

## Days like this...

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We usually cruise up and down the great River Thames  
Admiring some of London's architectural gems  
Shooting the breeze and chewing the fat  
Once or twice a year we just enjoy doing that

But this year we're celebrating the centenary of the EDA  
Remember it used to be called the EWF, back in the day  
It is a grand association worthy of our utmost respect  
And something that we must always try to protect

RW Smith of Drake & Goreham was the president 100 years ago  
Today Simon Barks is the man at the top, running the show  
Many other great names for the presidential office have stood  
Devoting their time and energy for our industry's greater good

In the last 100 years we've faced many challenges, too many to mention  
And history shows us necessity is always the mother of invention  
So hopefully we are now over all this never ending austerity  
But now we've all to be smarter and work harder for posterity

At last the economy's on the mend, the future looks bright & sunny  
Quantitative easing has allowed the banks to replace all our lost money  
But the EDA statistics that we get each month from Lynn  
Show that sales are growing, but margins are still wafer thin

Now we all love to support the EDA, it's such a great institution  
And we don't mind making a financial contribution  
Because we really do appreciate the fact we can meet like this  
Just imagine not being at the EDA events, and what we'd all miss

Now Ray has finally retired, this time it's not a figment of our imagination  
His wife Christine has insisted he stays on permanent vacation  
But don't worry because Margaret's taken over, she's a lady with class  
Full of energy, and in the nicest possible way, she knows how to kick ass

So affiliates please join me and let's raise a toast to the EDA  
For this centenary event that we are all enjoying today  
These EDA functions we just never want to miss  
In the next hundred years, I'm sure there'll be many more days like this