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July 2017

31-August 4 – IFF Convention - Radisson Blu Mall of America, 2100 Killebrew Dr, Bloomington, MN 55425 - Phone: 952-881-5258

September 2017

8-10 – Ontario Convention - Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario St., Stratford, ON N5A 6Z3 - Phone: 519-273-1150 Ext. 3 or 800-453-2111 by August 1st.

13-16 – Region 3 Convention - Marriott Courtyard Lansing, 2710 Lake Lansing Rd., Lansing, MI 48912 - Phone: 517-482-0500

October 2017

20-22 – Saskatchewan Convention - Mineral Hot Springs, Watrous, SK

January 2018

16-19 – IFF Workshop - Holiday Inn Titusville-Kennedy Space Center, 4715 Helen Hauser Blvd, Titusville, FL 32780 - Phone: 321-383-0200

March 2018

23-25 – Kansas Convention - Garden City, KS

April 2018

20-22 – Manitoba Convention - Neepawa, MB

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Official Reports

President's Report

*By Zelda Thorp Lewis
Illinois Flying Farmer*

Thank you so much for the honor and privilege to serve you as your IFF President this past year. I have truly enjoyed it and my favorite part was coming to see you at your chapter events and your homes. Thank you for all of the encouragement, hosting me in your homes, the meals, the registrations, the hotel rooms, the transportation, the gifts, the cards and last but not least, the smiles and warmth that you have shown me and my family throughout our life time in this organization. Thank you to my son Doug and his wife Emily for taking care of things in my absence. I appreciate Carol being willing to come with me to IFF events and of course Nelson, Marjorie and Lewis, my other three siblings, for their support throughout my term of office.

As we move forward we need to be realistic about what we can and cannot do as an

organization. Our membership continues to decline as well as our finances so we must be diligent in the decisions that are made going forward. Our biggest strength is our loyalty to each other and IFF, so we will need to do what we can with what we have. Support those who step forward to lead us through this next phase. Continue your membership, sponsorship, go when you can, host an event!

Thank you to those of you who have registered for our IFF Convention in Bloomington, MN. I am looking forward to seeing you and we will have a great time! We always do!!!!

Check out the Norway cruise leaving September 1, 2018 on the IFF website!

I hope you are looking into attending the IFF workshop in Titusville, Florida January 16-20, 2018. We will be touring the Kennedy Space Center, have lunch with an astronaut, visit a warbird museum and see a cattle/citrus farm. Rooms will be \$109 a night at the Holiday Inn that include breakfast, free

parking, WiFi. Registration forms will be found in this IFF magazine and on the website after the convention.

Check out the August issue of AOPA for an article on Huffy Windsocks. AOPA were at the home of Heartland members, Gary and Karen Hoffman, Spencer, Nebraska for a photo shoot in June!

As this is my last article I wish all of you the best of health and to find joy in just living! Words cannot adequately express how much each of you means to me. Being an IFF officer has helped me transition into retirement. I am so glad and thankful my father knew I could do this job and thankful I could see him enjoy it so much. Life isn't the same without him. He was a terrific father, role model and certainly loved all of you!

I leave you with this thought: 2,102,400,000 minutes I have spent thinking, planning, contemplating or attending an IFF event over these past 4 years! It has been a wonderful ride! Thank you all for molding those minutes for me and creating lasting, loving memories!



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*By Gloria Reed
Minnkota Flying Farmer*

May 1st found us looking out our windows at a blizzard, with school delayed for two hours and six inches of snow falling. We planted corn on May 8, with beans to follow. We did have to do some replanting since it was so wet.

Then before we realized it, the time had arrived to make the farm shine for my upcoming Queen's Day. Next we packed for the Minnkota Convention at Chamberlain, SD. Wow, what an "Udderly" awesome time! Thank you "Dairy" much to Bill and Ellen Valburg.

I must have thought I was a super woman when I planned my Queen's Day. So much was packed into a few days. We spent three days at the convention, and then left Chamberlain after an intense thunderstorm left the area. We arrived home at 7:45 a.m. and as Kenneth opened the house door he said, "We have no air conditioning." I said, "You've got to be kidding me!"

Joyce, the cat caretaker, arrived at the farm shortly after we did. She fed the cats and then rescued me, for which I was "Udderly" grateful. By noon I was ready to party and that party lasted until 11 p.m.

Eleven states were represented in the group of 110 people. I was proud to serve with three dignitaries, including IFF President Zelda Thorp-Lewis, Man of the Year Philip Peterson, and Woman of the Year Barbara Leis. "Moo-chais" gracious to everyone who was so determined to help Kenneth and me clean the lodge that evening. God is good, it was a beautiful day and thanks "Heifer" so much to all who came to my special event. I was so blessed.

On Friday, two days after the party, I was interviewed by our local newspaper regarding my Queen's Day and Flying Farmers. On Saturday I was in our local Water Tower parade.

In representing IFF this year, I have participated in three parades, given three newspaper interviews, and spoken at the Kiwanis Club. Kenneth and I both spoke in front of 1,000

people at a church Christmas program, which we attended as part of the Minnkota Christmas party. We attended a workshop at Yuma, AZ, taking a day trip to Mexico. I also attended five conventions and served pancakes at a fly-in breakfast.

We have met so many wonderful people and visited so many interesting places during this year as queen. Thank you for the hospitality that was shown by those who hosted us in their homes. I am also grateful to those chapters who have sent us their newsletters.

Duchess Sharon Harrison and her husband Robert - it was a delight to serve with you - friends forever.



After her year's reign, Queen Gloria is ready to head out to pasture!

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Duchess's Report

*By Sharon Harrison
Iowa/Missouri Flying Farmer*

The theme song "Thanks for the Memories" that comedian Bob Hope used to sing on his shows and special USO trips keeps running through my mind while I write this last article as your 2016-2017 IFF Duchess.

