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19-21 – Mid-Atlantic Convention - Paradise Inn, 141 Main St, Bennington, VT 05201 - Phone: (802) 442-8351

June 2017

9-11 – Tri State Convention - River Lodge & Grill, 6 Marine Dr NE, Boardman, OR 97818 - Phone: (541) 481-6800

10-11 – IFF WOY DAY - Greenville, OH

18-21 – Minnkota Convention - Thunderstick Lodge, 24931 Thunderstick Rd, Chamberlain, SD 57325 - Phone: 605-734-5106 (IFF Queen's Day on June 21)

21 – IFF Queen's Day - Crossings by Grandstay Hotel, 915 7th St. SE, Pipestone, MN - Phone: 507-562-1100 or Americas Best Value Inn - Phone: 507-690-0091

July 2017

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

September 2017

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

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Official Reports President's Report

*By Zelda Thorp Lewis
Illinois Flying Farmer*

How beautiful the spring flowers and grass look! Planting season is upon us and hope it is or has gone well for those of you who plant at this time.

Thanks go out to the Iowa/Missouri Chapter. They had a wonderful gathering in Clinton, Iowa at the Wild Rose Casino. The tours were great and I actually came home with \$38 from the Casino with investing nothing! Ken and Gloria Reed can fill you in on the details of this rare event!

The Wisconsin Chapter also had a great group show up in Appleton. Phil Peterson and Jeff Thompson had a great agenda including the Pierce fire truck manufacturing plant. All of us who attended had a wonderful time and laughed a lot!

Attending your chapter events is very important and I personally appreciate those of you who have felt good enough to go! I know it's a challenge but you leave with such a wonderful, warm heart that is it worth all of the effort! I am so sorry to have missed the Heartland, Kansas, Alberta and Manitoba Conventions this year. I know they had a wonderful time together and my heart was at each one!

Registration forms for the IFF Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota are available online at the IFF website AND the IFF magazines (March and May). Committees are in place, the hotel is ready and the tours are waiting for us! Plan to join us for a great time!

2018 IFF workshop dates are set –it will be January 16-20, 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Titusville, Florida. Tours include the Kennedy Space Center, a cattle/citrus operation and a warbird museum. Details as well as the

registration form will be published in the September and November IFF magazine and will be online after the IFF Convention in MN.

Check out the tour options on the IFF website and the March 2017 IFF magazine. I am looking forward to being a part of both cruises. Feel free to bring your friends, family and particularly potential future IFF members along on these cruise options. All are welcome!

Hope to see you at these upcoming IFF events – Mid Atlantic Convention, WOY weekend, Minnkota Convention, IFF Queen Gloria's celebration and OF COURSE the 72nd IFF Convention in Bloomington, MN!

Safe flying!



In a recent poll, 60% of people believed their workplace is louder now than it was five years ago. The other 40% didn't hear the question.



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Queen's Report

*By Gloria Reed
Minnkota Flying Farmer*

Have you HERD where the Queen has been?? We've had no time to sit at home and chew our CUD or read the local MOOSpaper.

We left a day early to go to the Iowa-Missouri Convention because one of our veterinarians lives 20 miles from Clinton, so we spent some time with them. Upon arriving at the convention, we celebrated Duchess Sharon Harrison Day and crowned Rhonda Bohrer as their new queen.

Kenneth and I surprised Glenn Kinneberg for his 90th birthday with a cake. Kenneth passed a birthday card around for all to sign. Glenn expressed that he was upset because the card bypassed him. Bingo! It was his own birthday card from all of us.

Other highlights of the convention were the sawmill museum, the George Curtis mansion, and speaker Paul Wallen, which made for a joyous convention. A real treat were the

onion rings served at the beautiful Candlelight Inn.

After being home for two days, we left for Goodland, Kansas. Because it was a long trip, Gary and Karen Hoffman invited us to stop for the night at their home to break up our trip. While there we enjoyed fun, food, and good fellowship. The next morning at the breakfast table, Karen said, "Don't change the sheets. This was fun. Stay here on the way back home."

We traveled a long way south to enjoy a great tour at the 21st Century Bean Packing facility, where we left with a bag of beans. We also enjoyed the Xpresso High School singing group. Congratulations to Haley Shore, who was crowned the new farmerette. Thank you, Kansas, for a wonderful time.

Driving home on Sunday through the sand hills of Nebraska, we hit sand storms, snow, and rain. We were glad to see the Hoffman farm and find refuge there. Homemade chicken noodle soup, even the noodles were homemade, was a tasty treat. Gary and Karen, we were so blessed by your wonderful hospitality.

As we left the Hoffmans, we knew that we were having a blizzard at home with half mile visibility, which is why we stayed the night. When we left that morning, we had two hours of driving on solid ice. We made it home OK.

Then it was time to think spring. We cleaned tractors, brought the seed home, and attended a few farm meetings.

When the work at home was done, we headed to Appleton, Wisconsin, picking up Glenn Kinneberg at LaCrosse for the Wisconsin Flying Farmer Convention. It was put on by Philip and Carol Peterson, who arranged visits to Pierce Manufacturing, Fox Valley Technical Training Center, and the Paper Discovery Center, (where we made our own paper). FUN! The speaker for the evening was AOPA Andy Miller.

Since the date was so close to Easter, and due to harvest I didn't make it to Phil's Man of the Year Day, I decided he should meet the Easter bunny. I had Woman of the Year, Barb Leis, and Zelda, IFF president, and Philip sit up

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Duchess's Report

*By Sharon Harrison
Iowa/Missouri Flying Farmer*

The month of April literally 'flew' by us. By the looks of the calendar, so will the month of May! Our 58th wedding anniversary will be celebrated on the 10th of May, along with our four 'kids' always coming up with special plans for Mother's Day. Two of our grandchildren celebrate their high school graduation with parties afterward on May 21st. Sign-up deadlines for VBS teachers are in effect. One grandson arrived home from his college on May 1st for the summer and hopes to be called to his summer job SOON!

Speaking of time 'flying'...How many of you are familiar with the Veterans Honor Flight to Washington D.C.? It is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing veterans with honor and closure. WWII Veterans were the first to be taken, then Korean Veterans and now those serving during the Vietnam era. The Harrison Five (Redcap

Robert and his four brothers) had the honor & thrill of being chosen to fly from St. Louis to Washington, D.C. on the Great River-Missouri Veterans Honor Flight on April 6th. It was a wonderful & emotional experience and in spite of the rainfall that day, they were able to go to all of the service memorials. The next Great River Honor Flight is scheduled for June 24th. Due to the miserably cold AND wet return in the wee hours on April 7th, the 42 veterans from the April 6th flight are to join the upcoming group in their return home celebration.

With grandson Austen serving military time in Qatar, it's made this grandma do some research of its location: the country borders Saudi Arabia. His baby girl is 8 months old, so Grandma has mixed emotions about the situation. Continuing to work part-time as curator at the Gardner House Museum, the most difficult part is researching & writing interesting local history for the weekly 'Museum Musings' article for the Palmyra Spectator! So I have this continual struggle with 'deadline' schedules.

In June, we have made plans to visit at the Valburg Ranch and attend the Minnkota Chapter Convention. How is it possible that I'm ALREADY making our plans for the IFF Convention-July 31 to August 4? I've always heard that 'TIME FLIES when you are having FUN.' It really IS TRUE! If I was having any more fun than I am, I'd never have time to get out of bed!

Flying Farmers-Friendship-Fellowship-Fun-Food! The only thing BETTER (than those *things* and really is a poor comparison) is having a PLACE RESERVED in HEAVEN. GOD gave us the roadmap/chart (called the BIBLE) that tells us how to get to that destination! JESUS PAID THE PRICE for that reservation on the Cross. I made my choice of destination when I made HIM my Lord & Savior at the age of 13. I just don't know my ARRIVAL date, for which I truly am thankful!

