

# E.D.G.E.&T.A.

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Ruth A. Warnock, Editor

**TO: All EDGE&TA Members**

**Larry Voris, President-Director at Large**

Show season is in full swing now. We are having shows every weekend and some are week long shows. This is good. We get cooped up all winter and cabin fever sets. It is time to get out and have some fun.

We have a new show calendar of event on the National web page. This is something new that Sally has worked up for us. I counted 22 different EDGETA sponsored show and events just for the month of July.

Then some wonder why we have all of the safety requirements that we keep harping about. Our Insurance Company is covering the total liability for these 22 shows at 22 different locations. They are from Maine to California. I challenge you to go the National Web page and look at the show schedule. It is new like I said above, and when you think about it, we are getting insurance coverage for all this for \$5.00 per member, per year. Then you come back at us and say, "I can go to this show or that show and they don't require us to rope our exhibits." That may be true, but if you have an incident and expect EDGETA to back you, and the ropes aren't there, you are on your own. Then you say, "Someone wants to look at the igniter on my engine and see how I have mine working so he can make his work." That is good, invite him in and let him look. You have control of who comes into you exhibit area. But, you have the family that comes to a show and don't have a clue of what we are doing and they have 3 little kids running around and like I have said many times, little fingers like to touch things. They are fascinated with moving things. And the showmen that we are, we should be there talking to the children and their parents pointing out what our exhibit is doing and how it came about in history. The first question they will ask is, "where do you find all this old stuff." We are probably the largest organization in the world that collects and restores the old equipment. We are preserving history so our grandchildren and their children can see how our ancestors lived a 100 plus years ago.

You ask a child today where bread, milk, corn meal, sorghum etc. come from and they will say it comes from the store. Folks let's all have a safe show season.

**WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL HOME OF  
THE EARLY DAY GAS ENGINE AND  
TRACTOR ASSOCIATION**

**Dorene Yearian, Vice President**

That is what you see when you go to our web site – welcome! We have a great web site. Our web site [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org) is full of information you can use in our hobby. It is very easy to use. The very first section "**administration**" is a list of people you can contact to help you in many ways. How and what is needed to get started in forming a club/branch – Ruth Warnock. Get acquainted with the directors and advisors in your area. Ask them questions. Ask them really hard questions – it will make them learn.

In the "**branch locations**" section you can find branches close to you. Check them out and maybe attend some of their shows or meetings – meet new people interested in the same things you are.

Check out "**branch swap meets**." You can get your swap meet information on this list and find the swap meet closest to you to help you find that elusive part.

Under "**committees & information**" you might need information regarding insurance – Dick Tombrink and Larry Voris or safety – Don Young.

Another section is "**branch event calendar**" is where you can check and see if the E.D.G.E. & T.A. show you want to attend has been reported. If it isn't there and doesn't have a little red box in front of it, you should call them and see if they have forgot to report the show. Use this area as a list of shows you might want to add to your own calendar.

"**Insurance information**" is another section you should read front to back. Then when you finish with this section, go to the "frequently asked questions" section and read it again.

In the "**frequently asked question**" section I first thought #5 was the most important then I thought #14 and finally decided that all the questions are very important and really worth your time to check out.

The "**safety section**" is another important section that you keep hearing us talk about. Start at the top of this section and read every bit of it. Then go back and read it again.

There are many more areas for you to check out. We have a great web site. Use it. It can be a great informational tool for our hobby. Better yet, while you are reading each section, go up to file and down to print and print each section. All officers and safety officers should have a copy of this available and with them at the shows.

We are proud of our web site – let us know what you think of it.

## **Insurance Update, June 2007 by Dick Tombrink**

It has become more important than ever now to report all your sponsored shows/events to our insurance agent. They have advised us that if you do not report your show/event, you do not have coverage for your branch or for any other visiting branch members that may attend. This is a change from the past. Since it is now very important for all branch members to be sure they have insurance coverage when they are attending an EDGETA event and to confirm that it has been reported, our web master has developed a calendar of all the shows that have been reported to the insurance carrier. You can view the calendar at the EDGETA web site, [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org), and click on "**Branch Events Calendar**". Those events with a red square by them have been reported to the insurance carrier and have insurance coverage. If it is not listed or does not have a red square, it is not covered by our EDGETA insurance.

