

# NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

## From Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large

Hello Everyone,

Hope this finds you all well. With the Covid restrictions loosening up we are excited to be getting back to normal and having shows and parades. Our spring show season out here in California is starting. We have several shows lined up, so I have been busy getting all the old iron out and making sure everything is running. Too bad they have sat for two years getting dusty. And, funny thing, they all get HEAVIER. Guess they put on Covid weight !

Our Branch just celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We had a nice luncheon with 50 people there. It was great to see members that we hadn't seen in a couple of years. Ron Hansen, our Southwest Regional Director drove up for the afternoon. He presented us with a certificate of appreciation for our 40 years of support to Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association. We appreciate him coming up to meet our members and help us celebrate.

We have Regional Shows coming up this year. The South Central Show will be held in Canton, TX on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The South West Show will be on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Garnerville, NV. The South East Show will be in AL in October. More information in later newsletters. The North West and North East Directors are working on dates and places. More information should be posted on the website when it's available. Our National Show will be held in Republic, MO September 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Regional Show in the area where the National Show is held. This is North Central Region this year. Next year the National Show will be in the West.

If you haven't already, it's time to Update your Officer List on our website. I have found in trying to reach various branches that some of the phone numbers are no longer in service. Also, it's time to send your membership list and dues money in

to Carrie Jo. Our EDGE&TA membership year begins on April 15<sup>th</sup> so as of that date, your members are not covered by insurance unless you have paid for the 2022-2023 year.

Since the show season is going to be in full swing this year, it might be a perfect time to go over some of our Safety Rules. You can find the full set of rules on our EDGE&TA website.

## Mandatory Safety Requirements For All EDGETA Events

1. EDGE&TA Branch Safety Officers, EDGE&TA Safety Officers, and EDGE&TA Insurance Adviser are authorized to shut down anyone for unsafe operation.
2. Anyone exhibiting or participating at any EDGE&TA event MUST be a member of an EDGE&TA branch.
3. No set of requirements, regulations or cautions can prevent a disaster. We must, however, take these safety requirements seriously. Our individual awareness and adherence to both required and desired requirements will greatly increase the safety of our exhibitors and the public who attend our events.
4. No Alcohol to be Served or Consumed at Any EDGE&TA Event.

The event consists of the hours of the show during which time tractors are being driven and engines are running. This is for safety reasons and for appearance to the public.

Some of the rules that are good to review are:

The driver should be the only person on a tractor when moving unless there are provisions for others and the provisions meet the Safety Officers approval.

All tractors must have a kill switch or device accessible from the seat to kill the engine.

Tractor operators/drivers need to be very careful when starting a tractor. Be sure the brake is properly set if it is equipped with a parking brake. Wheel blocks or chocks can be used but remember they will not stop a tractor from rolling over the block or chock if it is started in gear. Check to be sure the tractor is out of gear and then check it a second time to be absolutely sure.

For Stationary Engine Displays:

Double rope stanchions separating the displayed items from the public by a minimum of three (3) feet

Safety Officer has the right to shut down any engine display running unattended or running unsafely.

The Safety Officer, either Branch or EDGE&TA, including the EDGE&TA Insurance advisor, may shut down anyone for unsafe operation. If anyone notices an unsafe action involving any of our equipment you need to let someone know. We are ALL Safety Officers, and our goal is to keep everyone safe and going home in the same condition they came in.

Remember go out there to shows, parades and tractor pulls and have fun.

*Play Safe and Stay Safe.*

**Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at- Large**

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***Dues are \$17 per member***

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**From Morrie Robinson, Vice President & NW Regional Director**

NW Rambling:

Finally, the mask mandate in our state, Washington, is history as of March 12. Consequently, engine and tractor shows will open up for us with no restrictions after a 2-year delay.

Several years we attended a local car show a few times and thought about joining. (We were into Ford 64 & 65 Falcon 2 door hardtop Sprints at the time). What I observed was the owners were more interested in conversing with fellow owners than taking time to talk with the “public”. That car club is now history.

When you exhibit at engine and tractor shows and a young or older person comes along, tell them about your exhibit. Let them know how it works, what it did or where it is from or if it is special and in what way. Even if you are a spectator at a show, ask questions and try to learn something new. I feel we have that responsibility. It’s easy to sit in a chair with your back to those folks outside the rope enclosure and “shoot the breeze” with fellow members. Remember what happened to our local car club, let’s not become a once was club.

As we “mature on schedule” we need to take our time unloading and unloading engines and tractors. There’s always extra pressure at shows and it’s easy to forget to slow down and be safe. We have all seen a tractor end up in a life-threatening position, or an engine slide off a set of forks or a starting crank fly off an engine. Unfortunately, I have experienced one of those stupid incidents. It involved a 5 hp Economy engine. You know “an engine starts inversely proportional to the number of people watching.” In the rush to get it started, the left foot slid just above the crankshaft, as I pulled it over the crank started to pull my foot under the crank. Lucky for me, the engine did not start, and I was able to get my foot to a safe position, lesson learned.

