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SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER
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!

2007

September 27-28-Joint Education Seminar W/ Wyoming Chapter – Sheridan
October 5 - East River Breakfast Meeting (9 A.M.)
Sioux Falls Roll'N Pin Restaurant

October 17 – SDSU Career Days
Nov. 1-2 - Chapter Board Meeting - – Rapid City
Nov. 2 - Member Lunch With Board of Directors- Rapid City

2008

January 23-25 – Winter Education & Joint Meeting W/PAASD – Mitchell
February 17-23 - ASFMRA Meeting in San Diego, CA

July 18-25, 2009 – International Farm Management Conference in
Bloomington, Illinois co-hosted by national ASFMRA and Illinois ASFMRA
ASFMRA National Annual Meeting Held In Conjunction

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems we have had our share of loss and sadness in the chapter this year. We have different times each year when we stop and reflect, certain dates may mean more to one or the other of us. For many of us the only time we really get to gather with our family and friends is the holiday season.

As we look back on the year, it has moved through the days and weeks rather quickly. Our lives get busy; children, in-laws, and grand children are added to our families not to mention the demands from work. When we look back on our lives, we hope that we have taken the time to enjoy and appreciate each piece that has joined us in the voyage through time. Take time and enjoy the blessings that are around us.

Our company, on an occasion, will tighten down the access to e-mails. We get bombarded with numerous outside sources that want to sell us drugs, loans, and many other things that can't be revealed here. When these e-mails start hitting us, it is possible that the important ones can get locked out. So if you are expecting a reply and nothing is coming on a timely manner, give us a call. We review the e-mails, but some days there are 20 to 40 of them and it is possible that an important one may get overlooked.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Sheridan education is coming up, so hope to see some of you taking the class and share time with the Wyoming chapter. Wyoming is the location where we are ending the raffle for the items purchased in Atlanta. Get your tickets turned in and enter the drawing a few more times. I will be taking the two items from Atlanta out and Jim Dunlap will be bringing the print from Bryan. Thanks once again to Bryan for taking charge and handling the raffle.

Ag Pro Outlook '08 is February 17 – 20 in San Diego. Mark your calendars and think about joining in the programs offered. San Diego or South Dakota in February, another tough decision to be made, golf or scooping snow. More details will be coming on the national web site; keep watching.

Come celebrate the hitchin' of Deb Black & Jerry Hulm
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007



6:30 pm to 8 pm
Potluck Supper
Beef, plates & utensils
will be provided.
Please bring your funny,
clean stories to roast
the couple with.

8 pm to Midnight
Dance to the music
of Crush Wagon.
Cash bar available.

Reception will be held at:
Elk Creek Resort, Piedmont, S.D.
Exit 46 - 2 miles east on Elk Creek Road
Lodging & RV sites available by calling
605-787-4884
Be sure to ask for the Black/Hulm reception rate.

JOINT SOUTH DAKTOA / WYOMING EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN SHERIDAN

The conference will be held September 27-28 in Sheridan, WY at the Holiday Inn. LeeAnn Moss will be the instructor for:

- Day 1: Advanced Sales Confirmation and Analysis (SALESCON), 8 hrs
- Day 2: Ethics Course – 4 to 5 hrs

This conference is the first for a new working arrangement with Wyoming to have a joint education conference (late September / early October time frame) every other year. The host chapter will do all pre-planning. The two chapters will split net income based upon member attendance ratio.

In 2009, South Dakota will host the conference in western South Dakota.

Next month's newsletter will have additional information on the results of the conference including number in attendance.

SDSU SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE DRAWING TO BE HELD IN SHERIDAN

Special thanks to our members who have sold / purchased Raffle tickets for the SDSU Scholarship raffle. The following are the names of our members who have purchased / sold raffle tickets as of 9/24/07 for total sales of **\$1,020**.

Allan Husby	Boyd Waara	Brian Gatzke
Craig Sommers	Gary Carstensen	Hall-Widdoss & Co Inc. (John and Veronica)
Hulm Appraisals (Jerry)	James Dunlap	James Wheeler
John Cole	Jorge Vicuna	Kent Rasmussen
Lee Gatzke	Mac Haskell	Mid State Appraisal (Terry Leibel)
Michael Braun	Ordean Eddy	Paul Reisch
Perry Beguin	Ron Ensz	Ryon Rypkema
Russell Wyatt	Terry Hobson	Thomas Jass
Weishaar Appraisals (Shawn)		

If you find that your name is not on the list, but you believe you have purchased raffle tickets, please drop Brian Gatzke an email immediately (bgatzke@brookings.net) to resolve the situation or call Jim Dunlap (605-321-5794) to log in your name to the raffle prior to the drawing in Sheridan Wyoming.

Wade Buck and Jim Dunlap will be in Wyoming, selling the extra tickets and conducting the drawing at the Fall meeting in Sheridan, Wyoming. You do not have to be present to win one of the three prizes. If you have any interest in the raffle, now is the time to purchase the tickets.

If you want to be included in the list, please call Jim Dunlap and he will take your money over the phone and register the tickets in your name.

Thank you for your support.

CHAPTER AWARDS ACORN SCHOLARSHIP AT SDSU

Members Brian Gatzke, Paul Sickler, and Paul Reisch represented the chapter at the September 19th Ag-Bio Scholarship Banquet at the Student Union Volstorff Ballroom.

Emily Hansen was announced as the recipient of the chapter's \$700 scholarship for the 2007-08 academic year.

Emily was chosen from those who submitted application / essays for the scholarship. She is a Marshall, MN native.

Emily is an Agricultural Business major with a minor in Marketing. She took the rural appraisal class this past spring and had an internship with Ag Star Farm Credit this past summer in their Worthington office.



Emily is interested in pursuing a finance or marketing job in the South Central or Southwest part of the United States after graduation. Her long term goals include owning a horse-boarding barn and teaching riding lessons. She is also considering the Equine Appraisal field.

Emily plans to join us at the October 5th East River Breakfast meeting. We encourage members to attend and meet our scholarship recipient!

The scholarship was created to develop and support student interest in the rural appraisal, farm management, and agricultural consulting professions and to encourage students to become American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraiser (ASFMRA) chapter members.

Upper level undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences are eligible for the scholarship. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 minimum, or upper half of class ranking, is required – along with a stated interest in considering rural appraisal, farm management, or agricultural consulting as a career. The following preferences are also considered:

- Community service achievements and demonstrated leadership qualities,
- Completion of / or current enrollment in the Rural Estate Appraisal course (Econ 373 / Plant Science 373) and / or Farm and Ranch Management course (AgEd 271).
- South Dakota resident,
- Financial need.

The establishment of the scholarship has contributed to a strengthened chapter relationship with SDSU personnel.