

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

## NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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Editor, Carrie Jo Parmley

### **From George Christmas, our President and SE Director**

On August 18-19, Early Days Gas Engine and Tractor Association held its 52<sup>nd</sup> National show. The show was hosted by Branch 29 at the grounds of the Huntley Museum of Irrigated Agriculture in Huntley, Montana. I would like to thank all of the members and volunteers for a great show. The 2-day show had some of everything going on. They had many different working exhibits going all day—everything from harvesting wheat to a sawmill powered by a steam traction engine and many different displays. I had a great time. The museum provided a great back drop for all the different tractors and engines on display. This is a show that happens every year for Branch 29, so if you are in the area during that time next year, look them up. You will not be disappointed. Again, I would like to express thanks on behalf of Early Days Gas Engine and Tractor Association for a great show.

The annual business meeting took place during the show. Many of you may not be aware we (Early Days Gas Engine and Tractor Association) had some serious claims filed during the past year that caused the premium for the insurance that is purchased on behalf of the entire organization to increase. It was determined at the board meeting the insurance premium for next year would have to be increased to \$8. What does that mean? Currently each member pays a total of \$8. This equals to \$4 for membership to EDGE&TA and \$4 for the insurance premium; next year that will increase to a total of \$12. That will be \$4 for membership to EDGE&TA and \$8 for the insurance premium. It is crucial everyone follow the safety guidelines laid out on the web pages for a safe show or parade, operation of pulling vehicles or people movers. The job of safe practice belongs to all of us. One accident is one too many. You may think no one will get hurt; however, you cannot guarantee that. These guidelines were put together to establish safe practices to help eliminate the possibility for certain accidents. When the guidelines are not followed, you cannot say, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that everything was done to prevent the accident.

All branches of Early Days Gas Engine and Tractor Association have a branch number. During the

application process each club is informed that if approved for membership to EDGE&TA, the club will be known as branch number xyz of Early Days Gas Engine and Tractor Association. Please make sure all correspondence from each branch includes that branch's number. The national office does not know any branch by any other name. If you are leasing property for a show, make sure the branch number is included on that document. Also, please take notice of the new lease agreement form on the front page of the web site. This form is to protect Early Days Gas Engine and Tractor Association, which is all of the branches, from a claim pertaining to liability from the grounds that are not part of the show. An example of this would be steps, sidewalks or restrooms. Please print the form off and make sure you present it to the owners when signing a lease agreement.

How should a claim be reported? The accident must be reported to the Insurance agent & EDGE&TA within 24 hours, or if on a weekend, then the next business day. The accident investigation committee shall consist of the branch safety officer (chairman) assisted by the branch president and vice president. The accident investigation committee shall investigate the accident, and their written report of this investigation shall be forwarded to the Insurance agent within 72 hours of the investigation. Notification of an accident must also be reported to the National Safety Committee. Were EDGE&TA safety guidelines followed? If yes, which ones? If no, which ones? Send: Photographs of the accident from several angles. (This should not be digital pictures. These should be on regular film and submitted in duplicate with negatives.) Statements of those involved in the accident as well as eyewitnesses to the accident. Day, date, time and location of accident. Copies of any other supporting information such as police reports. A police report is a must, if possible, on any claim. If a bodily injury, it is mandatory. The local police, Sheriff or State Police, could make this report. A Fire Department report, if one was filled out. A Rescue Squad report or ambulance report, if one was filled out. All of this is included on the web site; please review it. It has been taking too long for the review

accident review committee to receive information regarding an accident in the past. Time is of the essence when reporting an occurrence.

Please, everyone, make an extra effort to practice safety during any event. Anywhere you display or parade your equipment, take extra care and take the time to be safe. I hope everyone has a very safe and wonderful fall season.

**George W Christmas  
President and Southeast Regional Director**

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**Insurance Update, September 2012, By Dick Tombrink**

My Branch #29 hosted the EDGETA National Meeting and Show this year on August 18-19. We had a record attendance. We appreciate all of you who were able to attend and help us make it a success. We sincerely appreciate all of you who brought exhibits and participated in our show. Fortunately, the weather man cooperated with us and brought us some cooler weather for our show than we had been experiencing all summer, (in the 80's instead of the upper 90's to over 100). Next year, my Branch #29 will host the EDGETA NW Regional meeting and show. We invite all of you to come and help us celebrate. If you missed the show this last August, plan on attending next August 17-18, 2013. Come and enjoy Montana, the big sky country.

