

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

From George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

I hope everyone is doing well. As I write this article, Hurricane Florence has passed. If that wasn't enough to deal with, we are now facing record breaking floods throughout the Carolinas. I have been working 14 days straight to make sure my staff are in place to do their jobs and anticipate the next move as the waters continue to rise. This is so reminiscent of the flooding with Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Unfortunately, it is just part of life. We must take care of our families and each other during this and in the days to come.

Please share this information with all members. The board of directors are members of the association. A vote of the membership elects us. Each director serves a term of 3 years. The directors come from the region they live in except for the director at large who may live in any of the regions. This is a membership run association. Please look for the information in the newsletters to see when the director position in your regions will be up for re-election. Each Director's term is posted with the information for that Director on the administration page of the website. I encourage all those interested to get involved. It takes all of us to keep our association strong. If you are interested in possibly serving as a director, please contact your regional director or any director and talk to them about serving. There are many good ideas out there and we would like to hear them.

This section is very important. It must be very clear. Each branch is responsible for keeping copies of all membership lists sent to the national secretary. When the branch sends in a membership list there are several things that must happen. First, the member list must be complete with member's name, address, and phone number. **The list will not be accepted if they are not complete.** There should also be a check with the correct amount of dues to coincide with the number of members on the list. An example is if you send a list of 25 members along

with that completed list there is to be a check for \$300. That is \$12 per member. The secretary will not accept lists without complete information or checks without a list of members. **If any of the information is in correct it will be returned to the branch to be corrected.** This may interfere with insurance coverage, so make sure you have everything correct before you send it. Remember, if we don't have a name, complete address and correct amount of dues, the individual is not covered. Also, member lists and dues for the year are to be received by the secretary/treasurer on or before March 15. This gives time to record and process everything by the start of the fiscal year. Please contact any of the directors if you have questions.

The insurance agent for our association has found a company to write a policy like we have now but will also include member-to-member coverage. The directors have been trying to contact each branch to speak with someone representing each branch about this change and the added cost that will incur with it. A letter will be sent to each branch president detailing the changes that will be easy to share with the branch members. Please share that information with your members. If you or someone in your branch has not spoken with one of the directors, please reach out to one of us. The process to get this information out is slow, but we want to get it to everyone.

I hope everyone has a safe fall season. There are lots of shows going on, especially with the harvest time in full swing. Please take extra time to keep yourself and others safe. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the shows.

George W Christmas, President and Southeast Regional Director

Insurance Update, September 2018, By Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

Summer is over and the weather is starting to cool off. We had a hot summer with little precipitation. It is fortunate that the farmers here have flood irrigation to keep their crops going. Now they are starting to dig sugar beets. The farmers now hope they don't get a lot of rain, which creates big problems when the machinery gets stuck in the field. Or that cold weather sets in so the beets get froze in the ground.

Outside of one accident, we have had no other accidents or other insurance claims this show season. That is good news. Thanks to all the EDGETA members for keeping safety foremost in your mind.

In the last newsletter I talked about switching to a different insurance carrier next April. The new policy includes participant liability coverage which we do not have now. This provides us liability insurance coverage when we participate in a community parade and have an incident where one of our members is involved with another non EDGETA member of the parade. Also, at an EDGETA show, if an EDGETA member is involved in an incident with another EDGETA member they will have liability insurance coverage. The EDGETA insurance cost will go up \$5, to cover this additional participant liability insurance coverage. This means that instead of paying \$8 as we did this year, next year we will pay \$13 for insurance. Next year the total EDGETA National dues (\$4) and insurance will be \$4 + \$13=\$17. For our branch we will probably increase our member dues to cover the additional insurance cost. Other branches will need to decide what works for them.

From those that I have talked to, everyone seems comfortable with the additional cost for this additional coverage. It fills a need in our coverage that we did not have up to now. At \$5 the additional the cost is minimal.

With this new insurance carrier, the deductible will go up from \$1000 to \$2500. However, the EDGETA board voted to pay the \$1500 difference if a branch member is involved in an incident. So, in effect there is no change in the \$1000 deductible for the branches.

As we get closer to the renewal time, if there are any other changes to our coverage I will let you know. The renewal is April 15th. Any changes will probably be negotiated in the couple months prior to renewal.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the new insurance policy that we will adopt next year, please email me or call me (406-967-6687).

Once again, thank you everyone for making safety your first priority. Keep up the good work.

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From Bob Craig – Vice President & NC Regional Director, Youth Driver Certification

A warm greeting from the North Central--maybe I should have said hot. We just returned from Republic, Missouri where the Ozark Steam Engine Association and Branch 16 of EDGE TA had their 57th annual show. Lots of displays, but I haven't got an official count of tractors & engines. I know there were plenty of Allis Chalmers, as we hosted the Missouri Allis Chalmers club. I also know there was 26 steam engines on the grounds and a wide variety of rust and glass in the flea market.

Some clubs have been hard to communicate with, but the ones I have visited with are favoring the insurance proposal pertaining to member on member coverage. Another business issue that seems to always be problematic is the branches that don't keep CJ updated on their line of officers or contact people, so naturally, they are hard to contact to let them know they need to be updating and keeping their information current. So, as you travel and visit from branch to branch, you might ask other branch officials if they are current. I am glad that we have had a safe summer & hope that it continues. Thanks Bob.

