2019 Calendar of Events

February 2019
2 – Arizona Annual Meeting & Snowbird Fly-in - Sossaman Farm’s Great Hall, 19101 E Ocotillo Rd, Queen Creek, AZ (SW corner of Sossaman Rd and Ocotillo Rd) For further information contact Sue Sossaman: 480-987-9188; 1919homestead@gmail.com

7-10 – Heartland Convention - Kersey, CO

March 2019
1-3 – Iowa/Missouri Convention - Burlington, IA

8-10 – Kansas Convention - Ramada Convention Center, 420 SE 6th St, Topeka, KS  66607  Phone:  785-234-5400  Room reservations must be made by February 14, 2019

April 2019
12-14 – Alberta Convention - Medicine Hat Lodge Hotel, 1051 Ross Glen Dr SE, Medicine Hat, AB  Phone:  403-529-2222  Room reservations must be made by March 12, 2019

26-27 – Manitoba Convention - Virden, MB

26-28 – Mid Atlantic Convention - Dover, DE

August 2019
25-28 – IFF Convention - Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, 400 West Douglas Avenue, Wichita, KS

September 2019
17-19 – Region III Convention - Bradley, IL

If you have an item to be placed on the Calendar of Events, please send the DATE, NAME OF EVENT, PLACE WHERE THE EVENT WILL BE HELD, and CONTACT PERSON WITH PHONE NUMBER to the magazine email (flyingfarmersmagazine@hotmail.com) or mail to the IFF Office at P.O. Box 309, Mansfield, IL  61854

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Time does fly, at least at our place. With my pilot medical restraint still in force and active farming taking up a lot of time, it is a relief to see this time flying by.

Winter is with us at this time of year but this year it came on time after a very mild autumn. We had very little snowfall, and temperatures were in the single digit minus C° with a few days above. For us at the 53rd parallel this is not the norm, but it was soothing after a long and drawn-out harvest.

We had a good run for marketing the crops with decent prices. It seems the railways have heeded to government pressure to move grains and not focus on the lucrative crude oil market. We hope the markets stabilize and pursue a trend which is in the farmers’ favor.

I attended the Saskatchewan Farm Stewardship Association annual meeting in December. This farmer body strives to make sure that acres available for producing food are well taken care of. The main thrust of action is to promote responsible drainage of farm land so as to be able to crop all the majority of acres. You have to take into account our geographical location with appreciable amounts of snowfall and spring runoff, it is imperative that water drainage has to be controlled in order not to create downstream problems. Holding back water for a brief amount makes all the difference in avoidance of major damage. Stewardship of the land is in our hands.

At this meeting I met a young farmer who flies a 1982 T210N. He was very interested in the IFF organization and mentioned that he was aware of a growing number of young farmers getting into aviation. I will pursue the info here in Saskatchewan.

I am a big fan of NASA and the Canadian Space Agency. We currently have one of our astronauts on the ISS. He is a medical doctor and performing great research. Further away I followed the landing of the Mars lander Insight. It amazes me how we can land such a small machine on Mars at a predetermined position and have it conduct sophisticated research.

The visitation schedule has been finalized and is printed in this issue. I am hoping to make it to a few of the chapter conventions. Harry and Marilyn are planning a very interesting convention in Wichita, KS in the latter part of August. Hope to see all of you there and hopefully a few new members.

Till next issue with more flying farmer news, winter well and safe travels.
Blessings of the season and wishes for a wonderful New Year. Where does the time go? I found a little quote from a book by Jo Petty, “how noiseless falls the foot of time!” Here we are to open a new chapter of a new year. It seems to have crept up on us. Noiselessly!

It is Lynn’s and my sincere wish that each and everyone of you had a blessed Christmas, time spent with your loved ones and close friends. It does become a very busy time as we try to cram in dinners, concerts, get togethers with a multitude of people. I was busy with musical concerts, we performed 7 concerts in 8 weeks. Lynn and I helped organize and host the Seniors banquet at our church. It is also a time to reminisce and remember all the good things of the past year. It is said memory is the diary that we all carry with us.

Thank you for all your cards and wishes over the Christmas season. Each card was a gift and a remembrance of you.

As we look forward to this year, Lynn and I are excited about getting to some conferences in the US and other provinces. We are in the planning stages now.

