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**TO: All EDGE&TA Members**

The 2008 National show can be filed away as one of the best shows that I have attended. Branch 26 did an excellent job of bringing out some of the nicest and unique engines. That is the beauty of having our National shows in different parts of the country each year. We get a better view of how the different parts of our country operated.

We don't want to forget the Physical Damage Insurance program we have. Several people ask for the program. This is one of the least expensive programs that I have seen and the response hasn't been as good as we had expected. If you want to insure one or several pieces of your equipment now is the time.

At the beginning of our new year starting on April 16, 2008 we have a new insurance carrier. Dick will cover it more in his article. We tried for member to member coverage again but didn't succeed this year. At least they are thinking about this coverage.

For those of you who have internet connections, be sure and check out our web site at: [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org). We are more and more doing business by internet and it is the fastest and quickest way we can communicate. I hear people say, "I don't want one of those things." Yes, there is a lot of garbage out there, but there is also a lot interesting things too. Sally our web master is doing a great job with our website. If you go to the "Branch Events Calendar" and look, it will surprise you at the number of show that are being held every weekend. This is another reason to report all of the show that you attend. It is free advertising for all of our members.

I over heard a conversation recently by a person that was kind of disturbing to me. From what I gathered this person had attended a small show where he said, "you could go and have fun and not worry about any rules or requirements." A wise old gentleman once told me one time, that the show didn't start until the first spectator came through the gate. If you are going to have a show with spectators, you had better prepare a safe environment for them.

This brings up another subject that was discussed at the National Board of Director's meeting this year. How do we control kids crawling on our equipment? We decided it is the responsibility of the individual equipment owner to control his equipment. A child likes to get on tractors and push and pull every knob, flip every switch and they want to move the throttle and gear shift lever or anything else that will move. If you don't want anyone on your equipment, put something in the seat and put signs that say, "Please do not get on tractor"

and sign off by saying "Thanks". I have found that most parents will ask, if you are with your equipment if they can get a picture with the child in the seat. If you watch people, you can tell as soon as they get out of the car how they are going to act. These small children are the ones we need to be entertaining. After all they are the future leaders of our country and someday they will be in charge of our shows. Everyone keep up the good work and let's have another safe year.

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**Insurance Update, April/May 2008**

**By Dick Tombrink**

Our insurance renewal date has come and gone, and we have renewed our EDGETA Insurance. Only this year we have gone with a new insurance carrier. There are several improvements over what we had last year. For one, it is no longer required to have insurance on our EDGETA sponsored events to have to report them to the insurance carrier. However your EDGETA Board of Directors strongly recommends that you continue to report your events via the EDGETA website, [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org). (You will notice that we have eliminated the number of spectators requirement, it is no longer necessary.) When reporting your events, our web master places your event on the Branch Events Calendar on the web site. This gives you free advertising for those other branches that may have members who may want to attend. 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. Try to be more elaborate with the name of the EDGETA sponsored event. This will help other branches to better understand what your event is.

As a sidelight, a little off the subject of insurance, please update your branch webpage on the website. Other branches can go there and see what you have going on for branches in your area. It is a great advertising tool for you.

The forms for an Additional Insured Certificate or Proof of Insurance Certificate have not changed. You can still obtain those by going to our EDGETA web

page, filling out the form, and submitting them, just as you did in the past.

Back to our insurance renewal, another benefit is that our EDGETA insurance premium cost went down from what it was last year. As we have said in the past we are keeping track of the surplus (or deficit if that should be the case) that is paid in your insurance premiums, and adjust the premiums for the future. At this point there is a strong possibility of a premium reduction for the EDGETA members for next year. We will know more later in the year what that will be. The premium for 2008 still remains at \$5 per member, plus the EDGETA National dues of \$4, for a total of \$9/member.

Some branches have asked if we could get member to member insurance for our EDGETA members. We have discussed this with the insurance agent, and it is not possible at this time. However, it is not a dead issue; it may still happen in the future.

