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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
August 1-5, 2018
(Plan to arrive July 31st)
2018 Calendar of Events

May 2018
18-20 – Mid-Atlantic Convention - Best Western Plus Intercourse Village Inn & Suites, 3610 E Newport Rd, Intercourse, PA 17534 - Phone: 717-768-3636
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August 2018
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POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to International Flying Farmers, Inc., P.O. Box 309, Mansfield, IL 61854.
I am glad to know that so many of you are now thawed out and starting to have your own Spring. Here in Arizona we already hit our century mark (100F/38C) April 10. It has not been that warm that early since 1989.

Your IFF office continues to run smoothly due to our fantastic Pat Amdor. She and your officers and volunteers are gearing up for a super convention in Saskatoon. If you are planning to come, please get your registration in soon as it helps VP Clement Dion and Pat with all our arrangements. If you are able to volunteer to help with convention functions or committee work please let the IFF office, Clement or myself know. If you have not seen the great video Clement put together at a chapter event, go online at the IFF website. It is on the home page for basic schedule and the wonderful tours that are awaiting our arrival. Hope to see you in Saskatoon.

In April I traveled to Claresholm, Alberta for the AFF Convention hosted by Jack and Merry Vandervalk. My work schedule and the forecasted weather made me decide to leave my Baron behind and travel airlines to Calgary. The weather was a bit dicey on the Thursday before and Friday morning fog. But by mid morning and the rest of the weekend it could not have been better. Jack set up some very interesting tours to include the Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump Provincial Park. Saturday was a full day of fish farms, new nursery operation, off-grid power production, lunch and tour of a new Hutterite colony and ending with a 15,000-hive bee operation. Dinners and speakers were delicious and entertaining. Alberta has a new queen, Cheryl Goyer. I wish Cheryl a wonderful reign this year. Sunday was an inspirational message along with some great church hymns. Thank you, Alberta Chapter, for hosting me.

On behalf of my family and me, I want to thank all of you again for the outpouring of cards, letters, emails and donations in memory of my mother Barbara. It is overwhelming the impact she had on so many lives. Flying Farmers were near and dear to her heart and she loved every friendship and adventure it provided.

My daughter, Nicole, graduated from the University of Arizona on May 11 with a BFA in Music Theater. She is talking about moving to New York to work and perform. I think her immediate plans are to sort out the logistics of a cross country move. And, she’s been given an opportunity to audition for a major road show production in Phoenix and Tucson. I look forward to her next show. My son, Thompson, finished his third year at the US Air Force Academy. His performances on America’s Got Talent were fun and hard work; it took its toll with the added stress of keeping up his academics and glider flying currency. He finished the year academically on top, got glider recurrent quickly, and has added several Air Force glider privileges including senior instructor and now the summer Flight...
Do I dare say “Welcome to spring at last!”? At least we hope the snow has put its brakes on and that we are now moving into green grass, flowers and budding trees. We are all still dreaming of those warm sunny days!

I am reflecting on my notes and I see I forgot to extend “Happy St. Paddy’s Day!” to everyone, so hope you all had a “Great Green Day!” May the luck of the Irish be with you! The word luck itself is “Middle Dutch” in origin, the word comes from ‘luc,’ a shortening of ‘gheluc,’ which means “happiness, good fortune.” So may you all be blessed with gheluc!

April 13th brought us to our Alberta Flying Farmers 64th Annual Convention in Claresholm, Alberta. President Jack Vandervalk & his lovely wife Merry did the major organizing for the event. Thank you so much for all your hard work! Thanks also go to Anola Laing & Hannah McDonald for their capable and experienced hands that seem to make all things come together! It was a great time, the tours – superb! We were most honored to have International Flying Farmers President, Alex Knox and IFF Secretary, Clement Dion join us.

Who would have thought we would have a major Tilapia Fish Farm in Alberta? Well we do, “Current Prairie Fisherman!” Klass den Toom owner/manager is the brain child behind all of this. He is also developing a Hydroponic Greenhouse utilizing the waste water from the fish farm; the water has many nutrients required for growing Asian vegetables. This was an amazing tour and surely worth your while if you ever have the opportunity to visit.

I must mention the Jumbo Valley Hutterite Colony. As we drove past on the main road I said to Bob, “that must be the new colony!” Bob’s comment...
Commander position. By the end of summer, Thompson should also be signed off as a glider check airman. The kids are working hard and going places. Yep, I’m a proud dad.

Take care of yourselves and I look forward to seeing many of you this summer in Saskatoon.

Be well my IFF friends.

Three men worked in the Empire State Building on the 102nd floor. One day, the elevator was out of service, so they had to walk up to their office. To pass time, they decided that one would sing a song, one would tell a joke and the third would tell a sad story – each taking a turn every floor until they reached the top.

Finally, as they reached the 100th floor, one man sang his last song. As they reached the 101st floor, the second guy told his last joke. As they ascended the flight to the 102nd floor, the third man said, “I forgot the key.”

Marion Woodward was honored as an “Original Charter Member of AFF” and presented with a bouquet of flowers. Congratulations Marion!

I then had the honor to crown our lovely new AFF Queen, Cheryl Goyer. Cheryl and her husband Lynn are from Sherwood Park, Alberta. Cheryl is a lovely lady who shines from the inside out; she will represent Alberta well as she takes on her new role. Congratulations Cheryl! I look forward to sharing time with you our new Queen.

IFF Queen Carollyne Collier with new Alberta Queen Cheryl Goyer

I look forward to seeing many of you in Saskatoon. Clement has a great convention planned!

“Yes we can make a difference by doing one good deed at a time!”

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

Everyone has a photographic memory; some don’t have film.
Chapter Queens

Cheryl Goyer was selected as the new Alberta Queen during the annual Alberta Convention. She and Lynn have been married 48 years and live on an acreage in Sherwood Park with an adjacent airstrip. They have 3 sons who all hold pilots’ licenses and work in aviation careers. They are blessed with four grandchildren and one great grandson.

Cheryl is retired from 26 years of nursing. Her nursing career included ICU (burn unit), teaching for the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta, working in industry as an Occupational Health Nurse and flying as medical crew on a medivac fixed wing aircraft for Alberta Air Ambulance in northern Alberta. She and Lynn founded a nursing service as part of their incorporated family business.

Now that Cheryl is retired, she has acquired a new hobby of learning and playing the violin. She is part of an orchestra and member of the Board of Directors. Cheryl also enjoys working with Lynn in the yard and garden. They start plants from seed, move them to a greenhouse and finally to large raised garden beds.

Cheryl and Lynn are active in their local church and participate in many of the church activities.

