

WASHINGTON FLYING FARMERS

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

April - May 2021

Calendar

**Washington Flying Farmer Meeting
Thursday, April 22 at Colfax Airport
10:30 a.m.**

**IFF Convention – July 18-22, 2021
Mitchell, South Dakota
See the Jan/Feb IFF Magazine for details
More info coming
Mar/April IFF Magazine**

President Art Sager's Report

Greetings to one and all. Spring is now springing here on the Palouse it looks like. This past winter has been interesting. Late December Colene and I had a bout with Covid 19 for a couple of weeks that messed up Christmas. We weren't really sick but it did knock my heart out of rhythm so I was back in a-fib. It finally fixed itself.

We have had a fence contractor replace our fence around the perimeter of our property and the driveway. It's been interesting watch them work and their progress. I used my tractor and mower to knock down the grass under the fence line before they put the new fence in. They just finished Monday and moved to their next job.

Last fall I took our old runabout boat to the river and the engine came loose from its mounting and caused some damage. I have spent the winter replacing wood, securing the engine mount and fiberglassing it. I'm not finished with it, so still have a project.

I am looking forward to April 22 at the Colfax Airport and some long overdue visiting.

Meeting on Thursday, April 22 Colfax Airport – 10:30 a.m.

You should have received an email several weeks ago with an invitation to our next flying farmer meeting to be held on Thursday, April 22. Barney and Gerianne Buckley have invited us to their hangar at the Colfax Airport. Barney said he would have the coffee and snacks ready, so plan on arriving around 10:30 and we will begin the meeting at 11:00.

This will be a potluck and Gerianne has volunteered to fix the main dish. I will send out another email on April 5th. At that time you need to rsvp so that Barney knows how many tables to set up. It will also be a good time for us ladies to plan the lunch to go with Gerianne's dish.

Several positive emails were sent back to me from members looking forward to our gathering. Circle Thursday, April 22 on YOUR calendar!

Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery By Nina Richardson

Our Washington Chapter has been collecting donations during our Christmas party fly-in for many years. This year, due to limited fly-ins and short on attendance, we did not collect donations in December as we have in the past.

The crisis nursery supports many families building resiliency in children. Supports families during cancer treatments and others.

I'm sure the Crisis Nursery would love to hear from us with a donation any time of the year. Therefore, at our Colfax fly-in on April 22nd, 2021, we will have a basket out to collect any size donations you would like to give.

If you are unable to attend our fly-in and want to donate, their address is:

Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery
2230 E Sprague
Spokane, WA 99202

REGION 9 REPORT**By Audrey Ledgerwood**

On March 7 the directors had a Zoom meeting. It is time to gear up for the New Year. The first order of business discussed was the museum in Liberal, Kansas where a lot of the old IFF records and memorabilia are on display and stored. There is some controversy as to whether funds raised by the museum and its foundation might be diverted to the city coffers since they own the property. There is also a hangar that needs to be refurbished so donated planes could be taken out of the museum to the hangar which would free up space in the museum. The IFF booth is not very accessible because of the planes. It sounds like to get to the booth you have to duck under a wing and step across a landing gear. IFF gives \$100 a year to the foundation that runs the museum. The museum runs on donations and the foundation. We agreed that we should continue with the donation to the foundation. It will be brought up at convention.

The Convention is scheduled for July 18 to 22, 2021 in Mitchell, S.D. Diana Billheimer reported that the tour of the Corn Palace is still on; some of the other tours will be speakers at the convention site rather than an actual tour. Monday July 19 all the committees will meet. Wednesday will be a business meeting with closing Thursday evening. There is other planning to be done but Diana has had other problems which I will explain later.

There was a lengthy discussion of the survey balloting on the resolution to bring IFF to termination. It was decided that individual commentaries should not be published. A summary of the results would be used. We were encouraged to select our delegates for convention so they would have time to get an accurate assessment of the members of their desires on this topic. There was a feeling that a serious issue such as this should require a 2/3 vote to pass as is required by a by-law change. However, a simple resolution only required a majority to pass. This

will be given further scrutiny by the board.

My personal opinion is not to dissolve after two more conventions. I don't think John & I can make two more conventions because we are aging and not travelling. But my opposition to the resolution is that the registration fees of all attending would be paid by IFF. That is to reduce the funds that the organization has so when it would dissolve there would not be as much money to distribute to some other 501(C3) organization. I don't think it is fair to all the members that cannot make the convention. It is also money that could keep the organization running for more years.

There was frustration with the United States Postal Service as some members did not get the January magazine until 60 days after the mailing date and they were not the Canadians.

