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

DATES TO REMEMBER!

2006

- July 27-28 - Summer Tour - Pierre
- August 18 - East River Breakfast Meeting (9 A.M.)
- Sept. 14 - West River Breakfast Meeting (9 A.M.)
Rapid City Rodeway Inn Restaurant
- Sept. 16-20 - Leadership Institute – Washington, D.C
- November - Chapter Board Meeting & Member Lunch – Rapid City

2007

- January 17-19 – Winter Education & Joint Meeting W/PAASD - Mitchell
- Feb. 14-17 - ASFMRA Annual Meeting w/ ASAC & NAICC in Atlanta, GA

July 18-25, 2009 – International Farm Management Conference in
Bloomington, Illinois co-hosted by national ASFMRA and Illinois ASFMRA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer is in full swing and only began a week ago. I heard of an operator just south of Kadoka, that started wheat harvest on the 28th. Yields are in the 30 to 35 bushel per acre range early on.

The early harvest goes to show how fast things can change in a few days. We just returned from our annual motorcycle trip on the 26th, having left on the 22nd and it was noticeable what hot dry weather can do to green hillsides in just five days.

Changes, Russell Wyatt has seen some of those in his life. Russell just turned 80 and I'm honored to call him my friend. Happy Birthday Russell. I hope I have the energy and respect of others that you do when I reach 80. Congratulations.

As an update to my request for feedback and volunteers, I have had only two individuals who provided feedback concerning the proposed constitutional change regarding assessed values in South Dakota. This will be voted on in the November election. Based on the limited feedback, I have no motivation to address any of the issues or concerns that I personally have, with a chapter stance. For those who are worried about the ramifications of the proposed change, I encourage you to fight long and hard for what you believe in.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Another item I would like to address is that I have had minimal support from the membership, to be part of a group that would put out an article, to be published in, to start with the Dakota Farmer. Several of you have expressed that it would be a good idea, however we need people willing to put pen to paper. I am of the mindset, that unless we get this done in the next couple months, we will move away from this endeavor, into something the membership is more willing to support.

I hope to see many of you in Pierre in July. Thanks to all who are helping put this event together.

Perhaps by the Pierre summer meeting I will have an update on how the Assessors Conference is Brookings went and the names of those who won the door prizes presented by the chapter. In closing if you get the chance to travel to the Teton area around Jackson and into Idaho, take the time to go into the Idaho side of the Tetons.

There are but a few places I've found that I feel offer the beauty and diversity in land, that South Dakota has. However, while stopping and looking at the land in eastern Idaho, an often heard comment was, "I could live here".

MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE ENCOURAGED

Leadership Institute will be the only National meeting for 2006, since the annual meeting has been moved to February in 2007. Leadership Institute will be September 16-21 in Washington, DC and is limited to the first 200 registrants. Further details can be found on the national website and in the May / June 2006 FMRA News.

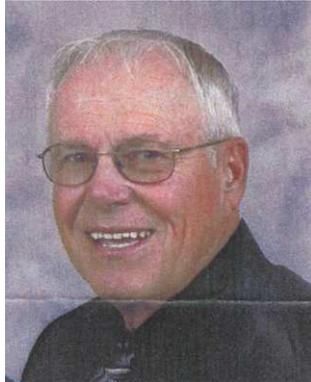
Cost to attendees is \$475 tuition (June 15 registration, otherwise \$575), air fare, and a few incidental meals. Our chapter has set aside scholarships of \$500 per applicant with the current budget providing for four members. **Paul Sickler plans to attend, but there are still three scholarships available. Any member interested in attending should inform President Wade Buck.**

UPDATED MEMBER DIRECTORY COMING SOON

Plans are in process to distribute an updated membership directory in the near future. Changes in mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, and / or fax number should be communicated to Secretary Jack Davis and / or newsletter editor Paul Reisch.

MEMBER PROFILE IS SUMMER TOUR CHAIR TIPP HAMILTON

Tipp Hamilton was born in 1932 near Quitaque, Texas, and grew up there during the “Dust Bowl Dirty Thirties”. My family was in the ranching business, struggling to survive, and moved to South Dakota in 1946, where we ranched in northern Haakon County. I attended High School in Pierre, attended college at the University of Nebraska from 1951 ‘ill 1954, when the Korean War demanded my utmost attention.



My background in agriculture is:

- Owned and operated Cedar Breaks Cattle Company, a 7,000 acre grain and livestock ranch & feedlot in northeast 1-laakon County.
- Owned and operated the Cedar Breaks Beef Company, a retail and wholesale beef packing plant in Fort Pierre from 1975 .1982.
- Served on the Advisory Board to South Dakota State University’s Animal Science Department from 1971 .1975.
- Served on the Advisory Board to Cottonwood Range Station from 1974 .1984.
- Have built numerous construction projects, including a beef packing plant, commercial office buildings, and an Executive Golf Course and Clubhouse with a evening Dining facility.
- Actively engaged in property management and independent fee appraisal work from 1984 to the present.

I started my appraisal education with numerous ASFMA schools, and to this day continue to advance my appraisal education with the American Society schools. I am truly indebted to the Society for my start in appraisal work with such good schooling.

Over the years, I didn’t plan it, but I have appraised a number of unusual properties, a wild horse ranch, lease value of a state reform school property, several hunting properties, and numerous different and unusual commercial properties. The most unusual property that I have appraised was a shrimp and olive farm near Gila Bend, Arizona. That was fun! I hung my hat on a sale of a shrimp farm sale in Equador sold to a Spain family, with production and sales data provided by Citi-Corp Investment Bank.

I remain an advocate of the ASFMA and enjoy the opportunity to be a member of the local state chapter.