Hope to see you soon—IF not here—more importantly, I hope to see you THERE! (And United Airline can't terminate or cancel my flight!)

Til later, dear Flying Farmer Friends, keep smiling!



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Farmerette's Report

*By Gracious Harris
Kansas Flying Farmer*

Hello Flying Farmers! Hope everyone is enjoying the nicer weather. We have had cool, rainy days and the next 75-80. Only in Kansas can we have crazy weather, but sure it will warm up soon.

School is coming to a quick end. This month I took the ACT again. I did good the first time, just want to keep trying for a higher number. The last weekend in April is the Junior-Senior Prom. I am so excited to get all dressed up and have my hair done I can't wait. I'm not much on the dance part, just want to get all dressed up and then go to the after-prom. They have lots of games and prizes to give away. Just a fun, safe, supervised place to hang out with my friends and have a good time.

I was nominated to the National Honor Society this year, but did not have enough volunteer hours so I have been working on them so next year it won't be a problem. I recently volunteered for our city-wide clean-up, "Get Down and Get Dirty." My brother and sister also helped. We have been doing this for about 7 years. It is fun and when we are done we all go to the park and they provide us with hot dogs, chips and soda. I also helped at a local elementary school carnival. I was at a booth that was helping the kids make friendship bracelets. The weather was nice so it made the weekend really fun.

I am looking for a job for the summer, but not sure, I really need to focus on my volunteering so I can get that all done before school starts. Band practice in the summer will also keep me busy. We also want to go spend time in Albuquerque with my aunt. And I am sure my mom will have

me taking my sister to Taekwondo and to her band camp, so this will keep me more than busy. So, the job may not work out this summer. It goes by so fast, before you know it, it will be time for school to start. Crazy it will be my Senior year.

Time to go – hope you all have a great summer and have fun at the IFF Convention in Minnesota. We will not be able to make it because this is the first week of our band camp. Hope we can make the next one in Canada.



One of the youth soccer league coaches didn't care much for my refereeing and had no problem letting me know it. Fed up, I politely threatened him with a send-off if he didn't can it.

He calmed down, but an older woman took up where he'd left off. "You'd better control your sideline," I warned the coach.

The coach turned to the woman and barked, "Knock it off, Mom!"



L to R: IFF President Zelda Lewis, IFF Man of the Year Phil Peterson, Easter Bunny Gloria, IFF Woman of the Year Barbara Leis

front for special treats from the Easter bunny. Everyone was surprised and enjoyed a good time.

The motel got into the spirit and let Barb, Zelda, and myself know that there were five Easter eggs hidden in their lobby. We were a top hunting crew and discovered all five of them, which brought us to the lobby desk for a treat.

Thanks, Wisconsin, for a wonderful time!

We came home late Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning, and every day to Saturday evening, I made my Easter bunny stops. After 450 candy bars, the bunny rested.

Most recently our local First Farmers and Merchants Bank president and Kiwanis member asked me to speak at the Kiwanis International Club in Pipestone, MN. My talk was about the flying farmers and I was honored to share the story of IFF.



IFF Queen Gloria with Dale Roemmich, President of First Farmers and Merchants Bank and a Kiwanis member

It is now April 26, Ken's big birthday that ends in an O. He always starts to plant corn on that day. Not gonna happen this year! It was 28 this morning with 1.5 inches of rain last week. Today it is 31 degrees at 12 noon.

Have an udderly wonderful day!



Additional By-laws changes

After an email discussion with the IFF executive board it has been proposed to eliminate the statements in our current by laws that pertain to **resolutions** (Article XV Meetings #2,3,4,5). This along with the other proposed by law changes will be voted on by the delegates to our 72nd IFF convention in Bloomington, Minnesota in August.

There will be no resolution committee for this upcoming convention.

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Kansas Flying Farmer Convention

*By Marilyn Bartel
Kansas Flying Farmer*

Kansas Flying Farmers met in Goodland, KS on March 10-12 for their annual convention with Monte and Diana Billheimer as hosts.

Friday morning began with registration followed by a tour of the High Plains Museum followed by lunch on our own. In the afternoon we visited the 21st Century Bean Packing Facility. This was a very interesting facility and we came away with a few bags of different kinds of beans. Our evening meal was at the Crazy R Restaurant followed by an ice cream social hosted by President Jack Jenkinson at the hotel.

Saturday morning started with our business meeting. Reports were given by chapter officers, IFF Royalty, and out of state chapter officers attending. New officers were elected. They are Monte Billheimer, President; Gene Shore, 1st Vice President; John Jenkinson, 2nd Vice President; Joan Lieber, Ladies Vice; Marilyn Bartel, Treasurer; Harry Bartel, Newsletter Editor. IFF Queen Gloria Reed installed the new officers. East Directors



Jack Jenkinson holds a gift from the Kansas Chapter

are Joan Lieber and Teresa Shore; West Directors are Harry and Marilyn Bartel. The business meeting was adjourned by new President Monte Billheimer. The women car pooled to the Ennis-Handy House, a very interesting Victorian home. They then traveled to a restaurant for their lunch hosted by Chapter Queen Kay Berghaus. The gentlemen traveled to the airport for their lunch then to the National Weather Station for a tour. Some of the women joined them.

We all car pooled to travel west of town for our catered banquet at the Sugar Hills Golf Club. After dinner we were entertained by X-Presso, a high school singing group. Coronation for our new queen followed. Jana Jenkinson, our new queen, was unable to



Kansas Queen Jana Jenkinson

attend. Our new Farmerette, Haley Shore was crowned. The remainder of the evening was spent visiting.



Kansas Farmerette, Haley Shore

Sunday morning started with a church service conducted by Gene Shore. After services was a business meeting to plan activities for the coming year.

Iowa/Missouri Flying Farmer Convention

*By Rhonda Bohrer
Iowa/Missouri Flying Farmer*

We had a wonderful turnout for this year's convention in Clinton, Iowa, at the Wild Rose Hotel and Convention Center. Clinton is a city that grew from the lumber industry, once being known as the "Lumber Capital of the World". There is a lot of history in this city and you could spend a great deal of time learning about it.

We had several out of state IFF members join our convention, IFF President Zelda Thorp Lewis, Jim and Anita Meyer, Pat and Norman Clapper of Illinois; IFF Queen Gloria and Red Cap Ken Reed, Ellen and Bill Valberg, and Glenn Kinneberg of Minnkota Chapter; Kay Berghaus, Jack Jenkinson, Eugene and Janet Shore of Kansas; Don and Judy Jacobs of Nebraska. Thank you for joining us.

There were several tours starting with Timken Chain and Auger plant in Fluton, IL. Anyone who has farmed was sure to find chain that they use on their equipment. It's amazing to



L to R: Pat & Norman Clapper, Sharon & Robert Harrison, Zelda Lewis, Don & Judy Jacobs, Leonard Chatfield, Eugene Shore, Rhonda Bohrer, Jack Jenkinson, Don Walker, Ross & Shirley Wiley, Kenneth & Gloria Reed, Bill Valburg

watch the laser cutters being used yet there are still things cut without the lasers.

The next stop was The Sawmill Museum. There are some great exhibits to see and read about. You can also learn so many facts about the lumber industry and the men who were leaders of the community by sitting and watching the animatronic figures of the Lumber Barons who built the city of Clinton. We were also impressed by a sawing demonstration that gave us a

great look at how lumber was sawn by a 1920's sawmill.

Lunch was enjoyed at the Candlelight Inn that is on the bank of the Mississippi River. It was a beautiful sunny day to watch the river roll by.