We have not had an opportunity to review all the changes in our insurance policy at this time. As time goes on we will have a better handle on any changes. We try to keep the information on the web site updated. We have updated some of the web site, but there are several sections that need to be updated yet, for example the Q&A section. Please visit our EDGETA web page often, [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org), for the latest information. If you still have a question please send an email note or call Dick Tombrink or Larry Voris, rather than our insurance agent's office.

This last year your directors worked on getting physical damage insurance coverage for our EDGETA branch member's antique tractors, gas engines, etc. This is being offered by the Hanover Insurance Group, through our insurance agent, Carrel Sanders. The insurance is a good buy, if you have a tractor, engine, or even your trailer and tools that you want to insure, please contact Carrel. It would be a great insurance to have if your prize tractor should be destroyed by a fire, in a wreck, or other perils. If you are interested in it and have questions, please contact Carrel. You can find more info by clicking on Physical Damage Program on the left side of the EDGETA web site. Contact Carrel if you have questions on this insurance.

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**NC Director Dorene Yearian**

*Two shows in one trip – great.* After 5,500 miles we are finally home wouldn't say without mishaps but that's another story.

Arrived at the National show on April 10<sup>th</sup>. YES! – I had to have my JD H pulled off the trailer, as it wouldn't start. AND several people that know me saw it all.

If you didn't get a chance to go to the National show in Mt Vernon, WA – you missed a great show. The weather was great and I understand they had snow the following weekend – See Morrie – great weekend for a show. There was a good variety of tractors (some very rare), more engines than I've seen at any show, great displays and a swap meet area. The 1867 Otto & Langen was in the middle of it all. Some of the displays were very interesting like the three station apple peeler run by a 1/2 model T engine (that's what he said), a stationary engine on a golf cart frame hauling around a two hole outhouse – watch out guys I heard ladies saying "I want one of those." There were several big oil field engines, a Harris – there were so many engines I can't even start listing them. It was one of the best displays of engines at a show that I've ever seen. Of course when they started the Field Marshal it drew a crowd.

Approximately 19 branches were represented at the National meeting. The banquet was a fun time. The food was great and lots of door prizes. That branch members and volunteers at this show did a fantastic job. If you weren't there, you missed a good show.

Attending the National show is a great place to ask questions as all the directors and some advisors are there to answer them. We need your views. We need you asking questions and giving your view to do our job. This organization can't grow without you. There are still some regional shows you can attend – please go if you can. You can also contact anyone of us and we will be glad to help. We are here to help you have a safe and fun time in this hobby. The best thing about our hobby is the people.

The following weekend (1,030 miles south) we attended the tractor show in Tulare, CA. My JD H cooperated and started – no pulling it off. It was a good show also. There were a lot of tractors, engines, displays, and a great swap meet. Four directors and the national secretary attended that show too. This a fun show for us as we see friends we only see once a year (we moved from CA to MO) – at this show. This is our 16<sup>th</sup> year we have attended this show. Several, EDGE & TA branches/clubs were there with their tractors and displays. This is a must see show if you are on the west coast.

We had a great time because of you all.  
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**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

It has been a cool spring in most of the South Central Region this year and some in the region have received more than their share of rain. West Texas has been dry

and has had a lot of brush fires. I came across that area and saw a lot of burned over country. That area did receive some rain this past week.

It's not only the rain that has dampened show attendance at some of the regions shows. The price of fuel seems to have affected the attendance at some of the shows.

The 2008 Show Directories are out and many of you have already checked off the show that you will be attending during the 2008 season. The show season will be in full swing by the time you are reading this article. There have already been some successful shows in the SC Region.

I hope you have checked the revised Safety Section on the EDGE&TA web page at [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org). The Board of Directors has been working very hard to get all the revisions out before the 2008 membership year starts. I would like to thank all the Branches in the SC Region for their attention to Safety during the past year. Keep up this attention to Safety and we will have another safe show season during 2008.