In Alberta, we have had a fairly mild winter so far. Our Christmas Banquet was held in south central Alberta town of Olds which is home to a large Agricultural College. The planning started in May for December 1. From the beginning of November, we would watch the weather trending, and everything looked good until the night before the banquet when we received a Colorado low that stacked up against the mountains resulting in a snowstorm! With a few exceptions, most people were able to get there, however it was not pleasant driving. It was my worst nightmare for anyone travelling - and it came true! Our Alberta farmers are not only brave but exceptionally good drivers in terrible road conditions.

The banquet was wonderful, and the best part was the generosity of our flying farmers. In lieu of gift exchange we took up a collection of items for Operation Christmas Child (a ministry of Billy Graham’s Samaritans Purse). In between Christmas and New Years Lynn and I drove to Calgary and visited the facility to deliver our gifts. What a blessing to see the packed warehouse! Our contribution was VERY gratefully received and the last few boxes were being packed on that day. Our items were put in the “shoe box hospital” which is a place they can draw items to top the last of the boxes. They also told us they take a “hospital” along on the trips in case there is a shortage at the distribution site. This year our (Alberta) boxes are going to the Ukraine, West

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Greetings IFF members, I hope the holidays have treated you well. As I sit and reflect on all that has happened in the past year, I wonder how I had time to do anything. January, February and March found us at several IFF events and we enjoyed each one.

We were planning on getting crops in the ground starting in April, but a couple of snow storms held up progress. May was busy with field work but more importantly we were busy with a new granddaughter. Miss Leilani Grace is growing fast, and we are so happy to have her.

Dale and I traveled to south east Oklahoma in June, for his family reunion. I had a good time meeting family I had only heard about. The group went to McAlester to the Coal Miners Memorial. Dale’s paternal grandfather died in a coal mine. Ervin, Dale’s father was around 7 at the time. We enjoyed hearing the family history as we visited with everyone there.

July was our catch-up month. We had a lot of catch up to do like mowing the lawn and tending to my flowers. Best of all was seeing the crops growing and knowing we would have something to harvest come fall, as long as Mother Nature didn’t do something silly.

August of course was quite exciting. The IFF convention in Saskatoon was one to remember but then how could I forget being crowned your IFF Duchess. It is an honor to be able to tell people about the IFF organization.

September and October found us watching the rain falling and falling and falling. Yes I didn’t think it was ever going to stop. We did attend the Region 3 Convention in Van Wert, Ohio. It was a good time and we stopped to see family on the way home. Of course, the best part of September was the birth of a granddaughter, Melilla Vanessa.

Finally, the rain stopped falling and harvest got under way. Dale finished the beans the Saturday after Thanksgiving. He took time out to have a Thanksgiving meal with family but went back to the combining. We were done with the corn by the middle of December. So, December has been busy. A wedding near Chicago then it was the weekend end before Christmas.

All of my family that could, traveled to my brother David’s home for a Christmas celebration. We were all thanking the good Lord for the safety of his wife Lisa. December 20th Lisa was at the bank when a man with a gun entered the bank and robbed it. He then made her go with him at gun point. They walked across the parking lot and the street, then up a hill before he let her go. We are all so thankful no one was hurt. So as the year ends, I hope you can all reflect on all that has happened in your life and you can be grateful.

May the New Year bring good things to everyone!
Hello everyone! The new year is upon us with 2018 feeling like the fastest year yet!

Since the last time I wrote in school I have enjoyed a school dance where I went with my boyfriend of one year, Noah. I have worked nearly every day, rain, shine, snow, and wind. I enjoy both of my jobs but sometimes the blisters and bruises make horses seem a little pointless. College classes I am taking got easier. I’m officially done with college speech, it was a lot of fun. I gave all 6 of my speeches and never got less than a 93%. We enjoyed spirit week, the start of basketball season and more importantly, Christmas break.

Christmas was wonderful. My mom, step dad Larry, and I made the five hour drive to Ulysses to spend Christmas Eve at my grandparents, Eugene and Janet’s, house. The house was filled with wonderful smells of soup and the hustle and bustle of 21 family members. Gathering around the tree, enjoying each other’s presence, laughing and being happy is always my favorite part of Christmas. My favorite present that I got for Christmas would be car payments! I sold my 2004 Dodge truck and traded up to a 2016 Ford Fusion. I’m definitely excited to get better fuel mileage and saving money.