After lunch we made our way to Eagle Point Park where we could overlook the Mississippi where it is a mile wide. Sorry for the folks from Kansas. They would love to have that much water for their crops.

Tom and Audrey's Antique and Collectable Mall was our next stop. Everyone that stopped surely found things they remember using at some time in their life. A few collectables made their way to new homes. Friday evening was honoring the IFF Duchess who is our own Sharon Harrison. We are quite honored to have Sharon represent IFF and the IA/MO Chapter. Sharon gave a power point presentation showing family and the things she has done as Duchess. Cake and ice cream was served in honor of Sharon.

Saturday morning was a short business meeting followed by lunch. After lunch we made our way to the George Curtis Mansion. The mansion was built in 1883 and is a showcase, exhibiting the lumber baron's exquisite wood working skills. This Queen Anne mansion has been beautifully preserved and run by the Clinton Women's Club. Next door is a beautiful stone church, The First United



Touring the First United Presbyterian Church

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Presbyterian Church. One of their lay leaders gave us a short tour of the building and some history of the church. There is a beautiful set of horns for the pipe organ that was donated to the church.

Friday evening was our banquet. The food provided by the hotel was excellent. Paul Wallem of Rockford, Illinois, was our speaker for the evening. He told us about the Poplar Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum. It is located on the Poplar Grove Airport in northern Illinois. There are 12 acres that have several early 20th century airplane hangars and automotive garages which have been saved from destruction and relocated to there. Their mission focuses not only preserving history, but educating people.



IA/MO WOY Lois Schurr



IA/MO MOY Jim Ruopp

The man and woman of the year were named. They are Lois Schurr, WOY and Jim Ruopp, MOY.

Following dinner and our speaker was the coronation of our Queen. The IA/MO Chapter Queen for 2017/2018 is Rhonda Bohrer. A reception with cake and ice cream followed.



IA/MO Red Cap Dale & Queen Rhonda Bohrer

Following a church service, Sunday morning, we said our goodbyes.



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Alberta Flying Farmer Convention

*By Rosella Bjornson
Alberta Flying Farmer*

For those who were unable to attend the 63rd Annual AFF Convention April 7, 8 & 9th in Olds, AB, you missed a very informative and entertaining weekend. There were 35 registered and 40 for the Saturday night dinner.

Thank you to Doris Holt who handled the registration for those arriving Friday afternoon. Those arriving on Friday afternoon went to the Olds College Brewery located on the North side of the Pomeroy Inn for a sampling of the 8 types of beer that they produce and an explanation of the process of making beer in a microbrewery. About 5 pm we gathered in Jack's Restaurant in the Pomeroy Inn for dinner. At 7 pm we all moved to the Centennial 1 for wine and cheese and a speaker. The speaker was amazing – a college student at Olds College. Alex Villeneuve was taking the Brew Masters Course at the College and he wondered if anything could be done with the left over mash that was taken to the landfill and dumped. He experimented and found that Oyster mushrooms could be grown in it. He has formed his own company and is working on other uses for the spent grain.

We all wished him luck in his future endeavors.

Saturday morning we had the AGM. It was a good meeting with lots of reports. Bessie Molsberry had a good Treasurer's report. The AFF is alive and financially secure. Kelly and Karen Serge were unable to attend but sent his report. He is willing to take care of the Newsletter for another year. Jim Kindt reminded everyone to renew their memberships with the AFF and encourage others to join. Bill Pratt gave the flying activities report – it was a surprisingly busy year in 2016: May – Fly In BBQ to Three Hills; June – Fly In, Drive In to Queen Merry's ranch; July – Fly in to Del Bonita; August – Fly In to Twin Island Airpark to Bill and Rosella's place; December – AFF Christmas Party in High River. If you have any suggestions for 2017 – please let us know. Queen Merry gave her report – she was able to attend the IFF Convention in Springfield, Illinois.

We were very fortunate that Alex Knox, IFF Vice President was able to attend, He gave his report and invited everyone to

Minneapolis, Minnesota for the 2017 IFF Convention. The information and registration form is in the IFF Magazine. IFF President Zelda Thorp Lewis sent her regrets that she was not able to attend.

IFF Treasurer Clement Dion and his wife Sylvia had planned on attending but she had a serious infection and ended up in the hospital so they were unable to attend. Jack Vandervalk, Region 11 Director, gave a report on his year.

Saturday Lunch – all enjoyed soup and sandwiches for lunch. 1:30 pm we followed Kerry Moynihan – Director of Guest Services for the Olds College for a walking tour of the college. What an experience! – Oh! to be 50 years younger and ready to go to college. The Olds College is amazing – all programs are designed to learn by doing. You can go to oldscollege.ca to find all courses and a virtual tour of the college. One of our members said – "The campus does not look the same as it did in 1954 when I was here!!" They have 200 horses in the equine center; 400 head of cattle; and 2000 acres of land. It took about 3 hours to see most of the campus



Group tour in the greenhouses

and I am sure we missed some buildings. They have a Farmer's Market to sell the fresh vegetables that are grown in the greenhouses and a Meat Market to sell the meat that is butchered from their cattle.



Group tour in the meat market

6:00 pm – Dinner in Centennial 1 – very nice meal provided by the Pomeroy Inn. Sherry and Dennis Cooper from Skywings Aviation joined us for Dinner. After Dinner, Sherry Cooper talked about what it is like being named the 'Best Flight Instructor'



Saturday speaker Sherry & Dennis Cooper

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In front of Olds College Red Barn L to R: Alex Knox, Joel Vandervalk, Bill Pratt, Dennis Hueppelsheuser, Mary Vandervalk, Jack Vandervalk, Jim Kindt, Alex Jones, Ken Stratford, Carollyne Collier, Bob Collier, Helen Wright, Cheryl Goyer, Lynn Goyer, Ron Wright

in Canada. She gave a very nice talk about her experiences as an instructor. Next we had some local talent Dani-Lynn and Dustin provided us with the new sound of Country and Western music.

Next came the door prizes, then Man and Woman of the Year were announced. Bill Pratt was named AFF Man of the Year and Rosella Bjornson(Pratt) was named Woman of the Year. We were very honoured to be chosen this year and hope to work with the AFF for many more years.



AB Man & Woman of the Year Bill Pratt & Rosella Bjornson

We have a new AFF Queen – Carollyne Collier from Crossfield, Alberta was crowned at the 2017 dinner. What a beautiful Queen she will be and hopefully can represent us at the IFF Convention this summer in Minneapolis!

Sunday morning Service: Merry Vandervalk provided music on a portable piano for hymn singing. Jack and Merry's grandson Joel Vandervalk then spoke about his experience with YWAM – 'Youth With a Mission'. Joel graduated from high school last June and was looking for something to do. He signed up for a mission with YWAM and went to an island in the Caribbean for 6 months last winter. He had a power point of his pictures. He talked about how this experience made him closer to God. He is planning on going back to YWAM on another mission. On the Sunday morning, we should have asked

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Alberta Executive L to R: IFF Vice President Alex Knox, Helen Wright, Bob Collier, Jack Vandervalk, Bessie Molsberry, Bill Pratt. Seated, AB Queen Carollyne Collier

Vice-President: Bill Pratt
Secretary: Helen Wright;
Directors: Arne Klitmoller, Don Althen, Past President – Rosella Bjornson

Donations and Contributions:
We would like to thank the companies which have given donations to the AFF.

Rocky Mountain Equipment – Roy Hummel, Milk River - donation to silent auction
Jenn Marsh – RBC Financial - \$750

ATB Lethbridge - \$100.00
Rosella and Bill - \$500.00

for donations that Joel will need if he is to return to YWAM. I have sent him a check and wished him luck in his endeavors.