The SC Regional show and meeting will be hosted by Branch 124 at Tyler, TX on September 6, 2008. I will try to give you more information on the show in the next news letter.

Don't forget to report your branch sponsored events. With the new Insurance Company it is no longer an insurance requirement, however if you report the event, our web master will include it in the events calendar so the rest of the EDGE&TA members can see what events are available for you to attend. You can do this on line by filling out the Events Form and submitting it. It is no longer a requirement to report the number of persons attending your sponsored events

The Youth Driver Training Requirements remain the same as last year. Each branch that has Youth Drivers should review the Safety Section. Once these drivers have been identified, the branch should schedule a training session and complete the testing phase of the program. When the Tests have been completed and signed by the Branch Safety Officer, keep a copy of the test on file at the branch and mail a copy to the Youth Driver Training Coordinator who will issue the Youth Driver Training Certificate. (Howard D. Hodson, 10227 Atkins Road, Bentonville, AR 72712. Youth Driver Training Coordinator)

I hope that all the branches in the SC Region were able to get their 2008 rosters and dues in to the National Secretary/Treasure before the March 15th dead line.

Howard D. Hodson, SC Director

## HALL OF FAME

The application deadline has passed and I received six applications. I will be selecting the three judges in the next few days. As soon as the judges return their voted I will announce those who will be inducted in the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame for 2008. Howard Hodson, Hall of Fame Chairman

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### From the national secretary-Ruth Warnock

**2008 National Election Report**  
**Don Young was re-elected as SW director**  
**Dick Tombrink was re-elected NW director**  
**Motion to change the bylaws to give the secretary an increase in salary was passed. (thank you)**

**There are still about 20 branches that have not filled out their branch officer and director forms. This is required at the beginning of each EDGE&TA year to give the officers and directors additional D&O insurance. Please visit our website [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org) and check your branch page and see if you are one of these branches. Thank you.**

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### Southeast Director George Christmas

I would like to thank the members of branch 139 for an outstanding job they did hosting the Southeast Regional show. The weather for the weekend was not favorable but as they say the show must go on. I am not sure how much rain fell in Weedowee, Al that weekend but you can bet it was a lot. The show ground was a Kiwanis park on the edge of town that had grown over. These guys went in and in a few months had cleared the underbrush out. There is a small stream that runs through the grounds. They have built walking bridges and a covered bridge. The traffic crosses a wooden bridge large enough for trucks and trailers to cross. They have a set up for a one-man sawmill that is a permanent site. The branch has 20 acres it leases year round. The rest of the 60 acres they will share with the community. I think that is a great way to give something back to the community.

There were 147 tractors on display and somewhere between 40-50 engines and small garden tractors. The safety officer was constantly reviewing the grounds for any possible problems. The whole branch did an outstanding job with safety. There were approximately 1000 people through the gates over the weekend. I think that was great considering the weather. I am sure had the

weather been a little better there would have been a lot more exhibits and 2 or 3 times the number of spectators.

I had a great time and got to meet a lot of wonderful people. That is one of the reasons I got into collecting and showing antique farm equipment. The folks of branch 139 really did an excellent job. I think that when the time comes for their chance to host a National show they will be ready. I believe they will do an outstanding job. Great job on a safe and wonderful show! I hope to get to visit with these folks again soon.

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**Northeast Director Wayne Timchuk**

It seems like it was just new year's a short time ago. It has been a pretty slow three months. We have had a lot of cold weather, rainy weather and a lot of snow in my area. March set a record for the amount of snow we received. thank God for global warming! if you haven't noticed grain prices in our area have gone wild! That is good for the farmer but it will sure hurt us at the grocery store not alone the fuel pumps.

I want to all the branches who sent their ballots in. From the newsletters that I have received and the people that I have talked with, it sounds like we are getting ready for a busy season.

I have been spending the last few days getting the truck and trailer ready for my trip to the national meeting next week. It's always a trying time on your first major trip of the year.