New Year’s Eve is tomorrow, and New Year’s Day is my mom’s birthday. I plan on making her a layered coconut flavored cake, coconut being her favorite. I hope we can carry out our normal New Year’s tradition and have root beer floats while watching Disney movies. It’s sure to be a wonderful time.

It’s crazy to me that I am halfway through my junior year of high school. This summer I’ll being taking senior pictures, picking colleges, and leaving the bird nest. This spring my older brother Steven is graduating high school and going to college at Kansas State University. He’ll only be 45 minutes away from where I live, maybe I’ll be able to go pester him. And when I say pester, I’m sure there will be cleaning, and cooking involved. I’ve gotten plenty of college letters since the last time I wrote, it’s scary how time is winding down.

Well, I hope you all have an absolutely amazing new year filled with so many blessings. Fingers crossed this year doesn’t go by as fast as the last one!
I was born on October 3, 1927 at 4:45 p.m. just in time for supper. I was the only child born to my parents, and I became “Mother’s Angelic Little Devil’.

I went to elementary school and graduated from High

In the meantime, I started to work in a factory where they manufactured refrigerated display cases for grocery stores. I didn’t like the job. I asked my boss if I could deliver the finished products to the customers, he said, “Yes!” My first delivery was to Brooklyn, N.Y. I was in my “glory”.

In 1958, the farmer who flew his Cub from his cornfield, stopped at our house and told me about National Flying Farmers. He thought I would like to fly to State meetings and to National Flying Farmer Conventions. That appealed to me and I joined in 1958, this year makes me a 60-year member.

In 1972 the State of Pennsylvania was selected to have the honor to be hosts for the International Flying Farmers Convention at the Belleview Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

During the course of events, I fell in love with a girl from a neighboring state, Ohio. We were married on July 15, 1951 at the Central Mennonite
Church, in Archbold, Ohio; We have enjoyed 67 years of marriage together.

In 1995 a local couple was engaged in Vacation Bible School work on the islands of Trinidad and Tobago. She asked for school supplies, especially sharpened pencils, I told her I would be in charge of the pencil brigade. I thought this would be a fun project. I started buying in lots of 100 to 1,000 pencils and then in lots of 5,000 pencils. In 20 years, I sharpened 100,298 pencils and de-commished three commercial pencil sharpeners.

In 1975, we felt we wanted to sponsor a Christmas party for the residents of a small retirement home. It was suggested that a celebration of a different nature would be better at a different time. A Valentine dinner of fried oysters would be a good pick-up time between New Year and Easter. The residents loved it. Now, from 95 residents to 400 residents we have a “celebration” of food, theatrical acts, musical entertainment and fellowship around the 14th of February. This February will be our 44 annual year of celebrations.

I furthered my education in aviation by training for my instrument rating and multi-engine rating in a Piper Aztec. I have a total of 1,000+ hours.

Another highlight of my journey on earth was: I won the premium to conduct the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia on New Year’s Eve, December 31, 1995. We were told that 2,999 people attended the concert that evening. That was my 15 minutes in the “SUN”!

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I retired from driving commercial vehicles and started driving school buses. After 23 years of taking the children to and from school, I retired again. I’m now doing volunteer work at “Care & Share” and “Meals on Wheels”. It feels good to help the folks in the local community who are in need of help.

I want to thank those people for selecting me as “Man of the Year” for 2018-2019. It was a great surprise to receive this award, and I accept it with honor and humility. My wish is to continue to be a worthy member of the International Flying Farmer Organization.

Laughter is inner jogging
Gratitude is the heart’s memory
In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity
Be the change you wish to see in the world
Of all the things we wear, our expression is most noticed
Your talent is God’s gift to you – what you do with it is your gift back to God

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**Thank You**

I want to convey a thank you to everyone who sent cards and letters to Robert the last few years while he was unable to travel. Since he couldn’t hear on the phone very well, cards were something that certainly made his day whenever he received one. The IFF always held a special place in his heart and it was certainly due to all the wonderful people in this organization.