Also please remember that you do not report an event when you request and Additional insured Certificate or request Proof of Insurance. You must submit the event reporting form to have insurance coverage. These event reporting forms are to be submitted to the insurance agent between 30 days and no later than 10 days prior to the event. Have a great show season, and don't let your guard down on safety.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS**

### **Howard D. Hodson, Director**

The South Central Region's show season is progressing at a rapid rate and several of the branch shows are already in the history book for 2007. From the reports I have had they were all a success. However, in some of the central Texas areas it has been an unusually wet year and a little or a lot of rain did fall during some of the shows. In the South Central Region we have a saying, "Into every tractor and engine show a little rain must fall," and it usually does!

Those branches I have heard from say, "This season's shows are the best they have had in several years and the attendance is great in spite of the wet weather,"

Due to family commitments, I have had to miss some of the shows I had planned to attend. I know I have missed some great shows and will try to get to a few more in the coming months.

I have been working with Branches 116 and 120, who will host the SC Regional Show in Broken Arrow, OK, September 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Their preparations for this event are coming along on schedule and it promises to be one of the best shows the SW Region will have this year. 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.

From the number of request for the Youth Driver Training Certificates I have received, it appears that a lot of branches are working with the younger generation to preserve our hobby. It is great that we have so many young people involved in our branch activities. If your branch does not have a Youth Program, this year would be a good time to develop such a program. Our children and grandchildren are the old gray haired and greasy handed men and women of the future who will keep this old machinery running. I hate to keep harping on the same old subject but it is important that we have insurance coverage at our branch sponsored events. Be sure you report these events. If you missed it the last time around here it is again:

**"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."**

Think "**Safety All the Time**" and you will never cause an accident!

## **EDGE&TA HALL OF FAME UPDATE**

### **Howard D. Hodson**

The five nominations have been received and review by the three judges. All of the nominations were successful and the branches that submitted the nominations have been notified. The 2007 inductee's will be inducted into the Early Day Gas Engine Hall of Fame some time during the next few months. I have been working with these branches to arrange for the induction and presentation of the plaques. As soon as each new inductee has received their plaque, their picture and accomplishments will be posted to the EDGE&TA web site.

It is time to start working on the 2008 nominations. We can induct 6 new Hall of Fame recipients each year. If your branch has a person you feel would make a good candidate, start now documenting their accomplishments. The deadline for submitting the 2008 Hall of Fame candidates is April 15, 2008. The April deadline will slip up on you before you know it!

I could also use a couple of people who would like to be judges for the Hall of Fame program. If you are interested in being a judge please let me know so I can add you to the list of possible judges.

**Send the nominations for the Hall of Fame to:  
Howard D. Hodson  
10227 Atkins Road  
Bentonville, AR 72712**

### **More notes from Larry Voris**

It seems that we are more and more controlled by our Insurance requirements. I don't like this, but if we continue to have a liability insurance policy to cover us against frivolous lawsuits we must play by the insurance company's game. We have had several tractor and engine clubs contact us for our insurance program. It seems the insurance is all they want and after they get it, they don't want to play by the "rules" so to speak. Insurance is getting so expensive and one of the reasons that we can keep our costs down is our "Safety program". Probably the hardest thing in the whole process is convincing people that every exhibitor must be an EDGETA member. If we let a non-member exhibit and he/she gets hurt then they would be considered a spectator and can bring lawsuit against the branch and the EDGETA organization. Some of the prospective branches say they will lose half of their exhibitor. And these are probably the ones that don't want to rope their engine exhibits and don't have a sign of insurance. If they only exhibit at the free shows, they will soon find out that the free shows are gradually coming to an end. Our membership is for the whole year and you can go to as many shows as you want and still have liability coverage as long as you follow the safety requirements. I don't think that is too much to ask. We need to be safe. When I see a bunch of children playing in an un-rope engine area I get nervous.

The sole purpose of our organization is to stimulate interest in collecting, restoring, preserving, and **exhibiting** gasoline and oil engines, gas/diesel and steam tractors, power driven farm machinery and any other equipment of historical value. And also the comradery between members and the friendships we establish, and by working and exhibiting together at the many shows we attend. We don't want to forget these friendships. Insurance is just one of the things that we must have to protect us against the spectators that we hope will come and observe our restored equipment that we have spent many hours of labor and love in the preparation process. If the spectators don't come to our show then we have failed somewhere along the way. Someone has to pay for the expenses of a show and that someone is the spectator. If we don't do a good job of entertaining the people they won't come back. We need to change our exhibits a little every year. Add something new or heaven forbid move our exhibit to a different location at the show. I used to have a front row spot at our show and found out the back row is better.

