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Editor, Carrie Jo Parmley

From George Christmas, President and SE Regional Director

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. It just seems like time moves so very quickly anymore. It really seems like no time has passed since I typed last year's January newsletter. There have certainly been some trying events around the country this year. It seems the last few months have been really full. There have been Hurricanes followed by severe flooding in the east, wild fires in the west and earthquakes all over. These disasters have been devastating to many families. I know the road to recovery is long and slow going. I have been there. God gave me and my family strength through it. He offers that to all of us who trust in Him.

I would like to thank the members of Branch 119 for hosting the Southeast Regional Show this year. The show took place on Oct 19-21 at Hodges Farm in East Charlotte, NC. If you didn't make it to the show, you missed out. There was a working sawmill, apple press, corn shellers, swap meet with great bargains and a tractor pull. There were lots of tractors on display. The weather was a little damp on Saturday morning but cleared up nicely that afternoon. The show is growing, so keep it in mind for next year. You do not want to miss it.

It is imperative that you have EDGETA Branch # on all of the business your club does to be covered by the insurance. The only name your club has for business purposes is the branch number that your club agreed to be recognized by when your club applied for membership. You must also 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. Any lease agreements or legal documents must include the EDGETA branch number issued to your club when you joined EDGE&TA. That is how your branch agreed to be identified.

Remember it is time to start sending in dues. **All dues must be received by March 15.** The total cost

per member has increased to \$17. That is \$4 for the dues to EDGE&TA and \$13 per member for the insurance premium. The increase in premium is to purchase the new policy which will add member-to-member coverage. Your club received 2 letters in the last 4 months. The first letter detailed the intent to purchase the new policy. In that letter we asked if anyone had questions or concerns to please contact us. The second letter informed the membership we had received positive feedback from members about the new coverage and stated we would move forward with purchasing the new policy to include the member to member coverage. Please contact your regional director if you have any questions. Remember, the minimum required membership was lowered 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 2 Director Positions up for election this year, the Southeast Region and the Northeast Region. 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 2019 show year. God Bless you all.

George W Christmas, President and South East Regional Director



DUES are \$17 per member

Insurance Update, December 2018, Dick Tombrink, NW Regional Director

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and that you all have a great new year. So far, our weather has been dry, no snow, the storms have gone around us. We have had temperatures up in the fifty's which is unusual for us for this time of the year.

In the last newsletter, I talked about the participant liability insurance policy that we will adopt in 2019. The EDGETA BOD formally agreed to adopt the new insurance policy for the next fiscal year starting April 15, 2019. The national dues for 2019 will be increased by an additional \$5, for a total equal to \$4 for the national dues plus \$13 for insurance, (from \$8 for insurance in 2018) which equals \$17 per member.

We are in the midst of a lawsuit as a result of the incident in California where a member's tractor ran into the back of a Bentley car at a community parade in September 2017. Our insurance D&O carrier is representing EDGETA for this claim. The suit was filed against the branch and the president of the branch. Our Insurance carrier declined to represent the branch and its president because the branch number was not listed, only the branch name. This

brings up an important point for all of us to be aware of. On our website, under insurance FAQ # 28, it basically says all Branches need to conduct activities under the Branch number. We are insured as Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association and its Branches. Officially the branch number is the only thing that is identified for a branch for insurance purposes. Other club names are not recognized by our insurance. For you to insure coverage for a branch function, you need to add "EDGETA Branch number" to all public advertising, publications, checkbook, etc. of your branch activities. A branch that may have an insurance claim brought against them will find the claim denied by our insurance carrier that does not include "EDGETA Branch number" in their name. For example, "Tired Iron of the Ozarks" doesn't have coverage. "Tired Iron of the Ozarks, EDGETA Branch 37" does have coverage.

Another lawsuit came up recently, involving an incident that happened in Arizona in November of 2017. An individual attended a Pecan festival where the EDGETA branch was asked to attend and put on a Tractor Pull. The tractor pulls started just after noon and was completed by 3 pm. The individual arrived at about 10 am, and according to the lawsuit, was a member and participated in the tractor pull as part of the pit crew. (We have determined that he was not a branch member, and only participated as a spectator). After the tractor pull, he met with friends for a drink, and apparently became intoxicated. About 6 pm, he was crossing the road to his car and was hit by two cars and killed. A very unfortunate accident.

