

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

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## From George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. I don't know about you, but 2017 went by very fast for me. It was a very eventful year. My wife and I welcomed our baby girl last January. In March we purchased a new home. We will begin 2018 by purchasing a new car thanks to some of the local wildlife. I guess that is the dynamics of life.

We had a couple of clubs join this past year! That is some good news for our hobby. All members should have a yellow membership card. This is proof of membership. We found out this past year that there are many members who have never seen the yellow cards.

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 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. Remember, the minimum required membership was lowered this year to 10 renewing members.

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. We appreciate the feedback we receive from the members concerning the website. This is how we make improvements. We know everything

isn't perfect and it doesn't always run like a well-oiled machine, but we are working each day to improve it. Please help us make things better for everyone; if you have suggestions on improvements let us know. Please be patient as we work to make the improvements.

**Please share this information with all members.** The board of directors are members of the association. We are elected by a vote of the membership. Each director serves a term of 3 years. The directors come from the region they live in with the exception of the director-at-large who may live in any of the regions. This is a membership run association. We have 3 Director Positions up for election this year. Please look for the information in the newsletters to see when the director position in your respective regions will be up for re-election. I encourage all those interested to get involved. It takes all of us to keep our association strong.

I hope everyone will have a joyous and safe new year. Please continue to keep yourselves safe and our hobby safe for those who come to enjoy the machines and equipment of yesteryear. I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones during the 2018 show year. God Bless you all.

## George W Christmas, President and Southeast Regional Director

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## Insurance Update, December 2017, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

Last year at this time we had about a foot of snow on the ground. This year the temperature has been in the 50's and the ground is bare. I am sure we will get some snow soon. But so far, this Fall we have only got a couple of inches. It melted quickly and did not stay long.

On the EDGETA insurance front, we do have a claim in California that is now being negotiated. It happened during a community parade, when a member's Farmall A ran onto the back of a car

ahead of them. I will know more next time as to how it gets settled.

Recently I received the Branch 8 newsletter. They had included an article from the California Oliver Cletrac Club regarding safety and hauling tractors. I thought it was well done, and wanted to pass it on to all EDGETA branch members.

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**The California Oliver Cletrac Club**

**The Safety Zone: (Submitted by Richard Borgaro, COCC Safety Officer):**

There are certain truths that we can depend on. Here's one: Accidents happen. Unless you live in a vacuum - and even then, a vacuum seems vulnerable to external forces - accidents will happen.

The good news is that we can do much to prevent accidents, and that's a vitally important thought to consider as we end the show season for 2017.

Safety is one of our most basic responsibilities. We owe it to our families, our friends, and to all the people that come to our shows. When everything is said and done, we owe it to ourselves. And why wouldn't we put a priority on safety?

Because it cost too much? Bet it doesn't cost as much as hospital bills, funerals or lawsuits.

Because it takes too long? Bet it doesn't last as long as a regret.

Because it might decrease the number of exhibitors or attendees? An accident at a show is not likely to grow attendance.

One of the leading topics of conversation in this hobby today is how to boost show attendance.

A comprehensive safety plan is an excellent place to start. If you give people a choice of attending a safe event or a dangerous one, the vast majority will choose safety.

Safety doesn't have to be expensive. It doesn't have to look like a police state. It can be done in a friendly, respectful and effective manner. All I am asking is keep safety in the back of your mind.

We all know when we are doing something that doesn't feel right and could lead to disaster. We all know when we see someone that is just stepping across the line, and hoping they will not have an accident. We need to stop, and take a

**"Time Out" and count to 10. Take a couple of seconds to look at what we are about to do, the safe procedure will be apparent. Let's all be safe and set an example, rather than turning a blind eye.**

**I have included in this safety article two photos of major accidents which involved antique tractors. I could write many, many paragraphs describing every detail of the incident. But I think that a photo is worth a thousand words. Even if you did every safety procedure correctly, and ran in to a brick wall, there are going to be one or more items on our trailer that are going to fail.**

**Please - take the time this winter to check every single component that makes up the "Hold down system" on your trailer. We all by now know the importance of checking annually the condition of chains, chain binders, web strap style binders. But don't forget about the condition of that D ring or whatever location you choose to hook that chain to on your trailer. Also think about the spot where you hook that strap or chain to your Cletrac. It must not be a part that could not be torn loose in a head-on collision.**

**Remember that a chain or is only as strong as its weakest link. Really take the time to analyze what might fail if you need to come to a sudden stop.**



As an added note, when I tie down a tractor, I always use my strongest chains to keep the tractor from going forward on the trailer. There should be one on each side of the tractor to the trailer side.

Branch dues for next year will not change from last year. Dues will still be \$12 per year per member which includes the EDGETA National Dues as well as the insurance premium. We would like to have as many dues as we can by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The EDGETA National policy premium is due shortly thereafter. Our EDGETA insurance year is from the middle of April to the next April.

There has been a recall on Kidde Brand fire extinguishers. Search for 'Kidde fire extinguisher recall 2017' on the internet to be sure yours not being recalled.

