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From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

Happy New Year to all our members. Hope that you had a wonderful Holiday Season and had much to be Thankful for and had a Christmas that was filled with family, friends, and loved ones. That's what Christmas is all about, being with loved ones, not just getting gifts. That is unless those gifts included John Deere, IH or some other old tractor or engine! Then, it just might be about the gifts!

As we start 2024, I feel thankful for the Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association for all of the opportunities that it has given us to display our old equipment but most of all for the many, many great people we have met through the club. We have been to shows in several states including California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico, and Tennessee. This summer we are planning to go to shows in Ohio and Montana and hopefully, we will be able to go to shows in several more states along the way. All EDGE&TA members are welcome to display at any EDGE&TA Branch shows. So, get out there and have fun.

Just a reminder, the 2024 National dues will be going up to \$20 per person. This starts on April 15th, 2024. Be sure your branch membership is aware of this before they start paying their dues next year. This was necessary due to increased costs, and we hope that this increase will keep us financially in good shape for the next few years. We are saying goodbye to our Central Director, John Roderick. He is retiring to be able to spend quality time with his grandchildren and more time out on the lake fishing. He was going to finish his three-year term which is ending at the National Show in Ohio in July but was able to find a

replacement who is stepping up immediately to finish his current term. If anyone else is interested in applying for the next three-year term for Central Director, you need to send in a resume before April 20th to be considered. We will miss John as he was always willing to go the extra mile to help and wrote Great articles for the National newsletter. Thank you, John, for all your dedicated work for EDGE&TA.

Our new Central Director is David Scibek from Texas. He is Vice President of Branch 138. Check the website for his information. Welcome aboard and thank you for stepping up to help our organization. We all look forward to working with you.

We also want to give a Big Welcome to our new National Secretary/Treasurer, Michele McGill. She is Treasurer of Branch 9, Grants Pass, Oregon. All her contact information is on our website. <https://edgeta.com/> Starting now, January 1, 2024, please send all membership correspondence to her. I have been working with her for a few months now and I think she will be a great addition to our team.

Now it's time to bid a fond farewell to our National Secretary/Treasurer, Carrie Jo Parnley. She has had this position for the past 12 years and has taken care of the club and the directors. Many of you have spoken to her through the years when you needed help. She was always willing to go the extra mile. We wish her well in her retirement and hope that she and Charles will be able to travel and enjoy life. The directors wanted to show their appreciation to Carrie Jo by giving her a plaque. The new Central director, David Scibek, presented this to her at the State IH meeting that was well attended by EDGE&TA members.



These cold, winter months are a good time to get your tractors and engines in good running condition so that you will be ready to display at the spring shows. We are getting ready for our first show of the year in Welton, Arizona. This show starts out the new year for all the snowbirds that travel to sunny, warm Arizona for the winter. The show is January 19th-20th if any of you want to come and warm up for a while. It's always a good turnout from all over the country. Hopefully everyone can get out there and have a good time this year. As Always,

Stay Safe....Play Safe.

Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at- Large

**First 2024 Show
Hosted by Branch 206
January 19th – January 20th, 2024
Wellton, AZ**

From Ron Hansen, Vice President & SW Regional Director

Hi All! Hoping all had a Nice Christmas Season and a Happy New Years!

Thank you ALL for having a Safe and Fun Antique Tractor and Engine show season in 2023 .

I was able to attend a couple of shows and it was great to see everyone. Let's try and do the same again this year.

Here are a couple of things of National Business that I wanted to discuss with you in the New Year 2024. The branches here in the SW Region are looking for a Host Branch to hold a regional show in 2024. Would your branch be interested in hosting a show? Please reach out to me if you have an interest or questions regarding hosting a regional show.

The cost of membership dues/Insurance for members will be increasing to \$20 per member this year. This is an overall \$3 increase to your annual dues for the National..Thank you for your understanding.

I'm wishing you ALL a Fun and Safe 2024 Show season. Looking forward to seeing and meeting you at a show sometime soon. Sincerely,

Ron Hansen, Vice President & SW Regional Director

Mike Pollock, NW Regional Director

Hello from the Northland! I hope this note finds you all in the best of health! I'm writing this note in early December, giving our new Secretary-Treasurer, Michele McGill, a bit of extra time to prepare the January Newsletter. When you read this, it will be 2024.... WOW! **Tracy and I wish you all a very Happy New Year!**

Winter arrived a bit early in our part of the world! In late November, we had more than 2 feet of snow in less than 48 hours...we even made National news! While the early snow did cause some extra work, it certainly assured us of a White Christmas!