The learning from this incident is that the branch should have asked the Pecan Festival officials to sign the "Addendum to Lease Agreement" that would limit the branches liability to only incidents that happen within the area designated for the tractor pull. The branch then would not be held responsible for anything that happens outside of that area. This form is always attached to the Certificate of Insurance that you receive from our insurance agent. It is especially important for this form to be completed if your branch is participating in an event where your branch is occupying a specific area of an overall event. We do not want to be held responsible for something else that could happen outside of your designated area of the event. If this form had been used in this case, and since it would have specified that the branch was not liable for anything that happened outside of the Tractor pull

area, it would have removed the branch from any liability. We do, however, expect this claim to go away since we have determined that the individual was not a member and only participated as a spectator.

For your reference I have attached a copy of the Addendum to Lease Agreement below.

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 _____

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

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

A cold wet “Hello” from the Midwest. We went to 2 shows this quarter, first being Branch 28 at Cabool, Mo. There we presented 2 Hall of Fame plaques. The members at Cabool keep improving their showgrounds. We always have a great time there. Then we also attended a show in Catoosa, Oklahoma not affiliated with EDGETA. It was kind of wet around the edges, tractor pulls cancelled, but it was a good show. At this show a gentleman was

loading a newly restored steel wheel Huber. It spun out, reared up, and it threw him off the tractor to the ground. He was not badly injured. It did break the front axle completely out from under the tractor. A large recovery wrecker came & set the tractor on the trailer. Please--everyone be careful. I'm sure Dick will write about our new insurance policy that will take effect April 15, 2019. Be sure that all your contact information is forwarded to our secretary, Carrie Jo Parmley. This is very important, even if it is the same as last year. Please let her know. The National Meeting is early this year. April will be here before we know it. Those that can, please make plans to attend. Let's have a good showing. Hope to see you all in April.

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



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

Happy New Year to everyone. Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that Santa was good to you. I know a few of you that are on the Naughty List, so maybe you can start working on next year and work up to the Nice List. One way to accomplish this is to be sure that everyone is acting safely at all our events. 2019 looks to be challenging. EDGE&TA National is dealing with accidents and lawsuits currently. One way we can guarantee insurance coverage is always to make sure that we list EDGE&TA along with the Branch number instead of just using your branch nickname. For instance, the insurance company does not recognize “Old Nuts & Bolts” but only recognizes EDGE&TA Branch # 007. Any paperwork you fill out for various events or send into the National Must

have the branch number on all paperwork.

I displayed at the South West Regional Show in Galt, California hosted by Branch 13. It was very well attended by exhibitors and the public. On Friday of the show, they bused in approximately 300 school children. Many of them had note pads and were asking lots of questions and seemed interested in our old iron. They had vintage slow tractor pulls using a steam donkey to winch the sled back. There were tractor parades twice a day around the show grounds along with a great selection of one-cylinder engines belted to various pieces of equipment. The grounds were beautiful, and Branch 13 did a great job of planning and organizing the dinner/meeting. I was honored to present a Hall of Fame Award to Howard Martin, a Charter member of Branch 8, which is my primary branch.

On a safety note, I was recently informed that our fires extinguishers should be inspected and certified annually by a fire protection equipment company. They also need to be a maximum distance of 75 feet apart. All tractors driving in a parade or tractor drive must have a fire extinguisher prominently displayed. All sleds used in a pull must have a fire extinguisher. All tractors must have a triangle safety sign mounted on the rear of the tractor during all tractor drives on public roads. It is advisable to contact the local law enforcement to tell them about your drive and see if they would provide an escort. For all the safety rules, you can go to the EDGE&TA website and look up Safety Requirements.

We are getting ready to head to the desert in January seeking warm weather. We display at a great show in Wellton, Arizona January 18th-20th. This is the 10th Annual Branch 206 Southwest Forgotten Iron Show and Swap Meet. Good times with good friends we have met through the years. Join us if you can.