### **North Central Regional Director-Dorene Yearian EDGE&TA Shows**

On our web page we state, "To promote fellowship among the branches and members" the National and regional shows are hosted by the various branches. The shows are alternately located around the country, which gives everyone a chance to attend.

This year the National show is in the NC Area in Hutchinson KS on July 14-15. Attend the show and meeting. Give us your input and be counted. Go to our web site and check out the other attractions in the area of the show. Check out all the events scheduled at the show – you will have fun!

The Regional show in the NC Area is in Almelund MN August 10-12. This has always been a great show. They will have a large area for the swap meet, children's play area, entertainment, tractor parade, tractor pull and a lot of great exhibits for you to enjoy.

You don't want to miss these two shows.

I would like to personally thank the secretaries, treasurers, membership people responsible for the reporting of membership to me this year. It is a time consuming job and your dedication to keep EDGE&TA office informed is greatly appreciated. Thanks, Ruth Warnock

### **EDGE&TA WEBSITE.**

Remembering where it all started and giving credit to those responsible.

This email was received some time ago from one of our faithful EDGE&TA members. Like everything else in life, we need to remember our roots!

Thanks George and thanks Glen, for reminding us. Ruth

*Larry*

*I always enjoy reading your column in the National Newsletter, and I really appreciate all of the work you do for our organization. I would like to set the record straight as far as your comments in the July Newsletter on the origin of our web site. The original EDGE&TA web site was constructed by George Best, Branch 15, in Oregon. He put us on line in the fall of 1995 at <http://www.transport.com/~edgeta/edgeta.html>. I get this from an announcement in the Nov 1, 1995 issue of the Branch 3 News. George kept us going for about a year; the Nov 1, 1996 issue of Branch 3 News reported that Bob Learned had taken over the web site.*

*George had to pass it along due to other time commitments. At this time, Bob had moved us to <http://www.ave.net/~edgeta>. The minutes of the*

November 1997 Branch 3 Board Meeting noted that the National web page duties had been assumed by Jerry Mac Martin. Bob Learned, already quite ill at that time, died in January 1998. I am fairly confident of the dates and facts reported in the Branch 3 News -- I was the editor during that time. :-) This info should be passed on to our Archivist or Historian if we have one... In the old days I would have sent it to Menno Lieder.

Thank you for listening. I'd like to see George Best get credit for his early undertakings. –

Glen Christoffersen, Branch 3, Redwood City

**Always nice to hear a successful show story. Everyone works so hard!!!!**

### **BRANCH 21 SPRING GAS UP**

Rose Marie Thompson, Secretary

Over Memorial Day Weekend, Branch 21 (Klamath Falls, OR) held its annual spring gas up at a new location just south of the Klamath Community College on Highway 39. A portable kitchen was set up and a large grassy area was used to display our exhibits. This location was chosen because it was more centrally located and exhibitors did not have to travel far with their equipment. The location on the highway also gave us more "drive-by road" traffic. The show was well attended and branch members had a fun weekend playing with their "toys".

We had 34 Exhibitors displaying tractors, stationary engines, and miscellaneous antique equipment. Our Altman Taylor Steam Engine led the daily tractor parade that included twenty-eight tractors, a Model A pickup and a 1953 GMC Van Pelt Fire Truck. One member exhibited his Model Case Steam Tractor. Fifteen displays included stationary engines of various HP'S, a sausage grinder, corn sheller, grain grinder, sickle sharpener, shearing machine, cream separator, model solar engine, drag saws and misc. small tools. Branch 21 also displayed its Red River Threshing Machine and John Deere pitch in stand-alone baler. The kids, including "big kids", enjoyed riding on our people mover and riding in the 1953 fire engine.

After two years of wind, rain and snow, Mother Nature cooperated with us and we had a beautiful weekend.

We had exhibitors from as far away as Terrebonne, OR; Monument, OR; Yreka, CA; and Bieber, CA. We are now busy planning our Labor Day Threshing Bee.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

#### **From the secretary-Ruth Warnock**

**First:** I would like to thank the branches for submitting their lists and checks to me in a timely manner. We had a few stragglers, but all in all we got it done.

**Second:** I would like to thank all of the branch individuals that filled out the required branch officer and branch director forms. This was a huge success!!!!