Our Club finished up our 2023 activity schedule by harvesting our 8-acre oat patch in late October. We used an Allis Chalmers All Crop 66 combine pulled by a WD45. We also bailed the straw. From then, the show/parade level for Branch 52 went into hibernation for a few months. We're having our annual Club Christmas party on December 9th, and we'll start 2024 with a planning meeting in January. In February, we will participate in a winter carnival parade, here in Anchorage. Then, it's wait for spring!

With the 2023 season behind us, it's time to put machines in the shop and do that needed repair and maintenance. Personally, I just acquired a 1947 Willys Farm Jeep with the Monroe hydraulic lift 3-point system. I found it in Washington and had it shipped up. The Farm Jeep is something different for me, so there'll be some shop time figuring out just what I have!

I am continuing to contact Branches in our Region and I'm amazed at the activity levels of each Branch.....there is a lot going on...well done, all! If I haven't contacted your Branch yet, bear with me.... I will be doing so, soon!

In the last Newsletter, I asked you all to consider having your Branch host the 2024 Northwest Regional Show. Regional Shows help promote our hobby and give us another opportunity to show off our collections. A Branch can host a show solo or join forces with neighboring Branches. EDGETA provides a financial stipend to help with expenses,

I think it was \$500.00. As you plan for the 2024 season, please give this some consideration.

Did you see that President Jeff mentioned the annual dues have gone up to \$20.00 per member? The fiscal year for EDGETA membership is April 15th to April 14th...in the coming weeks, as we all send in our dues, it will be for the period April 2024 to April, 2025. Also, I have confirmed that small is OK...any Branch with 10 or more members can and should continue their active membership.

The Nominations for **The Hall of Fame** are open for 2024. If there is someone you feel deserves special recognition for their efforts in EDG&TA and our hobby, consider nominating them for the Hall of Fame.

Details as to how to do so are on the Website. The Nominations needs to be submitted 120 days prior to the July 19th National Meeting....my count-it-on-your-fingers math says submittal is March 20th or before.

Finally, I, too, would like to welcome the new Central Director, Dave Scibek to the Board. Dave's arrival means that Michele and I are no longer the "newbies".

That's it for now. As always, if there is any way I can assist your branch, please contact me (talk or text) at 907-229-3500 or email, farmall1945@alaska.net. Again, we wish you all the best in 2024....and remember, keep the wood box full, have the snow shovels handy, be sure there is plenty of gas for the backup generator and most importantly, stay safe, be happy!

Mike!

Mike Pollock, NW Regional Director

2024 National Show Hosted by Branch 92 July 19-20, 2024 Medina, Ohio

From David Scibek, Central Regional Director

Greeting from the Central Region,

I hope this letter finds everyone involved with EDGETA refreshed and renewed from the Holiday Season.

With this being my first letter to the membership, I thought it appropriate to introduce myself and give the members a little information about me. I have been in business for myself all my adult life, having built and sold a few companies over the years.

Currently, I own a Pre-Cast Concrete business and have the pleasure of working with our youngest son every day. Our oldest son, a paramedic, lives in Albuquerque, NM and is recently engaged. My lovely wife Marcie (*between you and me...the best sale I ever made*) and I live on 26 acres in Farmersville, TX, just NE of Dallas.

I started collecting (*well, that's what I call it...Marcie calls it hoarding*) about 8 years ago, and in the beginning, it was predominantly "Red" tractors. After a few years I discovered some very "cool stuff" comes in other colors as well. The collection is now filled with over a dozen different colored pieces. Currently, I am in an "orchard-tractor" & "implement" phase of hoarding at the same time. (*poor Marcie*)

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful job my predecessor/mentor John Roderick did over his tenure. John will be a tough act to follow for several reasons, but two, stand out on a personal note:

1. His wife Barbara, politely yet firmly, declined to help write the quarterly letters, a talent we all have read and enjoyed over John's tenure.

2. Also, I have not received any of her prized cinnamon rolls, this was a vital negotiating point for me in the acceptance of this position.

Without those items, I only hope that my enthusiasm for the hobby will be enough to carry the day.

As a member & officer of Branch 138, (*shout-out...hey y'all*) I truly enjoy the greatest part of the hobby the...friendships made. But, I have as many have, struggled with the hardest issue facing the hobby...the adding of new members.

My goal is to make a strong effort this year to help any Branch that wants to increase the recruitment of new membership. We have had great success in Texas this past year, and I don't see why some of the ideas wouldn't transfer over to your Branch.

