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AMERICAN SOCIETY FARM MANAGERS & RURAL APPRAISERS

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*Enhancing Our Members' Ability to Succeed
in Their Rural & Agriculturally Related Professions!*

DATES TO REMEMBER!

2004

- May 27 - Assessor's Conference Chapter Door Prizes – Sioux Falls
- June 6-9 - Range Camp at Midland
- June 6-12 - A-30 in Sioux Falls
- June 14-15 - ARA / RPRRA Exams in Sioux Falls
- June 16-18 - Regional Summer Meeting with Minnesota & Nebraska in Sioux Falls – A-12, M-26, Golf, Canaries, Reception,
- June 17-18 - Regional Summer Meeting with Minnesota & Nebraska in Sioux Falls – Tours & Evening Meal @ Sertoma Park
- June 18-19 - Council Meeting in Sioux Falls
- July 30 - SDSU Breakfast
- Oct. 7 - Chapter Board Meeting & Member Lunch – Rapid City
- Nov. 4-Nov. 6 - ASFMRA Annual Meeting – Sacramento, California

2005

- February 9-11 - Winter Education & Joint Meeting w/ PAASD - Mitchell
- September - Rapid City Conference w/PAASD, WY ASFMRA, WY AI
- October 27-29 - ASFMRA Annual Meeting – Austin, Texas

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We welcome John Brost as our newest chapter member. John will be working with Kjerstad Realty at Piedmont and begins there in mid-June.

Chapter members attending our last breakfast meeting signed a card extending our sympathies to Mac Haskell on the loss of his wife early this year.

Congratulations to chapter members Brian Gatzke and Tom Jass on their selection to the South Dakota Agricultural Rural Leadership class that will start this fall in November.

Congratulations to chapter member Allan Husby on his approval to set for the ARA exam in Sioux Falls on June 14-15. Best of luck Al!

We presently have 21 members registered for the Regional Summer Meeting in Sioux Falls. It is not too late to participate and I encourage others to join us if at all possible.

Thanks to all committee members for your hard work in the planning for this event. We have a committee chair conference call on Wednesday June 2nd. One topic of discussion will be determining where we need help during the event and assigning members to those tasks.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Sioux Falls in a few weeks.

HEMATECH TOUR HIGHLIGHTS EAST RIVER BREAKFAST MEETING

Twelve members (Allan Husby, Jack Davis, Jim Dunlap, Jim Hollenbeck, John McMahon, Mike Cooper, Ordean Eddy, Paul Sickler, Ron Rucker; Terry Pellman, Tom Jass, and Paul Reisch) and four member prospects (Danny Gullion, Jen Ferden, Mark Major, and Charles Doom) took advantage of this opportunity on Friday May 14th in Sioux Falls.

Tara King provided those attending with an informative and interesting presentation on the company.

The company was founded in 1998 and started in Kansas. The livestock herd utilized in this research is physically located near Sioux Center, Iowa. One of the motivations of moving their headquarters to Sioux Falls was to be closer to the livestock herd.

They have recently announced they are building a new 15 million dollar laboratory in the industrial complex, since they are outgrowing their present leased building. The actual move is about two years in the future.



Hematech is a company on the cutting edge of cloning and gene alteration technology for livestock. Through cloning, they end up with HAC (humanized artificial chromosome) cows that have 61 chromosomes instead of 60 chromosomes. The long-term vision is to have 5-6 farms with each herd targeted to specific antibodies. Potential applications include immune deficiency, infectious disease, cancer, organ transplant, and antitoxins.

Advantages to this approach include:

- Immunize cattle to make antibody products
- Unlimited quantities
- Scale up through clinical trials & commercial production is straight forward
- Make antibodies against human molecules or cells.

Ovaries come from Cimpl Meats in Yankton. They create about one calf daily. Their oldest calf right now is about 1 ½ years old. They have a 3 to 5 year production goal.

Those attending were able to watch clinicians working on creating the embryos in the lab.

After the tour, those attending enjoyed an early lunch at Perkins and discussed details regarding the upcoming June summer meeting.

MONTH OF JUNE OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS

Ag Lenders' Range Camp: Will be held in Haakon County June 6-9. The SD Chapter is one of the sponsors. Contact member Boyd Waara for more information if interested in attending.

A-30 Class in Sioux Falls: Sponsored by the national organization and will be held June 6-12. Several chapter members are registered to participate.