A SLICE OF HEAVEN CAKE

1 package devil’s food chocolate cake or German chocolate cake mix
1 14oz can sweetened condensed milk
1 jar caramel topping
1 8oz tub cool whip
4-5 snickers bar (my preference) you can use Skor, Heath bar, or mini Reeses

Bake the cake according to directions in 9x13 inch pan. Cool for 5 minutes, using the handle of a wooden spoon poke holes into cake, then let cake cool for about 1/2 hour until just warm. Slowly pour sweetened milk over cake, letting it soak into holes, then drizzle caramel over the cake.

Let cake cool completely (you may refrigerate it to cool faster just cover well). Top cake with cool whip, decorate with candy & drizzle with caramel!!
Rhonda Bohrer is from Toddville, Iowa. She is currently serving her fifth reign as Iowa/Missouri Chapter Queen. She and her husband Dale are actively involved in farming, growing corn and soybeans on 190 acres that they own.

Rhonda enjoys scrapbooking, sewing and flower gardening. She is currently learning to quilt.

Dale is a private pilot. He enjoys snow skiing, scuba diving, woodworking and steam engines.

Rhonda has taught Vacation Bible School and was a den mother for Cub Scouts. She was a member of the School Nutrition Association of Iowa. She was also a scorekeeper for the high school baseball team when her sons were playing baseball.

Rhonda has three children, Chris, Eric and Todd and eight grandchildren. She joined IFF in 2010.

Rhonda enjoys being a member of IFF because of all the opportunities to meet so many wonderful people. IFF offers the opportunity to visit places all over the U.S. and Canada by attending conventions.

Bacon Cheeseburger Dip (careful~ this is addicting!)

1/2 pound ground beef 2 tablespoons ketchup
8 bacon strips (cut into chunks) 1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 diced onion 1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 clove garlic – chopped 1/2 cup mozzarella, shredded
4 oz cream cheese (softened) 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
1 tablespoon worcestershire sauce

Pre-heat oven to 350ºF. Cook ground beef; drain. Cook bacon until crispy (drain; keep 1-1/2 T grease in pan). Saute onion and garlic in grease. In a large bowl mix cream cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise, cheese, worcestershire and ketchup. Add beef, bacon, onions and garlic to mixture above and stir until combined. Pour into baking dish and bake for 15-20 minutes.
Janean Harris is the new Kansas Flying Farmer Queen. She has had this honor twice now, last time in 2014. Many of you may know her mother, Marilyn Bartel.

Janean and her husband, Walter, live in Topeka, KS with their children, Gracious, 18, Trevon, 16, and Rylee, 13. She currently works from their home doing childcare. Walter works for Topeka Metro Bus Authority. He has been there for two years now and really enjoys his job. The hours are a bit crazy, but they are all getting used to them.

Gracious is a senior and will be attending a Community College about two hours away from Topeka in the fall. She will be working on an Associate Degree in Math/Science, thinking about a future as a pharmacist. She is also excited about getting her first job this summer. Trevon will be a junior next year. He is very active with band. He will be a drum major again this year, participates in Jazz Band, and has played with the Washburn University band. He will be volunteering at our area hospital this summer and hoping to get a job to help pay for his band trip to Florida this winter. Rylee will be an eighth grader next year. She is very goal driven when it comes to her school work. She has been on the “A” honor roll every nine weeks for the last two years. She plans on doing it again next year so that at eighth grade graduation she can proudly stand up and be recognized for being on the “A” Honor Roll all thru Junior High. Janean and Walter are very proud of their kids. They are all excellent students.

As a member of the Kansas Flying Farmers, Janean has helped with the youth/teen activities. They have had a lot of fun attending KS conventions. They have had the opportunity to see many interesting things in their own state. There are so many great and interesting people in Flying Farmers, the children just enjoy sitting down and visiting with them. They have interesting adventures to share.

**Cheesecake Crescent Rolls**

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Unroll and spread 1 of the cans of crescent rolls on the bottom of a 9 x 13 baking dish (or 8 x 8 if you want to cut the recipe in half). Combine softened cream cheese, 1 cup sugar, and vanilla. Spread over crescent roll layer. Unroll and layer remaining crescent rolls over cream cheese layer. Melt your butter and spread over top of crescent rolls. Sprinkle generously with cinnamon and sugar. Bake for 20-30 minutes in 350°F oven until bubbly and slightly browned. Drizzle with a little honey if you like. Cool a bit, slice and eat.
What a wonderful convention we had in Ames, IA on March 2-4! Those in attendance from the IA/MO Chapter: Dale and Rhonda Bohrer, Glenn and Dixie Brown, Leonard and Carol Chatfield, Chris and Carol Detje, Robert and Sharon Harrison, Larry and Sharon Jennings, Lois Schurr, Ross and Shirley Wiley and Samantha and Steven Price and family. Out of Chapter Guests: Norm and Pat Clapper, Kay Berghaus, Jack Jenkinson, Glenn Kinneberg, IFF VP Harry and Marilyn Bartel.

Those who arrived Thursday, in time for dinner, gathered at Applebee’s for good food and fellowship. We always enjoy catching up with each other. Friday was our tour day. First tour was of AG Leader Technology. They manufacture GPS systems for agriculture. Many famers use these systems for everything they need to do in the field to raise a crop.

We enjoyed lunch at Hickory Park, one of the favorite places to eat in Ames. No time for a nap, we were off to tour the Iowa State University Veterinary Animal Clinic. First we were taken through the small animal area. This is an awesome facility. There were several surgery rooms, intensive care, x-ray, ultra sound and physical therapy. You can even have your fish checked out at the clinic. Whatever pet you have they can handle taking care of it. The large animal area was just as impressive. Imagine taking x-rays of a large horse or doing surgery on a big bull! We did not get to see the pool but there is a pool that is used to rehab horses. Our tour guides were students of the veterinary college and they made our tour very interesting. Their knowledge and people skills were wonderful.

Our next tour took us to Alleman to the Fox Broadcast Tower. Doug Hammond, Larry
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and Sharon Jennings’ son-in-law, was our tour guide. The tower is a long way up there, 2000 feet straight up. After our Friday evening meal, Bret Hoben from the FSDO in Des Moines gave a presentation. He spoke about his start in aviation and his career leading to his present inspector position. Bret also filled us in on Drones. The evening ended with a Flying Farmer favorite, ice cream, with cookies.

Saturday morning we had our business meeting. The ISU Air Force ROTC Color Guard presented the Colors. Carol Chatfield accompanied us as we sang the Star Spangled Banner. After Retiring the Flag, the cadets answered questions regarding their involvement in ROTC. After our business meeting and lunch, we made our way to the Reiman Gardens and Butterfly House. There was not much to see at the gardens yet but the indoor garden was full of orchids and other tropical plants.