Stay safe, keep in touch and do good deeds.

**Morrie Robinson, Vice- President and NW Regional Director**



Website: [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org)

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**From John Roderick, SC Regional Director**

We are excited about the EDGETA South Central Regional Show and meeting coming up. The show will be a part of the Canton Tractor and Truck Show on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Canton First Monday Trades Day Pavilion in Canton, Texas.

Our show will feature tractors, trucks, farm equipment, grist mills, hit & miss engines, and old garden tractors. There will also be an antique sawmill, rope making, miniature hay baler, tools, parts, and many other exhibits.

Each exhibiter will be available to discuss their machines and there will be demonstrations using the hay baler and the rope making machine. Children and adults alike can make their own rope and the small bales of hay will be available for purchase. There will also be a swap meet and vendors available for your enjoyment.

There will be an auction on Saturday as well as a parade of tractors and trucks at 2:00. There is no shortage of things to keep you entertained!

If you are interested in setting up a space for parts, crafts, etc., the spaces are \$30. per covered space. RV hookups will be available for \$25. per space. Contact Linda at 214-837-8861 or email at [LMP65@outlook.com](mailto:LMP65@outlook.com) for information and reservations.

There will be a meeting of the EDGETA South Central Division under the Pavilion on Friday afternoon at 5:00 following a free meal of hamburgers with the trimmings. All exhibitors are encouraged to attend.

The Canton Show is a result of the combined efforts of a number of Tractor Clubs in the North East Texas Area. A special thanks is in order for

Branch #124, Lone Star Antique Tractor & Engine Assn., for being willing to serve as the host for our show. We are all excited and expect for our show to be bigger than ever before.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has had a part in planning our show. I am currently planning the South Central Show for 2023 and would like the show to be held in Oklahoma or Louisiana if possible. If there are EDGETA Branches in either state who would like to host next year's show, please contact me at 214-914-0915 or [jroderick1949@gmail.com](mailto:jroderick1949@gmail.com).

**John Roderick, SC Regional Director**

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**From Travis Brown, SE Regional Director**

Well, here we are, another spring on the way. Like most typical March weather here in Middle Tennessee its sunny and high 50's today and they are predicting 2-3 inches of snow overnight and a high in the 30's tomorrow with a low of high teens. Mother Nature most likely got into some of the stuff they make up in the hills around Milsap's place again is all I can say.

We are planning our events for the year and will be having a steam show and saw day at the Days Gone By Museum the middle of May. Located in Portland TN, the museum owned by Joe and Kathleen Collins has been the site of several great shows over the last dozen or so years every October. Also, they have opened their doors to host our steam schools and saw days many times over those years. This collection of tractors, hit and miss engines, old cars, trucks and other antiques is massive and never fails to impress. They even have a DC-3 sitting outside, a true vintage WW2 edition that was used by the Navy for Artic research during the war.

Sadly, we all know that even though we attempt to preserve these artifacts from yesteryear, nothing stays the same. Such is the nature of our friends at the Days Gone By Museum. Kathleen passed a few years ago after a battle with cancer. Joe has endeavored to keep the museum open in the face of the pandemic and other issues but he has announced it's time for a change. So, the bulk of his epic collection will soon be posted up for

auction and come late September there will be an epic on line auction and the doors will shut on the museum for the last time.

This will be quite a loss to the steam community in TN as this museum not only hosted great events that brought people from many surrounding states, it also hosted at least two regional EDGETA events. Also, the museum graciously provided space for storing many of the steam engines that were shown there. It almost feels like we are losing a good friend. But again, nothing is constant but change and this is part of the cycle. How many new owners are going to get a chance to own some very nice tractors or trucks or Maytags, etc.? We will watch as things develop and wish only nothing but the best for Joe and his family.

Right now, we are planning on showing at Adams TN, Eagleville TN, and Boonville IN. This is much less than years past but with the price of diesel, we cannot make as many shows as we have before. I worry about how ours and other shows will do with attendance with the drastic increases in fuel and other items. This cannot be good for many events. Our show is financed by having a big tractor pull every year. If we have a huge drop in attendance that will quickly affect the finances of our show. These are very interesting and uncharted times to be sure.

Hope everyone is gearing up for a safe and fun season!

**Travis Brown, SE Regional Director**

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**From David Millsap, NE Regional Director**

Hello from beautiful SW Virginia where it sunny, cloudy, windy, calm, raining and/or snowing all within a few minutes. Gotta love springtime.

Speaking of springtime, tractor show season is just around the corner for some of us and has already started for the luckiest of us.

As we get ready for the first show let's not get into such a hurry that we overlook SAFETY.

Take care in preparation and loading, make sure you have wheel chocks where needed, battery disconnects are working properly, fuel shutoff is

good (Just don't forget to turn it on before the parade; it can be embarrassing, not that I would know), rope or chain for any operating displays.