A-12 Part I Ethics in Sioux Falls: This is being held June 16 as part of the Regional Summer Meeting. We currently have 26 registrants from across the country.

M-26 Land Ownership, Business Organization & Taxation in Sioux Falls: This is being held June 16 as part of the Regional Summer Meeting. We currently have 21 registrants from surrounding states.

Golf Tourney in Sioux Falls: This networking event is being held June 16 as part of the Regional Summer Meeting. We currently have 26 registrants including 6 chapter members and spouses.

Summer Tour in Sioux Falls: There will be a Wednesday evening June 16 reception, Thursday June 17 tours to Oak Lane Colony and EROS Data Center with an outdoor barbecue at Sertoma Park that evening, and Friday morning June 18 tours to Hematech, Alverson Farm, and Hefty Seed Company. The tour will wrap up with a Friday noon lunch at Hefty's. We currently have 102 registrants including 22 chapter members and spouses.

UAAR Class in Sioux Falls: This class sponsored by Ag Ware is being held the afternoon of June 18th and on Saturday June 19th. There are currently 14 registrants with two from South Dakota.

Social With ASFMRA Council Members in Sioux Falls: ASFMRA Council is meeting the afternoon of June 18th and on Saturday June 19th.

The South Dakota chapter will be hosting ASFMRA Council and national staff for a supper social at Jim Dunlap's home the evening of Friday June 18th. Minnesota and Nebraska chapter officers will be invited along with SD chapter members. This will be an excellent opportunity for chapter members to interact with and get to know our national leaders.

Supper will be at 6:30 p.m. with socializing beginning about 5:30 p.m. I encourage you to attend the evening function if it can work out in your schedule.

E-mail will be sent asking for those planning to attend to respond so that we can establish a count for the function.

TECH TIDBIT – SIGN OF THE TIMES



This is absolutely true.....a Swiss Army knife with a USB Thumb Drive.

The USB Swiss Army Knife is available with 64 or 128MB memory, plus all the usual extras - knife, corkscrew and tin-opener. The 64MB version will cost €55; the price of the 128MB version is to be announced.

GPS RAFFLE AT SUMMER MEETING FOR SDSU SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING



Donated by
Paul Reisch

\$299 Value

**To be given away at
Friday Lunch, must
be present to win!!**

Garmin eTrex Vista

Garmin® eTrex Vista GPS and Bonus Pack

With 24MB of memory, the Vista stores plenty of highly-detailed map data. A built-in barometric altimeter determines your precise altitude and gives you a graphic profile of your trip. It also gives you 20 reversible routes. An electronic compass gives you precise bearing information. It also has a water-resistant case, 500 waypoints with name and graphic symbols and 10 saved tracks so you can retrace your path in both directions and trip computers. It uses two AA batteries (not included).

To be a Winner:

1 Ticket for \$2.00

3 Tickets for \$5.00

7 Tickets for \$10.00

MAY MEMBER PROFILE IS SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR RON RUCKER

Describe your experience and education related to the property professional field (appraisal, farm management, consulting, academic relation).

I have a B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska, Kearney.

I am employed by Farm Credit Services of America in Yankton. I have worked with them for 22 years. Since 1987 I have been doing appraisals.



Describe what has led you to becoming a chapter member of the South Dakota ASFMRA and why you remain a member, if a member for a number of years.

Farm Credit Services of America supports our membership in ASFMRA. Education, contacts, and resources that are available, keeps me as a member.

Describe personal background items that would be of interest to fellow chapter members (e.g. family, ethnic heritage, other communities lived, other jobs / careers, main hobbies or interests).

I am from southwest Nebraska where the family farmed and raised registered Hereford cattle. After 2 years of college, I married and moved to Long Beach, California. There I worked for Bank of America. After 5 years, working in 7 different branches ending up in Pasadena, spending over 2 hours a day commuting the freeways, I surrendered and moved back to Nebraska.

I worked in the Crete State Bank and Kearney State Bank. After returning to Kearney I pursued my college degree graduating in 1981. A year later I started working for the Federal Land Bank, which evolved into the appraisal position I now hold.

Describe a few memorable or unique experiences in your life.

I have 3 children, 9 grandchildren. My experiences are pretty much following them around. Our daughter is married to a Marine, which has taken us to Okinawa for a visit. Son-in-law is now in Iraq and has offered to put me up in the Baghdad hotel. I think I will decline and chase after the families in Norfolk and Yankton.