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# November 2013 Newsletter

# Meetings Ahead...

### November 9th

Morning Sun, Iowa (east of Winfield on Highway 78), 10:30 AM, meet in center of town, First Rural Post Office West of the Mississippi and restaurant meal.

## December 7<sup>th</sup>

Pizza Ranch-Pella, Iowa

Please send newsletter information by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. You may email: IAMOFlyingFarmers@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 436, Traer, Iowa 50675

## **October Meeting Minutes**

Iowa Missouri Flying Farmers October meeting 10-12-2013

Chris Detje called the meeting to order at The Blue Iguana restaurant, LeClaire, Iowa. Carol Detje moved and Dale Bohrer seconded to approve the minutes as published in the new letter, carried.

No Treasurer's report.

No Old Business:

New Business: Next meeting Morning Sun, Iowa (east of Winfield on Highway 78), 10:30 AM, meet in center of town, First Rural Post Office West of the Mississippi and restaurant meal.

IA-Mo Queen/IFF Duchess Carol Detje gave a short report of her activities.

Carol Detje moved to Adjourn, carried.

Prior to the meeting 10 members met at The Buffalo Bill Museum in LeClaire.

The museum includes mostly history of Wild Bill, but has a room honoring an Iowa native James Ryan which developed the first flight data recorder, a black box for aircraft, which was really a round one, proved interesting. The wood Lone Star steam powered paddle wheel tug boat also proved interesting as it was active on the Mississippi for 98 years.

After lunch we toured the Mississippi River Distilling Co. which uses local grains for its products. We then went to Antique Archaeology (History Channel TV Show) and viewed what they had for sale.

Concluding the day we all were invited to Lois Schurr's home for ice cream and brownies. Thanks Lois for making all the arrangements and the ice cream.

Attending the Bohrer's, Detje's, Jennings's, Walkers's, Lois Schurr and Jim Ruopp.

By pro-tem secretary Larry J

Past President

Dale Bohrer

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Newsletter Editor

Lisa Even

Queen/IFF Duchess

Carol Detje

Farmerette

Alexis Taylor

Man & Woman of the Year

Glen & Dixie Ann Brown

#### Queen & President

The October meeting had a small group, but it was a fun group. The Bufffalo Bill Museum was very interesting. I loved the antique rose dishes along with many other things. I saw old sleds that took me back in time along with the pot belly stoves that I used to toast bread on. We had a beautiful day for eating outside at the Blue Iguana. We walked up the street to the Mississippi River Distilling Company where we saw in person the handcrafted small batches of spirits from "grain to Glass." We were able to taste some of the fruits of their labor or should I say some of the Schurr's grain. After that we visited American Pickers, Chris believes I have more junk then they do. I really think LeClaire would make a goo convention, it's very pretty, clean and there are a lot of places to visit.

After all the tours Lois Schurr has us all back to her home for brownies, ice cream, coffee and more. Thank you to Lois for her hospitality.

Thank you Jim Roupp for letting us ride with you and Larry Jennings for taking the minutes at the meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Duchess Day & Farmerette Day will be on Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Iowa/Missouri Convention in Iowa City. We thought it would save some travel expenses for everyone.

See you at the next meeting.

Queen Carol & President Chris

#### **Farmerette**

I'm sorry that I missed the last meeting; I would have enjoyed the tours very much.

As some parts of my busy schedule disappear, others begin to come up. My high school football team's unsuccessful season has finally come to an end. Meaning I am now done cheerleading. As basketball and wrestling season begin, I will have other things to keep me just as busy. With basketball comes playing my trumpet in the pep band and dancing for my school's dance team with 13 other talented girls during the varsity boy's half time. Although some basketball game attendance is necessary, I prefer going to watch our wrestlers as much as possible. I find wrestling a very entertaining sport to watch, especially with my dad!

I am very excited for December to come because my dance team will be performing at state on the 5th. We have gone to state the last two years-my freshman year being the first for our team to ever attend. We placed 4th two years ago and 3rd last year so 2nd or 1st is our goal in mind. We have already learned most of our 2 minute 9 second dance and it is very fun yet complicated. I can't wait to perform it and see how we do. Wish us luck!

I have been fundraising for my upcoming band trip to New York in April. I am very close to reaching my target price of \$1000.

I hope to see you all at the November meeting!

**Alexis** 

### Fun Facts about the First Thanksgiving

The Plymouth Pilgrims were the first to celebrate the Thanksgiving.

The Pilgrims sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to reach North America.

They sailed on the ship, which was known by the name of 'Mayflower'.

They celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The Wampanoag Indians were the people who taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate the land.

The Pilgrim leader, Governor William Bradford, had organized the first Thanksgiving feast in 1621. He invited the neighboring Wampanoag Indians to the feast.

The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted three days. Mashed potatoes, pumpkin pies, popcorn, milk, corn on the cob, and cranberries were not foods present on the first Thanksgiving's feast table.

Lobster, rabbit, chicken, fish, squashes, beans, chestnuts, hickory nuts, onions, leeks, dried fruits, maple syrup and honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs, and goat cheese are thought to have made up the first Thanksgiving feast.

The pilgrims didn't use forks; they ate with spoons, knives, and their fingers.