

SHARECROPPER'S ANTIQUE FARM EQUIPMENT CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Sharecropper's Members,

With several new members and guests in attendance there was plenty of turkey stew to go around. As always, a "big thanks" goes to Ed Kuehn and his helpers for braving the cold weather and providing the stew. I would also like to thank all the members who have brought a side dish or dessert to meetings throughout the year.

The Club Needs Your Help for the Burton Cotton Gin Festival as plans are quickly progressing for this spring's show on April 16th. I would like to invite you to become a committee chairperson or be part of a committee. Our club hosts the tractor & engine show and tractor pull event for this festival and it is a lot of work for many of us and we really would appreciate the help. Please consider helping us with:

- parking
- registrations
- show grounds
- set-up/tear-down
- pulling
- Friday worker meal
- safety

We need your help! Please contact me at (281) 955-5208, rodneyttu@aol.com or Elizabeth Sommerfeld at (361) 781-0858, elizabeth_read@sbcglobal.net. If you volunteer you will receive priceless fun and fellowship with your friends and club members.

Day at the Shop, On Saturday February 26th we'll have our first project day at Frank Tyson's shop in Brenham. Bring a project to work on, ask for helpful restoration tips, or stop by to say hello and enjoy the fellowship. The day will start at 9:00AM and go through 2:00 PM. Coffee and donuts and a lunch meal provided (small donations welcome). Please contact me at (281) 955-5208, rodneyttu@aol.com for directions.

With our club website up and running again thanks to our new web master Hal Lindgren, you can always find current information about club activities. We are in need of a web content provider as well as a club photographer for shows. If you are interested please contact myself or email Hal at hbling@sbcglobal.net

I can't wait to see all of you at this year's shows!

Rodney Sprenger



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SHARECROPPER OFFICERS FOR 2011

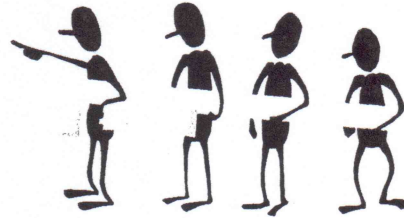
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MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time again to pay your membership dues. So far over 90 Sharecropper members have paid dues. The dues are the same price as last year:

Single Memberships: \$15

Family Memberships: \$25

EDGETA membership: \$10

You can go online at www.sharecropperstx.com and fill out the application and mail to:

Roger Sorum
235 Woodlands Drive
Bastrop, TX 78602

This year I will not be doing a separate mailing to notify Sharecropper members that their dues are due. If you are **not** making any changes to your past membership just send a check to me made out to the Sharecroppers. If your membership has changed from last year for example you have a new phone number or address then please fill out a membership form and send it with your check. Call or e-mail me if you need a membership form, phone 512-304-8806.

EDGETA membership is required for the upcoming Burton Show if you show/drive/pull a tractor or show an engine. Your EDGETA card must have the 2011 sticker.

The 2011 stickers or stickers/cards for new members will be mailed out with the April meeting reminder for those members who have paid for an EDGETA membership. Do not throw away your EDGETA cards because the cards can be used one year to another by just adding a new sticker.

Thanks! Roger Sorum

2011 EVENTS

(Preliminary)

January 6-8, 2011. Mercedes, TX. **Rio Grande Valley Old Farm Equipment Club Show & Recreation Vehicle Show.** Contact Bill Bell at 711 East 8th Street in Weslaco, TX 78596, or 956-501-4345

January 14-15, 2011. Hallettsville, TX. **12th Annual Texas Antique Tractor Show & Pull Kickoff.** Contact Mark Hermes at 3378 FM 2616 in Hallettsville, TX 77964, 361-798-3492, 361-772-4619 or www.hallettsville.com

February 4-5, 2011. Glen Rose, TX. **Glen Rose Antique Tractor Show & Pull.** Contact Russell Krueger at 254-897-3980 or chrisruss@hotmail.com or check the website at www.glenrosetractorclub.com

February 26, 2011. Gainesville, TX. **25th Annual North Texas Farm Toy Show.** Call 940-759-2876

March 5, 2011. Bastrop, TX. **Bastrop Area 4-H & FFA Antique Farm Show.** Contact Reid Sharp at 512-332-6051, email: rsharp@fnbbastrop.com or Henry Mouser at 512-304-5350

March 5-6, 2011. Brazoria, TX. **Brazoria Heritage Day Foundation Show.** Old Brazoria Elementary School, Main Street, Brazoria, TX 77422, Contact: 979-798-9130 or 979-798-9250.