At this writing, we just returned home from a wonderful week with the Valburgs at their ranch, attended the Minnkota Convention in Chamberlain, SD, followed by IFF Queen Gloria's event at their home and following day in Pipestone, MN. I'm still trying to catch up with twelve day's absence from my job at the 1828 Gardner House Museum, where I work part-time as curator.

Since the July 2016 IFF Convention in Springfield, IL, in September we enjoyed the Region 3 Convention in

Rensselaer, IN. From there we drove an hour to Crown Point IN, where we visited the couple who were our high school best friends AND our wedding attendants 58 years ago. They were planning a trip to Kentucky to see the Creation Museum and the Noah's Ark, so the four of us made that super adventure.

The Arizona Chapter's annual meeting in Chandler, AZ was the day before the IFF Workshop, January 15-18 in Yuma AZ. The Sossamans treated us like royalty by providing "bed and breakfast" before and after Workshop, were our transportation to and from the Phoenix, AZ airport, as well as to Workshop. Folks, thanking you is inadequate for the hospitality.

In February we spent ten days in Ahuachapán El Salvador, where Robert and the men on the team did construction work, women taught sewing & my team visited schools and shared Bible stories. (Can we do that in America?) We did ministry each night in different mission camps.

The final trip on our travel itinerary, serving as your IFF Duchess, is the IFF Convention in Bloomington MN. That is where I will take off the crown, but memories will remain!

Flying Farmers has been a part of our lives since the 1960's and we've seen so many dear friends go on! YOU and those memories of special friends will continue on in our lives, even though my reign as your IFF Duchess has "flown by" too quickly. It seems like a good dream! Thank you for the honor and privilege. IFF: Family—Farming—Flying—Friendship—Fun!



A grandmother overheard 5-year-old Christy "playing wedding".

The wedding went like this: "You have the right to remain silent; anything you say may be held against you; you have the right to an attorney. You may kiss the bride.



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Farmerette's Report

*By Gracious Harris
Kansas Flying Farmer*

Hello Flying Farmers! I can't believe that it has already been a year since I was crowned IFF Farmerette. I wish I could attend this year's convention, but it falls right during a summer marching band camp.

After school was out my brother and I went to Albuquerque, New Mexico to stay with my aunt and uncle. My little sister, Rylee, decided she wanted to stay with Grandma, but she came to my aunts a week later. While I was there I had the opportunity to tour the University of New Mexico. It was interesting and a really nice campus. My aunt also works on the campus in Financial Aid. I hope to visit other Universities this fall, still unsure where I want to go to college next year.

We also had our annual Hall Reunion, my grandma and her brothers, and all of their kids.

It was in Amarillo, TX. We had a great time. One night we were going to the trampoline park and got stuck in a downpour rain and flood. The water we were driving in was up to the door. It was a little scary. But the best part of the weekend was zip lining across Palo Duro Canyon. There were 25 of us who did the zip line. And believe it or not Grandma and Harry went too. It was so much fun and the canyon was so pretty. We got to drive around the canyon and got to walk around the trails a little bit until it started raining so we had to cut it short.

I have been working on my volunteer hours a lot this summer. In June, I volunteered with the Topeka Public Schools Music Foundation. It is for 6th-8th graders. I helped with the saxophones. I have also volunteered at our local food bank, Harvesters. We sorted and helped box food. By the time school starts I will have put in more than 50 hours of volunteer time.

I am super excited for my Senior year. I am head Drum

Major this year. It has a lot of responsibilities, but I am ready to take it on. My brother, Trevon, is also a Drum Major. I think this is the first time they have had siblings together. I plan on taking wrestling again this year. Since I know a little more about the sport, hopefully, I will win a few more matches. If not, that is fine as long as I know I have put in the work and have done my best.

I want to thank you for allowing me to be your IFF Farmerette. I know I will see many of you at the Kansas Conventions and I know that no matter where I am at Grandma will recruit me to help when it is Harry's time to host the convention in a few years. Till then thank you and enjoy the rest of your summer.



Red Cap Kenneth said that we were a team. He made all my travels possible and thank you to all the chapters for the rooms and registrations that they provided.

I have been flying high for a year. Thanks for the memories. It is time for this queen to "Go out to Pasture". Have an "Udderly" wonderful day.

P.S. Was the queen tired? Oh yes! I always make Kenneth a "farmer's breakfast" each morning. Friday morning I salted and peppered the pan but there were no eggs.

NEEDED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Accommodation for a mostly quiet Flying Farmer couple. Also need a nearby airport/ airstrip to fly our plane from for the month of January 2018.



Please contact Ken
Pierce by email: pierceken@icloud.com

Vegetable Quiche

Ingredients:

- 1 cup egg beaters (1/2 lean)
- 1/2 cup low moisture part skim 2% mozzarella cheese (1/2 lean)
- 1/2 cup tomato, chopped (1 green)
- 1/2 cup broccoli, chopped (1 green)
- 1/2 cup zucchini, chopped (1 green)
- 2 Light Swiss Laughing Cow Cheese Wedges (1 healthy fat)
- 1/4 tsp salt (1 condiment)
- 1/4 tsp pepper (1/2 condiment)
- 1/4 tsp onion powder (1/2 condiment)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375. Spray a baking dish with Pam cooking spray. Mix ingredients all together in a bowl. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Bake 35 minutes.

EAA/Daher Intern Scholarship



Michelle Peterson of Oregon, Wisconsin is one of two students to receive a work internship of a lifetime. She was chosen to receive an international

scholarship offered by EAA and Daher.

Michelle is currently in a five-week internship at Daher's Tarbes facility in France where she will gain knowledge in a field of interest such as marketing, production, organization, design, support and service. Upon her completion, she will spend a week at the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh where she will help Daher during EAA Air Venture Oshkosh 2017.