Dixie Brown won the early bird door prize - a wooden clock made by Dale Bohrer
There was a nice place to sit and enjoy the garden. The Butterfly House is always fun. There are many species of butterflies and moths. They fly all around and sometimes land on you. Just be careful you don’t have a hitch hiker on your clothes when you leave. Saturday evening was a four-course meal set in a Mystery Dinner Theater setting, presented by Scott and Wanda Jennings. Everyone got involved and had a great time, even the kids.

Following dinner Harry Bartel installed the Chapter Officers. The officers are: President Dale Bohrer, Vice President Leonard Chatfield, Treasurer Dixie Brown, Secretary Larry Jennings, Newsletter Editor Rhonda Bohrer, and Historian Sharon Harrison.

Long time Flying Farmers, Chris and Carol Detje, were awarded the Man and Woman of the Year. Carol was sure her family knew all about it and decided to join them for our banquet, but they knew nothing. It was great they could be there.

Rhonda Bohrer was gracious enough to accept the crown and continue as our chapter Queen. Below is Rhonda and fellow past queens. A reception with ice cream and cookies followed.

Sunday morning we had church service with Leonard Chatfield leading us in song.
and Carol Chatfield accompanying on piano. Robert Harrison gave a short message and led us in prayer.

It's always hard to say good bye after such a great weekend of good food, lots of fun and seeing all of our good friends.

Leonard Chatfield leads the singing

Carol Chatfield ready to play piano

Robert Harrison gives the message

Interesting Facts About Airplanes

- The wings of the airplane are just one component of flight. There are actually four forces of flight that push the plane up, down, forward, or slow it down. These four forces of flight are lift, thrust, drag, and weight.

- The Wright brothers invented and flew the first airplane in 1903. It is considered the world’s first “sustained and controlled heavier-than-air powered flight.” Their aircraft, the Wright Flyer, flew about 120 feet. Today, the newest Boeing 787 can fly 10,000 miles on a single tank of gas.

- One the most deadly airplane accidents actually happened on the ground. In 1977, two fully loaded planes carrying a total of over 600 passengers collided head-on in the middle of the runway in what is now known as the Tenerife Accident, named after Tenerife Island where the accident occurred. Over 500 people died.

- Increases in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are increasing the incidents of airplane turbulence.

- The oxygen in an airplane’s emergency oxygen masks lasts for only about 15 minutes.

- English is the international language of flight. All flight controllers and all commercial pilots who fly on international flights are required to speak English.

- The world’s smallest jet is the BD-5 Micro. Its wing-span is 14–21 feet and weighs just 358 pounds.

- One windshield or window frame of a Boeing 747-400’s cockpit costs as much as a BMW.

- Most pilots and copilots on major airlines are not allowed to eat the same food to avoid the possibility of food poisoning sickening the entire flight crew.

- Airport control tower windows must be angled at precisely 15 degrees from vertical at the top to decrease reflections from both inside and outside the tower.
Kansas Flying Farmers started their annual convention off with a gathering of the early arrivals on Thursday evening. The group went to Old Chicago for dinner.

The convention started Friday morning with registration. Then the group loaded in cars and went on their first tour at the Garden City Community College. There we saw many opportunities for young people to learn a trade with the John Deere program, Law enforcement curriculum and the meat lab. Of course, they have courses in all educational fields but these three give young people a trade in the area that fits our southwest area of the state. After the tour everyone enjoyed lunch on their own.

The group gathered back at the hotel for a seminar given by Randy Curry on no-till farming and how to cope with weeds, which have developed a tolerance to Roundup and many other chemicals.

After the seminar we loaded in cars to go see the TP&L wind farm components. There are over 800 acres of towers, blades, nacelles and components that make up the huge generators. GE is the largest owners of these towers.

Friday evening was spent enjoying a catered meal and being entertained by Weston Wilkerson of Johnson, KS, with his singing and guitar playing. He also is a student of GCCC. President Monte and Diana then offered up some mighty tasty ice cream.

Saturday morning, President Monte Billheimer opened the official meeting with the early bird door prize that was won by Darrell Lemons of the Heartland Chapter. The Flag Salute, Nation Anthem and Flying Farmer song followed. The Mayor of Garden City, J.K Cessna (yes, a relative of Clyde Cessna), welcomed the group and gave us an overview of Garden City and much of its progress. Monte introduced the three IFF officers in attendance, and the out of staters. Jack Jenkinson gave the memorial service for those who passed away this past year, which included Elsie White, Robert McFall and Richard Mosier. Reports were given by all the officers and election of officers was held.

The new officers for the 2018-2019 year are: Gene Shore, President; Vice President, John Jenkinson; Treasurer, Marilyn Bartel; Ladies Vice, Diana Billerheimer; Editor, Harry Bartel and Secretary, Kay Berghaus. East Directors are Ralph White and Larry Shippy and West Directors are Harry and Marilyn Bartel. Installation of officers was done by IFF Past President Zelda Lewis. Meeting adjourned.

After the Saturday night banquet our only teen contestant Rylee Bigley, performed a number for us on her saxophone. Haley Shore was crowned as our Kansas Farmerette. After much drama from our past Red Cap, John Jenkinson, found a new Red Cap, Trevon Harris, who escorted our new Queen, his mother, Janean Harris, to the
front to be crowned by Rhonda Bohrer, IA/Mo Queen, with the assistance of our past queens Jana Jenkinson and Diana Billheimer. The remainder of the evening was spent visiting and watching the new Farmerette and Queen open their many lovely gifts.

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Sunday morning after breakfast a church service was held, directed by John Jenkinson. We all said our goodbyes and returned home.

**Uses for Coconut Oil**

1. Insect repellent – mix coconut oil with peppermint oil extract and rub it all over exposed skin. Keeps insects off better than anything with Deet! Tons safer too.

2. Great for dogs and cats for general wellness. Just add a teaspoon to their water bowl daily.

3. Goo Gone - just mix equal parts coconut oil and baking soda into a paste. Apply to the “sticky” area and let it set for a minute. Then scrub off with an old toothbrush or the scrubby side of a sponge.

4. Chewing Gum in Hair Remover – just rub some coconut oil over the stuck chewing gum, leave in for about 30 minutes, then roll the gum between your fingertip. Voila! It's out!

5. Polish Furniture - coconut oil with a little bit of lemon juice to polish wood furniture. However, I recommend you test it first on a very small, unobtrusive part of your furniture to make sure it works the way you’d like.

6. Polishing Bronze - all you have to do is rub a little oil into a cotton towel and then wipe down the statue. It cleans and helps deepen the color of your bronze.

7. Seasoning cookware

8. Moisturizing and cleaning leather products.

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**If College Students Wrote the Bible**

The Last Supper would have been eaten the next morning – cold.