Scott Ingle

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Africa, and Central America. What a wonderful charity! Even though the boxes are delivered after Christmas, the children who receive these boxes may have never been given a gift in their lives. It makes my eyes leak when I think of the joy these children experience!

As we move forward into 2019, we both look forward to seeing many of you again as we travel and look forward to meeting new people. Many blessings to all!
Special Feature

2018-19 IFF Woman of the Year
Velda M. Beidler

By Velda Beidler
Pennsylvania Flying Farmer

What a surprise and an honor to be chosen IFF Woman of the Year at the 73rd Annual International Flying Farmer Convention held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada August 2018! My only regret is that I was unable to be in attendance to receive the beautiful engraved Crystal Bowl sponsored by Patricia Amdor, our IFF Office Manager. Thank you so much Pat!!!

I was born and raised in the Great State of Ohio 35-40 miles west of Toledo on a farm near Archbold. My family included four sisters and two brothers, nieces and nephews. In 1949 I graduated from Archbold High School and began to work in a local factory in Wauseon, Ohio where we assembled floats and carburetors for General Motors in Detroit, Michigan, until I met Gordon R. Beidler of Bally, Pennsylvania. Our first meeting was at Little Eden Church Camp in Onekama, Michigan during Young Adult week. Gordon was a truck driver and sometimes he would stop in and visit on his way to or from Chicago, Illinois, or he would fly airlines to Toledo to see me on a weekend.

We were married on July 15, 1951 in Central Mennonite Church, Archbold, Ohio and will be celebrating our 68th anniversary in July 2019. After our honeymoon In New York and back home to Pennsylvania, we lived with Gordon’s parents. When they welcomed me, my father-in-law said, “We welcome you not as a Daughter-in-law, but as a Daughter-in-love”.

After settling in, I worked in the office of Bally Ribbon Mills where they manufactured narrow woven edged tapes and webbings including 21 items for Astronaut John Glenn’s Space suit. I worked there until I reached the age of 65.

Bally Mennonite Church in Bally, Pennsylvania is my home congregation where I have served on various committees including a leader in Girls Missionary Sewing Circle and teaching Sunday school. I also represent our congregation on the Souderton Mennonite Homes Auxiliary for fundraising activities for the residents living there.
I started taking flying lessons at Lehigh Aircraft in Allentown, Pennsylvania in a Cessna 150. After I received my private pilot’s license, I continued to upgrade to my instrument and multi-engine ratings. I have a total of 800+ hours.

In 1958 I joined the National Flying Farmers Association. My first convention I attended was held in Ft. Collins in 1959.

In 1961 at the convention in Tucson, AZ the organization’s name was changed to International Flying Farmers. As of this date I have attended a total of 50 conventions throughout United States and Canada.

Since 1998 my involvement with Flying Farmers I have served as Secretary, Care Network, and co-editor with Gordon publishing the monthly newsletter which has been an educational as well as a good experience for me. Throughout the years I have visited 23 foreign countries.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Wichita, Kansas in 2019 and at future conventions.
Conventions

Note from Diana . . .

As everyone knows, I am the IFF Secretary/Treasurer and I will be looking at a place for the convention in 2020. I would like to know from all the members, when the best time to have the convention would be. Since we only have one meeting a year now, it is hard to please everyone, but I would really like to hear from the members if there are different times they would like to have the convention. I know for me, the summers are busy for us here on the farm. I would appreciate any feedback the members would like to send me by text, email or calling me. My phone number is 719-242-3816, this is my cell number. My email address is farmertracks@yahoo.com. will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks, Diana

FLYING FARMER NEW ZEALAND TOUR

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The first name on the list is the official IFF Representative and the second is the alternate.
NOMINATION GUIDELINES
IFF Man of the Year &
IFF Woman of the Year

Eligibility: Persons to be considered may be active or associate members in good standing who have contributed to the organization both in their local chapter and on the international level in the areas of interest, time, participation and service. A person who has outstandingly helped to promote the values and standards of the IFF is a likely candidate. This person does not have to be the local chapter Man or Woman of the Year; many of these worthy members are not active on the international level. This should remain a chapter honor. Nominations for the same person may be submitted in successive years.

