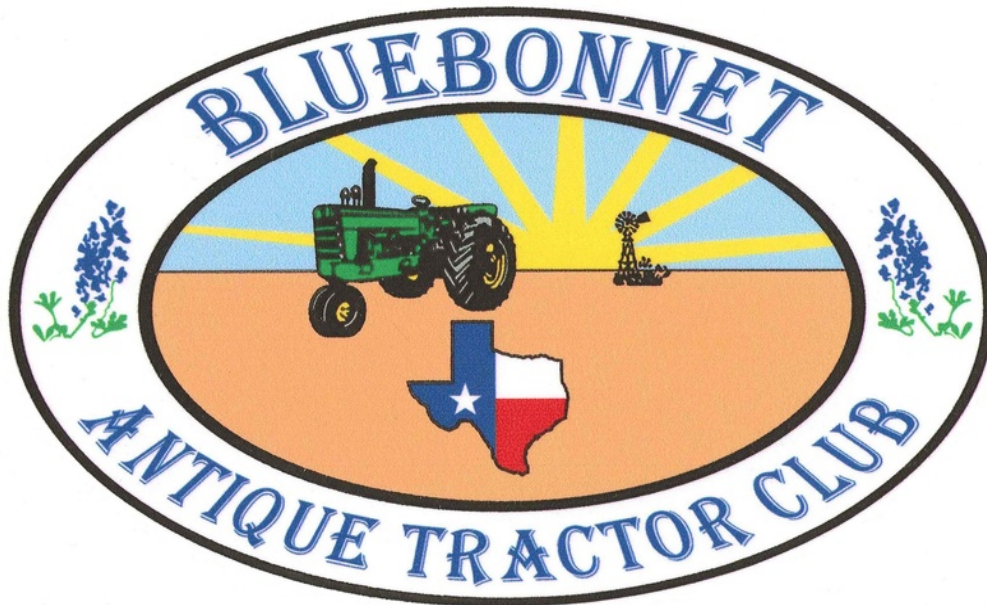


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*Keeping our agricultural history alive!*

Well here we are again, "The Dog days of summer". There are not a lot of shows in summer, and for good reason, nobody wants to sweat for a hobby when they don't have too. So, for the next few months do what you have been doing most years. Stay inside where it is cool. Have a tall cold glass of tea and watch a good TV shows, (if you can find any), go to the library, do some traveling, go to church, do some fishing, (early in the morning before it gets hot), have a private show at your house. Just don't over do it. We need all you members to stay with us. That is why this news letter has a lot on safety.

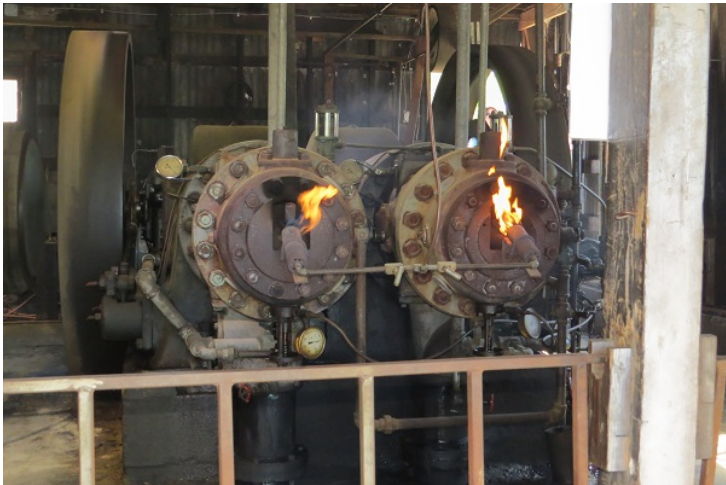


Well our show back in May got washed out. What luck to pick that date while we are in a drought to get rained out. Hopefully we can come back even stronger and get this things off the ground. It's going to take effort from us guys and gals, but I know we are up to it.