I am back taking over the insurance questions that you may have. Johnny Burger, who was handling it has resigned as a director. My contact info in on the website. I will try to get you the answers to your questions in a timely manner.

As you know we had some pretty major claims in the past year or two that resulted in our EDGETA insurance premium going up. It is imperative that all EDGETA members follow our safety requirements. We all need to be sure we conduct our Branch shows in a safe manner to eliminate claims and be sure everyone goes home at the end of the day safe and happy. Encourage all your members to think safety before each action at a show. Only through your individual efforts will we be able to get our safety record back to where it should be, no claims!

There are two things that our insurance agent has talked to us about that we need to address and that each branch needs to be aware of. One is when you are asked to sign a form for renting property to have your show, ask the owner to sign a copy of the form below so that your branch is not on the hook for anything that may happen on that property. This is important, since it prevents your branch from being

liable for anything that can happen on that property not associated with your activities. The form is below. If you have any questions on this form, or when you should use it please contact me or another EDGETA director or officer.

The other point our insurance agent stressed is to not let any non members help with your displays, especially tractor pull sleds. Remember all exhibitors or people working on the exhibits must be EDGETA members. Volunteers or spectators are not allowed to help with these activities. It is permissible for a non-EDGE&TA member volunteer to help out with club product sales (selling pie, cookies, ice cream, meals, beverages, etc at the food court, selling caps and T shirts) collecting admissions and memberships, registering exhibitors or assisting a branch at an event with the gate, cleanup and parking assistance. But they may not exhibit or perform the functions of a member exhibitor or drive or operate equipment of any kind.

Hope everyone has a safe Fall and think safety at all times.

**Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director/  
Insurance Committee Chair**

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**ADDENDUM TO LEASE AGREEMENT**

COME NOW the undersigned, and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth in the Lease Agreement dated\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ , the undersigned parties hereby additionally agree as follows:

1. Lessor shall not do or permit to be done any act or thing upon, around or adjacent to the leased premises which will expose Lessee to any risk of liability above and beyond Lessee's own activities or events for which the subject lease agreement has been entered into between these parties.

2. In addition, Lessor covenants to hold Lessee harmless and to indemnify Lessee from any and all liability for bodily injuries or death to any person or persons, or damage to any property, arising out of the conduct of Lessor, or of any person or entity on Lessor's behalf. This covenant of indemnification shall include all costs of defense, including actual attorneys' fees and litigation expenses incurred by Lessee in connection with the defense of any such claims asserted by any person or entity against Lessee.

LESSEE \_\_\_\_\_ LESSOR \_\_\_\_\_  
EARLY DAY GAS ENGINE  
& TRACTOR ASSOCIATION,  
INC. AND THE BRANCHES OF  
EDGETA  
By \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

**From Don Young, SW Regional Director**

It's been a long hot and dry summer, but that didn't stop us from attending shows and parades. There have been many, and there still some to attend. September 28-30, Branch 22 will have a show at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center, California. The SW Regional show will be in Cedar City, Utah October 26-28 hosted by Branch 134. From all reports, it will be a great show. Branch 30 in Lancaster, California will be having a show in Helendale, California the first weekend in October. Three years ago, the Trustee of Flabob Airport in Riverside, California found out that I was a tractor enthusiast and ask if I could get some tractors and engines together to enhance the air show and car show for their Veterans Day Celebration. I invited two of the local tractor and engine clubs plus a few others and it has turned out very well. The show this year will be on November 10<sup>th</sup>. A while back at a show, a friend of mine received a trophy for the best paint job on his tractor. On the other hand, I received a trophy for the most rust on my tractor. I told him that you don't have to spend hundreds of dollars to get a trophy. In my time off from shows, I have been working on two Nichols walk-behind garden tractors. They are made mostly of fabricated Model A parts. The engine is a Wisconsin. They were manufactured in El Cajon, California. Another project that I have been spending some time on is a David Bradley Tri Trac. I have heard that they aren't one of the safest tractors to operate.

SAFETY, is something that we all must practice. Doing the things we do with tractors and engines can be very dangerous. It is very easy to get hurt if you aren't paying attention to what you are doing. No one wants to get hurt, so stop, think and be safe.