The Ten Commandments would actually be only five; double-spaced and written in large font.

Paul’s letter to the Romans would become Paul’s email to abuse@romans.gov.

Reason why Cain killed Abel: They were roommates.

A new edition would be published every two years in order to limit reselling.
How great to see so many Flying Farmers brave the weather to come to our 64th convention!! Not even the 6 inches of wet snow on Thursday hindered the attendance.

Friday afternoon, we caravanned with one small bus and a few vans to the world-famous Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump. Touring the facility, we learned a lot about the aboriginal life style. The displays were interesting and taught about the hardships of years past.

After our tour, we had a nice rib supper at Casa Roma restaurant. Thankfully, there was a big room to have our business meeting. This was our first time having the meeting after supper. Everybody did attend the meeting, but it was difficult to cover everything.

Saturday, we began our caravan again. Our first stop was to the fish farm. (The picture of the two barns and green house was taken last summer with my airplane.) The owner, Klaas Den Toom, told his story of how after his contract to raise hogs for Japan was finished, the family decided to raise fish in one of the empty barns. With a long learning curve, they now ship 10,000 lbs. of tilapia fish every week. That particular Wednesday they had shipped 12,000 lbs. The Flying Farmers had all kinds of questions about tilapia fish.
questions, so our visit lasted a long time. There was a lot to see and we were amazed at what he had accomplished.

Our appointment for lunch was at the Jumbo Valley Hutterite Colony. There was some concern that our group of 57 may be too large for their dining area. However, we found their modern facility easily accommodated us. The girls served us a first-class meal in short order. Later, we toured in small groups their school, church, modern housing and huge shop. There was not enough time to see it all, but all were impressed with what they had built. Paved driveways with lawns and trees made an impressive place.

In the afternoon, our group divided with some going back to the hotel and others going on to tour the Poelman Apiary. Those that toured the apiary were really impressed. The Poelmans, with their equipment, fill 50 - 45-gallon barrels with honey in a good day. It was good to see their operation, from using the wax, to making their own boxes, how to handle the large barrels and much more. We were given a case of containers of honey that was handed out at the evening banquet.

The guest speaker at the banquet was Gary Watson who told of being on the front lines with Fighter Jets in the 1960s. At the banquet, we were very pleased to crown Cheryl Goyer as our new Queen.

Sunday morning, we gathered back at the Casa Roma meeting room for a church service. Stefan Ulrich, who as a teenager had a motorcycle accident that left him paralyzed, gave the message talking about 'soaring as eagles.'

It was a pleasure to have our IFF President and Vice-President plus a few from Saskatchewan come to be with us. It was wonderful that through most of the sessions we had close to 60 people in attendance. I hope some of the others will share their pictures as I had battery trouble with my phone.

I know this is a little late but if anyone would like to send a thank you card here are the addresses:

Current Prairie Fish Farm, Box 417, Nobleford, AB T0L 1S0

Jumbo Valley Hutterite Colony, Box 747, Fort Macleod, AB T0L 0Z0

Ryan Poelman, Box 1851, Fort Macleod, AB T0L 0Z0

Q: What do you call the wife of a Hippie?
A: Mississippi

Pasteurize: Too far to see
Flying Farmers visit Evansville

 Twelve dedicated members of the Wisconsin Flying Farmers organization drove through ice, snow, and strong winds to get to Evansville for their state convention, April 15-17. The group had an action-packed stay with sightseeing, socializing, and visits to local restaurants, factories and museums. They stayed at the Boarders Inn & Suites in Evansville, which was centrally located for their sightseeing.

 The convention opened with a tour of Grandpa’s Farm Museum at Magnolia and a pizza supper at Romano’s Pizzeria in Evansville. The second day of the convention consisted of more tours at Baker Manufacturing Company and Evansville’s Museum at the Historic Baker Office Building, managed by the Evansville Grove Society. Then, they had lunch at Rock ’n Rollz Sandwich Co. and an afternoon tour of Midwest Distribution Center.

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and Manufacturing Facility of Kuhn North America at Brodhead, WI. The convention concluded with dinner at Romano’s Pizzeria.

The attendees enjoyed their stay in Evansville and were very appreciative of everyone showing them a good time!

The focal point of the state convention was the tour at Kuhn North America, which is the largest manufacturer of agricultural implements in the world. The rest of the convention was organized around lodging in Evansville with its restaurants, businesses and a museum.

“Grandpa’s Farm” is a new museum located at Larson Acres of Magnolia Township. It houses Ed Larson’s collection of about 1,100 dairy, farm and household antiques purchased from across the United States, but primarily in the Midwest.

Who are the Flying Farmers?

Jeff Thompson, convention organizer, visited the various tour sites on April 13th. Thompson met with Jennifer Ehle and Don Cook at Evansville’s local museum (at the Historic Baker Office Building) where he offered some background information about the International Flying Farmers, which was supplemented by IFF’s informative website.

The organization got its start in Oklahoma in 1944 after World War II, when several farmers formed the Oklahoma Flying Farmers Association. These farmers had a common bond – they owned and used airplanes in their farming and ranching operations, but sometimes the planes were used to deliver groceries and buy livestock feed, deliver the mail, etc. It became a national organization in 1945 through 1961 then an international organization from 1961 to the present.

At its peak in the 1970’s, Thompson estimated that the organization has 10,000 members, but its membership began to decline in the 1980’s. The IFF has a current membership of approximately 475 members with twenty members in Wisconsin.

Thompson said most of their members are retired farmers, but that is not required. During the summer, the Wisconsin Chapter tries to schedule monthly flying opportunities.

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Two friends were going on a trip to Florida. A neighbor told them that they would be fine as long as they paid attention to the road signs along the way. But they had driven just 30 miles when they saw one that read, “Clean restrooms ahead.”

Two months later, they arrived in Florida exhausted, having used up 86 bottles of Windex, 267 rolls of paper towels and three cases of toilet bowl cleaner.

Total restrooms cleaned: 450

A kangaroo kept getting out of his enclosure at the zoo. Knowing that he could hop high, the zoo officials put up a 10-foot fence. He was out the next morning, just sauntering around the zoo. A 20-foot fence was put up. Again, he got out.

When the fence was 40 feet high, a camel in the next enclosure asked the kangaroo, “How high do you think they’ll go?”

The kangaroo said, “About a thousand feet, unless somebody locks the gate at night!”

Thanks for the prayers over the years when the Kansas Department of Transportation took our house and barns, and also after my small stroke a week after they were demolished. Then, many, many thanks for all the cards, calls, visits, memorials, and again prayers when David suddenly and unexpectedly died a month later; your kindness is greatly appreciated. He is missed.