Let's start off with some pictures from the [Burton Cotton Gin Festival](#). This is always a nice show and you never know what will show up.









## Club meetings

We have at least 4 meetings a year, and sometimes more if there is something of interest. I want to encourage you to come to as many meetings as possible. Larry tries to make them interesting and no longer than necessary. Here is a picture from a meeting where our President and the Safety Officer were hard at work discussing safety rules for the club. We want everybody to have a fun and safe show.



# Insurance

I was asked if we could include this letter from EDGETA in the news letter, so for your reading pleasure...

To all:

I am always looking for something for my branch newsletter. Here are some notes from the National EDGETA meeting in Morrow, AR, May 18, 2013. **All members need to read this information.**

There are some changes listed and some old articles that need to be re-read and put into motion.

Let me hear from you.

Thanks

Larry Voris

EDGETA Director at Large

At the National Board meeting at Morrow, Arkansas, May 19, 2013 we met with our insurance agent for a very informative meeting, discussing our insurance policy.

**First**, it is getting very hard to obtain an insurance policy like the one that EDGETA has and it is even harder to keep a policy like this enforce. We can tell by the tractor pulling clubs that are applying to EDGETA for membership in our organization. They can not obtain a policy at a reasonable price and they only want to be a member of our organization for our insurance benefit program only. They want our insurance program but want to use there pulling rules. Our requirements state 3.5 mph in all classes, no exceptions. If you read the exhibition class, it is 3.5 mph too. If you are pulling classes over 3.5 mph then EDGETA is not your choice. There are companies that will insure tractor pulls with the higher speeds, but they are getting harder to find and are clamping down on their benefit programs too. If you want to put it into prospective, "with the EDGETA program, you are buying a Cadillac for the price of a bicycle".

**The EDGETA tractor pull is a "traction contest" not a speed race.**

**Second**, we have had several little fender benders and it was the decision of the Board of Directors that the member involved in an incident be responsible for the \$1,000.00 deductible on the insurance policy. **The reason being, the members must have some responsibility if an incident should happen.**



**Third**, in the youth driver program, the youth must test and be certified on every tractor they drive.

**Fourth**, for all the rest of us, we probably need to go through a driver program too. We must be a defensive driver. It is not tunnel vision when we get on a tractor; we must be watching the other drivers and looking at the whole picture. Try not to get yourself in a position that you feel uncomfortable.

**Fifth**, loading and unloading a tractor or any kind of equipment is probably one of the most dangerous things we do. If you see something that is not right, stop and keep your distance. If help is need, offer only if you see what the problem is and that you can make it safer. Try to keep all spectators at a safe distance away from all loading and unloading areas. We all like to watch people come in to a show and unload their equipment. It is also scary to look at some of the trailers that tractors and equipment are being hauled on.

**Sixth**, some of the ramps being used are not safe. I have watched people load & unload row crop tractors using only 2 ramps and some want to use a wooden 2 x 8 for the front wheels. If one falls off a ramp, it is instant; you don't have time to prepare yourself for the fall. Loading and unloading in wet weather is especially dangerous. A rubber tire on a dry metal ramp is slick, but on a wet metal ramp is bad. And all ramps should be the same length.