**Third:** When submitting additional members to the EDGE&TA office, don't forget to indicate your branch number and include the member's addresses as well as their names.

**New calendar:** Check it out!

Our webmaster, Sally, has worked very hard to get all of this information posted. Make sure your **branch hosted event** has been reported to the insurance company. If it has been reported, it will be on the calendar with a little red block.

If your branch is hosting an event and it has not been reported, **NO ONE** has insurance.

If you have other events you participate in, like town fairs or parades and want them put on the calendar, you can submit these directly to Sally. These events will have a black square. All members are insured at non-EDGE&TA sponsored events.

**Frequently asked questions:** This page changes often. One of the big changes was to #5 this year. Please read this. It applies to you and your branch!

As new questions are asked, they are checked out with our insurance company for accurate answers.

#### **WE ARE GROWING!**

**New Branches:** We are happy to add the following new branches to our organization.

175 – South Carolina

176 – Massachusetts

177 – Illinois

178 – Louisiana

179 – Louisiana

181 – North Carolina

182 – Ohio

**Reminder:** A list of directors and officers and advisors are included with this newsletter. The director and advisor assigned to your area is available to help you answer any questions you might have.

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Have you ever met someone that just never runs out of interesting stories to tell?

I first met Gus Peterson at the National show held in Grants Pass Oregon in 1989. I am always amazed at the many stories I have heard from him on many different topics. Gus has been involved with our organization for quite awhile.

He first started looking for engines in the early 70's, and joined branch 15 in 1975. This branch was about 270 miles from where he lived but nevertheless he made the trip to display his engines. Gus has collected tractors, engines, and drag saws. He has a collection of hand crank phonographs including an Edison cylinder job. Speaking of 'hand crank', he was seen making hand cranked ice cream at the NW Regional show last year.

This year he will be the National representative at the NW Regional show hosted by Branch 159 in Oregon that branch 159 and I'm sure he will be cranking again. He has attended more than 20 National shows since joining his first branch in 1975 (he supports more than one branch) as well as numerous Regional shows. Gus served as a National Director from 1992 until 2000. He continues to serve EDGE&TA as both an advisor for the Northwest Region and as the National and Regional show coordinator. This is a very time consuming job. There are 6 Regional shows a year as well as one National show. Sometimes it takes many phone calls to just get one set up in a Region. Gus and his wife Ruth still travel to shows, just not as frequently. Gus I would just like to say "thanks" for all you do for EDGE&TA. I enjoy working with you. Ruth Warnock, Secretary.

**2007 Show Schedule  
National July 14-15, 2007**

**National Meeting will be held on Saturday**

Branch 55, Hutchinson, KS  
George Bell, 620-664-1646 [jddt@cox.net](mailto:jddt@cox.net)  
Dennis McKee, 620-442-4372 [kees@pixius.net](mailto:kees@pixius.net)  
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 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](mailto:glenlynn@aol.com) or John Hoover (918) 527-3332/482-3453 [hooverfarms@yahoo.com](mailto:hooverfarms@yahoo.com)  
Regional meeting Saturday, September 29th, 2007

**NW Regional Show**

August 18-19 4th Annual Northwest Old Iron Show  
Branch 159, Tillamook, OR - Blue Heron French Cheese Co. - 1 mile north of town along Hwy 101.  
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](mailto:bogard456@charter.net)

**NC Regional Show**

August 10-12 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:rockin@spii.net)

**Southeast Regional Show- Report from Director  
George Christmas**

March 28-30, 2007, Southeast Regional Show & 2nd Annual Pee Dee Farmer's Market Show  
Branch 129, Florence, South Carolina  
Everything went smoothly. There were about 106 exhibits. The break down was 64 tractors, 26 engines, 15 lawn mowers and 1 trailer of old mule drawn implements. We used the SCDOT measurement to count spectators. They counted 3199 cars and multiplied by 2.5 persons per car and estimated to be 7997.5 people. The weather was nice and warm no rain. The exhibitors were treated to a chicken bag lunch. They had games (slow tractor race and a barrel roll). I came in second in the barrel roll. They had a pedal tractor race for the kids. Lots of involvement from everyone for these events. We had a couple of new members join our club.

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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**



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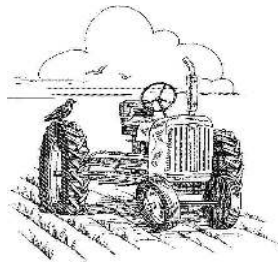
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