**Don Young SW Director/Safety Director/Youth Driver Coordinator**

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

The 2012 National Show is history and we have a new person at the helm. George Christmas is now the president of the board. We have an opening for the South Central Director position. Johnny Burger resigned his position on the National Board of Directors shortly after the national show because of health reasons. The Vice President position hasn't been filled yet.

Safety is still our number one concern. Most accidents are stupid little mistakes. We don't think before we do something. I heard the sounds of an accident recently when a young man tried to load a garden tractor in the back of his pickup with short ramps and the truck was headed up hill. He spun a ramp out and the garden tractor was on top of him. There were a

couple of people there and immediately lifted the tractor off him. He apparently wasn't hurt. I said to him, "You know better than that," and he said, "Yes." Another was when a couple of younger men came in with 2 tractors on their trailer and drove up a grade past the loading dock and unloaded the tractors. One was a 9N Ford with foot brakes on both sides of the tractor. He was rolling down to the ramps and he was about to miss a ramp with one wheel. Here he sat with both feet on the brakes. He needed to move the tractor back up on the trailer. He finally stabilized the tractor with the right brake and managed to get the tractor in gear and pulled up. I was afraid he would pull the throttle back and spin the ramp off the trailer. Needless to say, I talked to both drivers after the incident was over.

I have a rule I try to follow when I go to a show or tractor pull. First I like my truck headed toward the exit gate. Why? 1. If it rains, you have a better chance getting out without having problems. 2. After dark it is hard to see, and you are less likely to hit something if you planned ahead. 3. Back the tractors on the trailer if possible. I load tractors in both directions when I haul. But at midnight when you are trying to load to go home and heavy dew is on the grass, everything is wet and slick. All removable ramps need an anti-kick out device so they won't come loose from the trailer when going up or down the ramps. I still have a problem using wood boards for ramps, and I still see these being used. I sometimes wonder if the people that design and build trailers have ever loaded equipment on a trailer. The trailers that have "dove tail" are great for big tractors that are heavy. But on little tractors when you back them on, you get up to the trailer the tires will spin at this point. I don't think this a good design, but I don't have anything better at this time. That is enough for now. If you have any thoughts on the subject, please let me know.

**Larry Voris  
Director-at-Large**

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**From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director**

Well, it looks like summer is in the past; the temperature this morning was in the low 40's and only got up into the 60's. What a relief from the 90° weather! I just brought the machinery home from La Grange engine show, which is one of the last big shows we have in my area. We had rain on Friday, and it was beautiful Saturday and Sunday. Even with the rain on Friday, it was the best Friday we've ever had. Saturday and Sunday were out of this world. Being pretty much the last big show in my area, it was exceptional this year. I have a couple of small shows in October and that'll wind it up for the year.

I want to thank Dick and Sue and their branch for being such gracious hosts for the National Meeting and show. Everybody up there was friendly and helpful; they had a beehive of activity going constantly. The museum was interesting, and I saw a lot of stuff that I never saw before. It was a well-organized show, and we had a nice meeting. Also, the meal was very good and you know me in food. I want to thank everybody involved with that branch again for a job well done.

The trip out there was pretty uneventful. I saw a lot of nice scenery and enjoyed the trip out. Now the trip home was a little different. I got caught up in a 15 mile back-up in the middle of nowhere that took 2 1/2 to 3 hours to get through.

Then I hit North Dakota and that was a trip in itself. With all the activity going on and all the gravel roads, the dust was unbelievable. And a big dump truck went by me and kind of let a stone fly that hit my windshield. Now I have a broken windshield. After I got into Minnesota, things calmed down, and the rest of the ride home was enjoyable.

Now that I'm back home, the farmers are harvesting beans and corn at a pretty good clip. A lot of the corn is being harvested; the stocks are green, but apparently the ears are dry. The yields that I have heard are nothing to write home about. But at least ours are halfway decent; some I saw on my way out West were not so good.

Well, as the season is winding down, be sure check all your anti-freezes and drain the water where necessary. It is also a good time to write down repairs and things that need to be taken care of on your tractors and equipment. That way, this winter you can go over the list and check them off as you repair them. Also, be careful as you will be working inside. Double check your furnace so that you don't have problems there. Remember safety starts with you.