## Danbury







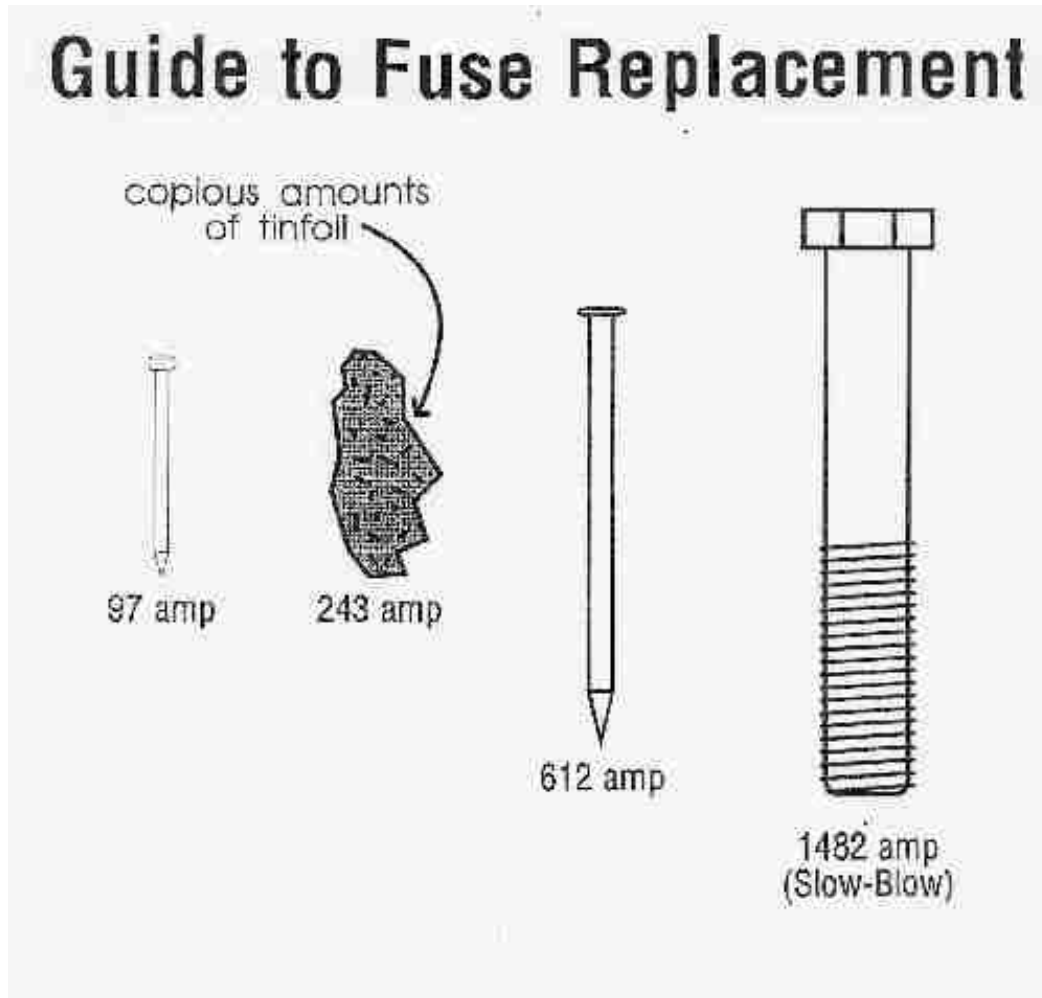






## Safety Tip!

While most of our old tractors don't use fuses, it is always good to know the rated amperage of a temporary fuse. Many of us have other interest besides tractors and this info might be very handy. I'm hoping it will dissuade you from using these "temporary fuses".



## Tech Section

Many people who collect Hit & Miss engines, soon wonder what they can belt their engines up too to make their display more interesting. The list is almost endless. When you remember that these engines were created for a time when people didn't have electricity, they were used for most anything. I have here included some pictures to help you decide.