Michelle had just completed her third year at the University of

Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. She has obtained her private pilot's license. She would like to use her aviation and global health backgrounds by flying to underserved regions of the country to provide needed health services.

At the 2016 IFF Convention in Springfield, Illinois, Michelle was the recipient of both the Youngest Pilot Handbook and the IFF Past President's Memorial Scholarship.



★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

**Rose Mantey is turning 90
on August 19, 2017**

*Please make her birthday special
with a card from you sent to:*

**Rose Mantey
1975 N Sheridan Road
Fairgrove, MI 48733**

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Mid-Atlantic Flying Farmer Convention

*By George Conard
New Jersey Flying Farmer
& June Pendleton
Vermont Flying Farmer
as taken from Mid-Atlantic Newsletter
and combined by magazine editor*

The Vermont Flying Farmers hosted this year's Mid-Atlantic Convention which was held at the Hampton Inn in Bennington, Vermont. There were seven IFF chapters represented.

There is much to see in the Bennington area. Friday morning began with a tour of the Madison Brewery where we learned a lot about how beer and ale beverages are produced, using grains and hops best suited to

local tastes. It was most interesting to learn of the brewing process and how the residue from production is then utilized as a nutritious livestock feed. Following our narrated tour, we enjoyed a delicious lunch in the brewery's restaurant.

After lunch, we visited the Old First (Congregational) Church, the oldest church in Vermont dating back to 1763. The



present church was built in 1805; the first built in Vermont after the separation of church



Inside Old First Church



Bird's eye view of flying farmers having lunch at the Madison Brewery

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and state. Vermont members Paula and Jack Meerwarth mentioned that they were married in this church. Following our narrated tour of the church, we were advised that the famed poet, Robert Frost, was buried in a Frost family plot near the rear of the church building.



Robert Frost's grave

Later that afternoon, we visited Robert Frost's Stone House and Museum which is located a short distance north of Bennington. Frost spent many of his working years as a poet in a portion of the house and in one of the out buildings of the farm. Frost planted numerous native apple trees on the farm. The Frost home is well maintained and reflects the era when he lived there.

Friday evening we car pooled to the Publyck House Restaurant located on a beautiful hillside overlooking Bennington where we enjoyed a delightful meal while watching a sunset over the Green Mountains of Vermont to the west. After dinner, Master Gardener Nancy Abra entertained everyone with her program on heritage plants and the many benefits provided by them to humans in their surroundings. She told of a nearby restored pioneer village where she volunteers. It now has some heritage apple trees produced from cuttings from the last old tree in her great grandfather's farm orchard. Some plants were used medicinally or for dye. Celandine made yellow dye and was used for internal problems. Even today Europeans use it to treat and cure cancer. Lobelia, Indian tobacco, is still used for respiratory problems, although it may have serious side effects. Orange daylilies, grown as early as 800 AD were a favorite of Irish Protestants (Orangemen) who settled in North America.

Saturday Tours began with a tour of the Arts Center and History Museum where many beautiful paintings of landscapes and still life were on display



*L to R: Nancy Abra & Davene Brown
outside the Arts Center*

along with prize winning bird sculptures. Also located in the complex is a Covered Bridge Museum. The bridges were a very important part of the infrastructure of Vermont and the whole Northeast after the founding of our nation. Exhibits show how and why covered bridges were built. Imagine fashioning 1000 tree nails, trunnels to the Vermonters. These were huge wooden pegs carved out with hand tools and then driven by workers with giant oak mallets to connect all the pieces of the bridge. Although roofs protected the decks, the bridges succumbed to other forces. Floods in 1927 and 1940 took out several bridges. Heavy snow loads, log jams and even a tornado smashed others. Sparks from trains posed a constant hazard to railroad bridges. Watchmen were hired to check bridges and douse sparks after each train. Only one hundred of the covered bridges remain today. There are five located in the area

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Ladies free time activity - Scrabble! L to R: Charlotte Lapp, Davene Brown, Nancy Abra, Janice Tranberg, Lee Tussel, Judy Conard, Tina Wharton, Laura Boyer

immediately surrounding Bennington.

Next it was time to car pool to the Denio Farm where we enjoyed a box lunch in and around the farm's pavilion. After lunch, Chris Denio took folks on a guided tour of the mostly wooded property where he has constructed a 1000-foot hillside airstrip.

Later that afternoon, we visited the Camelot Antique Center and Furniture Gallery, Vermont's largest antique center and home to over 200 antique dealers.

Saturday evening concluded with a banquet at the Mount Anthony

Country Club. IFF President Zelda Lewis and IFF Secretary Harry Bartel provided a joint report from IFF Headquarters. Harry installed the 2017 officers for all of the Region One Chapters.

Sunday morning, following breakfast, Evan and Charlotte Lapp of the Pennsylvania Chapter provided our group with an inspirational church service about "Light" before we parted and headed for home.

Many thanks go to Dawn Denio and her convention team for a most informative and interesting convention that was enjoyed by all.



Chapter Queens



Kansas Chapter Queen Jana Jenkinson

Jana and her husband John live in Lakin, Kansas. They have four children: Kimberly Logan, 30; Stephanie Pilger, 27; Ryan, 23; Kayla, 20.

Jana has been the Kearny County Clerk for 28 years. She has served as bowling league president, and the parish council at her church. She enjoys bowling, watching sporting events (especially the Kansas City Royals), working on crafts and traveling with John.

Jana has always held an appreciation for farmers and respects the sacrifices they make unselfishly. Since being introduced to the world of aviation and learning about the skill and talent that is

required to be a pilot, blended with the common sense and perseverance of farmers, she understands why the IFF has withstood the decades of change.