With love,
Joan and Bill Lieber
## 2018 IFF Convention Chairpersons

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SASKATOON, Saskatchewan
Sheraton Cavalier Hotel
August 1st to the 5th

Tuesday, July 31st

3 – 8 pm Registration (Conference Foyer)
3pm Executive Meeting (Officers Suite)

Wednesday, August 1st

8am Welcome Breakfast – Recognize 1st Timers (Centre)
9-10am Credentials/Delegates (South Room)
9-10am By-laws (West Room)
10-11am Delegates/Board (South Room)
10-11am Publications (West Room)
11-12noon Executive/Delegates (South Room)
11-12noon Tours (West Room)
12-1:30pm Lunch on your own
12-1:30pm PQUADS Luncheon (Canadian Room)
12-1:30pm Queen & Red Cap Mixer (Cavalier Room)
1-5pm Hospitality Room Open (Hampton’s)
1:30-3pm Seminar – Moria Kurtenbach (South Room)
3-4:30pm Seminar – Camille Lapierre (West Room)
5-6pm Social Hour – cash bar (Top of the Inn)
6-9:30pm Dinner & Entertainment (top of the Inn)

Thursday, August 2nd

7-9am Continental Breakfast (Centre)
9am Business Meeting (East Room)
10am Break (Conference Foyer)
10:15am Business Meeting Resumes (East Room)
11:30-2pm Member Luncheon (Centre)
2-5pm Hospitality Room Open (Hampton’s)
2:30-4:15pm Seminar-Canadian Light Source (East Room)
5-7pm Dinner on your own
7:30-9pm Awards Night (East Room)

Ice Cream Social to honor IFF President Alex Knox
Sponsored by Arizona Flying Farmers
Friday, August 3rd
7-8:30 am   Continental Breakfast (Centre)
8:45am      Board Buses
            All Day Tours – lunch & dinner included
9pm         Return to hotel

Saturday, August 4th
7-9am       Continental Breakfast (Centre)
9am         Business Meeting (East Room)
10am        Break (Conference Foyer)
10:15am     Business Meeting Resumes
11:15am-2pm Luncheon on your own
12-1:30pm   Past Presidents & Spouses Luncheon (Canadian Room)
12-1:30pm   Officers & Spouses Luncheon (Cavalier Room)
1-5pm       Hospitality Room Open
2-3pm       Seminar – Brenda Kwiatkoski (East Room)
3-4pm       Seminar – Robert Therrien (East Room)
3-4pm       Coronation Rehearsal (Canadian Room)
4-5:45pm    Group Photos (Canadian Room)
6-7pm       Social Hour-cash bar (Centre)
7-11pm      Coronation Banquet & Entertainment (Centre)

Sunday, August 5th
9-10am      Worship Service (East Room)
            Collection to STARS Saskatchewan

STARS offers time, hope and life-saving transport to critically ill and injured patients. STARS is a charitable, non-profit organization, and the STARS Foundation is the fundraising arm of the organization. Funding is met through donations received from individuals, service groups, business and corporations, municipalities, and through collaborative agreements with provincial governments. The incredible ongoing support of the community helps us continually enhance our innovative and leading-edge air medical programs and service. For more information about STARS, visit their website at https://www.stars.ca/sk/

Plan to arrive on Tuesday, July 31st in order to register. Officers will have a meeting at 3:00 pm on Tuesday. The convention begins at 8:00 am on Wednesday, August 1st with the Welcome Breakfast.
2018 IFF STANDING COMMITTEES

By-Laws
Co-Chairs: Hannah McDonald & Anola Laing

Credentials
Co-Chairs: Joan & Carl Gillis

Nominating
Chairperson: Zelda Lewis

Auditing
Chairperson: Judy Conard

Tours
Co-Chairs: Ken & Colette Pierce
Joel Wharton

Publications
Chairperson: Colene Sager

Parliamentarian
Jamie Sossaman

Note to Chapters

You will have 1 delegate to the convention for each 25 members. Previously it was 1 per 50 members. Therefore, you may have more delegates than in previous years. Be sure to choose your delegates as soon as possible and inform the IFF office who they are.
Corn with straw mulch builds yield, soil carbon
Increasing yield, carbon storage with mulch options

How do you boost soil water content and soil health without irrigating? Best cover it with a layer of straw, a new study concludes.

Farmers in China’s Loess Plateau have for decades used both plastic and straw as a soil cover, or mulch, between crops. Much of the region’s agriculture, of which corn is a large part, is dryland; the crops depend solely on seasonal rainfall. Dry spells can hurt crop growth and yield. So the two mulches—both inexpensive and readily available—are used to stop water loss from evaporation and keep soil warm.

Although the mulches had been in use since the 1970s, “there were no studies being done about the effect of mulching on soil quality, soil health, and carbon sequestration,” said Upendra M. Sainju. Sainju is a soil scientist at the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab in Montana.

To investigate this, as well the mulches’ effects on corn yields, the scientists designed a five-year experiment in which they compared straw mulch, plastic mulch, and no mulch. At their test plots at the Changwu Agro-Ecological Station, they covered the soil in May and removed the mulches when the corn was harvested in October. They took soil samples at the end of each season to analyze carbon. The scientists also compared corn yields between the different plots.

On average, corn yield was highest in the plastic mulch, by 21 to 25 percent. Straw mulch also increased yield compared to bare soil, but only by five percent. What could be responsible for this difference? Since straw is high in carbon, decomposer microbes feed on free nitrogen in soil to balance their diet. This takes nitrogen—a key plant nutrient—away from the corn, affecting its yield.

However, soil organic carbon was highest in the straw mulch plots. This is desirable because carbon-rich soils are better at removing greenhouse gases from the air, said Sainju. Higher-carbon soils also hold more nutrients and have a cookie crumb-like structure. Both of these qualities benefit crops.

In the plastic mulch plots, the extra water boosted microbial activity. The hungry microbes consumed soil organic matter, converting it to carbon dioxide in the process. Using up the soil carbon this quickly reduces the ability of soil to act as a sink for carbon.

“We thought that the plastic mulch would be better because it increases soil moisture,” said Sainju. “The result was surprising in the sense that if you have too much water it increases the microbial activity, which can break down organic carbon.”

Building soil carbon is an important long-term goal worldwide, especially in China. Farmers in China can earn money from carbon credits when they improve soil’s ability to store carbon. This makes straw the winner, according to the researchers. Although straw mulch increased microbial activity that used nitrogen, growers can adjust nitrogen fertilizer use to help balance out the processes. This will increase soil carbon and create high yields.

Next, Sainju is going to test the mulches on a farmer’s field. He adds that he also plans to help write a policy guideline for the Chinese government on the benefits of mulching.

