

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

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## From George Christmas, President and SE Director

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. The time really seems to speed by. It won't be long before the show season is in full swing again. Now is the time to check all of your equipment to ensure it is in perfect working order. It is always a good idea to review the safety section of the website [www.edgeta.com](http://www.edgeta.com). Please make yourself familiar with the requirements and suggestions on how to keep our hobby safe for the spectators as well as other members.

Please remember to include your branch number when corresponding to the national secretary or any of the directors. If you are completing any forms for EDGE&TA, you must include your branch number on those as well. The branch number issued when your club joined EDGE&TA is how your branch agreed to be identified during the application process. This speeds up any process concerning your branch.

Remember it is time to start sending in dues. All dues must be received by March. The new rate will be in effect. There was an increase in the dues because the insurance premium was increased. That was explained in detail in the last newsletter. The total cost per member is \$12. That is \$4 for the dues to EDGE&TA and \$8 per member for the insurance premium. If we can stay accident free, our hope is the insurance premium will decrease in the future. Please contact your regional director if you have any questions.

In an effort to get the newsletter into the hands of more of the members, we have decided to send it not only to the branch presidents, but also a second contact person for the branch. We have heard from some of the members that they have never seen a copy of the newsletter. The newsletters are available on the website for anyone that wishes to read it. It is the branch president's responsibility to share the information included in the newsletter with their branch.

Please make sure you are updating your officer's information form on the website. It is important for the directors to have up to date contact information for each branch. It is also important from an insurance stand point. If the officer's information is not up to

date, the officers are not covered by the D&O insurance provided to the officers for each branch.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Prosperous New Year! I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends this year! Please take every precaution to make our hobby safe for everyone.

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

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## Insurance Update, December 2012, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

At this point, it is important for each branch to remember that our EDGETA National dues and insurance premium have gone up from \$8 per member last year to **\$12 per member** for 2013. This occurred as a result of several large claims we had, and our previous insurance carrier dropped us when renewal time came around last April. I know you probably have heard this before now, but I wanted to be sure everyone knows the situation. We were able to find another carrier, but at an insurance premium increase. This places more emphasis on all of us to be sure we do all we can to prevent accidents and claims. We do not want to be in the situation of having large claims and being dropped by this carrier. Each of us needs to think about what we are going to do before we do it. Think though the safety of each of your actions. I have mentioned before that when I was working at the Refinery, we had a motto to "Take Two" before you did a task. It meant taken 2 seconds, or 2 minutes, or even 2 hours to be sure you thought through each action and were sure it would be safe for all involved. I heard it said once that when driving, it is better to hesitate at a cross road and be sure it is safe to proceed than to take a chance, get into a wreck, and then wish you were back waiting to enter the intersection.

I know most of you have known this too, but we as branches need to carefully review the contracts we sign when renting show grounds or places where we hold our events. Please be sure you only assume liability for the portion of the grounds that you are using. Do

not assume liability for other groups or organizations that are on the show grounds while you are there. When leasing property, the contract should define the buildings and areas to be used for the event. Any building or area not used should be excluded by the contract. Any vendor that has a separate contract with the owner of the property, permitting the vendor the right to provide goods or services at your event should be excluded from our lease and, therefore, not be covered under our insurance. We had an attorney write up a sample contract for us to use when renting facilities, rather than accepting the form from the owner. When your branch asks our insurance agent for a certificate of insurance or proof of insurance for your event, you may get a copy of our form to have the property owners sign. Please get it signed and returned to our insurance agent. If you have any questions about the contract that you are asked to sign, please let me know.

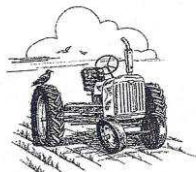
On the bright side, this year has been one with no claims. Thanks to all the branch members that made this happen.

As I write this, we have received our first real taste of winter. We only have a couple inches of snow on the ground, but it has been cold, a little below zero at night and in the low teens in the daytime. It is the time of the year when we all retreat to our shops or garages to work on next year's project. Last summer was a busy year for me, between our National EDGETA show at our Threshing Bee and the time I spent at the local Museum. I got way behind on my home projects. I am pretty well caught up now. I am working on an IHC 2 point hitch sickle mower so I have something to cut grass and weeds next summer. The mower was abused, but it is restorable, and I think will come in real handy next summer.