Looking forward to a great year. Hope to see or talk to a lot of you this year. If you have any questions, ideas or just want to talk, give me a call.

Jeff Fenske, Director-At-Large & Safety Director

BE SAFE

2019 EDGETA HALL OF FAME

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 2019 HOF nomination is January 27, 2019. E-mail the application to D Yearian, Chairman – trydiron@hughes.net

The name of the recipient of the HOF plus Branch number and date will be put on the large EDGETA plaque and their name and picture will be put on the EDGETA website. 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 form is on the EDGETA.com website and 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.

Dorene Yearian, Chair of Hall of Fame Committee

From Don Young, SW Regional Director

Another year has come to an end. Many tragedies across the country. In California, many fires throughout the state have taken a toll. Dozens of lives have been lost, thousands of structures destroyed, and a town that had a population over 26,000 completely destroyed. A club member had his collection of over two dozen classic cars totally destroyed including a one-of-a-kind 1948 Norman Timbs Special. After all the fires, the rain came and mud slides caused havoc. A few noticeable earthquakes occurred, but no major damage was done. It is starting to feel like the winter season is approaching with temperatures dropping. It is sad to report that we have had five members in our branch pass away recently. On a brighter note, Branch 206 will be hosting their annual show in Arizona in January. Due to health issues the past two

years and a big move the past few months, I have missed many shows. Hoping all y'all have a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Don Young, SW Regional Director

From Clyde Brummett, SC Regional Director

First off, I hope your Christmas season is one of health and happiness. I want to apologize for my not sending an article for the newsletter last quarter. I am well on my way to recovery from my spine surgery, but still require strong pain meds to sleep at night. They were unable to fix all the problems in my spine, but it is a big improvement.

My own deeds remind me that it seems that it is very difficult for we as humans to follow all the rules and laws which, for the most part, are for our own good. Some months ago, I was running late for an appointment, and the road that I travel most has about a dozen ninety degree turns in eighteen miles of travel. I was following an individual going four to five mph; every time I came to a passing zone, there was oncoming traffic. Finally, I reached a passing zone with no oncoming traffic, so I stuck my foot in it and passed and discovered I had pulled in behind a State Patrolman. He pulled off the side of the road and then in behind me and turned his lights on. He informed me he had clocked me and found 65 in a 55-speed limit, and that, even in passing, I was required to stay within the speed limit. Thankfully he only gave me a warning.

During my recuperation, my wife took care of our wood furnace for probably two weeks; then I could no longer stand the thought of my 76-year-old wife lifting those sticks of wood, so I took over, again **BREAKING THE RULES.**

Fortunately, I have not suffered any ill effects. Many times, there are consequences for breaking laws and rules and the law of averages eventually catch up.

Keep this in mind in regard to the EDGETA safety rules. I have sometimes observed members knowingly breaking the rules and at other times doing it because they didn't know the safety rules. Doing so is asking for trouble. It behooves us to become familiar with the safety rules and to do our best to follow them. Remember that the consequences of a wrong deed cannot be erased by saying "I am sorry" in some cases.

Thank you for giving attention to the safety rules.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God Bless each of you.

Clyde Brummett, Sr., South Central Regional Director

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 2018 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 that **DUES HAVE INCREASED TO \$17 PER MEMBER. Those must get 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. No dues will be accepted until after February 10, 2019.**

The EDGETA National Annual Meeting is April 26-28, in Red Bluff, CA. 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: **Northeast, currently held by Wayne Timchuk, and Southeast, currently held by George Christmas.**

If there are any nominations, I must receive the resumes with photos 90 days prior to the National Meeting to be held April 27, 2019. Please address to Carrie Jo Parmley, 15246 Seven League Rd., Tyler, TX 75703. The date due to me is January 27, 2019. A banner across the top of the Homepage of our website is also a reminder that the NE and SE director positions are open 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) EDGETA 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

2019 Annual National EDGETA Show & Meeting

April 26-28, 2019

Branch 114 – Red Bluff, CA

**See EDGETA.org for all Regional Shows for 2019—
will be posted as dates are received**

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