The study was published in the Soil Science Society of America Journal. The National Natural Science Foundation of China and International Scientific and Technological Cooperation and Exchange Project of Shaanxi Province, China funded the project.

American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America, Crop Science Society of America: Collectively, these Societies represent more than 12,000 individual members around the world. The scientists’ memberships build collaborating partnerships in the agronomy, crops, and soils science fields for the advancement of knowledge.
Conversation with James Meyer

Submitted By Jim Meyer
Illinois Flying Farmer

And so, the story begins. After working with Dr. Kline for exactly 30 years before his retirement, Meyer bought the practice and continued his lifetime of work. He sold the Gibson City Veterinary Clinic in 2005.

What Doc says he likes best about his profession is the people. You know, the owners of the animals, which are his patients. “You get to know everybody. They are your friends. You get to know their kids and grandkids. That is the part I miss the most – the relationship with people.” Said Doc Meyer. “When you work with cattle for a half a day, you get to know the farmers and you socialize with them. But when you start getting more clients, you don’t get to know the people as well,” added the veterinarian.

But because of all this, getting to know the people and all, Doc Meyer developed a deep friendship with many people. And that’s where the topic of flying comes in. “One of my clients told me about learning to fly. He was in a flying club and at one time he had his own plane,” explains Meyer. One Sunday morning Meyer was on an emergency
call and went by the airstrip and noticed three or four of them were there at that time. “So, I stopped and took a flight around town.” Next time when he was on an emergency run he stopped again. “Three days later I was on my way to Bloomington to get flying lessons.”

Doc Meyer started flying Friday, July 7, 1960 with his first lesson at Bloomington. “One of the local flying club members would fly me to Bloomington, I would take an hour’s lesson, and he would fly me back,” explained Meyer. After eight hours, Meyer went solo and got his license in 1961. “I have flown many miles since that time. Somewhere along the line I picked up instrument reading, so I can get home most of the time,” added Doc with a smile. He now has a Cessna 182 four-passenger one-engine plane which he stores at the Paxton Airport.

Again, one of Meyer’s friends talked to him about Flying Farmers and the benefits of being a member of that organization. He joined Flying Farmers in 1962.

Meyer said he was told about a gathering the group was having and “Anita and I flew over there and landed on a grass strip.” There were about two dozen planes parked there when they arrived for the group’s potluck. “It looked like a fun group, so I signed up,” said Meyer. He served as president of that group for six years.

Meyer explained that the group is getting pretty small in numbers as members are getting older and don’t fly much anymore. Also, Meyer said there are not as many farmers anymore, “a lot less in fact.”

Meyer explained that with the new navigational systems, pilots don’t have to worry so much about getting lost. “I have better instruments than the commercial airlines had 30 years ago. I maybe got lost once for a short time and had to think about it. I always look for that checkpoint. When I learned to fly, we learned to fly without radios, just by dead reckoning where you figured out your windspeed and looked for checkpoints, towns, and other sites.”

Meyer said he still flies quite a lot. “I have had 80 hours this year and last year it was 120 hours. You have to make three take-offs and landings within three months to keep current. Meyer remembers one time when he “was where I didn’t want to be. We were in ice and it was nice to get on the airstrip and get on the ground. I have never had an emergency landing.”

Meyer said that Anita was diagnosed with breast cancer in April one year. She was really “down in the dumps.” He told her, “You and I are going to the National Veterinary Convention by ourselves.” So Meyer said the children stayed with their grandparents and he and his wife flew to New Orleans all by themselves for “a week just for us.” After that, this annual convention became a tradition. “Every year we went to the convention in July. Also went to some Flying Farmers Conventions.”

Doc Meyer and his wife Anita have made two trips in their lifetime that they will always remember. One was to Guatemala in 1981 and about three years ago they traveled to Bolivia. Both were mission trips with the Peace and Justice Commission of the Joliet Diocese of the Catholic Church.

Meyer vividly remembers the trip to Bolivia where Anita worked with the education team and he worked with the construction team. “We built a house in 10 days. It was an adobe house up on the mountain. We had to carry the bricks up the side
of the mountain.” Meyer recalls a lady who lived there whom they called “Granny” who spoke only the native language. “She was wiry. She could outwork me. I don’t know how old she was,” added Meyer.

But as the group hauled those bricks and sand up the mountain, one little girl in particular caught not only Meyer’s eye, but his heart as well. He said the little girl was about six years old. They would lay their shawls on the ground and put sand on them, wrap and tie them in a knot and trudge up the hill with this sand on their backs. It was this little girl who grabbed Meyer’s hand as they walked up the hill. “That house was for her family. That is why I did it.” He talked about how poor the people were in this area of Bolivia and Guatemala. “The trips were very rewarding, and I will always remember those experiences,” recalls Meyer.

But now, after all this, veterinary services to local residents, trips with Flying Farmers and trips to South America, Doc Meyer also wears another hat. For the past two years, he has been a part of Angel Flight which helps people in need. This group’s mission is to serve people in need by arranging charitable flights for access to health care and other humanitarian purposes.”

Since the group began in 1995, volunteer pilots have flown over three million charitable miles, helping more than 5,000 people. Meyer explained that Angel Flight is there whether it be a child requiring access to medical treatment in another area of the country or an adult requiring immediate travel due to a family crisis. Angel Flight Central is there trying to match each special need with a volunteer pilot or transportation service who can help. Meyer says he has taken people to hospitals such as Mayo Clinic and to Cancer Treatment Centers of America for cancer treatment or to Cincinnati where there is a good surgical team for those needing that service. One-third of Meyer’s flying time last year was spent flying for Angel Flight while the year before was nearly 25 percent.

As to his personal flights, Meyer unfolds a large map of the United States and surrounding countries displaying the trips he and Anita have taken to Alaska, Mexico, Nova Scotia, Jamaica, Canada, the West Indies as well as flying over Cuba, just to name a few. Meyer said on the flight to Alaska, they stopped in Canada several times before flying into Fairbanks and then north to the Artic Circle to a small Indian Village. That trip was the farthest north the Meyer couple traveled.

The couple also spent a month flying around in Australia, once stopping in a village with a population of two. Meyer laughed as he recalled the situation. “Sixty-two of us flew in and we had to spend the night because of the weather. That was fun. Instead of sitting outside and looking at the North Star, we were sitting outside looking at the Southern Cross.” This trip as well as many of his other flying adventures were all a part of Flying Farmers tours. “I have seen more people and more places because I am a flyer – from cranberry bogs, blueberry places, peach orchards, crawdad farm in Louisiana and every ag venture there is, we get to see that because of Flying Farmers,” added Meyer. “Without being a member of Flying Farmers, many of these trips would never have been possible,” explained Meyer.
Because of his ties with friends and his desire to be with people of all kinds, Meyer can honestly say he has been everywhere, seen a lot of places and definitely met a lot of different people. Who would have ever thought that all those years ago when this young veterinarian made his way to Gibson City, that he would be traveling around the world, sharing his love of people and animals as he traveled? And he continues to share this love even after his retirement.