The new Executive:
President: Jack Vandervalk;
Treasurer: Bessie Molsberry;



Do Nothing Tornado Cake

Cake:

2 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups granulated sugar

2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
20 oz. can crushed pineapple

Topping:

½ cup salted butter
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
2/3 cup evaporated milk

1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup sweetened coconut flakes

Preheat oven to 350°F and grease a 9 X 13" baking pan with butter. In a large mixing bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, eggs, vanilla and crushed pineapple. Pour into baking pan and bake for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. Poke several holes in cake with the handle of a wooden spoon.

In medium sized sauce pan, heat butter, sugar, evaporated milk and vanilla until it reaches a boil. Mix in pecans and coconut and continue cooking for about 5 minutes on medium heat, stirring constantly. Pour topping over cake.

Wisconsin Flying Farmers Convention

By Marcia Thompson
Wisconsin Flying Farmer

Wisconsin Flying Farmers held their annual convention on Sunday, April 9 in Appleton, Wisconsin. There were 21 attendees from SD, IL, OH, WI, and Manitoba. We were fortunate to have Zelda Lewis, our IFF President, the IFF Man and Woman of the year, Barb Leis and Phil Peterson, and the IFF Queen, Gloria Reed/Easter Bunny at our convention.

After a lunch at the hotel we toured a history museum, learning about Houdini's life growing up in Appleton, about a county-run institution for the mentally ill from 1870 to the 1940's, and about the paper industry located in the Appleton area.

For the evening program at the hotel, we had Andy Miller, AOPA's Great Lakes Ambassador, speak about the new airmen's



Andy Miller, AOPA's Great Lakes Ambassador, addressing the convention on basic meds and other general aviation issues

medical going effect May 1st, and changes that have occurred since the new president has taken over.

Ann Grahl led our prayer service which was followed by ice cream and cake provided by George and Tommie Suess.

On Monday, we toured the Paper Discovery Center and we learned how important the paper industry was to the Appleton/Fox Valley area. Everyone had an opportunity to make a sheet of paper. After lunch we made our way to Pierce Manufacturing where we had a great tour of their factory where they build top of the line fire trucks and



L to R: Zelda Lewis, Barbara Leis, Gloria Reed & Phil Peterson in front of the Appleton Airport fire truck

rescue vehicles. After dinner we had our general meeting back at the hotel. We had a short business meeting, followed by door prizes, election and installation of officers, a visit



New fire truck to be delivered as Ann Grahl walks to the next one.

from the Easter Bunny, reports from visitors and, of course, ice cream.

On Tuesday we went over to the airport and toured their maintenance facilities. The FAA requires that they are able to clear their main runway from snow within a half an hour. Because of this they have quite a fleet of snow removal equipment. They also showed us their fire fighting truck for use on aircraft fires, quite the apparatus! Finally, we toured the new Fox Valley Public Safety



Dana Tedlie headed a tour of the Fox Valley Technical College Public Training Center - a state of the art facility

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Zelda Lewis & Gloria Reed at the training center in front of a building used for training on how to handle people under the influence

Training Center. It was a very impressive facility for medical, fire and police training. Students come from around Wisconsin and the Midwest to train.



Wisconsin Officers L to R: Ann Grahl, Chaplain; Carol Peterson, Historian; Marcia Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer; George Suess, 2nd Vice President; Phil Peterson, President; IFF Queen Gloria Reed. Front: Jeff Thompson, 1st Vice President

We want to thank all of the out-of-state participants and especially Ken Pierce from

Manitoba, for coming to our convention. It would be very difficult to do it without them.

Special thanks to Phil and Carol Peterson for all their work in setting up the convention.



L to R: Jeff Thompson, Jim & Anita Meyer, Zelda Lewis, Don & Barbara Leis, Gloria Reed, Marcia Thompson, Ken Reed, Phil Peterson, Tommie & George Suess, Glenn Kinneberg

Cool Whip Cookies – Easiest Cookies Ever!

1 box cake mix

1 8 oz. tub Cool Whip

1 egg

Mix all 3 ingredients. Drop spoonfuls into powdered sugar and roll to coat. Place on cookie sheet. Bake at 350°F for 12 minutes. Cool before removing from cookie sheet.

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Manitoba Flying Farmers Convention

*By Colette Pierce
Manitoba Flying Farmer*

Manitoba Flying Farmers gathered in Portage La Prairie on April 21-22 for the 61st annual convention. Twenty-one members were in attendance. Friday evening commenced with President Don George welcoming all.

Past IFF President, Wayne Wilderman, brought greetings from IFF. Alberta Chapter Queen, Carollyne Collier, spoke graciously in her remarks. Alberta Flying Farmer Don Althen brought a group of 6 AFF members in his twin engine Cessna (with 2-PT6 turbines). The plane was piloted by Evan Luft, an enthusiastic young pilot and a new member of AFF. Derek Jenkins gave a presentation about their interesting Snowbird winger. They flew their Cherokee to Indie, California to spend 2 months in the sun at a caravan park. There were lots of activities, including 7 swimming pools to choose from! Derek found that he enjoyed wood carving and he also found a local EAA chapter that he joined. They made many new friends and will enjoy returning there. To top off the evening, an ice cream social was enjoyed by all.

An interesting twist to this year's convention was the fact that a film crew was in attendance. AnnMarie Aroness and her husband Chris from San Bernardino, CA are producing a short documentary on Flying Farmers. Their photographer, Nate, from Brandon, took pictures and held interviews during the weekend. After awhile, we weren't even aware that our pictures were being taken. They will return to the Pierce farm in May to gather more information. They hope to have the documentary ready for this fall. More on that later as information becomes available. They are avid aviation enthusiasts, with Chris working on his PPL.

After a huge breakfast on Saturday morning, the general meeting was held. New officers were elected with Ken Pierce as President and Francis Peloquin as Vice President. Other positions remained unchanged.

After lunch we toured the Simplot plant on the outskirts of Portage. Simplot is easily recognizable by traffic passing by on the TransCanada Highway due to mysterious periodic puffs



of smoke rings – more on that later. We were all astounded that the plant produces 36 semi loads of potatoes per day. By far the highest volume is French fries (80% goes to McDonalds in the USA). Out of the fries processed, we witnessed the birth of newly minted tater tots and hash brown patties. Everything is highly mechanized from the peeling process to the sorting out of blackened tips. This is caused by stress on the potatoes while growing – it causes starch to be turned into sugar, which causes some fries to have black ends. Another statistic is that 40% of their product is shipped out daily as waste material, mostly going to cattle feedlots. All the machinery is looked after by 31 employees per shift. The plant runs two 12-hour shifts 24 hours a day. One of the many interesting machines on the line was scanning fries with ultra



A SPUDNIK potato harvester

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Convention Decorations



L to R: Innis Swanson, Donna George, Don George, Ken Pierce, Terry Wilderman, Derek Jenkins, Wayne Wilderman, Donna Jenkins, Carollyne Collier, Carole Williams, Tour Director David Rose, Gerry Swanson, Lil Gobert, Don Althen



A small sample of some of the food

violet and air jets. As French fries flew down the line, they were either rejected or sent further on to get the black tips cut off, resulting in shorter chips. It was 3 hours from when the potatoes entered the plant to when they were oil blanced,

flash frozen, packaged and put into freezers. The longest time any product was on the premises was 36 hours. Due to the special nature of the machinery, no inside pictures were allowed.



Listening to the speaker

Oh, and the smoke ring puffs are caused by the release of steam in the high pressure peeling process. It literally blows the skins off the potatoes – now you know the rest of the story.