Jana says, "I enjoy surrounding myself with wholesome, salt of the earth people, and the IFF and its chapters are made up of those people. Being chosen as Queen to represent the Kansas Chapter is an honor and I know that my mother-in-law, Della Jenkinson, would be very proud that I have followed her lead. My hope is that I can be the shining inspiration that she was while serving as Queen and pass the title and what it stands for to the next."

Peanut Butter Sheet Cake

2 cups of all-purpose flour
2 cups of sugar
½ tsp of baking soda
1 tsp of salt
1 cup of butter

½ cup of butter
¼ cup of creamy peanut butter
1/3 cup plus 1 tbsp of milk

Icing

1 cup of water
¼ cup of creamy peanut butter
2 beaten eggs
1 tsp of vanilla extract
½ cup of buttermilk

1 (16 oz) package of powdered sugar
1 tsp of vanilla extract.

Preheat the oven to 350° and grease a 15×10 jelly-roll pan. In a large bowl, mix together the flour, sugar, salt and baking soda. In a saucepan melt together the butter, water and peanut butter over medium heat and bring to a boil.

Pour the butter mixture over the dry ingredients and mix until well combined. In a separate bowl, mix together the eggs, vanilla and buttermilk then add to the batter. Spread the batter in the pan and bake for 25 to 28 minutes.

To make the peanut butter icing, melt the butter, peanut butter and milk in a saucepan over medium heat and bring to a boil. Turn off the heat and mix in powdered sugar and vanilla until well combined. Spread the icing over the cake while it's still warm

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Tri State Flying Farmer Convention

*By Colene Sager
Washington Flying Farmer*

Washington and Oregon Flying Farmers traveled to the banks of the Columbia River in Eastern Oregon to meet in The River Lodge on June 9 – 11. It is near the town of Boardman, Oregon, a small town that was relocated when the John Day Dam was built on the river in 1965. Today the Port of Morrow in Oregon is the second largest port only outdone by Portland. The dining area of the Lodge looks out over the Columbia River and we watched barges going up and down the river. But of course, the best part was being with Flying Farmer friends. Our IFF representative was Vice President Alex Knox and we also had in attendance two Past Presidents, Wayne Wilderman and Paula Kramer.

On Saturday, we went to an interactive interpretive agriculture center called SAGE. This is the showcase for the Port of Morrow showing the areas Sustained Agriculture and Energy, which is what the SAGE Center represents. After trying to take in all that the Port of



A working model of the McDonald's potato fries processing in the agriculture center called SAGE

Morrow was showing of their area through displays, we had a wonderful potato bar lunch. By the way, the McDonald's fries are grown in this area! After lunch we had a speaker from Beef Northwest, Pete Szasz. He



L to R: Pete Szasz from Beef Northwest, Lorraine Gabel

manages a large beef feed lot in the area. He answered many questions and I heard comments from the group that it was very educational to know about this part of agriculture.

Following the Beef Northwest presentation, Audrey Ledgerwood, IFF Region 9 Director, conducted a short business meeting. A letter was read from the Oregon Flying Farmers that effective August 19, 2017 they will disband. They have had two people who are responsible for holding their group together the last several years, Lorraine Gabel and Bob Severence. Bob has had some serious health concerns this spring but he managed to make it to the convention to the delight of us all. This last Tri-State was all the planning of



Paula Kramer and Alex Knox

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After breakfast L to R: Colene Sager, Terry Wilderman, Paula & Bob Kramer, Wayne Wilderman, Maxine Lange, Audrey Ledgerwood, Alex Knox, Burgess Lange, John Ledgerwood

Lorraine. Thank you, Lorraine, for a delightful convention. There are several Oregon Flying Farmers who want to remain IFF members and they will be joining Washington.

We have one woman who has done a lot in keeping us connected to what is happening in International Flying Farmers and that is our Regional Director,

Audrey Ledgerwood. It was a well deserved recognition when she was given a plaque to honor her as Woman of the Year 2017. She and husband John have attended conventions and workshops. She has been a connection between IFF officers and Oregon FF officers by either reading correspondence at our meetings or writing articles in the chapter newsletters. Thanks Audrey for all you do.

That evening we had a nice banquet while we watched the sunset over the river from our banquet room.



L to R: Colene Sager presents WOY Award to Audrey Ledgerwood

Waiter: "Yes, sir, is there something wrong?"

Customer: "The soup. Taste it."

Waiter: "I beg your pardon, sir?"

Customer: "Taste it."

Waiter: "But, sir, I can assure you that the soup is excellent."

Customer: "Taste it."

Waiter: "Sir, the soup was made this morning of the finest ingredients."

Customer: "Taste it."

Waiter, exasperated: "All right, sir, I'll taste it."

Then after a pause he said, "Where is the spoon?"

To which the customer replied triumphantly, "Ah ha!!"

At the 55-plus community in Florida last week, there was a bumper sticker on a parked car that read, "I miss Chicago."

One of their friendly neighbors broke the windows of their car, stole the radio, shot out all four of the tires and left a note that read: "Hope this helps!"

Minnkota Flying Farmers Convention

*By Marilyn Arneson
Minnkota Flying Farmer*

The Minnkota Chapter Convention of 2017 began Sunday evening, June 18th at the Thunderstik Lodge, Chamberlain, SD. Attendees numbered 56. Thunderstik Lodge is an enticing beautiful hunting lodge in a very beautiful setting, overlooking the Missouri River. Our evening began with registration, a lovely meal and entertainment by Lonis Weldt. Lonis, a member of a Lewis and Clark organization that has investigated much of their travels and exploration, entertained us with very interesting tales of that expedition. Many learned things we had not heard before.

Monday morning we toured the SD Wheat Growers facility of Kennebec, SD. That facility has the capability of loading 80,000 bushels of grain per hour. It was a state of the art, latest technology in what is being done at grain facilities, with a circle track that accommodated 120 car trains.