Sue and I would like to wish each of you and your families a Happy, Prosperous, and **Safe** New Year.

**Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director**

***Hope to see you at the Annual  
National EDGETA  
Show & Meeting -- May 18-19  
Branch 85  
Morrow, Arkansas***



**From Don Young, VP EDGETA & SW Regional Director/Safety Chairman/Youth Driver Coord.**

This year has seemed to pass very quickly, as there were so many shows to attend. In Southern California, the shows will be in less than a month. Branch 206 will have their show January 18-20 in Wellton, AZ supported by Branch 22 and others. If you are in the area, it is a "must see" show. They are very safety conscious as you will see rope and fire extinguishers everywhere.

Please take note of the following safety reminders:

1. One person on a tractor unless it is designed for two. (In a picture of an EDGETA show, I observed persons on a fender and a drawbar.)
2. Do not throw candy in a parade of anything else (I saw a picture of this in a newsletter.)
3. In a parade, stay in line with the minimum distance between tractors (A member ran into my tractor because he was following too close and not paying attention.)
4. If possible, if you have to start your tractor from standing on the ground, try it first with the source of ignition off to make sure it is out of gear.
5. Fire extinguishers must be in working condition.
6. A first aid kit must be on hand.
7. Let it be known if a member is certified in CPR. (There is a member in one of the branches that I belong to that is certified. I follow him closely.)
8. I have a safety reminder meeting before parades and shows.
9. Engine display setup: exhaust facing opposite the spectators, minimum 3-feet back of the ropes, belts parallel with the ropes, working fire extinguishers within reach, a first aid kit on hand; consider plastic mesh at least to the lower rope to prevent children from entering. (At a recent show an unattended child ran under the rope towards a running engine and was safely caught by the safety officer before she could become injured.)

Insurance will increase \$4 April 15, 2013 because of past claims. Branch officers' and Directors' lists on the website must be updated every year, even if there are no changes. The year sticker that is on your card must be left on until April 15. The sticker that you may receive prior to that date should be placed below that one.

Youth Driver Program: A youth must be certified on each make and model of tractor that he wishes to operate. A new certificate is issued for each tractor he is certified to operate.

All Branch Presidents and Safety Officers that receive the National Newsletter should share it with the membership and advise them to go to EDGETA.org and click on the newsletter tab on the left of the home page to read a copy there. Many members do not know that a National Newsletter exists.

Wishing all y'all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and an accident-free year.

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

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

I am writing on the day after Christmas a newsletter article for Jan-Feb-Mar 2013. All I can think of is the days are getting longer by about a minute a day. By the end of March, we will have gained about 90 minutes which is 1-1/2 hours of daylight a day. Then it is **show time** again. I will not get much this winter because I'm recovering from Rotator Cuff surgery in late October. I did a pretty good job of tearing the cuff and bicep tendon. But it has been repaired and I'm doing physical therapy, and things are looking up. I can drive again and will be able to start lifting weight again by February first. The 2 words they keep preaching to me are "patience" & "gentle." Neither is in my vocabulary.

The **National show** will be early--May 18-19, 2013 in Morrow, Arkansas, which is approx 25 miles Southwest of Fayetteville, AR and 25 miles East of Stilwell, OK. Directions from Fayetteville, AR: at Jct. of I-540, go S on Hwy 62 to Hwy 45 to Hwy 3 and travel past Hwy 3 about 100 yards. It is on your right.

From Stilwell, OK: at Jct. of OK 59 & 100, go E on OK 100 to AR 156 to AR 59. Go N on AR 59 to AR 45 E. Stay on AR 45 and the Show grounds are on the left just before you get to Hwy 3 to Morrow. This will get you to the general area. There are several motels in Fayetteville at the Jct. of I-540 and 62 and a couple in Stilwell.

For more information contact: H.B. Hutchens, Home# 479-846-4044, Cell# 479-409-5868. There will be more information on the EDGETA web site.

I asked H.B. what they needed for exhibits. He told me they were short on gas engines and related equipment.