Many thanks to MFF member Ken Carritt for making this tour possible.

After a sumptuous banquet, the MFF Executive was sworn in and

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a social evening continued. Even though we were smaller in number this year, it was still wonderful to see everyone. We enjoyed lively thought provoking discussion about what it means to be a Flying Farmer, and the future of our organization. We look forward to gathering in August at the Pierce annual fly-in.



Going through the buffet line



L to R: MFF President Ken Pierce, MFF Newsletter Editor Colette Pierce, AFF Chapter Queen Carollyne Collier, Bob Collier



L to R: Carole Williams, Lil Gobert, Rita Peloquin, Ken Pierce, Lloyd Williams

A woman meant to call a record store but dialed the wrong number and got a private home instead.

"Do you have 'Eyes of Blue' and 'A Love Supreme'?" she asked.

"Well, no," answered the puzzled homeowner. "But I have a wife and 11 children."

"Is that a record?" she inquired.

"I don't think so," replied the man, "but it's as close as I want to get."



Manitoba Flying Farmers L to R: President Ken Pierce, Vice President Francis Peloquin, Secretary Donna George, Treasurer Lloyd Williams, Newsletter Editor Colette Pierce, Directors Lil Gobert, Lloyd Carley & Derek Jenkins

Mr. Frobisher always scheduled the weekly staff meeting for 4:30 on Friday afternoons. When one of the employees finally got up the nerve to ask why, he explained, "I will tell you why. I've learned that's the only time of the week when none of you wants to argue with me."

International Flying Farmers Visit Panama

*By Mary Appel
Arizona Flying Farmer*

What does a Mooney M20P/G have in common with a Cessna 210, Cessna 340, Beach Craft F33A, and a Cirrus SR22T? The answer: all were members of a fleet of planes that made a twelve day trip to Panama via Mexico, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. Homer Doell, Burl and Cathy Scherler, Matt Cole, and Teresa Drake, all long time members of International Flying Farmers, flew their planes to Panama for a vacation arranged by Caribbean Sky Tours. Matt Cole collaborated with Rick Gardner and Pia Hilbert, co-owners of Caribbean Sky Tours, to arrange the trip that featured agriculture, local history and culture of each area.

The group met in Brownsville, Texas on the evening of Thursday, March 9 for our initial flight briefing and get acquainted session. IFF members were joined by three other pilots, their friends and wives to make a group of six airplanes. We soon discovered that we were an international group that hailed from multiple areas of the United States, Germany and Israel. An immediate camaraderie was formed within the group of

pilots who are engaged in a variety of professions.

On Friday, March 10 we flew to Veracruz, Mexico for the night, continuing to Guatemala City on Saturday, March 11. The 28 mile drive from Guatemala City to Antigua took us three hours on one-way, crowded streets. We checked the GPS and found that we were only 13 miles from the airport. The speed bumps, pot holes, curvy roads and constant honking were worth it when we checked into Hotel Camino Real for three nights. We enjoyed a beautiful resort with lush landscaping, flower arrangements on every table, luxurious rooms, and an elegant restaurant.



Cathy & Burl Scherler at dinner in Antigua, Guatemala

Our time in Antigua included a drive to a cocoa plantation where the owner explained the process of growing cocoa beans,



Grinding Cocoa

processing the beans and making chocolate. We assisted in the roasting, sorting, and hulling process and then took our beans to the grinder down the street. Of course, the best part was the sampling of the final product! On day two in Antigua we went on a walking city tour with a local guide who explained the history of the UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Children making chocolates at Cocoa Museo in Antigua, Guatemala

We hated to leave the beautiful resort, especially at 5:30 a.m., to make the trip back to the airport. We were hoping to avoid the traffic by leaving early



L to R: Gary Colf, airport employee, Matt Cole

for the return drive to Guatemala City, but that was not the situation. Upon arriving at the airport, a representative from the US Embassy was waiting for us. It seems that a Cessna 210 had been found in the country smuggling drugs so they were especially interested in our group. The inspection created a three hour delay that caused some concern as we had to be on the ground in Panama City by 6:30 p.m. It was planned that Homer would take off first since he had the slowest aircraft



Homer Doell preparing for take off

Special Feature



L to R: Employee of Caribbean SkyTours and Rick Gardner

in the group but the air traffic controller ignored him until all others were in the air. We made a stop in Liberia, Costa Rica to refuel where Homer had a 30 minute turn-around time so we could make it to Panama City before the airport closed for the evening. Thanks to a tail wind, the wheels touched down at 6:15.

The Miraflores Locks and Exhibition Center were the highlights during our stay in Panama City. A cruise in a small boat on the canal and inlets gave us the opportunity to view local wildlife, especially monkeys and crocodiles. No visit is complete without a city tour of Old Panama and Casco Viejo.



Pia Hilbert with the Panamanian guide

On Friday, March 17th we returned to Marcos A. Gelabert Airport in Panama City to return to Liberia International Airport in Costa Rica. After securing and refueling our planes, we transferred to Playas del Coco on the Guanacaste Coast, checking into the Hotel Coco Beach. We enjoyed relaxing, walking on the beach, swimming and massages. Homer managed to get his feet wet in the Pacific Ocean for the first time. A farm boy from Nebraska doesn't have a lot of opportunities to "hang out" with the beach crowd while making a living growing corn. Burl didn't pass up an opportunity for a massage at any destination and found one right on the beach.

The last stop on our trip was Tapachula, Mexico at a coffee



IFF group pictured with Panamanian dancers



L to R: Matt Cole, Teresa Drake, Beck Colk on Panama Canal Cruise

plantation in the Chiapas Mountains. The owner is a fourth generation coffee farmer who has diversified his operation to include a lodge, tropical flowers, and essential oils. The plantation was founded by a Swiss immigrant Adolf Gieseemann in 1880 and is now owned by Bruno Gieseemann and his family. Hotel Argovia Finca Resort proved to be quite interesting and beautiful with its setting in a rain forest. He has created a village for his employees including housing, an elementary school, a clinic and other necessities for everyday living.



L to R: Cocoa plantation owner's daughter, Rick Gardner, cocoa plantation owner

After eleven days of interesting travel and decadent eating, it was time to return to Brownsville, Texas and home. We had flown

Special Feature



Bruno discussing quality of coffee flavors and providing samples

3,558 nautical miles internationally on this trip.

This story would not be complete with explaining how this trip was possible and who made it happen. Caribbean Sky Tours, located in Puebla, Mexico, designed the trip for International Flying Farmers taking into consideration the types of airplanes we fly and our interest in agriculture. We were provided with a pilot briefing kit for the trip that included airport diagrams, navigation and communication frequencies, mileage and specific instructions for each leg. Rick Gardner scheduled a briefing before each flight to review details. Their employees filed the eApis forms, flight plans, and had the customs forms ready for completion. There were bilingual handlers at each airport destination that met us at the FBO, helped with refueling of the planes, and any paper work that needed to be completed. After careful research, Pia Hilbert made the hotel reservations, booked local transportation and

local guides. Rick and Pia have arranged numerous flying tours for International Flying Farmers in Mexico and Costa Rica, all of which have been very successful.



David from Israel & Israel Niv. David flew from Israel, the country, to join his friend Israel on this trip. They are both pilots.



Gary & Becky Colf



Selecting lunch items at Guatemala cafe



Rick Gardner & Pia Hilbert

2017 IFF Convention Schedule

Monday, July 31

- 10:00 a.m. – Registration
- 1:00 p.m. – Committee Meetings
- 4:30 p.m. – Queen & Red Cap Mixer
- 6:30 p.m. – Welcome Banquet & Entertainment

Tuesday, August 1

- 8:45 a.m. Board buses for tour
 - Stone Arch Bridge
 - Mill City Museum
 - Box lunch on bus
 - Saint Croix Vineyards
 - Wipaire, Inc.
- 5:00 p.m. Return to Hotel
 - Dinner on your own
 - Relax, visit, shop, etc.