Procedure: Forms may be obtained on the IFF website or from the IFF office. Chapters are encouraged to submit nominations. Individual members may also make nominations. Nominations will be received, reviewed and selected by the IFF Executive Committee. Nominations may only be made on an official form. All forms must be signed by their senders. If forms are emailed or faxed to the IFF office, they must be followed up by a formed mailed at the postal service.

Completed forms are DUE IN THE IFF office by May 31st.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES
IFF AIRPORT OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

Eligibility: Chapters should submit written resumes of airport operators they feel are deserving of recognition. Nominations should be made of those airport operators who have been of service to their communities and the general public.

Procedure: Written resumes and any supporting documentation must be received at the IFF office by May 1st. Nominations will be reviewed by the IFF Executive Committee and a selection will be made. The award is presented at IFF Convention.

Completed forms are due in the IFF office by May 31st.
The IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund was organized to commemorate IFF members who have given much of their time, talent and resources to ensure continued success of the IFF organization. Donations made to the Fund are utilized to provide an annual college completion scholarship award to a deserving student who must be a lineal descendant of an active IFF member and meets other qualifications as outlined on the scholarship application form.

Donations to the fund are encouraged and serve as a memorial for IFF members how have given so much of their personal time, talent and resources for betterment of the IFF organization. The fund is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization and donations made to it are fully deductible for income tax purposes in the U.S. Canadian members should consult a tax practitioner for tax deductibility north of the border.

Contributions made to the IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund should be mailed to Zelda Lewis, Treasurer, 21527 Larch Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544-6345.

Please Note: Total contributions of at least $150 in memory of any IFF member will ensure that person’s listing on an IFF Memorial Plaque. The plaque is located among artifacts of the International Flying Farmers in the Aviation in American Agricultural Exhibit at the Mid-America Air Museum in Liberal KS.
The IFF Memorial Scholarship award is made each year to one student who will be entering his/her junior year at a college of his/her choice. The award funds four semesters of studies predicated upon the maintenance of a “C” or better grade point average. The scholarship recipient will receive $1,000 per semester up to a total award of $4,000.

The IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund for college completion was established as an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization and is administered by Past Presidents of the IFF to benefit lineal descendants of an active* IFF member.

The student to receive this award will be selected from the group of applicants who submit their applications by March 31st of the applicant's sophomore year in college. The applicant must be related to and recommended by an IFF member of the International Flying Farmers, who is currently in good standing. The recipient of the scholarship award is chosen from the applications received by an experienced professional selection person having no connection with IFF, any of its members or employees.

The Fund has assisted thirty (30) students since it was originally established. The Fund is perpetuated by contributions made to the Fund in memory of IFF members who have contributed so much of their time and talent to benefit the IFF organization. Contributions to the Memorial Scholarship Fund are fully deductible for U.S. income tax purposes.

Applications for the Memorial Scholarship Award must be received by March 31, 2019. The student receiving the award is notified in May and the award is presented at the International Flying Farmer Convention that summer.

Applications are available from the IFF website: http://www.internationalflyingfarmers.org (left side of homepage)

Students: Mail completed application packets to:
FF Memorial Fund Scholarship Award Committee
C/o James (Jamie) Sossaman
19105 E. Ocotillo Rd.
Queen Creek, AZ 85142

*Denotes: a member of the International Flying Farmers who has paid dues for the current year
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Eligibility Requirements:
1. The award is for females of any age who are current IFF family members. Previous flight instruction is acceptable.

General Provisions:

1. This award is be used for initial flight instruction or advancement of a flight rating in the amount of $1200 and will be paid directly to the instructor/flight school upon IFF’s receipt of the instructor’s/flight school’s invoice.
2. Application for this award is to be sent to the IFF Office Manager. Upon receipt he or she will notify the applicant of receiving the application.
3. The applicant is asked to provide a brief explanation describing her interest in flying, what if any flight instruction she has had so far and why she wants to pursue an additional and/or initial flight rating.
4. An award committee appointed by the IFF President shall consist of 3 members at large. The IFF Office Manager will forward all applications to this committee by May 1 of each year.
5. The Award committee’s final decision will be announced by IFF by June 15 of each year.