March 11-20, 2011. Mercedes, TX. **Rio Grande Valley Old Farm Equipment Club & Livestock Show.** Contact Bill Bell at 711 East 8th Street in Weslaco, TX 78596, or 956-501-4345

March 18-20, 2011. Goliad, TX. **Goliad County Fair.** Contact 361-772-4619 or 361-645-3563.

April 8-9, 2011. Canton, TX. **East Texas Tractor Show & Swap Meet.** Sponsored by eight tractor clubs: Heart of Texas Tractor & Engine Club; IH Collectors Association, Texas Chapter 25; Lake County Tractor Association; Lonestar Tractor & Engine Association; North Texas Antique Tractor & Engine Club; Red River Valley Antique Tractor Club; Wills Point Antique Tractor Club; Wylie Antique Machinery Society. Call 214-686-0125 or jmrigsby@juno.com

April 9, 2011. Fredericksburg, TX. **The 5th Annual Hill Country Antique Tractor & Engine Club Bluebonnet Tractor Ride.** Contact Regina Weidenfeller at 830-990-8551 (voice-evenings) or reginaw@fisd.org or check the website at www.rustyiron.org

May 14, 2011. Ledbetter, TX. **Old-Time Harvest & Plow Day.** Texas Draft Horse & Mule Association. Contact Rodney Read at 979-249-5795 or Rodney Sprenger at 713-806-9174.

May 14, 2011. Richmond, TX. **George Ranch – Day on The Farm.** Contact office at 281-343-0218 or go to www.georgeranch.org.

June 4, 2011. Snook, TX. **Snookfest.** Contact Georgia Kovar at 979-272-8787

June 10-11, 2011. Fredericksburg, TX. **The Hill Country Antique Tractor & Engine Club Show.** Contact Jason Jenschke at 830-685-3344 (voice), 830-889-2001 (cellphone), or 3404 Wahrumund-Ahrens, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, or Brian Roeder at 830-997-5962 (voice), 830-889-5810 (cellphone), or 6918 White Oak Road, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, or check the website at www.rustyiron.org

August 26-28, 2011. Fredericksburg, TX. **The Hill Country Antique Tractor & Engine Club Heritage Show.** Contact Brian Roeder at 830-997-5962 (voice), 830-889-5810 (cellphone), or 6918 White Oak Road, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, or Jason Jenschke at 830-685-3344 (voice), 830-889-2001 (cellphone), or 3404 Wahrumund-Ahrens, Fredericksburg, TX 78624 or check the website at www.rustyiron.org

September 30-October 2, 2011. Temple, TX. **40th Annual Texas Early Day Tractor & Engine Association Show.** Check the website at www.tedtea.org for additional information.

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EDGE&TA Branch #96



Membership & Renewal Form January 2011 to January 2012



Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Children (Name & Age) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ email: _____

Area of Interest: Exhibitor Tractor Pull

Will you be exhibiting / pulling Antique Farm Equipment: Yes, No, (Check One)
(If Yes, you must pay the additional exhibitor's / puller's fee of \$10.00 listed below in the dues calculation for insurance and answer the next two questions.)

Please name each exhibitor / puller: _____

(If more than one person is listed, then each will need to add the exhibitor / puller fee below.)

Equipment exhibited: Tractor, Engine, Other (describe below),

Other: _____

DUES CALCULATION

What type of club membership(s) do you desire: (Check all that apply)

	Amount
_____ Single Person Club Membership @ \$15.00/year	\$ _____
_____ Family Club Membership @ \$25.00/year (Children under 18)	\$ _____
_____ Exhibitor / Puller Fee @ \$10.00/year/person	\$ _____
Total Due:	\$ _____

Send completed form with payment to:

Sharecropper's Club
Roger Sorum
235 Woodlands Drive
Bastrop, TX 78602

If you have membership questions call Roger at
Telephone: (512)-304-8806, email: rsorum@austin.rr.com
www.sharecropperstx.com

F.Y.I.

Rodney Sprenger called the Sharecropper's Meeting to order at 7:35 PM on Friday, January 21, 2011. It was held at the Industry Brethren Church meeting room. New members and visitors were welcomed. There were 58 members and 10 guests who signed the attendance sheet.

Everyone enjoyed the turkey stew and special thanks given to the preparers Edwin Kuehn, Leebert Brune, Ed Zubicek, Dustin Gross, Mrs. Gross, and Delvin Syptak.

Secretary, Elizabeth Sommerfeld read the minutes from the October 22, 2010 meeting. They were accepted. Roger Sorum provided a breakdown of expenses while he gave the Treasurer's report. The balance at the end of 2010 was \$8,979.88 with the current balance being \$9,029.88. Roger announced that the club was still looking for assistance with thank you notes and memorial cards, as Helen Wostarek was unable to continue to hold this position any more.