That tour was followed by a meal at historic Al's Oasis, a fun setting with great food. Monday

afternoon, we had the privilege of touring the Ata Lakota Indian Museum, located at St. Joseph's Indian School in Pipestone. The museum and tour were very interesting. A delightful evening meal was served at the Lodge, followed by music by Champion whistler, Carole Skinner of Miller, SD. Carole has won the National Whistling Championship twice. We enjoyed her presentation greatly. This was of course, followed by an ice cream social.

Tuesday morning, we all drove in tandem to view the Lewis and Clark Visitors Center that included "Dignity", a stunning sculpture representing the Native



The statue "Dignity" at the Lewis and Clark Visitors Center

American culture of South Dakota. Dignity is 50 feet tall, 32 feet wide and weighs 27,000 pounds. Her dress is patterned from 1850's native dress. She was built in the Badlands and transported in one piece.



IFF Duchess Sharon Harrison talks to Glenn Kinneberg about his book

After another delicious meal at Al's Oasis, we journeyed back to the Lodge for the business meeting. The evening brought an outstanding banquet there with entertainment by the Polka Czech singing group. They



L to R: Kenneth Reed & Jack Jenkinson - Jack presented Kenneth with underwear to match his other advertising apparel

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Minnkota Officers L to R: Installing Officer IFF Secretary Harry Bartel, President Larry Dahl, Vice President Ellen Valburg, Secretary Mildred Klamar, Treasurer & Newsletter Editor Marilyn Arneson



L to R: Janet Shore & Gloria Reed



IFF Queen Gloria often dons this costume when making visits



IFF Queen Gloria Reed passes out candy while dressed in her cow costume

were truly wonderful and were led by Bill and Ellen's friend, Marge Husman of Kimball, SD. We had another ice cream social. That was the end of a great convention.

Wednesday morning many traveled across the state to Pipestone, MN for Queen Gloria Reed's day.



I spent more than two hours in the beauty shop getting my hair permed, cut and styled. Relieved to be done, I went to the receptionist to pay. "Good afternoon!" she said cheerfully. "And who is your appointment with today?"

The older police detective stopped by my house and asked where I was between 5 and 6. I respectfully replied, "Kindergarten, sir."

Special Feature

IFF Woman of the Year Day

*By Colleen Travis
Pennsylvania Flying Farmer*

*The Leis Farm was beautiful
The sky was quite clear
As we gathered to honor
Our Woman of the Year*



L to R: Colleen Travis & Barbara Leis

On Friday, June 9, IFF members started arriving at the Leis Farm and by Saturday morning more than 60 were visiting and preparing for 2 tours. We were taken to a farm that raises replacement heifers to be shipped to dairy farms in Florida. It was a large operation and the pen we observed, which was one of many, contained 300 animals.



Replacement heifer farm



Replacement heifers

Next we were treated to a tour of the farming operation of the Leis' son, Darrell and his wife Karen. Darrell answered many questions from our members about his crops and the huge display of equipment he uses. Then Karen put on a pair of coveralls and took us through



Darrell Leis tells about his farm

the Leis Pig Nursery. She told us that 35,000 pigs a year go through her facility. She accepts 5,000 to 5,300 piglets at a time. They are 21 to 27 days old, weighing 13 to 14 pounds and



Booties that had to be worn inside the pig nursery

within 7 weeks they weigh 50 to 52 pounds. They are then shipped to Hatfield Packing Co. in Pennsylvania. Efficient and knowledgeable, lovely Karen certainly proves women can excel at farming too!

An evening wiener roast in the grove was a perfect ending to a beautiful day. Food was bountiful and there were marshmallows, graham crackers and chocolate for making s'mores for dessert.



A few of the planes that flew in

Sunday morning greeted us with sunshine and the sound of airplane engines – 11 of them – 2 more than on Saturday. A



Don Leis addresses the group

short service consisted of a welcome from Ray Johanns, President of the Ohio Chapter; music by Alysia Beisner, Connie Leis' granddaughter; a viola solo by Zachery, Dustin Leis' son; and an inspiring message from Sharon Hallinger, Don's sister who has been on numerous mission trips to Cuba.



Former IFF WOY L to R: Pat Clapper, Judy Conard, Pat Amdor, Zelda Lewis, current IFF WOY Barbara Leis, Joyce Rust, Davene Brown, Florence Lutes



Sharon Hallinger gives an inspiring message



L to R: IFF MOY Phil Peterson, IFF President Zelda Lewis, IFF WOY Barbara Leis

We were treated to a delicious catered lunch and then it was time for Barbara, our honoree, to introduce her family – husband Don, sons Darrell and wife Karen, Dustin and wife Ashley, daughter Kim and

husband Tim Anderson and 10 grandchildren. Along with other Leis family members, more than 160 flying farmers and friends climaxed the day with ice cream, homemade by grandson Derrick.



Barbara Leis introduces her family



Serving homemade ice cream

Nine IFF chapters were represented and seven former IFF Women of the Year were present. This weekend our love and appreciation were bestowed on our IFF Woman of the Year for 2017 – and she definitely deserved it all!

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IFF Queen's Day

*By Marilyn Arneson
Minnkota Flying Farmer*

Wednesday, June 21st, 2017, there were extra people floating around Etherton. The occasion was to help Gloria Reed of Jasper celebrate her year as queen of the International Flying Farmers. Wednesday was set aside as Queen Gloria Reed's day. Fifty or so members of the organization were in town, as well as other friends.

We first had the privilege of touring Fey Industries. We were all impressed with that industry and enjoyed the tour. Now we know the place to go to for promotional items. The company was very well run and interesting.