Wednesday, August 2

- 8:30 a.m. – Business Meeting
- Lunch on your own
- 1:30 p.m. – Seminars begin
- 6:00 p.m. – Chapter Dinners together
 - Entertainment
 - Awards
 - Teen Talent

Thursday, August 3

- 7:30 a.m. – Queens' Breakfast & Poster Presentation
- 9:00 a.m. – Seminar
- 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon to honor MOY & WOY
- 12:50 p.m. – Load buses for tour
 - River Cruise
 - US Bank Stadium
- 6:00 p.m. – Return to Hotel
 - Dinner on your own
 - Relax, visit, shop, etc.

Friday, August 4

- 8:30 a.m. – Business Meeting
- Lunch on your own
- 12:00 noon – Past Presidents' & Spouses' Luncheon
 - Executive & Spouses' Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. – Coronation Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. – Photographs
- 6:30 p.m. – Coronation Banquet

2017 IFF Convention Seminar Speakers

Wednesday, August 2

Donald Wyse, Agronomy and Plant Genetics, University of Minnesota



Donald Wyse is a Professor in the Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, where he teaches and conducts research on invasive plant management, cropping system development, plant breeding and new crop development. His research efforts focus on the development of perennial cropping systems, cover crop systems, prairie polycultures, and their impact on soil and water quality. Dr. Wyse was the founding Director of the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable

Agriculture, initiated the development of the Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, was founding Director of the Midwestern Cover Crop Council, and currently serves as Co-director of the Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Agricultural Management. Recent activities of the Center have led to the development of the Mississippi River—Green Land, Blue Water Initiative. GLBW is a consortium of universities, state and federal agencies, and NGO's that have organized efforts to add perennial and winter annual crops to agricultural landscapes that will improve water quality in the Mississippi River and Great Lakes Basin. Dr. Wyse organized, and now leads, the Forever Green Initiative which is Minnesota's primary component of the GLBW program.

Kevin Morris, the FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) Program Manager for the Minneapolis FSDO



Kevin Morris has been with the FAA for 10 years. During that time, he has been assigned to both Air Carrier and General Aviation oversight as well as working as an aircraft accident investigator. Prior to joining the FAA, Mr. Morris flew for a regional airline and was a flight instructor. He holds an ATP and a CFI.

Thursday, August 3

Dr. Robert (Bob) Koch, Assistant Professor and Extension Entomologist at the University of Minnesota.



Dr. Koch's research and extension responsibilities focus on applied ecology and integrated pest management of insects associated with soybean. Currently, his research program focuses on IPM for the soybean aphid and brown marmorated stink bug. He is currently leading a federally-funded project to evaluate the use of drones for pest scouting in soybean. Dr. Koch received a Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Minnesota and Bachelor's degree in biology from St. John's University. Prior to this position at the University of Minnesota, he worked for six years with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. His presentation will address: "Management of soybean pests in northern states is being complicated by increasing regulation of pesticides and development of pest resistance.

This presentation will review these emerging challenges and discuss the potential for drone-based pest scouting to facilitate crop management and guide pesticide inputs. I will provide updates from our research on the detection of soybean aphid with ground- and drone-based spectral sensors."

2017 IFF Convention Standing Committees

By-laws

Chairperson: George Conard
Diana Billheimer
Dale Bohrer
Don Leis

Tours

Chairperson: Phil Peterson
Dave Hawthorne
Karen Bradd

Credentials

Chairperson: Joan Gillis
Colene Sager

Publications

Chairperson: Mary Hawthorne
Gordon Beidler
Velda Beidler
Pat Clapper

Nominating

Chairperson: Wayne Wilderman

Audit

Chairperson: Judy Conard

Parliamentarian

Eugene Shore

Chapter Queens



Alberta Chapter Queen Carollyne Collier

money for a school girl. When she finished school she began full time employment with the telephone company where she worked until her retirement in 1999.

Carollyne Collier is honored to be the new Alberta Chapter Queen. She grew up in a small town – Quill Lake, Saskatchewan, which is about 135 miles east of Saskatoon. Her parents were grain farmers and her father farmed the land where her grandfather homesteaded in the early 1900's. Her family moved to Calgary, Alberta when she was 14.

While Carollyne was still in school, she worked part time for AGT as an operator. This was a great job providing spending

In 1998 she married a farmer and was back on the farm raising alpacas, growing a garden and helping with the fields and harvest. She lost her husband to cancer in 2013.

She met Bob Collier at Eastern Star. They were married in 2016. Bob brought a whole new interest to her life – flying! She soon learned that the word “Cessna” was sacred and that “Cessna” must never sleep outside. Her first date with Bob was flying over her farm.

Carollyne and Bob enjoy dancing and belong to several dance clubs. They have a motor home; both love travel and they take many trips each year.

Carollyne is an active volunteer in her community. She has held several executive positions in the Chestermere 55 Plus Association. She and Bob are members of Eastern Star and both hold an office.

Together, Bob and Carollyne have 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Her motto is: “Yes we can make a difference by doing one kind deed at a time!”

Rhubarb Butter

4 stalks rhubarb	2 tsp. vanilla extract
1 apple, cored & chunked	¼ - ½ tsp. cinnamon
½ cup honey	

Puree together the apple and rhubarb until smooth in food processor. Pour apple/rhubarb mixture into a pot and mix in honey, vanilla and cinnamon. Bring mixture to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce to simmer and continue to stir every 4-5 minutes or so. Cook for about 15-20 minutes or until desired consistency is reached. Pour into jar and allow to cool. Store in refrigerator.

Chapter Queens



Heartland Chapter Queen Margaret Bunger

Margaret Bunger is the Heartland Chapter Queen. Margaret and her husband Bill own 480 acres of corn and soybeans but are retired from active farming.

Margaret collects postage stamps, post marks, some first day covers, vintage picture postcards, vintage buttons and sheet music. She enjoys music and plays both piano and organ. Margaret also dabbles in oil painting and some watercolor. She is a nearly retired seamstress.

Bill collects belt buckles and kaleidoscopes. Since retiring, he watches a lot of television.

Margaret has been honored to receive best of show oil painting in a local art show, first place newsletter editor, IFF Queen and IFF Woman of the Year.

Margaret has belonged to an extension club and held all of the offices, served on the Pastor Parish committee of the Methodist Church, was church organist for 55 years, and was Vice President of the Presbyterian Women. She is currently a substitute organist for the Presbyterian Church in Campbell, NE.

Margaret and Bill have three children, Deborah, David and

Brian, four grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren

Margaret and Bill joined IFF in 1995. She has been the Heartland Chapter Newsletter Editor for 15 years.

Margaret says that IFF has changed their lives. They have met so many wonderful people and have traveled extensively. They have visited places and facilities they would never have see if they had not been members of IFF. Having served as IFF Queen in 2006-07, Margaret encourages all chapter queens to let their names stand for IFF Queen and IFF Duchess. It is an experience of a life time!

Button Trivia

Why are buttons placed on the *right* side of men's shirts but on the *left* side of women's shirts?

It has to do with socio-economics: Buttons were expensive back in the 17th century when they first appeared, and only rich people could afford them. Men dressed themselves, and it is easier for the most right-handed persons to grasp the button with the right index finger and thumb and guide the button through the hole opened with the left fingers.

Rich women were dressed by their maids, and so buttons were placed on the opposite side to make it more efficient for servants.