**Special Feature**

**More Interesting Facts About Airplanes**

- Airport control tower windows must be angled at precisely 15 degrees from vertical at the top to decrease reflections from both inside and outside the tower.
- The average Boeing 747 has around 150–175 miles of wiring inside it.
- The C-5, one of the longest military aircrafts, is longer than six stories tall. Its length of 143 feet is longer than the Wright Brother’s first flight of 120 feet.
- The Boeing 767 sucks in enough air through its engines to fill a Good Year Blimp in 7 seconds.
- The tires of a Boeing KC-135 jet tanker’s landing gear consist of 8 main gear wheels and two nose wheels. This is enough material to make 100 automobile tires.
- There have been more astronauts than pilots who have flown the Concorde, which is now out of service. The Concorde was a turbo jet-powered, supersonic passenger jet airliner that was in service from 1976 to 2003. Many consider the aircraft an engineering marvel.
- The first woman in the U.S. to become licensed to fly a plane was Harriet Quimby (1875–1912) in 1911. She was also the first woman to fly across the English Channel.
- Amelia Earhart (1897–1937) was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She also helped created “The Ninety-Nines,” which was an organization for female pilots, who also achieved many other notable accomplishments.
- Commercial airport runways are typically 2 to 4 feet thick with layers of asphalt. Taxiways are usually thinner, with around 18 inches of concrete.
- Airplanes typically fly at an altitude of around 35,000 feet. If Earth were the size of a desktop globe, a plane at that height would be flying at only 1/10 of an inch off the surface.

**Dentist:** I have to pull that bad tooth, but don’t worry, it will take just five minutes.

**Patient:** And how much will it cost?

**Dentist:** It’s $90

**Patient:** $90 for just a few minutes of work?

**Dentist:** I can extract it very slowly if you like.
By Tina Wharton  
Delmarva Flying Farmer

On April 21st, Steve Applegate from Delmarva hosted a walking tour of Annapolis, Maryland. We toured the Naval Academy and saw the athletic building with Olympic pool. The midshipmen must swim the length of the pool in full uniform by their junior year. They also must jump off the ten-foot-high dive fully uniformed. We saw a sample dorm room and were told how completely neat the rooms must be kept. We toured Memorial Hall where a lot of ceremonies are held. We also toured the naval museum and saw a large collection of model ships. Some were built in the 1600’s and were very detailed. Prisoners of war made some of the ship models out of bone. We then walked to the Hammond-Harwood House and Museum and toured the house and grounds. The town of Annapolis is a beautiful, quaint, old town. The weather was perfect for a walking tour.

Attending the tour were Joel and Tina Wharton and Steve Applegate. After a delicious lunch at Chick and Ruth’s Delly, we ended our fun afternoon.
March 17, 2018 saw a good crowd of flying farmers gather at John & Marlene Black’s barn for “The Wearing of the Green”. A social time was enjoyed before all assembled to be introduced to neighbours and guests of the Blacks. Following grace, a delicious meal of scalloped potatoes and ham accompanied by a variety of salads was enjoyed. The dessert table was bountiful as always.

Our speakers were Rev Janet Jones and her daughter, Evelyn, who had been on a mission trip to Nicaragua in 2017. They outlined the preparations needed for such an undertaking. The welcome they received was heart warming and they now truly appreciate what they have in Canada. The colourful bus used to transport the group intrigued the youth, but mother did not appreciate seeing the road below her!!

The youth were positively impacted by the experience and look forward to other opportunities in the future. Mary Hawthorne thanked Janet and Evelyn for their informative presentation. One plane was able to fly in as March was blessed with little snow this year. Three former OFF teens made a special effort to reconnect at this fly-in. So nice to see you at Flying Farmers. Thanks to John and Marlene for hosting this fly-in. A short executive meeting completed a great fly-in.

What an unusual spring we are having — very little snow here and now in April we get it dumped on us — 9 inches yesterday. But with the sun and warmer weather it is melting away and running down the waterways!

In early March I did make it to the Iowa/Missouri Convention even if my GPS made a few mistakes—ask me about it! I remember the highlight was Chris and Carol Detje were honored as the Man and Woman of the Year.

The next week I left at 4:30 AM to drive to Draper, SD for Ellen and Bill’s party. I had
200 miles left to go and I ran into icy roads (cars in the ditch)! So, I aborted the trip.

I had planned on going airlines to the Alberta Convention but could not make the right connections. Then on April 15th (should be nice weather this month) I planned to drive to the Wisconsin Convention in Evansville – a drive of about 200 miles. I planned to leave early and as I stepped out the door it was snowing and sleeting—again! Waited and later in the morning it cleared, and I started out. I got 40 miles down the road when it got heavier so I stopped and called the convention chairman. He recommended to cancel – again!

So maybe I could make it to Manitoba Convention on April 20-21. After making the reservations it happened again! We got a big blizzard the day I would leave—so again I canceled!! I received nine inches and some others in the area got up to 15 inches.

The next on my schedule is the Minnkota Convention in Wahpeton, ND on June 13-15. I am sure there will not be any snow then—we hope!

If you are flying—Keep your speed up. If you are driving WATCH YOUR SPEED!

The Chapters of Region 6 have successfully completed all their conventions. I must say they were all great conventions and it was a pleasure to attend each one of them.

The IA/Mo Chapter Convention in Ames, Iowa was March 2nd-4th. It had us going on transmitter site. This is the only way a pilot should get a close-up view of a 2000-foot TV tower. We were glad to have friends from Minnesota, Kansas and Illinois attend. Of course, there are always some who can’t attend, and we missed seeing them.

Rhonda and I welcomed Larry and Sharon Jennings on our trip to Kansas Convention in Garden City, Kansas. They had a good convention too. There are so many interesting things to see when you visit a new place. Seeing acres of wind turbine blades was pretty cool. The weather cooperated for a good trip. We left Iowa just in time for a snow storm to come through. That was too bad because it was nice and warm in Kansas.

The IA/MO Chapter had an interesting tour in April. We went to the old Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison, Iowa. It was constructed more than 175 years ago as a territorial prison. That was almost a decade before Iowa’s statehood. It’s hard to believe men would have to spend any amount of time there. Just last year sometime, they closed the prison and moved the prisoners to a new state-of-the-art facility. Somebody tried to lock me in but there weren’t any keys. The Chatfield’s great granddaughter Kendra, called me stranger danger when she saw me behind bars.