It doesn't seem possible that Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Christmas is right behind. Also don't forget to do your patriotic duty--GET OUT AND VOTE!!!!

Well everybody have a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Let's hope we have a very Happy New Year !!

**Wayne Timchuk**  
**NE Regional Director**

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**NOVEMBER 6, 2012**  
**ELECTION DAY**  
**BE SURE TO VOTE**

**From Dorene Yearina, NCRegional Director**

**National Show**

We attended the National Show in Huntley MT – it was a great show.

We arrived on Thursday and watched everyone unload and set up. When we first got there, I thought it was going to be a small show, but this show was on the grounds of the Huntley, Museum (in the back) – so you not only got to attend a great tractor show, but you could go through the museum. Also, on the museum side, there was good live entertainment, a food booth serving steak sandwiches, home crafts, and homemade pie and ice cream.

This is the first show I've ever attended that **all** the exhibitors worked their exhibits – all kinds of engines (large and small): washing machines washing; baking bread; a saw mill; a shingle mill making shingles, a blacksmith shop branding “EDGETA 2012” on shingles; homemade ice cream; and best of all, the steam engine steamed corn twice a day. Everyone even stayed until late afternoon on Sunday.

My husband hauled his Empire because four other Empires were going to be there, BUT we brought a tractor for me also – an “H” John Deere. My husband doesn't know, but at this show I saw my next tractor (a Rumley Oil Pull – just a small one).

If you did not get to attend this EDGE&TA National show, you missed a great show. Start planning now to attend the National Show next year – Morrow, AR, May 18-19; you won't regret it. You will not only get to attend a great show, but you will meet great people from all over the country.

**Dorene Yearian, NC Director**

***“Safety First—That's our Motto!”***

**Also from Dorene:**

**Insurance**

You all know we lost our insurance last year because we had too many reported accidents. This is a reminder to please read our safety requirements and help us keep this insurance carrier. The safety requirements are simple basic things to keep you safe. Please read them and follow them for your own safety

We are coming to the end of our tractor/hobby season (except on the west coast), and now is the time to start checking and putting away our equipment for the winter. The winter is a good time to take a look at our trucks and trailers, checking them carefully to keep us safe on the road.

**Dorene Yearian, NC Director**

**EDGETA HALL OF FAME**  
**By Tom Yearian, Chairman**

My wife and I were very surprised and happy to be each honored as a 2012 Hall of Fame recipient along with our Branch 16 Past President, Larry Voris. We were all very honored. It doesn't seem possible to get this accomplished without our knowing – together, we send the applications to the judges, we order the plaques, and we get the names permanently put on the large plaque, which is in our possession – but they did and we were surprised – it's a great honor. Thank You!

This year's (2012) recipients are:

- David & Nancy Ruark, Br 54, Pomeroy WA
- Eddie G Tout, Br 54, Moslow ID
- Walt Curtis Jr., Br 106, Winnemucca NV
- Douglas Peterson, Br 141, Ashland Or
- Larry Voris, Br 16, Republic MO
- Dorene Yearian, Br 16, Republic MO
- Tom Yearian, Br 16, Republic MO
- Two more to be received at the SW Regional  
Oct. 26-28

We all have a lot of hard-working members in our branches that deserve to be honored and recognized. Now is the time to start thinking and looking for someone in your branch that should be recognized and receive this honor. We all have hard-working members in our branches – it just takes someone to go to our web site and fill out the application. Please note the change in the due date deadline.

**Tom Yearian, Hall of Fame Chairman**

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**EDGE&TA HALL OF FAME**  
**By Tom Yearian, Chairman**

**History**

The EDGE&TA Hall of Fame was established in 1998 in the interest of honoring those who have made significant contributions to the collection, preservation, and exhibition of antique tractors, engines, and equipment.

Every EDGE&TA member is eligible for this award. Posthumous submissions will be accepted with past EDGE&TA membership,

Each year the inductees to the hall of Fame will receive their award in the form of a plaque with their name on it. The announcement of the year's inductees will be made at the National business meeting unless other arrangements are made. This award will be presented to them at the National or Regional Show of

their choice. A stand-in can accept the award if the inductee is unable to attend. Their name will be put on the large Hall of Fame plaque that EDGE&TA keeps, along with the previous years' inductees. Their names along with their applications will then be put on our web site for all to view.