Jim Meyer from Illinois (Region 3 director and IFF Secretary) whose wife Anita died a few years ago announced that he has remarried and they celebrated their first anniversary in February. Jim (80 years old) has been an active flyer for a long time and was happy to find a wife who likes to fly.

Diana Billheimer, the current Vice President and in charge of the convention, reported that her husband Monte was coyote hunting January 28 and accidentally shot himself in the knee. He had the presence of mind to take off his belt and make a tourniquet, call for help, and get to a place where a medivac helicopter could transport him to Colorado Springs. They live out in nowhere land. He had about three surgeries in 4 days and is coming along. They took muscle from his arm and did skin grafts. It sounds like he shattered part of the tibia. Diana became his nurse and had to learn a lot about the wound care. They live 2 hours from Colorado Springs and it is quite a process to get him in the car and to the doctors. She also has to keep the ranch going. She will have an article in the next magazine. I may not be too correct on all the details.

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IFF RESOLUTION

WHERE AS: The IFF organization has experienced a significant decrease in membership in the last 10 years.

WHERE AS: The cost of operating an office with a remunerated manager is not adequately supported by the yearly income from membership dues.

WHERE AS: The publishing of the magazine for the benefit of the members has seen costs exceeding the income from subscriptions fees.

WHERE AS: A recent membership poll by the executive showed a number of members support the dissolution of IFF.

WHERE AS: The subject of the viability of keeping the IFF as an organization has been questioned in the last few yearly conventions.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED: The IFF organization proceed with holding two more international conventions for the members with registration costs of the said conventions be paid for by IFF funds; after which any remaining funds be apportioned to/in accordance with Non Profit Organization laws.

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVE: That in due time, the IFF organization apply to the secretary of the state of Kansas for dissolution of the NPO entity.

Care Network By Nina Richardson

Bob Severance has improved considerably since our last report a month ago. He ended up being in the hospital for two weeks and several tests were done. He had very low blood pressure and possibly an infection they were trying to identify. After several tests, they could not find anything wrong. His blood pressure is back to normal and no infection found. He is back home and doing pretty well right now.

His email address is: bbsev2@gmail.com His mailing address is: Bob Severance c/o Karl Severance 3100 Hill Rd McMinnville, OR 97128

Debby Dammel is kept busy with so many doctor appointments and tests since December and still more to be done this next week. Her feeding tube is a life-time situation. She is doing well, is healthy and not sick. She is up to 106 pounds, much better than the 80 pounds she weighed last June. She says she gets so tired and often aches when trying to do regular work at home. Debby's address is: P.O. Box 186 Odessa, WA 99159

Paula Kramer continues to improve from her broken ankle last October. She is enjoying the warm weather at her home in Arizona. She is active again, socializing with friends and participating in church with choir and ringing of those bells. Her daughter Wendy will fly to Arizona after Easter and help Paula drive back to Spokane. Her home address in Spokane is: Paula Kramer 1224 W Riverside Ave, Apt 208 Spokane, WA 99201

Burgess & Maxine Lange are both doing well. They have been spending the winter at their home in Quartzsite, Arizona. They plan to return to their home in Garfield, WA in couple of weeks and will see us at the Colfax fly-in on April 22nd. They are 50 year flying farmer members. They joined in February 1971. They have enjoyed lots of flying adventures in their younger days.

CRACK SLAW

Sheila Slinkard

- 2 Tblsp Olive Oil
- 2 Cloves Minced Garlic
- 1 Lb Lean Ground Beef
- 10 Oz. Pkg Slaw Mix (or you can shred your own cabbage and carrot)
- 1 Tblsp Sriracha Sauce (I use ½, it's HOT)
- 2 Tblsp Soy Sauce
- ½ Tsp Salt
- ¼ Tsp Pepper
- 1 Tblsp Cider Vinegar
- 1 Tsp Sesame Seeds
- 1 Thinly Sliced Green Onion (Optional)

Prepare seasonings in a cup and set aside. Saute garlic in olive oil, add ground beef , cook until done. Add Slaw mix and seasonings. Cook a few minutes, stirring constantly, until heated through, but still tender crisp. Serve topped with sliced onions. This is very quick to prepare. I use ½ Lb beef, Andy and I can eat this much, so I will say it serves 2. We love it. (I have no idea why it is called “Crack” Slaw.) Enjoy!

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June-July Newsletter Deadline
June 1, 2021

Blast from the Past



Do you remember this day in November 2010? Where was it taken? Who can name all the people in this picture?
Come to the meeting on April 22, 2021 to find out the answers to these questions.