Old Business:

At our Christmas party at the Burton VFD on Saturday, December 4, 2010, 64 members and 4 guests were present. Rodney noted that \$100 had been given to Faith Mission in Brenham to help a family in need during Christmas instead of being used on door prizes.

Rodney introduced the new webmaster, Hal Lindgren. Rodney noted that the website has been down for a while, but is now up and running as well as updated and can be referred to for information throughout the year. A request for a web content person was made.

New Business:

Youth tractor restoration program presentations included: a presentation from Corey Schovajsa, on behalf of Ryan Guerrero, in the restoration of a 1948 Farmall Cub, was provided. Both boys are from Bellville High School and are in the process of restoring the tractor that should be ready for presentation at this year's Burton Cotton Gin Festival. After consideration of current financial condition of club, John Adams motioned to reaffirm the October meeting program amounts: \$1,000 be provided to the program and \$250 per participant be provided by the Sharecropper's Club to assist in the restoration of the tractor. Emery Schultz seconded the motion, which passed. Rodney informed Royce that the program agreement needed to be completed before the money could be dispersed.

The Burton Cotton Gin festival was discussed, which will be April 16th this year. Rodney suggested that we consider a raffle for those registered show/pull participants. Suggestions for prizes are needed and should be provided by the next meeting. Rodney is to form committees for the main areas which include; registration, showgrounds, pulling, parking, safety, and Friday worker meal.

Discussion of the possibility of holding another event at the Burton Gin show grounds, not associated with Cotton Gin Festival, was held. Concerns over grounds rental and member participation were discussed and it was decided that more discussion was needed before pursuing the issue further. The next meeting will be April 8, 2011 at Shelby. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Donald Mececher & Marilyn Estes
Pointblank

Ronni & Sherri Hohlt
Brenham

D.J. & Lisa Sytak
Bellville

Roy & Carol Schmidt
Burton

Phillip & Marie Reedy
College Station

Robert Mielsch
Houston

ALL NEW ANTIQUE TRACTORS & GAS ENGINES DVD

EDGE&TA 50th Anniversary National Show
Best of the West at the Historic Santa Margarita Ranch, California

ANTIQUÉ TRACTORS & GAS ENGINES runs for 1 hour and 36 minutes. Included on the disk is a bonus photo gallery of much of the equipment found at the show. Price is only \$19.95 plus s/h. (California residents need to include 8.25% sales tax with their orders.) For more information, visit call 530-527- 0141 or visit <http://www.grandscales.com/giftshop/2giftindex.html>.

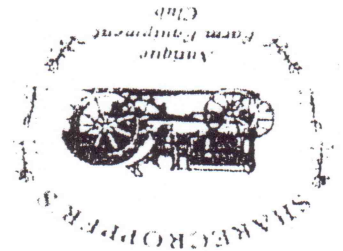
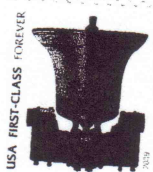
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SHARECROPPERSTX.COM for:

- * Show & Pull Schedules
- * Exhibitor/Puller Guidelines
- * Special Events
- * Show & Event Pictures
- * Club Meetings
- * Membership Information



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What is EDGETA?

Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association (EDGETA) was formed in 1957. The purpose is to stimulate interest in collecting, restoring and exhibiting farm machinery and any other equipment of historical value. There are 7 directors, one of whom is the president and one the vice-president. The director for our region is Johnny Burger from Gentry, Arkansas. There is a person outside the directors that is the secretary/treasurer. There are also 6 Advisors and a WEB-master which makes up the rest of the administration group at EDGETA.

EDGETA has by-laws and safety guidelines for different tractor/engine events. These safety guidelines have been adopted by many tractor/engine clubs. A complete listing of these safety guidelines are available on-line at: <http://edgeta.com/safety.htm>

One of the benefits of being an EDGETA member is the liability insurance that covers you at EDGETA shows and at non-EDGETA shows. EDGETA is not an insurance company. EDGETA buys the insurance from an insurance company just like you and I do. EDGETA also covers the Sharecropper club at the Burton show so the club itself is covered. Individuals still need EDGETA memberships since this is an EDGETA recognized show to show/pull at the Burton show.

EDGETA membership runs from April 15 to April 15th. On the membership card it says Exp. Date April 15 then the sticker with the year. This is why it is 2010 but EDGETA is sending out 2011 stickers.

There are more things about EDGETA, I could go into such as the yearly regional and nation shows, the Hall of Fame and Memorials but I just wanted to do a brief over view of EDGETA. The WEB link for the EDGETA WEB site is: <http://edgeta.com/>

Roger Sorum