Promotional products produced at Fey Industries in Edgerton, MN

Following that, we were given the opportunity to tour the Rodman Windmills on display at the Terry and Kris Rodman



Gloria & Kenneth at the Rodman Windmill Farm

home. The Rodmans have a very interesting variety of windmills, including one from Holland as well as several other countries: Brazil, Argentina, China and many others. There



Gloria in front of a Dutch Windmill on the Rodman Windmill Farm

are also windmills from various states in our country; most created in the early 1900's or late 1800's. The history was very intriguing. What a very interesting display!



Guests signed in for the Queen's party on a Minnesota-shaped cutting board

Ken and Queen Gloria had a time at their home to serve refreshments, followed by a banquet at the Hiawatha Lodge in Pipestone. We were treated to a delicious meal followed by superb entertainment, the Hallelujah Hooligans of Baltic, SD. This singing group is exceptional.



Hallelujah Hooligans

All in all, Queen Gloria's event was successful, fun and entertaining.

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L to R: Kenneth, Kate, Gloria, Tim



Gloria's Queen Poster



Flying Farmers who attended Queen Gloria's Day gathered outside Fey Industries

Tell Your Story

*Submitted by Ellen Valburg
Minnkota Flying Farmer*

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"I may not be able to corral cattle from the air, but I can sure drive and round them up!" says Bill Valburg local farmer, rancher and pilot. You may not have guessed ranching and flying go hand in hand but Valburg shares that his '49 Super Cub has been the best piece of machinery ever used on the family ranch. Valburg will celebrate his 90th birthday next January and will also be celebrating 70 years of braving the sky. Jones County is home to the Valburg family ranch but one county over is where the story first took flight.



Born in White River on January 18, 1928 to Bill and Helen Valburg; Bill along with his twin

sister Darline and brother Dale spent their childhood years raised in Mellette County, S.D. The family ranch was located 12 miles southwest of White River. While growing up, Valburg's father provided for their family by working in several trade work jobs. Valburg stated that his father could make a living doing about anything, he knew everybody and everybody knew him. The family ranch consisted of 40 acres of crop ground that was cultivated with a team of work horses. The ranch was located in what you would call rough territory as it was close to the Badlands but Valburg stated that the terrain was perfect ranch land. Running the family ranch was always a group effort as Bill's mother planted and harvested a garden and the three children worked alongside their father farming, milking cows and helping with ranch work. Valburg reminisced the weekly trips that his family would make to town to sell their milk and cream at the cream station in White River. If you ever needed to see someone from the Mellette county area, Saturday was your best chance! Everyone seemed to gather from miles

around to run errands and socialize in White River on Saturdays.

Though horses served as an essential part of farm work they also offered a convenient means of transportation for the children. Valburg attended the Kneville school, a small country school two miles from the family ranch for two grades and the following six years he attended Ring Thunder country school. There was no roadway to Ring Thunder available at that time so the children put their horses to good use. Valburg shared memories of riding his horse four miles across the Badlands to school everyday, rain or shine. If the weather was extremely inclement the children would stay at the school house with their teacher or the teacher would stay at a student's home. Valburg told that he was taught by some of the best teachers around and also had some pretty close friends. "When there's only 11 of you in the school you kind of don't have a choice but to get along and be friends," Valburg chuckled.

After finishing out eighth grade in country school Valburg began

his freshman year at White River High School. Before attending school in town he had never seen the game of basketball played and was thrilled to learn and become a member of the team. The years leading up to Valburg's graduation brought exciting changes for the family and ranch. In 1945 Valburg's father sold their land in Mellette County and bought a ranch for five dollars an acre along the White River in Jones County. Valburg remembers the move like it was just yesterday. He recalls taking a three day cattle drive to move their herd down to the new ranch. The place in Jones County came ready to move into with a ranch house included on the property. Built in 1904, the home was a combination of two houses ordered out of the Montgomery Wards catalog. Though it may look a little differently now, the original house is still home to Valburg to this very day. After the family move, Valburg continued school at White River High School and graduated in the class of 1946.

After the family settled into their new place Valburg's father decided it was time to expand his herd. A large livestock sale was scheduled to be held in Nebraska and the easiest way to get there was to fly. Family friend and local pilot Harold Louder agreed to fly Valburg's father down to the sale where he purchased 100 head of black angus, the very first of their kind to enter Jones County. After

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being fully impressed with the convenience of flying, Bill told his son that if he would learn how to fly, he would buy a plane! And it didn't take long at all for that idea to take off.

Valburg told that, "I was always a pansy and had to sit in the front seat of the car otherwise I would get car sick. So I wasn't sure how flying would go." He began taking lessons in Draper and sure enough the motion sickness hit him every time. It wasn't until he was able to leave the passenger seat and pilot the plane himself that the motion sickness halted. As the lessons progressed Valburg's father purchased a first model Super Cub and it was one of the first three of its kind to come into Jones County. The Cub was a remnant of WWII and was purchased for the price of \$2,460, (modern day price would be comparable to \$80,000.) The plane arrived at the family ranch on Christmas day of 1949. Valburg completed 30 hours of solo flight, 10 hours of dual and after about 150 hours of total training he became licensed by Cecil Ice in 1950.

No story is complete before you put a girl in it, right? Well that part is coming... The apple of Valburg's eye, Ellen, also grew up in the White River area. The two had known each other from a young age and they began

dating as young adults. Valburg shared that he would pull up to Ellen's house in his Super Cub to pick her up for date nights. (Can you get any classier than that?!) Some of their fondest memories of the dating days were attending dances in Vivian and Draper with local friends. Valburg proposed to Ellen with a ring inside the glove box of his car and they were married on June 27, 1963 at the White River Methodist Church. The couple will celebrate their 54th anniversary this June!

The Valburg ranch remains family run to this day. Bill and Ellen have a beautiful family of three children and four grandchildren who have all settled roots in South Dakota. Son Barry and his wife Missy live on the family ranch with their daughters Mallory and Sunny, son Bill lives in Draper and daughter Kristi and her husband Jeff live near Rapid City with their sons Will and Walker. These days Valburg spends most of his time working on the ranch, gardening, flying and enjoying the family's mineral bath/hot house. In the spring and fall seasons the Valburg ranch also outfits pheasant, deer, turkey and antelope hunters.