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GIFT OF FLIGHT AWARD II  ENTRY FORM

NAME OF APPLICANT: ____________________________________________________________

IFF Chapter: ___________________ Years of IFF membership: __________

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________________

APPLICANT’S BIRTH DATE: ________________ On the back of this application please explain your interest in learning to fly or to continue your instruction. Explain what flight instruction you may have already have had, if any, and why you are interested in pursuing flight training.

Applicant’s signature: ________________________________ Date: __________

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Tours include:
John Dickinson Plantation – Tour the home of a Revolutionary War Statesman.
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The Main Event: IFF MOY/WOY
A catered dinner and program at the Delaware Agricultural Museum celebrating our very own Gordon and Velda Beidler!
Mark your calendars, the date is set for the International Flying Farmers 2019 Convention that will be held in Wichita, Kansas.

We will start on Sunday August 25th midafternoon with committee meetings and conclude on Wednesday night August 28th. When making hotel reservations, you should check in no later than Sunday, August 25th and check out no earlier than Thursday, August 29th.

The room rates are very reasonable at $99.00 plus tax, a night at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview. The rooms are very comfortable and roomy. A full free breakfast is provided, with a 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. “Kickback” evening of free hot food and cold beverages. The hot food menu changes on a rotating basis. We think your stay will be a memorable one.

We are planning some interesting things for you, along with just some down right fun tours.

Monday will be chapter day with tours in Hutchinson, KS.

Tuesday will be the business meeting starting in the morning then continuing after lunch.

Wednesday is another day of touring starting with the “DOC” B-52 museum, lunch at Stearman Airport, the Nifty Nut House and Spice Merchant. That evening will be the Coronation Banquet and Coronation.

So, come and join us in Kansas, August 25th through the 28th.
The Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview is the backwards bent “L” shaped building, which is outlined at the lower left in the above aerial view. After registering, you can follow the driveway around the north side of the hotel then cross the street into the parking garage. The skyway across the street to the hotel is located on the second floor of the parking garage.

The Keeper of the Plains is a monument to the Indian heritage of the area. It is a bit of a walk, but a shuttle bus stops at the front door of the hotel and takes you up to the monument. Across the river to the west from the hotel are several eateries and the shuttle drives right by all of them.
Vermont Flying Farmers held their Christmas Party on December 16 at the home of Jerry and Davene Brown. They enjoyed a delicious tenderloin dinner prepared by Davene and Jan Burleson and had a Christmas stocking exchange.

The New Jersey Flying Farmers hosted the annual Region One Christmas Party on December 1, coordinated by George and Judy Conard. It was held at Flemington Woman’s Club. Following the potluck meal, dessert was a birthday cake for George Conard’s 87th birthday.

On December 1st, five Illinois Flying Farmers met at O’Charley’s Restaurant in Champaign, IL for their Christmas lunch. Following lunch 3 paper games (Christmas Trivia, Christmas Song Lyrics and scrambled holiday words) were painfully played. Jim Meyer won prizes for two and of the games and Pat Clapper won the prize for the third. The prizes were chocolates from Pat Amdor’s November trip to Florida.

On Sunday, November 25th, a good number of flying farmers drove their vehicles to Utopia as low ceilings and iffy weather forecasts caused the planes to be left in their hangers. Warm hospitality greeted us at the festively decorated home of Kim and Sylvia Murphy. Pictures of the Norwegian cruise were running on a continuous loop for all to enjoy while we feasted on a bountiful potluck dinner. Of course, there was turkey! After tiding up, the fun gift exchange created much laughter as presents were opened and sometimes stolen! Everyone who participated ended up with a gift.

We were reminded to get our reservations in early for the Mid-winter Blues to be held in February at Fort Erie by co-ordinator, Jane Farrell. After wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year we headed homeward in the late afternoon.
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Minnkota Chapter held their Christmas dinner in Wilmar. Afterwards they attended a church concert, followed by seeing local Christmas light displays. Glenn and Roger Tollesfrud report that they recently spent a few hours with Don Eickhoff to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Sad news has reached me that longtime Flying Farmer Jerome Arneson, husband to Marilyn, passed on at age 86 on December 6. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Manitoba Chapter held their annual Christmas bowling party in November. It was well attended. Plans are underway for 2019 Convention April 26, 27 in Virden, Manitoba. Ken and I spent November/December travelling through Australia. We rented a Cessna 182 there for 2 weeks and managed to fly 30 hours thru the Northern Territory, Central and Southern Australia. When we weren’t flying, we drove a rental car 8,000 km.

