



Illinois Extension Agricultural Association

Fall IEAA Meeting in Quincy



Come and enjoy western Illinois at our annual Fall Meeting. We've set up what we hope will be an enjoyable and educational experience. The event will begin with lunch, served at noon, at the Adams/Brown Extension unit in Quincy.

After lunch, you'll have the opportunity to partake in one of two tours of the Quincy area.

Tour 1:
Quincy Lock and Dam (pictured below)
www.visi.com/~jweeks/upper_mississippi/pagesL/missLD21.html

Underground Warehouse—One of the largest underground storage areas in the world. Offering both frozen and dry storage space of over 600,000 square feet of available space.
www.uwi.org/Services/Service.htm

Tour 2:
Knapheide Equipment—one of the largest truck body manufacturers in the US. During the '70' and 80' ag trucks were a mainstay of their business. However, because of the ever changing ag industry, their main income now derives from the manufacture of utility/industry truck bodies. www.knapheide.com

Titan Wheel—One of the leading manufactures of wheels and tires for the ag and industrial markets in the US and across the world.
www.titan-intl.com

Later that afternoon, both tours will join together to

tour the Ag Museum of Don McKinley—a private museum featuring 1930's era tractors and equipment (mostly John Deere). Don's collection is extensive and high quality. Some is featured at the John Deere museum in Rock Island. Dinner will be served at Kutter's Inn, featuring fresh river fish.

The following day is reserved for the business meeting of IEAA.

Group reservations have been held until August 27th at the Fairfield Inn in Quincy (pictured at left). The price is \$60 per room plus tax (2 queen beds). A continental breakfast is included. Reservations are under "U of I Extension". www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/quinqu-fairfield-inn-quincy/

Please let me (Mike Roegge) know your tour choice so that we can plan accordingly. Look forward to seeing you in Quincy on September 13 and 14.

Mike Roegge, roeggem@uiuc.edu

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One tour includes Lock & Dam #21, just south of the city of Quincy, Illinois. This picture was taken on an unusually warm foggy winter day just prior to a major snowstorm.

Highlights from AM/PIC in Michigan

Illinois participation at the NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) in Grand Rapids, Michigan in July was an overwhelming success.

IEAA representation included 17 members and 4 life members, plus several spouses and kids.

Illinois was well represented in scholarly activities. Five posters were submitted from Illinois. Illinois placed first and second in the education division; the winning poster was submitted by authors Robert Bellm, Dennis Epplin and Greg Clark. The second place poster was submitted by Dale Baird, Russ Higgins and Joe Toman. A poster submitted by Dennis Bowman was the North Central winner.

Dennis was also a Search for Excellence finalist in the Remote Sensing category.

At the Thursday night banquet Pete Fandel was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in front of his peers.

Illinois and Iowa hosted the Monday evening meal. Illinois looked quite professional in their matching blue shirts. Several also donned Illini orange aprons. Willa Bretthauer (Gary's wife) created the apparel.

States night out was enjoyed by most of the group at a steak house. The food was great and so was the company.

We appreciate Extension administration's support of this event. Dr. Jim Oliver, NE Regional Director, attended several sessions. Dr. Denny Campion, Director of Extension, joined us as well. He "donned an apron" to help serve the Monday night meal. Additionally, though his schedule required that he leave prior to the states night out meal, he still paid the bill.

Next year's AM/PIC is in North Carolina. Let's plan now for an even more successful Illinois participation in 2008.



Adapted from Russ Higgins email

Dale Baird and Pete Fandel tour the Ludington, MI marina.



Rod Grusy, former Illinois Extension Ag Adviser, now retired from University of Kentucky Extension and Pete Fandel.



Jay Solomon, Pete Fandel, and others help serve the Illinois/Iowa hosted meal.



Dale Baird and Chet Parsons, University of Vermont Extension. Chet is the world famous co-author of the "Full Vermonty" drink, which will likely be served at the fall IEAA meeting.



Rhonda Ferree and Pete Fandel "steal" a nice catch during their tour. Unfortunately, their big fishing trip the next day was cancelled due to high winds.

Fandel Receives DSA Award

Pete Fandel, Unit Educator, Crops Systems, in Woodford County, is the Distinguished Service Award recipient from Illinois for 2007. Fandel received his plaque at the closing banquet at the end of the NACAA AM/PIC in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



The Distinguished Service Award is presented to NACAA members with more than ten years of service who have exemplified the highest standards of excellence during their entire careers.

Pete develops, teaches, and evaluates crop production re-

lated topics in such areas as IPM, Soil Fertility, Natural Resources, Soil and Water Quality, Farm Safety, Value-added Agriculture, and Biotechnology. During the past three years he has also planned, coordinated, and conducted research and presentations on many facets of Global Position Systems and Geographical Information Systems throughout the state. This information has increased profits for the producers, and decreased environmental effects from fertilizers and livestock manure.

Congratulations Pete!

Rick Keim



1991 Funds Now In Champaign

President Russ Higgins appointed a committee to invest 1991 funds into CD investments as voted by the membership in Ver-gennes.

It is our pleasure to report that this goal has been reached. The funds are now in three investments of 1 year, 2 years, and 3 years. The interest received on these investments are as follows: 4.75, 4.85, and 4.95. All interest is credited on the following dates September 30, December 31, March 30, and June 30.

This restructuring will allow interest monies to be used for national meetings and with the alternating year investment rotation monies will be available if needed by the association. Monies will be reinvested as each CD matures.

The membership should be grateful that their wishes are complete and that investments are secure.

Ed Billingsley



IEAA Retiree News

Thirty-nine Extension retirees (Ag, Home Economics, Spec., and Administration) and spouses attended the retirees gathering on August 26th in Springfield. We had a great time telling stories, reliving past experiences, and enjoying a good meal. Everyone wanted to do it again next year. The date will be August 28, 2008 at the Maveick Steak House in Springfield.

The Southern Illinois Retirees gathering will be held on October 19, 2007 at the Giant City State Park Lodge at 11:15 am. Contact Bob Walker for reservations. RR2, Box 128B Cisne, IL 62823 Phone 618-854-2442. E-mail rwalker@wabash.net

Larry Casey

NACAA Poster Session Winners:

- Robert Bellm
1st place—Extension Education Division
- Dale Baird
2nd place—Extension Education Division
- Dennis Bowman
Regional Winner

Well Done and Congratulations!



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Upcoming Meetings

NACAA

- AM/PIC in Greensboro, North Carolina—July 13-17, 2008
- AM/PIC in Portland, Oregon—September 20-24, 2009
- AM/PIC in Tulsa, Oklahoma—July 11-15, 2010

IEAA

- Fall Annual Meeting hosted by West Central District - September 13 & 14, 2007 in Quincy

OTHER

- Galaxy Conference in Indianapolis, IN—September 14-18, 2008

Retirees,

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Thanks!

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