

Teamwork—Flying Together in Optimism

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Mar. 20 at 7:20 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Come early for coffee, hot chocolate, orange juice, donuts, and FELLOWSHIP. (This is a good time to be there to do any bragging. If you wait until the meeting to brag, it will cost you \$1.00. We do want to hear about the good things in your life, but IT WILL COST YOU! NOTE: No fee to report illness or other bad news.) **RICH WILL HAVE a member of the IA HIGHWAY PATROL here to speak with us. Hope you will be there.**

REPORT OF LAST MEETING

14 members & one guest present. Rich provided the invocation and led the Pledge.

Gene Seran told of his wedding anniversary and paid \$1 to tell us that he and Erica were married in St. Johns Church on the Creighton Campus with one other couple present. Many years later when their daughter was married, she included Gene & Erica in the reception plans since they had not had a formal wedding with reception. (Great daughter!) A son will be married in September.

Rich admitted he had a birthday and anniversary (I think) while he and LuEtta were in Texas. The group decided it was too late to collect and sing. Anyhow, A Belated Happy Birthday Rich!

Milli won the attendance pot and later when Kevin read the 50/50 number, Milli erupted again, sparking a lengthy discussion as to the legality of it all. But Milli kept the loot.

Al Strohbehn, is in Jennie Ed Hospital and is to have a pacemaker put in his chest. **AL, we want you to return soon to continue your perfect attendance habits!!**

Les advised members to pay dues each quarter. He said, "Milli & I just paid Rich \$75 for 3 quarters dues; 2 in arrears and new one Apr. 1. When the dues check is that large one considers dropping. If we pay as we go, it does not seem like much."

THANKS RICH for an interesting Program about Longhorn Cattle. A fascinating story & surprise details.

PROGRAM: WENDELL HAACK

LONGHORN CATTLE IN OUR HISTORY

Most Optimists are acquainted with Wendell who said, "I commend you for meeting early on Saturday. It appears to me you pay Milli to attend."

He also said, "I am a farmer and we always begin a statement with 'You aren't going to believe this, but—' (And then we say.) 'It's the truth. Just ask my wife.' So, you're not going to believe what I will tell you about Longhorn Cattle."

Many people believe the Longhorn is an inferior breed; but after being introduced to America by Columbus, the Longhorn, over time, overcame many challenges and now it is considered a superior breed in longevity, calving ease, disease & parasite resistance, browse utilization, hardiness, fertility, and quality beef.

Wendell started 15 years ago with 3 pure breed Longhorns and now keeps about 90. His goal is to RAISE THE BEST and keep them all registered so he can sell to registered herds. He shows in the largest and best shows in the U.S. & World. In 1995 he won the WORLD SHOW; in 1996 the NATIONAL SHOW; in 1998 his animal designated BEST IN THE WORLD by 5 judges.

The Longhorn has the long, curved, and pointed horns which, in early days helped them survive in wilds of Texas and on the famous cattle drives. No two sets of horns are alike. Some Longhorns, like most cattle, are wild & mean but Wendell does not keep them because that trait can be bred into a herd.

Wendell welcomes visitors to his ranch S.W. of Treynor. But call ahead and make reservation.

CALENDAR

- Mar. 20—Club Mtg.—Ia. Highway Patrol
- Mar. 27—Bd. Mtg. after Club Mtg.
- Mar. 29—1st Baby Sitting Clinic Sess.
- Mar. 18 - Cub Scout Hot Laps, Pnwd Der
- Mar. 24—Cub Scouts, Pinewood Derby
- Apr. 6 - Gatekeepers, Track Meet
- Apr. 10—Amana, O.I. President Visit

This newsletter by Les Harvey in absence of Editor Larry who, along with Sharon is between Minneapolis and somewhere in North Carolina getting the new grandson baptized by grandpa or was it an uncle? **All work & no play makes Jack a dull boy! —and Jill a wealthy widow!!**