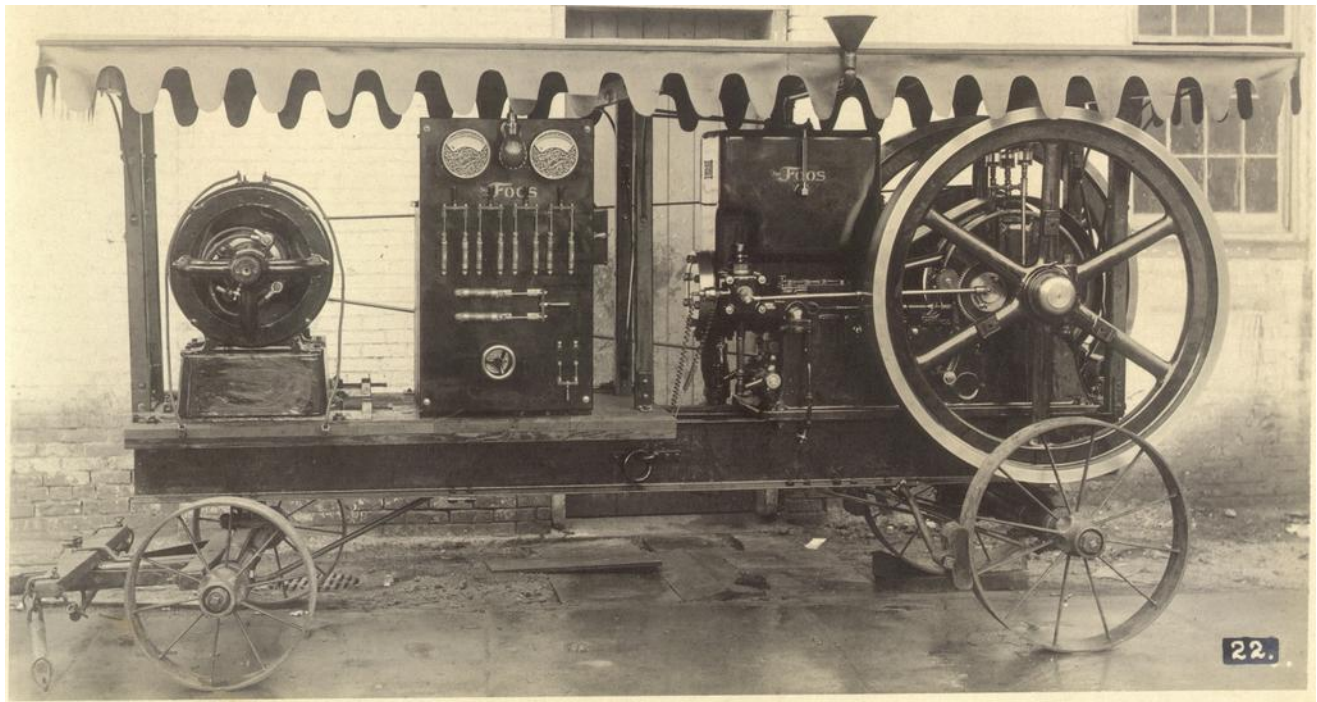


Washing Machine

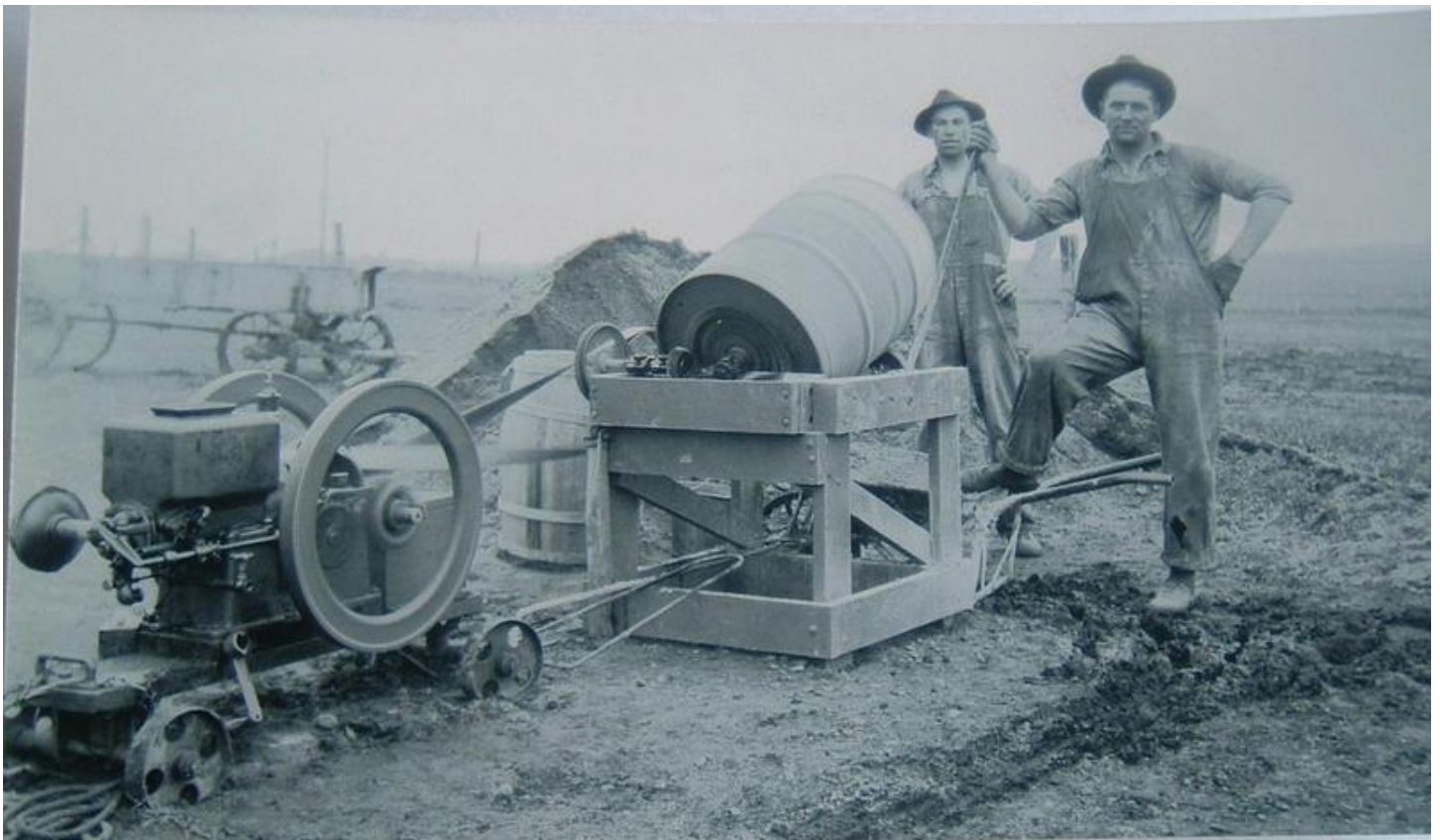


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## Letter from the Prez

Hi members,

Well, here we are near the beginning of July and yep, it's obviously going to be another very hot summer for all of us. I've said it in previous messages, but feel I can't say it enough reminding everyone to stay well hydrated while working outdoors in the heat. It's also important for you to protect yourself from the sun's ultra violet rays, so remember to apply proper sunscreen and wear protective clothing.



On to tractor related doings: Although mother nature decided to muddy up our first annual tractor show, we have to realize that the rains that came ahead of that scheduled Saturday show were much more important to not only us as individuals, but also to area farmers and their operations. We can always schedule another show and at the June meeting, I requested that everyone there be thinking about whether or not they would be interested in doing such again, or simply continuing to hitch on to other events as we've been doing since day one. I'll pole members at the September meeting, which takes place on Thursday, September 26th, to get their opinions on this matter. By the way, and speaking of that tractor show, Jim Garner's idea of buying a child's pedal tractor and holding a raffle for the same, made the club a good deal of money, so we may want to think about holding another raffle next year even if we don't have a show.

Hopefully all of you had a great 4th of July with family and friends. Some of your fellow members down in the southern area joined up for a very nice parade in Friendswood, and in doing so, earned the club a 2nd place award in the Decorated Vehicle category; (photos from that event are being e-mailed to all prior to release of the newsletter).

As for upcoming tractor shows, events, etc., please refer to the club's website calendar to check dates and locations, as there are quite a few for you to enjoy. As to specific BATC upcoming events, the next being on Saturday, August 31st at Alvin's National Oak Park, I'll continue e-mailing notices of those as has been the practice in the past.

Drink plenty of water and stay cool,

*Larry*





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