture. How often do you think about the person or people that may have owned the equipment before you? Do you ever stop to wonder, how did these folks live?

The show season is such a busy time. Hope you get out to see the wonderful historic sights that are also available. Please, make safety your #1 priority. Continue to keep our hobby safe. Safety is contagious. I hope to see you at the shows. Take care.

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Southeast Regional Director George W Christmas

Don Young, SW Director

It's hard to believe that a quarter of the year has passed. Already a few shows and parades have been here and gone. With the warmer temperatures in the southwest early in the year we get a jump start on the rest of the country. The first major show in the southwest area will be Tulare, CA April 21-22, 2007. Several branches participate, one as far away as Missouri. It is held on a one hundred acre site with several hundred tractors and engines. The International Truck Club has a display of every model of truck ever built. The past few years there have been a number of big rig trucks featured which are in showroom condition. There are crafts and a large quilt show. I tell people that if you aren't taking anything to show at least take an empty trailer as you will likely buy

something at the auction that you can't live without. In the fifteen years that I have attended, only a couple of rainy days. Looking forward to the national show in Hutchinson, KS to be held on July 14-15, 2007. There is always something to be learned at the different shows throughout the country. The number of people that you meet, the knowledge that you gain from listening to the experiences they have had gives you the opportunity to have new ideas to share with others.

The edgeta.org web pages have some changes, so now would be a good time to check out the things that apply to you. We hope you all have a fun and safe year and remember; only you can prevent an accident.

Don Young, SW Director/Safety Chairman

Youth!!!!!! This is exactly what EDGE&TA needs!!!!!!!

EDGE & TA, Branch 84, Caney, Ks. has a lot to be proud of. Shane Blaes, one of our junior members, Cherryvale, Kansas high school FFA member, recently won national acclaim by winning the Chevron Delco Tractor Restoration Competition judged at the National FFA Convention held at Indianapolis, Indiana. Shane won the individual competition. He restored his grandfathers 1944 John Deere "B", which had been parked for 25 years. The competition required keeping track of all time and expenses in a note book. As near as he could figure he has about 343 hours in the total project. He also has taken about 700 pictures of documentation of the rebuild process. Along with the large trophy & ribbon he received a check for \$2500. He doesn't mind telling folks he is a member of the Caney Valley Antique Power Association and needless to say we don't mind telling folks he is one of members. His John Deere "B" will have a place of honor at our show June 1-3, 2007 even though our featured tractors are Internationals for this year.

He has started another for this year, a decrepit John Deere 720. Time will tell if he can do it again

Submitted by

Terry V. Brown, editor

Branch 84

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Submit your branch hosted events with contact information etc to our webmaster, Sally, and she will post it on your web page as well as on the new EDGE&TA calendar.

If I can be of any help to you, please email me. rawarnock@sbcglobal.net.

We would like to welcome the following new branches 176 Rehoboth, MA

177 Chaplin, IL

178 Oak Grove, LA

179 Quitman, LA

2007 Show Schedule

National July 14-15, 2007

National Meeting will be held on Saturday.

Branch 55, Hutchinson, KS

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Elbert Freeman, 620-727-2824

Alfred Schmidt, 620-543-2677

Check out the flyer on our website. It is loaded with information about this show.

Regional Shows

SC Regional Show

September 28th, 29th & 30th, 2007 Autumn Iron Branch 116 and 120, Oklahoma

12216 S. 116th East Ave, Broken Arrow, OK (121st Street and Garnett Road)

Contact - Glen Emery (918) 638-3501/425-6188. glenlynn@aol.com or John Hoover (918) 527-3332/482-3453 hooverfarms@yahoo.com

Regional meeting Saturday, September 29th, 2007

NW Regional Show

August 18-19, 2007 4th Annual Northwest Old Iron Show Branch 159, Tillamook, OR

Blue Heron French Cheese Co. - 1 mile north of town along

Tractor parade, balance platform, and barrel roll Regional Meeting on Saturday, August 18th, 5:30 p.m.

Nominal fee dinner follows regional meeting.

Dry camping available on the grounds

Contact Vince Bogard (503) 842-3130 or (503) 801-4900 bogard456@charter.net

NC Regional Show

August 10-12, 2007 Almelund Threshing Show Branch 1,

17760 St Croix Trail (Hwy 95) Taylors Falls, MN Contact Chuck Erickson, (651) 257-1264

SW Regional Show

October 5-7, 2007 Pioneer Days Branch 27, Paso Robles, CA Parade Saturday - Regional Meeting and dinner to be announced.

Contact Ben Ostini (805) 423-4865 jbo.aermotor@nipinet.net

NE Regional Show

September 15-16, 2007 Hancock County Old Time Fair Branch 162, New Manchester, West Virginia Tractor Parade

Dinner and Regional Meeting: September 15 TBA Contact: Rodney Richards (304) 387-1406 rockin@spii.net

SE Regional Show

March 28-30, 2007, Southeast Regional Show & 2nd Annual Pee Dee Farmer's Market Show

Branch 129, Florence, South Carolina

Tractor Parade 10 am

Business Meeting 11 am

Kids pedal tractor race 1 pm

Contact: Bert Seegars (843) 662-6945 or George W.

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Check out show page on www.edgeta.org for additional information regarding these shows.

Support the branches in your area. They work hard to put on these events.

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