

Agricultural Preservation Association  
of Cuyahoga County  
**“THE TRACTOR CLUB”**



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Branch 182 Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association

**TRACTOR TALK NEWSLETTER**

MEETING... WEDNESDAY January 14, 2009 7:00PM  
at the Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau Office 8460 Ridge Road, North Royalton **A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*I hope everyone had great Holidays and I want to thank the 44 members and their families that made our Christmas party a success. We were having such a great time that we forgot and still have a Turkey to raffle at the meeting. Many thanks to Dave Peth for donating the potatoes and onions for the party raffle.*

*Elections will be held at the meeting this month and dues are being collected. Those who paid already have a dollar refund coming as the EDGE dues have been reduced. June Hurley will have a sign-up sheet for refreshments for the upcoming year, so please we each need to participate. We will have a discussion regarding the EDGE show and I recommend that if you have access to a computer be sure to check out the show guide outline on the edgeta.org site. This site points out all that is suggested for such a show and how to prepare for it. Are we ready to undertake such a project? We also have to set a date for a possible spring cruise.*

*The 2009 Farm Bureau membership drive is underway and I will have applications for those interested at the meeting.*

*See YOU at the meeting, Fred*

Refreshments will  
be provided by  
Roy & June Hurley



Ladies always welcome

**Advisory Council....**

This month's discussion will be on "The Financial Crisis: How is Agriculture Affected?"

Be sure to read the enclosed information and be prepared to answer questions at the meeting.

Click  
HERE  
to view the January  
2009 Speak Out Guide online.

*A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something!*



The following is an Insurance update to all EDGE&TA members from Dick Tombrink. He also encourages you to visit the web site often at [www.edgeta.org](http://www.edgeta.org)

**Tractor Trivia:**

1. Who designed the Big Four tractor and what other famous tractor did he design in 1915?
2. James Oliver, inventor of the chilled plow in 1855, immigrated to America from what country?
3. What two Silver King features were adopted from automotive design? See answers next page.....

Now for the good news regarding EDGETA insurance. The good news is that our insurance premium for next year is going down, it will be \$4 instead of \$5 as it was last year. So the total will be \$4 for the insurance premium, and \$4 for the National Dues (total of \$8). This is as a result of all of us keeping safety first on our mind. As a result we have only had one claim in the last several years. Our thanks go out to all of you for making that happen.

The Tractor Club was organized by a group of men and women that enjoy and share an interest in antique tractors.

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## ELECTIONS

Annual elections of officers will be held at the meeting .



## DUES

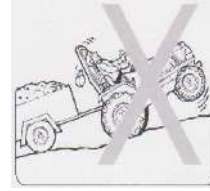
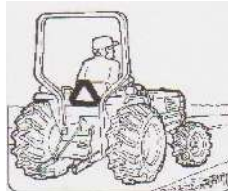
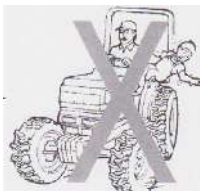
Our club dues are still \$10 and because of the reduction in the EDGE dues to \$8 we each owe \$18. Our treasurer Steve Mattes will be collecting dues at the meeting and we request everyone to get up to date so we can get our dues sent to EDGE&TA on time. Those who did not sell their Pedal Tractor Raffle tickets will be assessed \$10 according to our by-laws. New club membership dues cards will be available in February and the EDGE&TA stickers and badges will be in as soon as we send our dues to them.



**Caution is the eldest child of wisdom.  
The cautious seldom err !!!**

The following Safety article is from the January 2009 issue of the E.D.G.E.&.T.A. NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

Safety is an ongoing thing. Not only should we be very careful while at a show but all the time. Branch 37 lost one of our members in September because he was not careful while in route to a local craft show. He was hauling an Allis 'G' w/plow on a 16 foot trailer behind a JD 'B' going down an 11 percent grade. Somehow, he lost control of the pulling tractor and was not able to stop when he came to a 90 degree intersection and the trailer ran over him. Both tractors and the trailer were destroyed when they went over a twenty foot embankment and landed on him. This happened on a road that was less than five miles from his home and he had traveled that road several times. Think safety whatever you are doing!



## Tractor Trivia answers.....

1. D. M. Hartsough designed the 1911 Big Four, which was built by the Gas Traction Company. Hartsough also designed the 1915 Happy Farmer tractor built by the H.E. Wilcox Motor Company of Minneapolis.
2. James Oliver immigrated to America from Scotland.
3. The two Silver King features adopted from automotive design are electric starters and lights.



## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF TRACTOR SAFETY

1. **Know your tractor, its implements and how they work.**  
Please read and understand the Operator's Manual(s) before operating the equipment. Also, keep your equipment in good condition.
2. **Use ROPS and seat belt whenever and wherever applicable.**  
If your tractor has a foldable ROPS, fold it down only when absolutely necessary and fold it up and lock it again as soon as possible. Do not wear the seat belt when the ROPS is folded. Most tractor fatalities are caused by overturns.\*
3. **Be familiar with your terrain and work area - walk the area first to be sure and drive safely.**  
Use special caution on slopes, slow down for all turns and stay off the highway whenever possible.
4. **Never start an engine in a closed shed or garage.**  
Exhaust gas contains carbon monoxide, which is colorless, odorless - and deadly.
5. **Always keep your PTO properly shielded.**  
Make it a habit to walk around your tractor and PTO driven implement - never over, through or between the tractor and implement, particularly if either is running. The PTO rotates with enough speed and strength to kill you.
6. **Keep your hitches low and always on the drawbar.**  
Otherwise, your tractor might flip over backwards.
7. **Never get off a moving tractor or leave it with its engine running.**  
Shut it down before leaving the seat. A runaway tractor can be extremely dangerous.
8. **Never refuel while the engine is running or hot.**  
Additionally, do not add coolant to the radiator while the engine is hot; hot coolant can erupt and scald.
9. **Keep all children off and away from your tractor and its implements at all times.**  
Children are generally attracted to tractors and the work they do. However, a tractor's work is not child's play. Remember, a child's disappointment is fleeting, while your memory of his or her injury or death resulting from riding the tractor with you, or being too close, will last a lifetime.
10. **Never be in a hurry or take chances about anything you do with your tractor.**  
Think safety first, then take your time and do it right.

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