The IFF tour committee has received many suggestions for future trips. From those suggestions a tour is being organized for November 11- December 2, 2019 in New Zealand. See the ad in the IFF magazine for more details. It should prove to be a fascinating and comprehensive tour. Family and friends are welcome to come, and we get a better rate if more people come.
‘Round the Regions

By Dale Bohrer
Iowa/Missouri Flying Farmer

Harvest is finished on my farm. What a wet fall! There are still several in the Midwest with corn and beans in the field and some are under snow.

The IA/MO chapter held a meeting at Cheddar’s Scratch Kitchen in Coralville, IA, on November 30. We then toured the antique car museum and Johnson County History Museum. There were 9 members attending. I went home to combine corn.

There are several conventions coming up. Attend as many as you can, you will enjoy it. They are:
Heartland February 7-10 in Kersy Colorado
IA/MO March 1-3 in Burlington, Iowa
Kansas March 8-10 in Topeka, Kansas

Hope this New Year is good to everyone.

By Colene Sager
Washington Flying Farmer

On November 17 Andy and Sheila Slinkard hosted 12 flying farmers for a potluck in their home. This was a last minute change as the original plan was to meet at the Art and Colene Sager home. The potluck was planned and the menu carried out. President Art was in the hospital and Vice President Stan Dammel was taking pictures at his home town football championship game, so Jerry Richardson presided over the meeting. It just proves the resiliency of a flying farmer group.

President Art Sager has had numerous tests to find the cause of his sudden onset of atrial fibrillation included a heart catherization. He was relieved to know that he does not have a blockage and medication is helping.

Our next event will be the Safety Seminar on January 26 sponsored by Big Bend Community College, FFA and Washington Flying Farmers.

Valentine Trivia

Valentine’s Day started with the Romans.
There are two theories about the origin of Valentine’s Day. According to History.com, one is that the day derives from Lupercalia, a raucous Roman festival on February 15th where men stripped naked and spanked young maidens in the hopes of upping their fertility.

The second theory is that while the Roman Emperor Claudius II was trying to bolster his army, he forbade young men to marry, because apparently single men make better soldiers. In the spirit of love, St. Valentine defied the ban and performed secret marriages, History.com reports. For his disobedience, Valentine was executed on February 14th.

Passing out Valentines is a 600-year-old tradition.
Each year, kids in classrooms across America hand out Valentine’s Day cards to their classmates. According to History.com, the oldest record of a valentine was a poem Charles Duke of Orleans wrote to his wife when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415.

Today, millions of greeting cards are purchased every year.
We’re talking 144 million greeting cards being exchanged industry-wide every year for Valentine’s Day in the U.S. alone, according to Hallmark.
AIRPLANES VS WOMEN

Airplanes can kill you quickly; a woman takes her time.
Airplanes can be turned on by a flick of a switch.
Airplanes don't get mad if you 'touch and go.'
Airplanes don't object to a preflight inspection.
Airplanes come with manuals to explain their operation.
Airplanes have strict weight and balance limits.
Airplanes can be flown any time of the month.
Airplanes don't come with in-laws.
Airplanes don't care about how many other airplanes you have flown before.
Airplanes and pilots both arrive at the same time.
Airplanes don't mind if you like to look at other airplanes.
Airplanes don't mind if you buy airplane magazines.
Airplanes expect to be tied down.
Airplanes don't comment on your piloting skills.
Airplanes don't whine unless something is really wrong.
However, when airplanes go quiet, just like women, it's a bad thing.

Barrett Thorp
Robert R. Ingle
1929-2018

Robert R. Ingle, age 89, of Cavour, SD passed away Sunday, November 25, 2018, at the Huron Regional Medical Center. He was born October 3, 1929, in Mitchell, South Dakota, to Amoy J. and Laura May (Rhoads) Ingle. Bob met Lois Mae Schneiderman while he was at Huron College. They were married on April 18, 1951, at the Methodist Church in Woonsocket.

Bob served in the United States Army for two years. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Bob and Lois returned to the family farm south of Cavour where he would live for the next 60 years.