At the September 9, 2000, board of directors meeting the following changes were voted on and approved: (1) the number of inductees will be limited to four, (2) all inductees must be an EDGE&TA member, (3) posthumous submissions will be accepted with past EDGE&TA membership.

At the June 22, 2001, board of directors meeting, the following changes were voted on and approved: (1) all nominees must receive a minimum of 2 votes from the judges to be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame, (2) the judges will be chosen by the Hall of Fame Chairman and will remain anonymous, (3) inductees will receive a personal engraved plaque commemorating their induction into the Hall of Fame, (4) the plaque will be presented during the business meeting at either the National or Regional Show that the inductee can attend. A stand-in can accept the award if the inductee is unable to attend.

At the June 12, 2009, board of directors meeting the following changes were voted on and approved: (1) the number of inductees will be open as long as each inductee receives two votes, (2) add the following to the application – What has the nominee done for EDGE&TA, (3) in an effort to have all applications judged equally the following application guideline is added and should be followed:

**Tom Yearian, Chairman**

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**Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association, Inc**  
**HALL OF FAME**

**APPLICATION GUIDELINE**

**Applicant**  
**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Branch No. & Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant**  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief summary of significant contributions to EDGE&TA.**

(Must have made a contribution to EDGETA such as heald an office at local branch, help start the branch, always volunteers, etc.)

**Brief summary of why this person should be chosen. Why you are honoring this person.**

**Brief summary of significant contributions to the collection, preservation and exhibition of antique equipment (tractors, engines, implements, etc.)**

**If the nominee is the recipient of the Hall of Fame, where does the inductee want to receive their award – NATIONAL or REGIONAL show? (circle one)**

**Person submitting/Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_ **Branch No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number/E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Submitted** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Above application should be no more than two pages long)*

Nominee’s application should be e-mailed to Tom Yearian, Hall of Fame Chairman, trydiron@hughes.net, no later than 120 days prior to the meeting at the National Show of the year the nominee is to be considered.

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**Secretary/Treasurer/Editor-Carrie Jo Parmley**

Once again, Presidents, please share the information in this Newsletter with the members of your branch. It is very important that your members be aware of the information their regional directors pass along to them as well as to get key information that may personally affect them. This newsletter has important information regarding insurance for next year and the cost involved.

Beginning with this issue, the EDGETA quarterly newsletter will be sent to the Branch President, the Branch Safety Officer and/or secretary or other officers with e-mail addresses. This is in an effort to get communication to as many members as possible.

The National Meeting in Huntley, MT was the first national meeting for me. It was a great show with many demonstrations running simultaneously throughout the day. No one could ever say there was nothing to see. It was a whirlwind of activities, all very well done.

Also, we welcome Branch 236, Pennsylvania, since our last newsletter. In addition, we have 21 clubs in the application process.

Be sure to utilize our webpage at [www.edgeta.com](http://www.edgeta.com). All of the information you will need is located on the webpage. The tabs on the left side of the home page quickly direct you to the areas where the relevant information is located. You will find forms, minutes of meetings, EDGETA Administration, Chairmen of the various committees and areas of concern, all very helpful.

One item of big importance is the updating of our webpage. Sally is doing a great job of keeping information posted as she receives it. You will note the change in officers on the Administrative Page. Also, the Addendum to Lease Agreement is added to the home page near the bottom.

The following housekeeping items need to be addressed. The first is of utmost importance. We still have a good number of branches who have not updated officers for 2012:

- All officers and directors must be updated at the beginning of each calendar year, even if they are the same as the previous year. If they are not current, the EDGETA Director & Office Insurance (D&O) will not cover your officers. They must be the listed as the current officers on the website.
- Always include your branch number on all correspondence, both paper and e-mail. As has been stated so many times, we identify you by EDGETA Branch #, not by club.

I’ve enjoyed getting to know all of you and look forward to working with you in the future. Thanks again for your cooperation during my learning process.

**Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treasurer**

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***Regional Shows***

***North Central Regional Show—Oct. 12-13  
Host--Branch 28—Cabool, Missouri***

***South East Regional Show—October 5-6  
Host--Branch 202***

***South West Regional Show—October 26-28  
Host—Branch 134—Cedar City, UT***

***South Central Regional Show—October 27  
Host--Branch 157—Plumerville, AR***

***See EDGETA.com for details for shows***