When considering the favorite pastimes they've spent together, the Valburgs both agree that the International Flying Farmers Organization has provided them with the best of memories. The

two became active members of IFF shortly after getting married in '63 and have since travelled to conventions in nearly all 50 states. Ellen was crowned IFF Queen of South Dakota three years running and was also royalty as the International Queen. In February of 1973 the Valburgs embarked on the IFF Central America Tour that journeyed from Brownville, Texas all the way to San Jose, Costa Rica. Little did they know that this tour would leave them with the experience and story of a lifetime.

While stopped at a hotel overnight in Guatemala City, Guatemala, a 7.6 magnitude earthquake struck the country. The Valburgs recalled being shaken awake at 3:01 a.m. as shelves, medicine cabinets and wall decor shattered and fell to the ground around them. After the ground shaking came to a halt the IFF travellers ventured out into the streets where they discovered that their hotel had suffered minimal damage compared to the surrounding structures. The group spent the night nestled up against the wall of a restaurant that had remained intact. The next day they received word that they would have to stay elsewhere as their hotel was not livable. Everyone packed up their belongings and headed to the airport where they spent the night sleeping in 55 passenger buses. The Valburgs recalled

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feeling aftershock tremors for nearly 24 hours after the quake first struck. While Guatemala suffered a devastating loss of 26,000 people and 76,000 injured, the Valburgs and their IFF friends were miraculously blessed to walk away from the quake with no injuries. Valburg stated that when they were able to go check on their planes after the disaster, everyone was relieved to find them still in one piece. The planes had slid together leaving merely a hand's width between them but they suffered no damage. The next day, February 5, the group was able to board their planes once again and continue on their journey. They returning safely back to the U.S. on February 13.

"It's been a great road for us. We have seen the best of times, probably the hardest of times; but still the best," Valburg shared.

While the stories could be told endlessly, Valburg shared that some of his most memorable experiences from the sky have been the times that he could step in when help was needed. In 1952 a bad winter blizzard left the countryside snowed in with no hopes of venturing the wintry roads. After the storm hit Valburg received word that a neighbor had gone into labor and needed to get to the hospital

quickly. He flew her to Pierre and waited while the baby was delivered and then returned the two home safely. Valburg also shared memories of flying the mail lady to Pierre when the river was flooded so she could pick up and deliver the local mail. No electricity? Leave it to Valburg to fly the lines and inform the electrical company exactly where repairs are needed.

The wings of his '49 Cub have seen more than just breath taking views. They've seen a father teaching his children everything he knows, a pilot helping out neighbors as if they were family, a friend stepping in when no one else could and the nature of a talented, kind hearted pilot whom we are blessed to share a community and hometown with.



My wife got eight out of ten on her driver's test – the other two guys managed to jump out of her way.

There may be no excuse for laziness, but I'm still looking.



*By Tina Wharton
Delmarva Flying Farmer*

Mid-Atlantic held their Convention in Bennington, Vermont on May 19th - 21st. It was a wonderful weekend with perfect weather. We visited a museum, an antique mall, the First Presbyterian Church where Robert Frost is buried. We also visited Robert Frost's house. There were three covered bridges within a few miles of our hotel that we visited, as well as a Battle monument.

On June 9th, we flew to Ohio for Barb Leis' Woman of the Year event. We toured cattle and hog operations and we enjoyed a hot dog roast at their son Derek's house. On Sunday, there was a church service in the hangar, followed by a catered lunch. It was a fun weekend!

On June 24th, the Pennsylvania Chapter celebrated their 70th Anniversary at the Dutch-Way Restaurant in Meyerstown, PA. Twenty-eight people attended the celebration.



'Round the Regions



*By Glenn Kinneberg
Minnkota Flying Farmer*

Where has the summer gone? July is here and that means next it will be fall! Since the last time I wrote, Manitoba has a new president – Ken Pierce. The Manitoba Chapter will be having their summer meeting at the annual Pierce fly-in potluck on August 12.

The Minnkota Convention was a bang up affair conducted by Ellen Valburg. It was held at the Thunderstick Lodge south of Chamberlain, SD in a rustic setting overlooking the hills and the Missouri River. Registration was held on Sunday, June 18 followed by supper.

Monday, after breakfast, everyone piled into cars for a tour of the new grain and fertilizer plant of the SD Wheat Growers at Kennebec, SD. After lunch at the famous Al's Oasis, we toured the Ata Lakota Indian Museum. That evening we were

entertained by the whistling champion, Carole Skinner. And, of course, the next thing was ice cream from the Geides.

On Tuesday morning we motored to the Lewis and Clark Visitors' Center and the statue of "Dignity of Earth and Sky". The statue was just placed last fall and it is of an Indian maiden – 50 feet tall, made from stainless steel and weighs 27,000 pounds. In the afternoon was the business meeting followed by an evening banquet with installation of officers and ice cream compliments of the Arnesons.

On Wednesday everyone moved to Pipestone, MN for Queen Gloria's party. We had a tour of Fey Industries which manufactures all sorts of promotional items such as calendars and key rings. Next was a windmill farm which had all types of windmills from all over the US and some from overseas.

The evening banquet was held at the site which, for 60 years, the outdoor Indian Pageant was performed. Now there is a wonderful hall built in memory of all the people who had put on the pageants for the past sixty years. The hall was filled with at least 100 people to thank Gloria for all she has done for Flying Farmers over the years.

The next thing on the agenda for IFF is the International Flying Farmers Convention in Bloomington, MN. WILL YOU BE THERE?



