

MAEP News

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NACAA AM/PIC – Grand Rapids, Michigan – July 15-19

Twenty-five members, two life members, and twenty-eight family members traveled to Grand Rapids for the 92nd NACAA AM/PIC. Many of those attending indicated this was one of the best AM/PICs they had attended.

A few highlights:

The MAEP delegation hosted a “tiger stripe” ice cream social.

Presentations:

Melvin Brees – “Farmer Friendly Market Plans”
Jim Humphrey – “Meat Goat Pocket Calendar Supports Meat Goat Producers”

Awards:

Achievement Award – Marcia Shannon
Distinguished Service Award – Bob Broz and Randy Saner
Communications Awards: Individual Newsletter – Jennifer Schutter – National Winner
Learning Module – Mary Sobba, Parman Green, Don Day – National Finalists
Bound Book – Joe Koenen and Darla Campbell – National Finalists

Eldon Cole’s comments:

The July 15-19 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference was excellent. As an "experienced member" it was refreshing to see the prominence of my Missouri co-workers on the committees and other places of importance. It hasn't always been that way.

In fact, I believe Michigan, the host, North Carolina, next year's host and Ohio may have been the only states that had more members present than us.

In my early years in extension I did not attend the conventions, as they were once called, but since I started going I now realize I probably should have. Different agents/specialists have different reasons for attending. From my perspective, I enjoy and benefit from the agriculture and livestock educational seminars and tours. Since in-service training opportunities are sometimes limited within our own state this gives us some outstanding education and a chance to become familiar with fellow extension workers around the country.

You never know when you'll sit next to someone who might be able to help you in the future. This is especially true if you're like me and live close to other states where you could even develop some joint program with them.

As mentioned earlier, Missouri in my somewhat prejudiced opinion, stood out this year in various ways and it made me proud to be a part of University of Missouri Extension. I also was made to feel younger at the banquet, when an agent from North Carolina was recognized as a Hall of Fame recipient with 51 years of service and he's still working.

Charlotte and I are looking forward to Greensboro, North Carolina, July 13-17, 2008. If you attend, I'll bet you'll be impressed.

Jim Humphrey's comments:

The 2007 NACAA AM/PIC meeting was a great experience, I wish I would have taken the time to go before now. There were tours and educational programs on a wide variety of topics and I made several new contacts from throughout the United States. Additionally, a wide variety of fun and educational opportunities were available for spouses and children. We look forward to attending future AM/PIC meetings.

Our family is very glad we went.

Family members had a great time also:

Linda Green participated in a spousal tour "Catch (fish) and Cook".



This year's AM/PIC provided a great opportunity for camaraderie of the MAEP delegation.

States Night Out:



More comments and photographs will be shared at Galaxy – October 10-11.

Have a great day,

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