

Kansas Flying Farmers

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THE PREZ SAYS By Eugene Shore

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and New Year celebration! We stayed home for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year this year. We do plan on going some now that the holidays are over.

We had wonderful family gatherings with most of the family present and just a happy and fun time with good food and fellowship. It is always a privilege to celebrate Christ's birth anew each year. It is a happy time which never grows old. On New Years evening Janet and I watched the news then I went to turn the tube off and stumbled on a spy movie which appeared interesting so we started watching it. 30 minutes into it, it stopped, and the TV showed episode 2. After watching part 2 it was 3 and so forth until episode 7!! At 4AM!! We finally gave up and went to bed. Pretty big deal for a couple of old people. Steven came in about 12:30 and became interested too so the three of us really saw the new year in.

We plan on going to FL, January 10 for about a month. We plan on being back in time to go to the Heartland convention on the 7th of February and prepare for our convention on March 4th. It will be a pretty short stay but with the cold and snow it will be a welcome break. They tell me it was 85 degrees there today!! I can handle that.

I visited with Jay about our convention in Topeka and it sounds like he has it well planned. We look forward to another great Kansas convention. I look forward to seeing the capital since the renovating has been complete. I'm sure it is amazing what \$243 million dollars will do to the old building. This remodel all started the last year I was in the legislature with my amendment to spend \$1million to repair the roof and the paintings on the ceiling of the house chamber. Every time it rained, we had to set waste baskets under drips from the ceiling which I didn't think was quite the way it should be. Anyway, it expanded from there and a year or two later they put a large "while we're at it" addition on, including an underground parking garage, and a new copper roof!

Thanks to Marilyn and Harry, for a really nice Christmas Party in Great Bend. We had a good meal, good fellowship and a good turnout. These parties don't just happen, someone has to put in time and leg work to get them scheduled an to be successful.

I reluctantly sold my Cessna 206! It was like selling one of the kids. I haven't flown much the last 2 years and an airplane doesn't get better if not used. Janet says I had an old plane, old pilot and old navigator, which is probably true, but it was still my baby, and sad to see it go. An individual farmer in MN bought it and hopefully he will enjoy it as much as we did. I bought it in 1973 with 398 hours on it and flew it about 2,000 hrs. which isn't a lot, but we have a lot of fond memories, many with Flying Farmers with N71ES as our trusty transportation. Happy memories!!

Upcoming Events

March 1-2, 2019

IA/MO Convention
Burlington, IA

March 8-10, 2019

KFF Convention
Topeka, KS

June 1-2, 2019

Kanopolis Picnic
Kanopolis, KS

June 9-12, 2019

Minnkota Convention
Alexandria, MN

August 25-28, 2019

IFF Convention
Wichita, KS



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The Sweetheart Luncheon will be a celebration at our convention this year. With Heartland convention and our convention being early in March it couldn't be fitted in the schedule, so it will be part of the convention in Topeka.

I hope each of you had a happy and prosperous 2018 and are making plans for 2019 which leaves time for Kansas Flying Famers activities. Make special plans for the IFF convention in Wichita. We should have a very good group of Kansans helping and enjoying Harry and Marilyn's convention. It sounds like they have a lot of fun and interesting tours. Well see you in February.

KFF CONVENTION

Because of the snowy weather and icy roads, I called off the planning meeting. The convention is March 8th, 9th, and 10th. The hotel is the:

Ramada Topeka Downtown,
420 SE 6th Avenue
Topeka, Kansas, 66607
785-234-5400

A complementary hot buffet breakfast is included in your room rate, and there is a pool, hot tub, and restaurants located on the property.

Be certain and ask for the block of rooms under the Kansas Flying Farmers, and it's first come, first serve.

If you're flying in, we will have a van to pick you up at either airport, so contact me and we'll get you to the hotel.

Nearly everything is finalized, and we're waiting to hear if we are going to be able to get a tour of the Kansas Statehouse. For the men's luncheon, a commodities analyst from Paragon Ag Advisors in Silver Lake will be making a presentation about the grain and livestock markets, and

Janean is wrapping up the plans for the women's luncheon. The Saturday night banquet will be held in the convention hotel, and we will conclude with the church service on Sunday. I am negotiating some final ticket prices, as well as the transportation, and once I have that finalized, I will have Harry send out an e-mail with the registration figure. I am making a concerted effort to keep the fee as low as possible so that it's affordable for everyone.