Chapter Queens



Iowa Missouri Chapter Queen Rhonda Bohrer

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

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

Rhonda Bohrer is from Toddville, Iowa. She is currently serving her fourth reign as Iowa/Missouri Chapter Queen. She and her husband Dale are actively involved in farming, growing corn and soybeans on 190 acres that they own.

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

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

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

Buttermilk Pie

3 eggs, room temperature	2 teaspoons vanilla extract
½ cup butter, softened	1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 ½ cups white sugar	¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
3 tablespoons all purpose flour	1 9-inch unbaked pie crust
1 cup buttermilk	

Preheat oven to 350° F. Line a 9" pie plate with a single pie crust (store bought or homemade). Beat eggs until foamy. Beat in butter, flour and sugar until fluffy. Add remaining ingredients and mix until smooth.

Pour into prepared crust and bake for 45-55 minutes until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool completely before cutting.

Ag Trivia

2% of the US population live on farms.
90% of US farms are operated by individuals or family corporations.
15% of jobs for the US population are provided by agriculture.
Ag land provides habitat for 75% of the nation's wildlife.

An acre of land is roughly the size of a football field. On that acre, a farmer can produce 24,000 heads of lettuce ~ 45,000 pounds of strawberries ~ 36,000 pounds of potatoes ~ 28,800 pounds of navel oranges ~ 14,000 pounds of sweet corn ~ 1,329 pounds of cotton.

The dairy cow, in one day, consumes:

35 gallons of water
20 lbs of grain and concentrated feed
35 lbs of hay or silage

and an average milk cow produces 350,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime.

Consumers spend \$547 billion on food originating on US farms and ranches. Of each dollar spent on food, the farmer's share is approximately 23 cents. The rest are for costs beyond the farm gate: processing, marketing, transportation, and distribution.

Americans today consume 17.3 billion quarts of popped popcorn each year. The average American eats about 68 quarts!

- The potato is the world's fourth most important food crop
- The average American eats 126 pounds of potatoes a year
- Approximately 1/3 of all potatoes grown in the US are grown in the state of Idaho
- The Potato is a vegetable
- The Potato was the first vegetable grown in outer space
- At a White House dinner in 1802, President Thomas Jefferson was the first person to serve french fries in the United States.
- Frozen Potatoes, including French Fries, are the number one prepared style of Potatoes in the US. Americans eat more than 16 pounds of French Fries every year. That's over 2 million tons!
- 62% of all Idaho potatoes that are harvested are used to make frozen or instant potatoes
- New York consumes more potatoes than any other state, followed by Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Texas
- The bright orange color of carrots tell you they're an excellent source of Vitamin A which is important for good eyesight, especially at night. Vitamin A helps your body fight infection, and keeps your skin and hair healthy.

A farmer wears many career hats. He is a chemist, an environmentalist, a botanist, an entomologist, an accountant, a weather forecaster, a mechanic, and a marketing expert.



'Round the Regions

Joel & Tina Wharton have arranged a Western Caribbean cruise aboard the Norwegian Epic cruise ship following the 2018 IFF Workshop. They reserved a block of 30 rooms, however, every month the cruise line removes 2 of the unbooked rooms from that block. So far, 12 rooms have been booked. **This cruise is not only for Flying Farmers, but also for family, friends and potential IFF members. This would be a great opportunity for you to invite someone to join our group and see what fun Flying Farmers can be.** If you plan to go on this cruise, please book your cabin ASAP!

*By Tina Wharton
Delmarva Flying Farmer*

On Saturday, March 25, Delmarva met at Kay's restaurant at the Cambridge Airport in Maryland. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and wonderful fellowship. We caught up with our winter traveling Flying Farmers and planned fun monthly activities through the summer.



*By Glenn Kinneberg
Minnkota Flying Farmer*

Since my last report I took in the Iowa/Missouri Convention in Clinton, IA which was held at the Casino. I had to take my medical persons to their appointments on Friday so I did not get to Clinton until Friday afternoon. That evening I had quite a surprise – Ken and Gloria presented me with a birthday cake for my 90th!

So at this time I want to THANK everyone for the cards and e-mails wishing me Happy Birthday. On Saturday there were interesting tours of the area followed that evening with a program and of course ice cream and cake!

On April 8 Queen Gloria and Ken picked me up at La Crosse, Wisconsin for the drive to Appleton for the Wisconsin Convention. The Fox River which flows north has a swift current and we toured the restored paper mills that were built along the river to take advantage of the waterpower. Then we also toured the Pierce Company which builds fire and rescue trucks. They deliver all over the U.S. and several were



*Attending the meeting were: back row L to R: Bob Carmean, Pete Bohn, Dave Tranberg, Steve Applegate, Joel Wharton. Front row L to R: Cindy Applegate, Ruth Carmean, Muriel Ewing, Janice Tranberg, Tina Wharton.
Photographer for the afternoon was Jillian Wharton*

I was having lunch with Bobby Fischer, the former world chess champion, and the table had a checkered tablecloth. It took him two hours to pass the salt.

going to China. The last day we toured the airport and saw the massive snow removal equipment and also the adjoining Technical School.

For a small chapter, Wisconsin did another “bang up” job!

The Manitoba Convention was held April 21-22 and I had made my reservations for all and at the last minute I decided I had better cancel. After all my driving I had better take it easy—not push my luck. If I had my Cherokee!!!

I’m looking forward to the Minnkota Convention June 18-21 in Chamberlain, SD followed by the IFF Annual Convention July 31-August 4 in Bloomington, MN. Hope to see you there!



*By Dale Bohrer
Iowa/Missouri Flying Farmer*

The IA/MO had a great convention in Clinton, IA. There were many fun tours such as the Sawmill Museum with demonstrations of a 1920’s sawmill and animatronic figures of lumber barons, Timken Chain & Auger Plant in Fulton, IL.,

‘Round the Regions

Eagle Point Park to view the mighty Mississippi River and a lumber baron’s 1883 mansion to name a few.

Our speaker for the banquet was Paul Wallem of Rockford, IL. His presentation was about the Poplar Grove Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum located at the Poplar Grove Airport.

We were honored to have IFF royalty Queen Gloria Reed and Duchess Sharon Harrison at our convention and IFF President Zelda Thorp Lewis.

The new Queen for IA/MO Chapter is Rhonda Bohrer.

We want to send out thoughts and prayers to those affected by the wild fires in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Colorado. I have heard it called “Our Hurricane Katrina”.



*By Colene Sager
Washington Flying Farmer*

The Washington Flying Farmers went to Palouse, Washington for their April 22 meeting. This town is located at the eastern edge of our area and some

people drove 3 hours to arrive at 11:00 for our tour of a print museum. This newspaper and printing museum has equipment used in letterpress and linotype printing. All of the equipment used by early day printers is operational but now is there for us to be educated in how it was done before the computer age. There is nostalgia to this type of print and some people pay a lot of money to have wedding invitations made with the letterpress which leaves a raised letter on the page.

We were greeted warmly by Janet Barstow and Tony Sittner, volunteers at the museum. Janet led a very educational tour and Tony demonstrated some of the machines. Tony actually teaches a class in letterpress type. There seems to be a hobby in learning the art of setting one letter at a time and creating the raised letter formal invitations. They even had a table set up so we could have our business meeting before going next door to the Green Frog Café. After lunch we browsed an interesting antique shop.

Thank you to Burgess and Maxine Lange for inviting us to their neighboring town and making the arrangements. I might add that the weather was perfect for this outing. After a windy, rainy spring, any day with good weather certainly adds to the enjoyment.