Bob Craig, Vice President, NC Regional Director & Youth Driver Certification



From Jeff Fenske, Director-at-Large & Safety Chair

Hope you have all had a nice summer and survived the heat. We had a HOT three weeks from the National Show in Emporia, KS all the way back to California. It has finally started to cool off now and we are looking forward to a nice fall. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people on the East coast that have been affected by Hurricane Florence.

Our Branch slows down during the hot Central Valley heat, but we are starting to fire things up now that it is cooler. A few of us have spent the week displaying at the Tulare County Fair. Our displays try to show how farm life was a century ago. For two days, school children from the area were bused in and many of these had never seen anything like this. Some argued that engines can't be 100 years old and still work. Sadly, this generation is used to everything being disposable. I displayed an engine belted to a corn grinder and one belted to a recirculating water pump dumping into an antique child's bathtub. Also had two hand pumps that the kids all enjoyed pumping.

Next weekend our branch is having a club camp out and bar-b-que at a member's ranch in the mountains. After that, we will be going to the South West Regional Show in Galt, CA. We are excited that this show is only about 2 1/2 hours from us, and we will be able to take the motor home and engine trailer for displays. Looking forward to seeing some of the people from other branches that I have talked to on the phone recently. Then we have an Open House/Potluck at a member's ranch complete with The Horseless Carriage, Model T, and Model A Clubs taking us with them on an Historical Tour of the area. After this, we will be getting ready to have our annual Branch 8 Swap Meet the first Saturday of November. And then it's the Holiday Season with at least one lighted Christmas Parade and maybe two. How time flies!!

I have been talking with management at the International Agri Center in Tulare about safety. This is where the California Antique Farm Equipment Show has been held for the past 24 years. There have been some unsafe tractor drivers there the last couple of years. This is not an EDGE&TA event. When I explained our rules, the Event Coordinator was very interested and talked like they would like to implement those that would apply to their show. The next show is April 2019.

Looking forward to talking to other EDGE&TA Branch Officers. So far, everyone that I have talked to has been friendly and glad to hear from someone from the National. Feel free to call with any questions, comments or problems.

Play Safe Stay Safe

Jeff Fenske, Director-At-Large & Safety Director

From Don Young, SW Regional Director

At this moment several wildfires in California, record heat, temperatures near 120°. One death, several injuries, thousands of acres burned, dozens of structures lost, no rain. There have been a number of successful shows so far in the area. Attendance has been down some primarily due to excessive temperatures. For several months now, I have been relocating to a different location and have no internet service other than what I have on my phone. We hope as the year progresses all members will follow the safety rules and take an extra moment to be safe.

Don Young, SW Regional Director



*Merry
Christmas*

From Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

It has been a long hot summer! We have had a lot of rain on the weekends and it has really hurt the show attendance. As the season is coming to an end, the show last weekend was a good show. That was the Lagrange Engine Show in Wellington, Ohio. We had a lot of nice displays, and it was well attended. Our local Branch 103 show will be the 2nd weekend in October at the Quarry Hill Orchard in Berlin Heights, Ohio. That pretty much ends our season!

Please keep all the people in the Carolinas in your prayers. I tried to reach George with no success; I hope all is well with him and his family. The weather in this area has been hot and wet, making hay a problem, but the beans and corn look great and we should have bumper crops this year. Being the shows are winding down, we need to be checking our equipment, truck and tractors, and making any repairs now while we remember what needs to be done. I will be glad to have cooler weather soon!

In closing I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas! Remember, safety is first when working in your shops this winter.

Wayne Timchuk, NE Regional Director

From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

Clyde is having health issues and will have surgery Thursday, September 27. Please keep Clyde and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Ed.

As the year winds down, most of you have sent the majority of members you will have for our membership year which ends April 15, 2019. We are definitely on the down side of the calendar year, with many fall activities that include our antique tractor and engine participation. Where I live, the months of September and October are teeming with fall festivals, displays, parades, and shows—all requesting our participation.

Thank you for doing a good job submitting your membership and dues for the year. Most of you are aware that the insurance auditor came to my house in the summer of 2016 and examined the individual Branch# files to verify how members were submitted with payment and how the proof of

payment was kept. He was also interested in the process I use to record membership and how I determine the total maximum number of members during our year running from April 15 one year to April 15 of the following year. He pulled random files to check the records and indicated this would probably not be the last time. This may help explain the reason for records being accurate, which George addressed in his article at the beginning of this letter. All of the guidelines are included in our By-Laws which are posted on the EDGETA website.

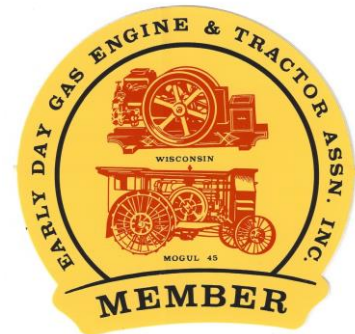
Also, by the end of the year, it will be time to update your officers and directors on the website. Again, this is information that we must keep current.

If you should have questions, I'll be glad to try to answer them or refer you to the appropriate director for the information.

Remember, our website, EDGETA.org, is an excellent source of information for instant answers. Watch our website for the amount for dues for 2019.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

From Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treas./Ed.



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***National EDGETA Meeting
Host, Branch 114
Red Bluff, CA
April 26-28, 2019
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exact location***



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