Most of our swap meets and shows will not start for another month or so. Just remember when you are taking machinery out to get ready for this year season remembers safety first!! also remember that some of the most dangerous thing we do is loading and unloading tractors and machinery. So be very careful and have somebody help you if possible.

Just remember safety first and let's have a nice sunny weekend for our show.

I will have a report on the national show in my next newsletter article.

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**SW Director/Safety Chairman Don Young**

The 2008 show season has started on the western region with the National Show in Mt Vernon, WA. followed by the Tulare, CA. show. Both shows were successful along with good weather. Some information that I would like to pass on to the California Branches. I have been asked if a member takes his or her dog to a show and it bites someone, will the EDGETA insurance cover it. I have been informed that it will not. The law in the State of California is as follows: California is a strict liability state, meaning that a dog owner is liable for injuries inflicted by his or her dog upon a human being, even if the owner was not negligent and the dog had

never bitten anyone before. Refer to California Civil Code 3342.

I have observed tractors and some equipment on a trailer traveling on the freeway with the slow moving emblem facing to the rear.

California Vehicle Code Section 24615. It is unlawful to operate upon a public highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles, which is designed to be and is operated at a speed of 25 miles per hour or less, unless the rearmost vehicle displays a "slow-moving vehicle emblem" except upon vehicles used by a utility, whether publicly or privately owned, for the construction, maintenance, or repair of its own facilities or upon vehicles used by highway authorities or bridge or highway districts in highway maintenance, inspection, survey, or construction work, while such vehicle is engaged in work at the jobsite upon a highway. Any other vehicle or combination of vehicles, when operated at a speed of 25 miles per hour or less, may display such emblem. The emblem shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle, base down, and at a height of not less than three or more than five feet from ground to base. Such emblem shall consist of a truncated equilateral triangle having a minimum height of 14 inches with a red reflective border not less than 1 3/4 inches in width and a fluorescent orange center.

This emblem shall not be displayed except as permitted or required by this section.

**BOTTOM LINE: COVER or REMOVE** when in transit. This may also apply to other States. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable show season.

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**2008 National Show**

Sharing some nice words regarding the 2008 National Show from Vince Bogard Branch 159

National EDGETA Show – Branch 26, Skagit County Fairgrounds- did a great job. The show started wet, soggy & cool. By Saturday it was in the mid 70's & people came out to see a good show with approx. 100 full size engines, 20+ 1/4 scale engines, 60-70 tractors, 6 trucks, 3 cars, including a Model A Ford boatail Speedster & a Queen touring car, & misc. items. The swap meet was disappointingly small. Things learned – though our parking is a lumpy field, it's plentiful. They had buildings, however not adequately ventilated to run engines inside. Although fuel prices are high, most show enthusiasts are choosing to attend several shows. We talked to a few who say they still plan to attend and/or exhibit in Tillamook this year.

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***Give a Helping Hand.***

There are a lot of youth organizations like FFA, 4-H, etc. in your community with the same interests as you that

need a helping hand. You all have a great knowledge of our hobby. The young people of your community would benefit from your knowledge. If you help a young person rebuild/repair a small engine, restore a tractor, etc. you then help our hobby grow, as it will encourage new young members to become involved. There are local organizations like the FFA, 4-H, etc. in your community that need your knowledge or your sponsorship. You could help by teaching or have your club donate funds for their projects. You could volunteer your time – they always need help.

There is a branch in TX that is helping with funds to a local FFA group. The girl's team has won first place in the nation for their restoration of their class tractor.

We are all getting older and if we don't involve the youth of our country in our hobby, we will lose the knowledge of the old historical equipment.

If your club doesn't seem to be interested in taking on this kind of project or want to donate funds – you can. You will get more out of it than you put in.