Thanks once again for taking the time to be safe. Our goal as you know is at the end of the day everyone goes home safe and happy.

The best of the Holiday season to everyone.

**Insurance Update, December 2017, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director**

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**From Don Young—Vice President and SW Regional Director, Safety Chair, Youth Driver Cert.**

California is on fire. The major fire is now 55% contained, 272,000 acres burned, 770 homes destroyed, over 6000 firefighters battling the blaze. Sadly, one firefighter fatality. Not only fires, but floods also in other parts of the country. Show season is coming to an end for this year and soon the beginning of a new year. My General tractor has been put away for the coming winter. Locally there is the mail issue again. My post office has been

upgrading adding new and more boxes. In this small town there is no mail delivery and with no access to the boxes you must pick up your mail at the counter.

Today I received a number of pieces of mail from August, including some youth driver applications. Keep them coming; we need more younger members. There is a lot of information on the EDGETA website; become familiar with the Safety rules that apply to you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Don Young—Vice President and SW Regional Director, Safety Chair, Youth Driver Cert.**

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**From Buster Brown, Director-at-Large**

It is the time of year when most of our shows start to happen Branch 22 stays busy most of year. Branch 206 has their show coming up in January.

All of the people we have worked with the last few years have decided not to sponsor or work with us this year. After 39 years working with this event, they are going a different direction. This came on a very short notice. We will have a meeting with the town of Wellton tomorrow night. I think they will get interested in event. If they do not, we will still have the best show since we became a branch. Branch 240 out of Tucson has a few shows around the southeast part of Arizona and is a nice active Branch.

If you are traveling south and are interested in shows, go to the EDGETA.com web site and check Branches 22, 206, and 240. Also, there is a group out of Phoenix, AZ that has a couple of shows during the winter. Check out AEDGE&TA. They are a nice bunch with a couple of nice shows in winter Have more news in next letter.

Have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

**From Buster Brown, Director-at-Large**

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**From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director**

The older we get, the more we become aware of changing times, at least this is true with me. There are good things and bad things in regard to changing times. Our family had our first family Christmas gathering this past week due to the fact our youngest daughter and her family are going

abroad for Christmas with his family. Our family gatherings often involve music; they get their talent from my wife, not me. Doris has played piano since her preschool days. She has also played organ, accordion, violin, and bass guitar. We have family members who play trumpet, trombone, guitar (multiple kinds), ukulele, etc., of which I am proud. We have some who have had voice training and others of us who depend only on what God gave us. In earlier years, we either knew the words, had them on written hard copy or just sang what we remembered. All of us grew up in church and learned mostly from that experience. Consequently, and because we are all believers, our music is almost exclusively gospel music.

When we got ready to sing last week, no one could remember the words to some of the songs, so out come the iPhones and googled the song. In my opinion, that is one of the positive things about modern technology. However, when we have other family gatherings, everyone may be on their phone, playing games or taking care of business, etc. I sometimes wonder if personal conversations will become extinct. Some of you may think it is because I have had too many birthdays.

However, many changes are very good. I like power steering, power brakes, and air conditioning. These things are taken for granted by some who are younger than I, but the old tractors and old engines have a special place in my heart. EDGETA is not just a hobby for me; it is a deep ingrained part of my past. I wish I could pass that on to my kids and grandkids, but they will never have the connection I do to the antique tractors and engines. It remains to be seen what the future is for antique tractor and engine interest.

The first tractor I remember my dad owning was an F20 Farmall, and I have fond memories of when he was still farming with teams of horses. When I was 4 or 5 years old, I would stay at the house with mom while dad was plowing, but when lunch time came, she would say to me, "if you want to drive the team to the house, you better run over to the back field right quick." Off I would go bare foot, hopping on one foot while picking sand burs out of the other, then alternating. With my dad at my side, I would take the leather plow lines in my hand and ever so proudly drive the team to the house so they could be fed and watered while we ate. I can tell the memories to my kids and grandkids, but they will never mean to them what they mean to me. Yet, they will remember when I gave up my flip phone for an iPhone 5.

The first new tractor my dad bought was an 8N Ford with all new Dearborn implements in 1948. By the time I was 10 my dad had taught me to drive it. I was blessed to get to farm with him until he started battling cancer in 1955. He passed away in 1958, and the tractor was sold out of the family, but I'm thankful I now have it back, along with the implements.

My children have little real knowledge of farming except for what they have read in books. They are often amazed at what I am able to do at my age; they live in this technological age and depend on it for their living. Although we love each other dearly, I have not been able to give them the same fondness for antique tractors and engines that I have. I, like many of you, struggle with how will we keep this preservation of farm history going when we are gone.

On a more positive note, I do not let this dampen my enthusiasm for Christmas. I wish each of you a Christ centered Christmas, and a blessed holiday season with family and friends.

**Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director**

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**2018 Dues are \$12 per member**

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**From Bob Craig, NC Regional Director**

Season's Greetings from the North Central Region. Winter has finally shown up here at our house. We were certainly blessed with a mild fall, but we sure do need some moisture. We attended the 66 Flywheelers show in Catoosa, Oklahoma in October, the last one of the season for us. They certainly had wonderful displays and a great flea market. Branch 16-member Don Holdway came away with a trophy for best feature tractor--a Minneapolis Moline purchased new by his father.



Congratulations Don! It's good that we had no physical injuries so far this year. I don't understand all that is happening with the accident while the parade was forming at Branch 242; I certainly hope it comes to a suitable conclusion for everyone involved soon. I know there are some lessons to be learned, and we sure need to brainstorm and use this incident as a teaching moment. It was good to read about Morrie Robinson's rare & unusual gas engines in the Dec/Jan gas engine magazine. He certainly has some nice equipment. This is the time of year that we like to involve ourselves with new projects or work on equipment that we have been showing through the years; please be careful and return to the shows next year with all your fingers and toes. I have visited on the phone with the president of Branch 107, Mark Say, and I plan to go to a club meeting this winter and have some personal contact with their group. I do know that they have no permanent show grounds and the show will be held at a farm where they have had shows at in the past

Certainly, hope everyone is doing well. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2018. Thanks.

**Bob Craig, NC Regional Director**

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**Hall of Fame Award**

Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association (EDGETA) honors members who have made a significant contribution to EDGETA by presenting a HALL OF FAME plaque at a National or Regional Show and putting the inductee's picture and name on line. The Hall of Fame (HOF) was established in 1998, and every member is eligible for this award. Anyone can nominate any member (posthumous members applications accepted) for this award – just follow the HOF form found on-line at edgeta.com.

The deadline for the 2018 HOF nomination is February 24, 2018. E-mail the application to D Yearian, Chairman – [trydiron@hughes.net](mailto:trydiron@hughes.net).

The name of the recipient of the HOF (Branch number and date) will be put on the large EDGETA plaque and their name and picture will be put on line. The nominee will receive a small plaque which can be presented at a National or Regional Show of their choice. A stand-in can accept the award if the inductee is unavailable and prior arrangements are made.

Three (anonymous) judges are chosen – nominees must receive at least 2 votes from the three

judges to win. The on-line form must be followed so that all applications can be judged fairly. Remember this is an EDGETA Hall of Fame and contributions to EDGETA, not just the hobby, should be stated.

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Hall of Fame Award Information**

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**From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director**

A short newsletter from the Northeast Region. Well, winter has arrived! We have had more snow and cold weather in December then we had all last winter! Hopefully everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. By the time you read this, we will have started the new year.

Hopefully everyone had a good 2017 show season and a very safe season. After watching the news, all of my eastern areas are being hit with a lot of snow and it looks like it is going to be a good old fashion winter!

As the new year starts, a lot of us will be in the garage working on machinery for next season, so be extra careful working in a closed shop. We need to be checking on things that need to be repaired from last year. The 2018 show season will be here before we know it. Now and in the near future is a good time to start checking our trucks and trailers for lights, brakes, and tires. Be sure to inspect all hitches and safety equipment. Hope to see everyone at the 2018 National Show in Kansas! In the meantime, have a safe winter and spring seasons.

Always remember safety first; it doesn't pay to hurry!

**Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director**

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**From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./ Editor**

Hope all of you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I'm looking forward to starting a new year and working with you again as secretary/treasurer.

Buttons and stickers will be mailed out the first full week of February. The number sent is based on the total membership for each branch for the 2017 year. Please be certain that the person who has been designated to receive the buttons is aware of what the box is and the necessity to open and distribute the contents accordingly.

**Stickers are in the top of each box of buttons inside a plastic sandwich bag. Also, an envelope with the EDGETA Annual Financial Statement will be in the top of the box. Please be certain that it gets to the president of your branch.**

Already mentioned by our president and other directors, remember to get the dues to me by March 15. **Branch # must be on all pieces of correspondence: email, checks, and lists. The list and amount included must match or it will be returned, as was stated in several of the past newsletters.**

The EDGETA National Annual Meeting is June 29-30 this year in Emporia, KS. We have an important item of business that must be considered before you receive the Newsletter the first part of March.

The following two Director's positions are open this year: **North Central, currently held by Robert Craig, and South Central, currently held by Clyde Brummett, Sr.**

**If there are any nominations, I must receive the resumes with photos 90 days prior to the National Meeting to be held on June 30, 2018. Please address to Carrie Jo Parmley, 15246 Seven League Rd., Tyler, TX 75703. The date due to me is Friday, March 28, 2018. A banner across the top of the front page of our website is also a reminder that the NC and SC director positions are up for election.**

**By-Laws pertaining to the election are printed below and are also on our website.**

**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 straightforward 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 (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.

## ***Important Dates***

### **2017– Annual National EDGETA Show & Meeting**

***June 29-30, 2018***

***Branch 107 – Emporia, KS***

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**See EDGETA.org for dates for all Regional Shows  
for 2018**

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