Let's all be safe.

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

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**From Dorene Yearian, NC Director**

**SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

Your knowledge of old equipment/tractors/engines is a knowledge that needs to be shared. If you don't have children or grandchildren to share your knowledge, volunteer with your local 4-H, FFA or other like organizations. Get involved!

These children could grow up and be members of your branches. Have your branch develop a children's membership (\$12 right now) and teach them how to run engines, drive tractors. There is on our web page a youth drivers program you could use as a basis. Teach them the safety part right along with the "how to" part and especially the fun part. Get the youth involved! We need them to carry on our hobby.

**CREATE A WORKING DISPLAY**

When displaying next year, do something extra. If you are displaying an engine, belt it to a piece of equipment. Have a sign explaining what is happening. If you are grinding or shelling corn – let the children pick up the cobs or the corn or the corn meal. Have a sign telling what the date the engine was manufactured – its purpose – its horsepower, etc.

When displaying a tractor, tell about its horsepower and what it is capable of doing. Give the horsepower at the drawbar and at the belt – explain what that means. Give the history (*in the family for 50 years – my grandpa's, etc.*) – show a picture of before restoration. Explain what type of equipment this tractor was built to pull – a harrow, baler, cultivator, mower, 3 bottom or 2 bottom plow, etc. Attach a piece of equipment and have an explanation of what it does.

Remember there are people that have no idea what this equipment does or how to use the equipment of our hobby. Wash clothes, make ice cream, steam corn, saw shingles, pump water, etc. Make your display interesting. A working display with you explaining it is even better.

Make new friends with your display.

**Dorene Yearian, NC Regional Director**



**From Charles Parmley, SC Regional Director**

Greetings Everyone: I suppose that this will be my first of two articles to write for this newsletter. I was asked by the organization President to serve the balance of the year as director of the South Central Region. The resignation of former director, Johnny Burger, resulted in this appointment. Many of you know Johnny, and I had the pleasure to meet him at the 2012 National Meeting and really enjoyed our time together at the show. He is a fine gentleman and served well as a director.

As I indicated, I am serving in this capacity until the 2013 National Meeting, which is scheduled for May 18-19 at Morrow, Arkansas. Branch 85 will be the host Branch for the meeting. I encourage any member in the South Central Region who would like to serve as a director to contact the National Secretary regarding your interest. I have enjoyed the short time that I have been in this capacity, but I have too many other activities in which I am involved to do just service to this position. I also encourage all members to attend the 2013 National Meeting that I mentioned earlier. I had the opportunity to attend the 2012 National Meeting in Huntley, Montana and really enjoyed the show, the State's beauty, and the opportunity to meet a lot of interesting people. One will find that the common thread that permeates all of our members, regardless of their location on the map, is the love and appreciation of antique farm machinery and equipment.

Another very enjoyable event that I attended in October was the 2012 Regional Meeting hosted by Branch 157 in Jacksonville, Arkansas. Ricky Frazier, branch president, did a nice job in hosting the meeting, and I really appreciated the courtesy and hospitality afforded by him and his fellow members.

Now that the new year is underway, I know that many of you are concentrating on that special project that you are working on, or perhaps upcoming shows or events in your area. Please be mindful of all safety guidelines regarding your tractors and equipment. An enjoyable event can easily be spoiled by an accident or injury. Let us try to make 2013 an accident free year for our organization.

**Charles Parmley, SC Regional Director**

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**From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director**

By the time you receive this newsletter, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be gone for another year. Hopefully Santa and the cooks in your family made it a very good Christmas season.

Well, all the shows and swap meets have wound down in my area. We have had some nice shows in our area and

most were well attended. I know with the high cost of fuel and all the other costs going up, I will be picking and choosing the shows I attend next year very carefully. I have attended some Christmas parties so far this fall and have one more to go to. That will pretty much end my season until March of next year when it will start all over again.

As most all members know, our insurance is going to be more money next year. It is still a bargain for the coverage you receive and peace of mind. But remember safety, safety, safety. The increase on the insurance was because of some preventable accidents! Remember, think before you make that move and use common sense. Always try to have someone help when loading or unloading tractors and equipment. Know your limits and what you can do safely. Check out your tow vehicle and trailer; be sure the lights are working, tires are all in good shape, and the brakes on the trailer, truck, and your tractors are working.