Hope to see everyone in Saskatoon, August 1st to the 5th. It looks like there will be a lot to do and things to see.
15 members who attended the meeting led by President Art. Following the meeting we enjoyed a wonderful potluck. It had been awhile since we had met in a home and there is no better place to enjoy the opportunity to visit with everyone. We had one guest attend, Dave Dorman, who is a pilot living in the same area as the Sager home.

Fresh Strawberry Muffins

- ½ c. butter, softened
- ⅔ c. sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ cup milk
- ⅓ tsp vanilla
- 1 ½ c. chopped strawberries
- 3 tsp sugar
- ½ tsp cinnamon

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg and mix well.
Sift flour, baking powder and salt in small bowl. Add flour mixture and milk alternately to butter mixture. Add vanilla. Gently stir in strawberries.

Spoon batter into muffin pans. Combine sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over muffins.

Bake at 400° F for 20-25 minutes. Makes one dozen muffins.

Groaners

Q: How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?
A: Concrete floors are very hard to crack.

Q: If it took 8 men 10 hours to build a wall, how long would it take 4 men to build it?
A: No time at all since it is already built.

Q: If you had 3 apples and 4 oranges in one hand and 4 apples and 3 oranges in the other hand, what would you have?
A: Very large hands.

Q: How can you lift an elephant with one hand?
A: It is not a problem, since you will never find an elephant with one hand.

Q: How can a man go 8 days without sleep?
A: He sleeps at night.

Q: Why is it impossible to send a telegram to Washington today?
A: Because he is dead.

Q: What often falls but never gets hurt?
A: Rain.

Q: What looks like half an apple?
A: The other half.
Walter J. Noffsinger 1935-2018

Walter J. Noffsinger passed away peacefully at his winter home in Mesa, AZ on March 6, 2018. He was born on November 20, 1935 to Walter S. and Hilda (Rhees) Noffsinger in Oakwood, Ohio. He married Shelby Jean Barnes on September 30, 1956 and they enjoyed 62 years together. They had three children, Lynn Allan, Rhonda and Colette, 6 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Walter and Shelby had a passion for motorcycles. They went into a partnership on a dealership with American Honda Motor Company in 1962. They enjoyed trips on their Hondas and lived the theme “You meet the nicest people on a Honda.”

In 1970, Walter and Shelby decided to follow their lifelong dream and learn to fly an airplane. They soon purchased a Tri-Pacer and joined the Ohio Flying Farmers. They later purchased a Piper Arrow 200 and traveled to many states. Walter enjoyed flying over his farms and found the Arrow to be too fast for checking the land, so he purchased a Super Cub. Walter served on many committees in the Ohio Chapter and served as their president.

John Richard Green 1922-2018

John passed peacefully at the Claresholm Hospital on Saturday March 10th, four days short of his 96th birthday. He was born in Pandora, Alberta on March 14, 1922 and considered himself a lanky six-foot two Son of the Southern Alberta Prairies.

John was a passionate family man, farmer and pilot. He farmed for 70 years in the High River, Nanton areas and was an active member of the Flying Farmer community for close to 30 years. He was a founding member and long-time volunteer at the Bomber Command Museum.

John was predeceased by his first wife Jean (Stephenson) in 1960 and Rita (Cameron) in 2017. He is lovingly remembered by his family of six children Neall (Llizabet) Coulson, Lloyd (Pauline) Green, Teresa Husted, Sharalee Greene, Rodney (Maureen) Green, Ellen (Wayne) Brown; 21 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Remember

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you planned:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

~Christina Rosetti

Ruth was passionate about farming and agriculture her entire adult life. She enjoyed her family, sewing, flower gardening, baking, dancing, flying, her homemakers group and volunteering. She was a lifelong member of the Richmond United Methodist Church, a 4-H sewing leader for 40 years, a Johnstown Township Zoning Board member, a member of the Wisconsin and Rock County Pork Producers, and a 50 plus year member of the International Flying Farmers. She was inducted into the Rock County Agricultural Business Council Hall of Fame in 2012.

She is survived by her children: Loleta Udee, Randall Dodge, Kathy Skelton, Sandy Jones, Mary Lou Johnson, Anne Wilhite, Diana Klade, and Lori DuCharme; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and her sister, Luella Shackelford.

You’ve just walked on ahead of me
And I’ve got to understand
You must release the ones you love
And let go of their hand.
I try and cope the best I can
But I’m missing you so much
If I could only see you
And once more feel your touch.
Yes, you’ve just walked on ahead of me
Don’t worry I’ll be fine
But now and then I swear I feel
Your hand slip into mine.

Marjorie Irene Stonecipher, 90, a longtime resident of Moses Lake passed away Friday, March 30, 2018 at home. She was born on October 31, 1927 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa daughter of the late Joseph and Hazel Ely.

Marjorie was a nurse working as a private duty nurse and at hospitals. Reading mystery books, growing flowers, cats and being a member of the “Flying Farmers” gave her joy. She loved spending time with family.

Survivors include her three children, Cherie I. Perry, Michelle L. Goodman and Rebecca Jo “Becky” Stonecipher; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one great-great grandson; and many nieces and nephews including Darrall and Cathi King of Moses Lake.

She was a very supportive member of the Washington Flying Farmers and International Flying Farmers for 11 years.
EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2018 NOTAM NOW AVAILABLE FOR PILOTS FLYING TO OSHKOSH

Oshkosh air traffic procedures are required reading for all aviators flying to AirVenture

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — (April 30, 2018) — The Federal Aviation Administration has released the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018 Notice to Airmen (NOTAM), featuring arrival and departure procedures for EAA’s 66th annual fly-in convention July 23-29 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

The NOTAM, which is in effect from 6 a.m. CDT on Friday, July 20, until noon CDT on July 30, outlines procedures for the many types of aircraft that fly to Oshkosh for the event, as well as aircraft that land at nearby airports.

The NOTAM was designed by the FAA to assist pilots in their EAA AirVenture flight planning. This year’s NOTAM cover features aviation fans watching the air show at Oshkosh.

While the overall procedure is generally similar to past years, there are a number of changes compared to the 2017 version. It is essential that pilots flying to Oshkosh thoroughly read the 2018 NOTAM for the most updated information. Some of those changes include:

- Oshkosh Taxiway Bravo has been realigned, with resulting changes to aircraft parking and camping areas
- Oshkosh Ground Control frequency has been changed to 132.3
- Descriptions of Seaplane Base procedures and Transient Helicopter area have been updated
- Madison Approach Control frequencies and airspace boundary altitudes have changed
- Two southern Wisconsin VORs have been decommissioned
- IFR routings and the list of airports requiring IFR reservations has been updated

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