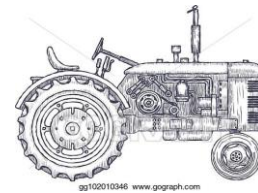
But most of all HAVE FUN. I hope to see some of you at a show sometime this season (COVID willing).

Reminder, if anyone would like to act as an advisor to the NE regional director, he would welcome your advice and input.

Till we meet again....

**Sappo or  
David Millsap, NE Regional Director**

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Practice "Safety First"

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**From Ron Hanson, SW Regional Director**

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is excited as I am that it's getting to be show season. I'm looking forward to bringing the equipment out and having some fun with it again. I am hoping that you're making some plans to get out to some shows and events in the next months.

I would like to mention the Southwest Regional Show is going to be June 4&5 2022. It is being Hosted by Branch 132 and will be held at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Gardnerville, Nevada. For more information, contact Jim Miller at 618-520-3326, or you can also look on the Events Page on the Nationals Website

If there is anything that I can do to help your branch with, please reach out to me and I will help in any way that I can.

Hoping to see you soon at a Show or Event.

**Ron Hanson, SW Regional Director**

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

Hope all of you had a Happy New Year--by now, 2022 is well under way. Many have already attended shows this calendar year. I've received membership dues from many of the branches. However, there are still those who need to send their dues. The new membership year begins April 15, 2022; unless memberships are renewed prior to then, members will not have membership coverage until those dues are paid. A "Branch Members Form" is posted on the website that allows 24 members and information per page. It is at the bottom of the home page and is labeled "Branch Members Form." It would be very helpful if you could use this form or one of your own very similar.

**On the topic of submitting memberships and dues, please send a "clean copy" of your membership list with complete information. As mentioned above, if you would like, there is a form on the website. Please do not send lists from previous years with names "marked out or blanked out with a black marker." The membership lists are considered legal documents. When the insurance auditor comes to my house and pulls files, those have to be lists without corrections with markers, etc. For the first time, I have received several of those this year, and I have to return them. That delays the processing of your members.**

Another housekeeping chore that we need to take care of is the **updating of new officers and directors. This must be done at the beginning of each year, even if you maintain the same officers.** Go to the EDGETA.org website, scroll down to the yellow tab "Branch Officers Update Form" and enter those. Do the same for Directors. If the information is the same as last year, just enter "same" in the blank for the name of the person in that office. If their address, phone or e-mail changes, please make that change. **Any and all changes must be entered. Please be sure that someone in your branch takes care of updating officers on the website each year and each time something changes.** I take all officer information from what has been submitted to the website, not from a list included in the membership information with the check.

**The following Director positions are open for election this year: North East, currently held by David Millsap and South East currently held by Travis Brown. If there are any nominations, I must receive the resumes with photos 90 days prior to the National Meeting to be held on September 15-18, 2022 in Republic, MO hosted by Branch 16. Please address to Carrie Jo Parmley, 15246 Seven League Rd., Tyler, TX 75703. The date due to me is June**

**20, 2022. A banner across the top of the home page of our website is also a reminder that the positions are up for election this year. By-Laws pertaining to the election are printed below and are also on our website.**

**ARTICLE IV  
DIRECTORS/OFFICERS/ADVISORS  
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.

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A very big “Thanks” to all of you who work so  
diligently to get your information to us accurately  
and in a timely manner. It is a very big responsi-  
bility for you to keep and maintain the membership  
for your branches.

If you have questions, or if you need additional  
information or assistance, please contact me at  
[cjparmley2@gmail.com](mailto:cjparmley2@gmail.com) or 903-360-0396.

We currently have posted information for the  
National Show, The SC Regional Show and the SW  
Regional Show. As we receive information regard-  
ing any Regional Shows, those will be posted on the  
EDGETA.ORG website immediately. We continue  
to hope for some normalcy, but some areas are still  
in a semi-lockdown situation. I will continue to  
work with our webmaster, Josh, so that the website  
has the most current information available.

**The 2022 EDGETA National Annual Show/  
Meeting is September 15-18, in Republic, MO  
hosted by Branch 16. Check the website at  
EDGETA.ORG for any Regional Shows.**

Everyone be safe—take care of yourself and  
others!

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

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**2022 NATIONAL EDGETA SHOW**  
**September 15-18**  
**HOSTED BY**  
**EDGETA Branch 16 – Southwest**  
**Missouri Early Day Gas Engine &**  
**Tractor Assn.**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Annual Steam-O-Rama**  
**Republic, MO**

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**South Central Regional Show**  
**April 8-9, 2022**  
**Hosted By**  
**Branch 124 – Lone Star Antique**  
**Tractor & Engine Assn., Inc.**  
**First Monday Trade Grounds**  
**Canton, TX**

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**Northwest Regional Show**  
**August 19, 2022**  
**Hosted by**  
**Branch 248**  
**Madras Fairgrounds**  
**Madras, OR**

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