

# Four Corners Antique Power Association

June – July 2020



Early Days Gas Engine & Tractor Association (EDGE&TA) Branch 19

## Meeting Minutes

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions our meeting for May was cancelled.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Please Note: these events may be cancelled depending on the Covid-19 Restrictions:**

**Pioneer Days, Monticello** - July 25th - not an EDGE&TA event

**FCAPA San Juan County Fair** - Aug. 10-14 - Cody and Chance have met with the Fair Board and things are being planned for our participation as of right now.

**FCAPA/EDGE&TA Museum Show** - Sept. 25-26 - Right now we are on the schedule to hold our show at the museum in conjunction with "Real Night at the Museum".

### Other Show Dates (FYI):

Four States Truck - McGee Park - CANCELLED

Collector Car Show - Brookside Park - Farmington - Sept. 13

SJ Mountain Truck Show - Riverside Park - Aztec - Sept. 18-19

## OTHER CLUB NEWS:

Lew Munger called a couple of weeks ago to let us know he and Nancy are moving to Arizona to be closer to the grand-kids and family. He wanted to say how much he's enjoyed being a part of our Club and what fun it's been. He's still a member of Branch 19 and hopefully can come back for our September show and/or other events we may have. We wish Lew and Nancy the best as they open a new chapter in their life!

We also learned that Winn Westcott was air-lifted to a hospital in Grand Junction after a heart attack and had to have four stents (this was in early May). He is at home and doing well now.

Doug and Joyce Marshall made the tough decision to postpone our play day which was to be held the last weekend in May. Please know that they had our best interests in mind when they cancelled. We have several members in our Club who are in that "more critical" span considering the Covid-19 virus (65+ years, diabetics, oxygen usage, etc.). It would be a shame if someone in the Club or in their family got the virus. **We'll be watching for a new play day date once this "shut down" has been lifted.**

**NEXT MEETING & POTLUCK:** We will meet on Saturday, July 11th, at **Kiwanis Park** under the Henry Shelter at 11:00 a.m. The Henry Shelter has a BLUE ROOF and is at the end of the parking lot just beyond the brown shelter and near the restrooms. There are 8 tables. **We will start with a POTLUCK - - - plates, utensils, napkins and drinks will be provided. Please bring serving utensils with your potluck dish(es). The shelter is reserved from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Following lunch we will have a business meeting. Discussion will include SJ County Fair and the Museum Show - as well as other pertinent items.

## FROM APRIL - June 2020 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER:

Jeff Fenske (President & Director-At-Large) writes:

Looks like we are living in a very crazy time. Seems as though hackers and spammers are working overtime to try to steal our hard-earned money. If any of you get an email requesting money or gift cards saying they are one of the EDGE&TA officers or directors, BEWARE !! Just pick up the phone and give that person a call. Chances are they were spammed, and the email looks like it is coming from them when, in fact, it is coming from someone from another country sitting in front of their computer waiting to spend those Amazon gift cards!!

As we start another year, everyone should be checking their engines and tractors to make sure that everything is working properly. Also check your tow vehicle and trailers for brakes and lights. Safety starts before you load and continues until you get back home and unloaded. Slow down, we shouldn't be in a hurry. Accident rates go up when we rush to do anything, even around the house. Remember to check your ropes, stakes, and fire extinguishers to make sure they are in good shape.

### And from Dick Tombrink (NW Regional Director):

As it stands now, we will have the same insurance we had last year, only a different agent. The coverage will remain the same, including participant liability coverage. To refresh your memory, participant liability covers us for a liability accident or incident between fellow members, and also between a branch member and someone who is not a branch member when we are participating in community parades. Again, I want to point out that our website has the details on the general liability policy and the excess liability policy. We will continue to have Director's and Officer's insurance liability coverage as we have in the past. That will not change. As I have pointed out in the past, at the recommendation of our insurance agent, we will not show it on our website, but we still have it. The reason it is not shown on our website is that in the past we were involved in a lawsuit that involved our D&O insurance carrier. We believe that the lawyers read on our website that we had the D&O coverage, and that prompted them to pursue a lawsuit against EDGETA which they knew the insurance would pay for.