Please feel free to contact me with questions, and I look forward to seeing you in March. Below is the tentative schedule, but subject to change.

Friday

8AM: Leave for Combat Air Museum and National Guard Museum.

8:15AM: Combat Air Museum

10AM: Museum of the Kansas National Guard

12PM: Lunch/Presentation at the Capper Foundation

2PM: Tour of the Statehouse – *Tentative*

4PM: Evel Knievel Museum

Saturday

Business meeting

12:00 PM: Mens/Womens luncheons

2:00 PM: KS Museum of History is an option for Saturday afternoon tour

Government Official Visit

6:00 PM Banquet

Saturday

Church Service

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COMBAT AIR MUSEUM

TOPEKA REGIONAL AIRPORT @ FORBES FIELD, TOPEKA, KANSAS



A peek at one of the tours at KFF Convention in Topeka in March of this year

DIANA'S DOODLINGS

Hello, Flying Farmer Friends:

Sorry it's been so long since I have written or even been able to attend the Christmas Party, but seems like our lives are so hectic, we just keep running. We missed the Christmas Party because it was opening weekend for December antelope and we had 2 of the grandsons because their parents went of Las Vegas for a few days.

Our Christmas was very nice with everyone here on Christmas Eve, and the little boys make it so much fun. Now the week after was interesting. We left the 27th to pick up a corn head we had bought in Avoca, Iowa, which is about 80 miles east of Omaha. Of course that was the same time as the storm went through and left lots of ice and snow through that whole area. We were to pick up the header on the 28th, but with all the black ice, we changed our plans and decided to go up to the Carroll, Nebraska area for Monte's moms Christmas on the 29th and then go get the header on the 31st. Needless to say when your pulling a 40 foot header trailer on ice it makes a lot of white knuckle driving. We enjoyed our Christmas with Monte's mom and his sisters and brother. Monte's mom is dealing with cancer again, so it was a mixed emotion get together, but she had her scan on January 7th and all looks good for now, so she had her last chemo on that day and then will get checked out in a month again. This has certainly been hard for Monte as he just lost his dad a year and a half ago to the same type of cancer. So hopefully things will get better now.

After visiting with our Queen Janean, trying to figure out something for the Sweetheart luncheon, we decided it might be easier to do something at the convention rather than everyone travel so far for just a luncheon. With her kids and my schedule we couldn't fit in a time that would work for the both of us, and then we never know what the weather is going to do. I do apologize for this, and if anyone has a better idea, please let me know. It is just so far for everyone to drive anymore, and it takes a full day or an overnight stay at a motel.

I would like to remind everyone to bring a couple of door prizes from each family for the convention in Topeka. I will be helping John out with this, so it would be greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to upcoming conventions so I can visit with all our friends. I do plan on going to the Heartland convention, unless the weather gets bad, but will be going alone as that is the same weekend that Monte and my sons and some other guys are going on their annual hog hunt in Texas this year. I was hoping to make it to the Iowa convention also, but not sure I can make it work as the 2 weeks after our Kansas convention, my sister, brothers and I are going to work on cleaning out mom's house in Iowa so we can get it on the market so not sure that I can make that one work.

Sorry for the rambling, but just wanted everyone to know what has been going on in the Billheimer household these days. Needless to say it is always busy around here. Take care and hope to see everyone soon.

Diana

2017-2018 KANSAS FLYING FARMERS ANNUAL MINUTES

The Kansas Chapter of the International Flying Farmers and Guests gathered at the Garden City Parrot Cove Water Park for their annual meeting on March 22-25, 2018.

Friday, March 22 everyone gathered for tours at the Garden City Community College where we saw the Meat Lab, Law Enforcement Program and the John Deere Mechanics areas. After lunch on our own, we loaded up to Tour the Wind Farm Depot. President Monte Billheimer welcomed everyone before the dinner that evening which was followed by the President's ice cream social.

Saturday, March 23, everyone gathered for the Business meeting. President Monte called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. As always the Early Bird Door Prize was first on the agenda. The replica of the Bi-Wing airplane was donated by John Jenkinson and the lucky winner was Darrell Lemons from the Heartland Chapter. 2nd Vice President John Jenkinson led the Pledge of Alligance and the singing of our National Anthem. We were then welcomed by the Mayor of Garden City, Roy Cessna. Roy is the Great nephew of Clyde Cessna. Door Prizes where given throughout the morning by the 2nd Vice Pres. John Jenkinson and our Kansas Queen, Jana Jenkinson.