When working in your shop in the winter with doors closed, be sure when cutting and welding and running equipment that you don't start a fire or the fumes get the best of you.

Well, in closing, so far in my area, we've had a lot of rain, no snow and higher temperatures than normal.

I hope everybody gets all projects done this winter that they want done and enjoy the winter. Hope to see some old friends and meet some new ones in the coming season. Always think safety first no matter what.

*"When you talk, you repeat what you already know; when you listen, you often learn something."*

**Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director**

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**From Tom Yearian, Hall of Fame Chairman**

At the National 2012 show in Montana, the EDGE&TA Board Members voted to move the due date to 120 days before the National Show Meeting. This would allow time to judge the applications, do the notifications and order the plaques to be presented. This year the deadline is January 18, 2013 (National Show is May 18-19, 2013).

I am sure there is someone in your branch that deserves this honor and would greatly appreciate the honor of receiving a plaque. Go to our Web Site and follow the guidelines and submit your nominee. Honor the hard workers/supporters of your branch so that they can be on our web page and we can all enjoy them.

**Happy New Year**

## From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treasurer

As I write this note, I'm beginning the second year of my responsibilities as Secretary/Treasurer of the EDGETA organization. It has been very enjoyable experience to work with each of the branches and get to know you and associate you with specific areas of our very large and encompassing country. Although the job has been challenging at times, it's been well worth the effort I've spent trying to get organized, learn the processes, and follow in the footsteps of Ruth, who knows the "ins and outs" of it all. All of you need to know that she still takes a lot of interest in the organization and its workings and always helps me when I ask. She recently had a minor surgery, but she is home recovering and doing well.

There are a few housekeeping items that I need to remind you about, along with the **dues increase to \$12:**

- All officers and directors must be updated on the website 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 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 so much for your cooperation during my learning process.

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treasurer

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\***

**WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING 3 DIRECTOR'S POSITIONS OPEN THIS YEAR:**

**Northeast, South Central and Southeast**  
**Our bylaws pertaining to the election of directors are printed on the next column of this page, or you may view it on the website.**

**If there are any nominations, I must receive the resumes 90 days prior to the National Meeting. That date is no later than February 17, 2013. Thanks.**

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary  
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**There will be 3 director positions open this year: Northeast, South Central and Southeast. Our by-laws state the following:**

### ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS/OFFICERS/ADVISORS

#### Section 1. Directors:

- a. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) directors which includes the President, Vice President, and Safety Officer.
- b. There shall be one Director from each of the six (6) EDGE&TA Regions with the seventh being a Director at Large.
- c. Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority of the branches voting, either in person or by proxy. Every branch may vote to fill all Director Positions, both Regional and Director at Large.
- d. Any member in good standing may have their name placed in nomination for the Director position in the Region in which they reside.
- e. Any member in good standing, from any region, may have their name placed in nomination for the Director at Large position.
- f. Nominees must send to the Secretary/Treasurer a resume providing a straight forward profile of themselves and a recent photo. As a minimum, the resume should contain the following:
  - (1) EDGE&TA membership history
  - (2) EDGE&TA offices held
  - (3) Ideas and goals for EDGE&TA
  - (4) Knowledge of current EDGE&TA issues
- g. The Secretary/Treasurer must receive the resumes and photos no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- h. If there are no valid regional nominations presented, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing from the region to serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- i. If there are no valid nominations presented to fill the Director at Large position, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- j. For continuity, Directors shall be elected on a rotating basis under the following cycle: Two (2) Directors shall be elected/re-elected in each of the first year, and the second year. In the third year, three (3) Directors shall be elected/re-elected.
- k. The Board of Directors shall fill a vacated Director position by appointment of an EDGE&TA member in good standing. Directors so appointed shall serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time the position shall become vacant.
- l. Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years, and/or until their successors are elected, with the exception that a Director elected to fill a vacated appointed position shall serve the remainder of that three (3) year term.
- m. The number of terms a Director may serve is unlimited.

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