We finished up last year without having an accident or an insurance related incident. **Congratulations to all of you for keeping safety high on your priority list and preventing an accident or incident from happening.** We all like to go home at the end of the day safe and without any accidents or harm to ourselves,

## Little Known Tractor Facts XXXXI

Every so often I stumble onto some new tractor facts that I have either forgotten or never knew. Here are some that I thought needed sharing.

To start the mind boggling, the number one selling tractor in the world as well as the USA is not John Deere, Case, or Kubota, but it is Mahindra!!! They hit that mark in 2010 and still hold the top spot.....

As early as 1939 John Deere outfitted a B with an all-weather cab.

In 1929 Deere had an all-wheel steering tractor in design, but cost prohibitive.

In 1950 John Deere outfitted an A model with a four cylinder engine and foot clutch (early new generation design).

The first new generation John Deere's actually went into production in 1954 with v engines: 3010 a v-4, 4010 a v-6, and 5010 a v-8. All were diesels and several of each was shipped for field tests. But after field test were ran, the production was cancelled due to operator overheating and vision blocking. The inline engines were selected but production did not start for several years later.

In 1941 the JD L tractor line was almost dropped in favor of a rear engine mounted tractor much like the Allis Chalmers G, using a Wisconsin v4 engine.

In 1933, prior to production, the JD model B was out pulled in a field test by a Farmall F12

The production of the John Deere D tractor and the John Deere 1-1/2 Hp engine were built by the Waterloo Gasoline Engine Company, owned by John Deere, until April 1, 1926 when Deere officially took over.

In 1922 future president of J.I. Case, Leon Clausen then head of engineering at JD, tried to get the upcoming model D built with a 4 cylinder engine. But due to poor sales for the Waterloo Boy

there was a stock pile of two cylinder engines. The JD board of directors decided, not on technical grounds but on a poor financial situation, to continue with the Model D design with two cylinders.

As early as 1927 Case developed a small all electric/battery tractor.

In 1923 IH had 10 all-wheel drive articulating tractors built of the 3 plow size. Cost prohibitive.

The first 10 M Farmalls were designed and produced with 8 gears and two reverses and an independent pto; all but one was recalled and changed to a 5 speed transmission with direct pto due to production final cost. These options didn't come out in full production until years later.

The first Allis Chalmers WCs used Ford auto steering and transmission units.

In 1947 Ford built a prototype tractor using articulating steering all-wheel drive and their famous flathead V8 one year before the launch of the 8N. Again another cost prohibitive design.

In 1920 the Square-turn Tractor Co. designed the first ZTR machine weighing 7800lbs. It used two driving cones facing different directions to get each rear wheel to turn opposite directions of each other giving it a truly square/zero turning radius.

In 1927 the Sidehill Tractor was manufactured. It had individual manual leveling adjustments for keeping the tractor level when contour farming on hills.

In 1940 Ford built an 8 ft. tall prototype high crop 9n with interchangeable hubs and stilts for regular height and high crop height. It did go to field testing but deemed to top heavy and was tippy. A few years ago this tractor was found in Louisiana and sold at auction it brought \$125,000!!!!

—Clint Evans

### NEXT MEETING – POTLUCK IN THE PARK

Saturday, July 11, 2020 - 11:00 a.m. – Kiwanis Park Henry Shelter (across from Sí Señor Restraunt on 30th street).

#### *We have some of the nicest folks...*

Mike and Lori Olander have travelled many miles to support our Club driving back and forth to meetings from their home outside of Cortez, Colorado. Their positive outlook in life and for our Club is always appreciated. Mike has served as Safety Officer for several years with his gentle approach to things. Lori is one of our best cooks, often bringing *homemade* breads and goodies to the meetings and shows. She also drives in the pulls and has no fear of beating the "guys" in a pull.

The Olander's are always ready to help, whether it be hauling equipment, repairing equipment, working at the score table for tractor pulls, offering safety training, filling in at the information tables, etc. as well as supporting our events wherever they are – Farmington, Cortez, Durango, Monticello, or beyond.

Thanks, Mike & Lori, for being who you are and for being a great part of our Club family!