President Monte then welcomed everyone and had the Introduction of the IFF Officers and visiting Chapter Officers next. Past President, Zelda Lewis and IFF Secretary/Treasurer, Harry Bartel. Our Region 6 Director Dale Bohrer and his wife Rhonda who is the IA/MO Queen. Larry and Sharon Jennings who is the IA/MO Secretary.

Past President, Jack Jenkinson gave the memorial in honor of our flying farmers who passed away in the last year. This was in honor of Elsie White, Robert McFall, and Richard Mosher.

Jack Jenkinson then gave an update on the Liberal Air Museum. The Flying Farmer exhibit is no longer on display at this time, but all the information is on file in the data base at the museum. President Monte then asked for the reading of the past years minutes, Dwilette Paulson made a motion to disperse with the reading of the minutes that had been printed in the newsletter and Vice President, Eugene Shore 2nd the motion, motion carried. The officers then continued with their reports. Due to illness, Joan Lieber was unable to attend. She was the Ladies Vice President, and the East District Director. Secretary, Diana Billheimer read Joan's reports. Region 6 Director, Dale Bohrer gave his report for the district. Queen Jana Jenkinson gave her report as well as Farmerette, Haley Shore.

Marilyn Bartel gave the treasurers report. Jack Jenkinson made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Ralph White seconded the motion, motion carried. Marilyn said there is a CD that comes up in June which has a 1.204% rate and was wondering what to do. Was suggested to put the CD back where it has been unless a better rate was found else where leaving it up to the Treasurer, Marliyn's discretion. Ralph White made a motion, Jack Jenkinson seconded it, motion carried. Ralph White and Dale Paulson did the audit of the treasurers books. Ralph complimented Marilyn on how well she keeps the records.

Several more door prizes where given out and then we had a Coffee and Milk Break at 10 o'clock and the meeting reconvened at 10:30. Ralph White gave an update on the Kanopolis Picnic on June 3, 2018. The meat will be provided, the rest of the food is pot luck. Harry Bartel gave another update on the Liberal Air Museum as they are hoping the new Manager will find a spot for the IFF exhibit again. President Monte, brought up new business concerning the 2nd Vice President position. It is becoming more difficult in filling the regular offices and this position is becoming extremely hard to fill. After discussion by the chapter, Jack Jenkinson made a motion to remove the 2nd Vice Presi-

dent position, Marilyn Bartel seconded the motion, motion carried. It was discussed that maybe the Ladies Vice President could fill in some of the duties of the second vice president now. Such as the door prizes and the church service.

In Joan Lieber's report she had mentioned that the chapter needs to make sure that the events for the year are split up so each district only does 1 event per year. This year the East district had all the events. After discussion, Janet Shore made a motion to have each district do 1 event per year, Dwilette Paulson seconded the motion, motion carried.

President Monte, brought up the letter from the IFF office wanting the Kansas chapter do donate to the IFF Saskatoon Convention. After discussion Jack Jenkinson made a motion to donate to the IFF convention, Janet Shore seconded, motion carried. Then Treasurer Marilyn asked how much, so Jack made a motion for \$500 to be used in the general fund as needed or the IFF convention, Harry Bartel seconded the motion, motion carried.

President Monte then brought up the discussion on whether to have the chapter convention during the week as some other chapters were doing. Seems to be getting more difficult to find tours and hotel rates are cheaper during the week. Harry Bartel made a motion to have the Vice President make the decision on when to have the convention, Ralph White seconded the motion, motion carried.

President Monte presented the slate of new officers for the 2018-2019 year: President, Eugene Shore; Vice President, John Jenkinson; Ladies Vice, Diana Billheimer; Treasurer, Marilyn Bartel. Ralph White made a motion to accept the full slate of officers, Harry Bartel, seconded the motion, motion carried. IFF Past President Zelda Lewis installed the new officers. IFF Past President, Zelda then gave greetings from the IFF officers and the office. Then she presented the slide show that IFF Vice President, Clemont Dion had put together to invite everyone to the 2018 IFF Convention in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. President Monte, adjourned the meeting.

Secretary,
Diana Billheimer



A sneak peek at one of the tours at IFF Convention in Wichita in August of this year

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