He joined International Flying Farmers in 1955 and was a member to the present day. Robert first served as regional director in the 1960’s and then as international secretary through president in the 1970’s. He logged thousands of hours in various airplanes and flew from the Hudson Bay to Costa Rica. He was elected to the Huron Board of Education for 2 terms in the 1970’s.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lois in 2009; his sister, Carol Joan Graf in 2018.

He is survived by his children, Scott Ingle, of Cavour, and Beth Mathias, of Olathe, Kansas; his grandson, Marc Mathias of Olathe Kansas.

Memorial
Jerome Arneson
1932-2018

Jerome Arthur Arneson, age 86, resident of Cooperstown, ND passed away Thursday, December 6, 2018 at Eventide in Jamestown, ND.

Jerome was born July 30, 1932 on the family farm near the Sheyenne River in rural Cooperstown, ND the son of Albin and Hazel (Monson) Arneson. At age 18 he started a career as an Iron worker building towers around the United States and other foreign countries. In 1966 he took over the farm. Jerome had a love for airplanes throughout his life. At an early age he started taking flying lessons and became a pilot for the Civil Air Patrol. Jerome bought his first airplane in 1976.

On March 23, 1995 he married Marilyn (Blackwell) Vigesaa. The couple made their home in rural Cooperstown. He was very active with the International Flying Farmers. He and Marilyn attended numerous functions within the organization.

Surviving members of the family include his wife Marilyn of Cooperstown, ND, step-daughters Sharon Claridge of Fairfax, VA and Mari Barnhart of Indianapolis, IN, stepson Christopher Vigesaa of Cooperstown, ND, 10 step grandchildren, sister Mary Ann Payne of Lee, FL.

Jerome was preceded in death by his parents, step grandson James Barnhart III, sisters Vivian Tucker and Carolyn Held.

Charles Oller
1936-2018

Charles Oller of Vivian, South Dakota, died on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at the Cox Medical Center in Branson, Missouri at the age of 82. He was born on May 6, 1936 in Pierre, South Dakota to Richard and Ethel (Peterman) Oller. He married Beth Bechard in 1965 and they lived in Sioux City Iowa while completing his Master’s degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He went into farming, raising hogs and several breeds of cattle over the years. He also taught math classes including algebra, advanced math, and geometry at the Vivian High School and also in Presho.

Charles and Beth had one daughter, Anna.

He was an active member of the South Dakota Flying Farmers for over 45 years, serving as President in 1979 and voted as Man of the Year in 1981. He obtained his private pilot’s license with an instrument rating, traveling all over Mexico, Costa Rica, and Canada using their own plane.

In 2017 he was remarried to Louella Cadiz.

Survivors include his wife Louella of Vivian; one daughter Anna of Warrentburg, Missouri and one sister Nancy Pilkington of Norfolk, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Beth, and his brother John.
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Sunday, August 25
Office open, Registration, 2 p.m. Committee Meetings, 3 p.m.
Delegates meeting, 5 p.m. church, Dinner honoring MOY & WOY

Monday, August 26
Breakfast at hotel, Chapter Day in Hutchinson, ICS with lunch & dinner included

Tuesday, August 27
Breakfast, Business Meeting, Luncheon, Dinner on your own.
Awards, Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 28
Breakfast, "DOC" B-52 Museum, lunch at Steamlin Airport, tour
The Crazy Hat House & Spice Merchant, 6 p.m. Dinner & Coronation
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Please inform the IFF office when a member or former member of your chapter passes away.

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HISTORY

International Flying Farmers is an organization of families with a mutual interest in the promotion and use of airplanes in agriculture. The organization, founded in 1944, consists of state and provincial chapters throughout North America. While originally founded by farmers and ranchers who owned aircraft, the membership now consists of individuals from all walks of life, from storeowners and factory workers to bankers and lawyers. Direct involvement in agriculture or aviation is not, in and of itself, a requirement for membership.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization is: To create and maintain a compact representative and centralized organization with a spirit of cooperation and mutual helpfulness among its members; to explore and emphasize the importance of flying and the use of the airplane in agricultural production, including the breeding, raising and feeding of livestock; and to engage in research and extension service, including publishing magazines or other periodicals to disseminate among its members information pertaining to the purposes of the organization.