I look forward to meeting "new friends" in my travels to the different Branches across the country. I look forward to working with the Board Members and Branch Members to help make the Branches the best they can be.

Until such time as I can meet you...stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy your interests.

Regards,

David Scibek, Central Regional Director

Ps. And remember what I tell Marcie each time another tractor, implement or engine shows up at the farm.

" It makes me happy...it's only money; I can make some more."

David Scibek, Central Regional Director

2024 Regional Show Hosted by Branch 90 May 31st – June 1st, 2024 Ozark, AR

From Travis Brown, Eastern Regional Director

Ah the off season. Time to make plans for next year, fix equipment, order parts and wonder why it takes less time every year until that first show.

Currently I am rebuilding the scale sawmill, a bearing failed after only 65 years of use. I'd write the company that built it but they are no longer in business. Our scale water wagon is also getting a new tank built when we can get up to do a day or two of work at our resident metal wizards place.

I was dismayed to see our full-size Keck Gonnerman's gauge had faded out to being nearly unreadable. It is a reproduction gauge as I hated to have the original on at shows where it would possibly come up missing. These gauges are nearly impossible to obtain so I purchased a very good look alike to use.

I left the engine out one winter when we were building the new steam shed at our club grounds and that winter sun zapped it. I emailed the guy that built it and was stunned to find he would warranty the repair completely. I sent it off and a few weeks later it came back looking better than new. It's surprising to find someone who stands behind their work in this day and age. I was sure it was going to be a case of user error.

We are getting bids for running city water at our local club grounds. It's a pretty good distance from the water meter at the road to where our water lines and well are. There also is a lot of limestone rock on the grounds too so it will be a project. Once we get that done, we plan to remodel the bathrooms to be a little nicer. The current ones are open at the top to the weather and in spite of the screens on top it always seems to be dirty inside. We will enclose it fully and close in the eaves and put in a mini split and have heated and air-conditioned bathrooms going forward.

Also on my list of improvements is our stakes I use for roping off exhibits to keep things safe. Right now, I have some built for roping off that I had a local blacksmith make. They are set up for a rope about 40 inches off the ground. When EDGETA President Jeff Fenske came out to our show he noted that we needed a second lower rope to make sure those younger tractors show attendees don't duck under the rope and get into a possible hazardous area. So, in the off season I will modify these for a second rope to make it quicker to rope off in the fashion we need to best keep things safe.

I really wanted to make the Eastern Regional show this year in Charleston SC, but the weather combined with a bug going through our household conspired to keep me home.

Speaking of which, we need clubs to step up and volunteer to host regional shows. Since we are hosting the National Show in Medina Ohio next year, we are good on that for a few years, but we need to have some places host regionals. If you think you are interested, contact me or Jeff Fenske if you have any questions.

And it is never too early to remind people we need those officers updated next spring and your membership lists sent in. Note that Carrie Jo has retired and there will be a new address to send things to.

Keep safe and hope to see you at a show soon!

Travis
Eastern Director

Travis Brown, Eastern Regional Director

Who am I?



Play Engine & Tractor Trivia!

Let us know your answer and we will see how many get it right!

The answer will be printed in the next newsletter.

From Michele McGill, Secretary/Treas./Editor

Happy New Year to everyone!

With the start of a new year, some changes are happening, and this is my first newsletter article for the membership and my first newsletter to edit.

Officers/Contacts

First, I would like to thank Carrie Jo for her tremendous help with the transition and her patience with the many questions I've had for her over the last few weeks. I know I have big shoes to fill, and she'll be greatly missed as our Secretary/Treasurer of EDGE & TA by all.

Now that Mike and I aren't the newest members anymore (thank you, David), I feel like I should share a little about myself.

I am a bookkeeper and a loan signing agent, which I really enjoy. I also do tax prep for a CPA's office in Grants Pass. My oldest son lives in Plano, TX, so y'all please watch out for him down there. My daughter lives near me with my 5-year-old granddaughter, and my younger son is at college and graduating in June. I don't currently own any tractors, but maybe one day I will but I do own a horse. He was an empty nest purchase.

I am currently the treasurer of Branch 9 in Pottsville, Oregon, and we hosted the National Show last year, which was a great experience. We can't say thank you enough to the many branches that helped us out with the show and all the members and branches that attended, especially the Hall of Fame inductees.

I look forward to a great year, many great shows, and meeting new friends. Please don't hesitate to call, text, or email me if you have any questions, and if I don't have the answer, I'll find out who does, usually Jeff.

Wishing you all the very best in this New Year!

Michele McGill, Secretary/Treas./Editor

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