*By Dale Bohrer
Iowa/Missouri Flying Farmer*

There's still time to register for International Convention. However, it is past the deadline for receiving the IFF room rate and rate is not negotiable.

The IA/MO Chapter had lunch and a meeting in the historic Amana Colonies, which is a German settlement in Iowa. There is lots of history to see and shops to wander in.

Region 6 had a great showing at the Minnkota Convention, June 18-20th. There were at least 20 people, including International Duchess Sharon Harrison who enjoyed a great convention in Chamberlain, SD. What a beautiful place to stay. Attending other chapter conventions is always fun.

'Round the Regions

From Chamberlain most people traveled on to Pipestone, MN for Gloria Reed's International Queen's Day on June 21st. We all had a great time.

The Kansas Convention is tentatively set for March 23rd-25th, 2018, in Garden City, Kansas.

The IA/MO Convention is tentatively set for March 2nd-4th, in Boone, Iowa.



*By Colene Sager
Washington Flying Farmer*

Ten Flying Farmers met in Kahlotus at the Farmer's Daughter Café for the May meeting. We gathered around their large country table and had our meeting before ordering our lunch. The atmosphere at this café in a tiny town is like going to "Grandma's farm kitchen".

We even gained a new member during this meeting. Milt Ogden is a retired wheat farmer and pilot with 16,000 hours. He owns an Aero Commander AC 100-180 and has an airstrip on his place just outside of Kahlotus.



Left to right: Art Sager, Milt Ogden, Nina & Jerry Richardson, Larry King, Bob and Chris Clinesmith, Audrey Ledgerwood, Colene Sager, John Ledgerwood.



*By Jack Vandervalk
Alberta Flying Farmer*

On June 15 the Alberta Flying Farmers along with the Montana Aeronautics Association had our annual hands across the border get together. We meet at the Delbonita Air Strip which is a 5000 foot long grass strip. This year was the first year it was on a week day and some of us were concerned about attendance. The day turned out to be a real success with 14 airplanes and 2 helicopters flying in. Stars Air Ambulance brought down a helicopter and gave us a chance to see what they do. Also it was nice to see some local people drive in.

We usually walk the strip and place smoke bombs in the gopher holes and found that this year the little critters were more active than last year. Then we served hamburgers and pot luck lunch followed by a good time of fellowship. Don and Mary Althen have been involved since day one 31 years ago. This year they again did a super job. Thanks Don and Mary.



**Barbara Severance
1932-2017**

Barbara Bernice (Farny) Severance was born on May 6, 1932 in Santa Monica, California to Peter Joseph and Velma Adell (Bariteau) Farny. She died on May 2, 2017 in Independence, Oregon, at age 84.

She was married to Robert Henry Severance on May 19, 1953. Her brother Robert had brought Bob home to see the Rose Parade in 1951 while on leave from the Navy, and Barbara decided he was the one for her. Their first date included a light plane flight.

Barbara grew up in the Los Angeles, California area. After being married and Bob had finished his Navy service, Barbara and Bob lived in Orange, California, then moved to El Paso, Texas, before moving to Olympia, Washington in 1957. After her second child arrived they moved to Salem, Oregon in 1961 where they continued to live the rest of their lives, finally settling in Independence, Oregon since 1977.

Barbara worked as an RN at Orange County Hospital, El Paso County Hospital, Salem Memorial Hospital and in doctor's offices, retiring in 1993.

She is survived by her husband Robert; children Darrell, Karl and Cheryl; 6 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild and sister Frances McAlpine.



Memorial



**Gary Conklin
1947-2017**

Gary Conklin, 70, of Weston, Ohio died June 1, 2017, near Bowling Green, Ohio.

Gary dedicated his life to working Plane View Farms. He was an avid small plane pilot and the family farm had its own hangar, runway, and fleet of aircraft ranging from fabric taildraggers he rebuilt by hand with his father to Cessnas used to travel the county.

Gary graduated from Ohio State University with degrees in Agriculture and Aviation, was a past Ohio President of International Flying Farmers of America, a member of AOPA and many other flying and farming groups.

He was born May 12, 1947 to Roger and Bernice (Edwards) Conklin and was a 1965 graduate of Bowling Green Senior High School. On August 24, 1990, he married Ann (Hruska) on the Conklin family farm.

Mr. Conklin is survived by his wife Ann Conklin, his daughters Sacha Crowley of Lansing, Michigan, and Bridgette Dempsey of Cleveland, three grandchildren and his sister Colleen Braun of Alberta, Canada.

**Robert Lyme
1936-2017**

Robert Eugene Lyme, 80, passed away Saturday, June 10, 2017, at Village Green Health Campus in Greenville, Ohio. He was born June 20, 1936, in Union City, Indiana, to the late Orville and Geraldine (Hummel) Lyme.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his infant brother, Orville Lyme, a grandson, Keith Lyme, and a brother-in-law, Fred Worch.

Robert served his country honorably in the U.S. Army. He owned and operated Dawn Grain and Supply for 40 years. He was a member of Ansonia First Church of God, a member of the International and past president of the Ohio Flying Farmers and a former member and past president of the Ansonia Kiwanis, and was member of the Ansonia Fourth of July Committee.

Robert is survived by his wife of 61 years, Janice (House) Lyme of Greenville, whom he married April 27, 1956; his sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas Lyme of Greenville, Donald Lyme of Tennessee, Dale Lyme of Greenville; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; his brother Ronald Lyme of Ansonia; his sister, Dorothy Worch of New Madison, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews



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If you are interested in the cruise, you can reserve a cabin for a \$250 deposit per person with the next payment due in June of 2018. All payments made before June 2018 are fully refundable. You will also need to purchase your travel to London and transfer to Southampton but it is too early to book a flight at this time. The cost today is \$864 for a round trip ticket from Chicago to London, but that will change by next summer depending on when you purchase your ticket.

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