Dorene Yearian  
NC Director

## 2008 Regional Shows

**NW Regional Show** Father's Day Weekend June 14-15, 2008  
Branch 9, Pottsville, Oregon Contact Dale Michels  
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Marianne Peterson (541) 479-9281

**NE Regional Show** July 18, 19 & 20, 2008  
Washington County Fairgrounds Branch 174  
Old Schuyleryville Rd., Greenwich, NY  
Contact Jared Thomas, President (518) 695-4325 Email  
[jat@capital.net](mailto:jat@capital.net)

### Southwest Regional Show

The members of the Great Basin Antique Machinery Club, EDGE&TA Branch 95, would like to extend an invitation to all members of EDGE&TA to come to Utah and enjoy our

### Southwest Regional Show August 6th – 9th

[www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org); National and Regional Shows  
[www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org); Branch Locations; Utah 95

We have the ideal location with a large area to display your antique tractors, engines and other machinery; plus tractor pulls and games. We will be located within the in-field of the race track. Some area is shaded and some is not.

We have planned activities for you daily: Tractor games are lots of fun; A trip to the historic Fielding Garr Ranch at Antelope Island State Park at 10 a.m. and Garden Tractor Pulls afterward on Friday. Antique Tractor Pulls on Saturday

with Tractor Parades at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday before the evening event at the Weber County Fair.

There will be lots of different food booths throughout the show and a “home-style” supper Saturday evening for exhibitors. Get your tickets for the supper when you check-in, along with checking out all the other goodies in the booth.

Please check the websites for lodging, and restaurants in our area that are available in this invitation. More information will be available at the “check-in” booth and during our “Welcome” Meeting on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

**Weber County Fair Director:** [jwilson@co.weber.ut.us](mailto:jwilson@co.weber.ut.us)

**Ogden Utah Convention & Visitors Bureau:**

[ioni@ogden.travel](mailto:ioni@ogden.travel)

**Fielding Garr Ranch:** [www.davisareacvb.com](http://www.davisareacvb.com)

**Century RV Park, on 2100 South, Ogden:**

[CenturyRVpark.googlepages.com](http://CenturyRVpark.googlepages.com)

Dry camping will be available at the Weber Co Fair Grounds.

Please make sure that you bring all your current EDGE&TA “yellow” cards with the 2009 sticker for your whole family. Also, tractor-pullers, please make sure that your tractor(s) meet all the current EDGE&TA Safety Requirements. Please bring proof that your youth who want to participate, have been trained and certified on the tractor that they will be driving/pulling. Our club is “accident free” and we hope to remain that way.

Our club members are working hard to make this an enjoyable show for everyone attending. If there is any information we have failed to provide, please feel free to contact any of our club officers or directors.

We would enjoy meeting you and hope to see you in August.  
Sincerely,

Marty Simonson, President  
[FarmallMarty@msn.com](mailto:FarmallMarty@msn.com)  
801-773-3020

**NC Regional Show** August 15, 16 & 17, 2008  
Branch 11, Winfield, Kansas Contact Floyd Moore, President  
(620) 326-8729 Email [floydmoore@sutv.com](mailto:floydmoore@sutv.com)

**SC Regional Show** September 6, 2008  
Branch 124, Tyler, Texas  
Contact Charles Parmley, President (903) 581-3811

**Check out our Calendar for events. Sally keeps this up to date as she receives information.**

**Please visit our web pages [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org) often. The directors and webmaster try to keep you all up to date with any changes or additions.**

**Contact the director/advisor in your area if you have questions.**

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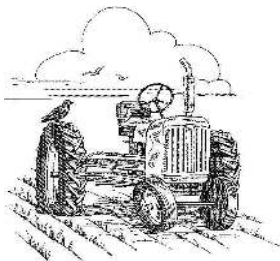
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Without the Armed Forces of the United States of America, we would not have the freedom we enjoy today... for freedom is never "free". Please continue to pray for all of those who are currently serving and remember those that performed the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives for our country.

**Don't Let The Memory Of Them Drift Away**