Hearon Buttrill
1917-2017

William Hearon Buttrill, Sr., passed away on March 5, 2017, at his home in Sudlersville, MD, at the age of 99. He was born September 16, 1917, in Krum (Denton County) Texas. He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Jane Elizabeth (Headlee) Buttrill and is survived by his devoted second wife, Chantra "Ying" Buttrill.

He is also survived by his three sons and three daughters: Bill Buttrill, Judy Patnaude, Nancy Chambers, Wally Buttrill, Walt Buttrill and Sabie Carey. In addition he is survived by 14 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and one great, great grandson.

He was a Texan at heart. After graduating from North Texas State University, he married Jane in 1940. Hearon worked for the U.S. Census Bureau then for the Naval Research Station. He then moved to Wyoming to work for the Bureau of Mines, but returned to Annapolis to work for the Naval Research Station again and then the Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, MD and Washington, D.C. He retired in 1980 after 35 years of government service.

In retirement, Hearon took up flying and earned his pilot's license. He and Jane flew around the country attending Flying Farmers conventions. Hearon was a member of International Flying farmers, Sudlersville Lions Club and Sudlersville Ruritans.

Memorial



*Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there, I did not die.*
~ Mary Frye



Elsie White
1929-2017

Elsie Elaine Lyon White, 88, died Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at Brookdale Liberal Springs in Liberal.

She was born Jan. 13, 1929, near Greensburg. She graduated from Wellsville High School.

On Aug. 27, 1950, she married Wilbur Wayne White in Paola. Shortly thereafter, they moved to the White farm in Moscow. He preceded her in death as did her parents, Lionel and Rheta Lyon; a sister, Willa Jensen; and a great-grandson.

Survivors include Ford White of Hugoton, her husband's younger brother that they raised; three sons, Edward White of Moscow, Richard White of San Antonio, Texas, and Earl White of Gilbert, Ariz.; two sisters, Nellie Faye Simmons of Claremore, Okla., and Clarene Prothe of Paola; several grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



Join IFF in Bloomington CONVENTION '17

July 31 - August 4 ♦ BLOOMINGTON ♦ MINNESOTA

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, Prov./State _____

Chapter _____ Daytime phone _____

Email _____

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PAYMENTS BY CHECKS

\$425, per person, if **POSTMARKED BEFORE May 15th**
\$450, per person, if **POSTMARKED AFTER May 15th**
Pre-registrations will guarantee you a seat

Names of persons attending:

List exactly as you wish shown on nametag.

1. _____
current title, if any _____
2. _____
current title, if any _____
3. _____
current title, if any _____
4. _____
current title, if any _____
5. _____
current title, if any _____

Arrival date _____ Time _____

I will be arriving by:

Private Aircraft Auto RV

Airline: _____

Flight _____ Time _____

I will be staying at: Radisson Blu other

Will this be your first IFF Convention? _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS (please state) _____

Adult registration ▼ \$425 Teen registration ▼ \$425 Junior registration ▼ \$425

Total
Per person

1. _____ \$ _____

2. _____ \$ _____

3. _____ \$ _____

4. _____ \$ _____

5. _____ \$ _____

Payment accepted in US or Canadian funds

Make your reservations by June 31, 2016

Radisson Blu Mall of America
2100 Killebrew Dr.
Bloomington, MN 55425

Toll Free Reservations Phone: 800-333-3333

Hotel Phone: 952-881-5258

Room Rate: \$159 + taxes for 1 king or 2 queens
Breakfast NOT included with room

Monday, July 31st

Registration, Committee Meetings, Queen & Red Cap Mixer,
Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 1st

Full day of tours – Historic Minneapolis Tour, St. Croix Vineyards
and Winery. Bowed lunch is included. Dinner will be on your own
with the evening free to rest, visit or shop.

Wednesday, August 2nd

Business meeting and seminars. Banquet seated by chapters
(replaces chapter dinners).

Thursday, August 3rd

Queen's poster presentation, seminars, MCO/WCO Luncheon,
afternoon river sightseeing cruise and US Bank Stadium tour.
Dinner will be on your own.

Friday, August 4th

Business meeting, seminars, Executive Board Meeting,
coronation practice, photographs and coronation banquet

Refund Policy

100% refund given if cancellation is due to health issues or family
emergency which arise before event payments have been made
and all other approved cancellations made before event payments
have been made. Other refunds determined by event payments
that have been made.

(We will not be staying at the Radisson Blu Hotel; however, we
would like to contribute towards the meeting rooms. I have
added \$ _____ to my registration fees.

Mail this completed registration page to: International Flying Farmers, P.O. Box 309, Mansfield, IL 61854

Chapter Supplies Available through IFF -- New Prices!

Queen's Tiara	\$45.00	_____
Trophy	\$55.00	_____
WOY Pin	\$15.00	_____
Queen's Pin		
(w/year guard)	\$55.00	_____
Year Guard	\$30.00	_____
TOTAL		\$ _____

Please add an additional \$5 for shipping
Additional Info:

Send check for the amount of supplies ordered -- indicate year for the trophy and pin under "Additional Info". Please allow 6 weeks for the trophy, tiara and pins, and 3-4 weeks for the WOY pin.

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Address: _____

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State/Prov: _____

Zip/Postal: _____

**Mail check and order form to:
International Flying Farmers
P.O. Box 309
Mansfield, IL 61854**



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New Magazine Calendar Deadlines

IFF Correspondents: Make note of the following deadlines for upcoming issues of the International Flying Farmer magazine.

Issue	Deadline
January/February	Jan. 1
March/April	Mar. 1
May/June	May 1
July/August	July 1
September/October	Sept. 1
November/December	Nov. 1

2018 Norwegian Fjords Cruise

Come join Marcia and Jeff Thompson September 1, 2018 on an 8-night cruise aboard the Celebrity Silhouette.

The cruise leaves out of Southampton England and visits 5 ports in Norway before returning to Southampton, England. The price at this time is \$2,043 per person for an inside cabin with double occupancy, and \$2,763 per person for a cabin with a balcony with double occupancy. The price includes all taxes and tips. If you book an outside cabin, you can choose one of the following: \$300 onboard credit, free drink package, or free internet for the cruise. They will hold this price until February 17, 2017. After that, it could go up or down.

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.

If we book 8 or more cabins, the group is eligible for a TC credit which will be divided between the cabins booked.

If you have questions, please give Celebrity Cruise a call. Our Group ID is 6193030. The phone number for group sales is 888-727-4907 Ext 18878 from 9am – 7pm.

If you have other questions, email or call Jeff Thompson: Tsfjm@yahoo.com or 262-620-8203

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All contributions are fully deductible for IRS tax purposes since the IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund is a 501 (c)(3) charitable institution. They should be sent to:

IFF Past Presidents
c/o Don Leis
5315 Horatio Harris Creek Rd
Greenville, OH 45331-9332

NOMINATIONS FOR IFF WOY, MOY & Airport Operator ARE DUE MAY 31, 2017!

Any active IFF member can be nominated and does not have to be a current chapter MOY and WOY.

The nomination form MUST be submitted AND signed by an active IFF member. If it is submitted by email to IFF1944@hotmail.com, then a copy MUST BE MAILED to IFF, PO Box 309, Mansfield, Illinois 61854, postmarked before May 31, 2017 and received at the IFF office by May 31, 2017, to be considered for the 2017 award.

NAME _____
Last First Middle Birth date Pilot ratings/total pilot hours

SPOUSE _____
Last First Middle Birth date Pilot ratings/total pilot hours

CHILD _____
Last First Middle Birth date Pilot ratings/total pilot hours

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ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ **CELL PHONE** _____

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OCCUPATION _____ **PRINCIPLE CROP** _____

AIRCRAFT _____
Year Make Model N-number

LANDING STRIP _____
Length-direction Direction from town

Who told you about IFF? _____

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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.

