

ORION SAMUELSON A HUGE HIT AT MAY 2006 LUNCHEON



Orion Samuelson, long-time dean of WGN Radio's agricultural and business coverage, regaled us with tales of Oley and Lena and their adventures, as well as commenting on business and world events that affect us all. Because of his long association with IH, Orion graciously declined to charge us his usual fee, since he knew we were a non-profit enterprise. In fact, he charged us no fee at all--and instead donated a beautiful scale-model IH tractor to be used as a door prize for the luncheon! Orion has been just about everywhere covering ag, industrial, and other newsworthy events, often flying his own Cessna airplane, under the banner of "Air Orion." Since the luncheon, we've heard him on WGN at all hours of the day and night, usually starting at 5 a.m. with business and market news. At last fall's Farm Progress Show he once again hosted the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for his segment of the show.

When Orion first appeared at a NICARC luncheon several years ago, he told us a humorous story that has remained a favorite of ours ever since! It goes something like this: "In their long history of rivalry, the Swedes and the Norwegians were having a border skirmish. It grew fiercer and fiercer, until one day the Swedes started throwing dynamite sticks across the border. Naturally, the Norwegians picked them up, lit them, and threw them back!" (We conclude from this that Orion is of Norwegian descent.)

NICARC has received several letters from Orion's fans saying they regretted, due to health or distance, being unable to appear in Chicago to hear him speak at the luncheon, old friends Omer Voss and Stan Lancaster among them.



Above, left to right, NICARC president John Sheahin introducing Orion Samuelson; Orion at the podium; and John emceeding the buck barrel festivities, aided by NICARC Board members Judy Ovnik and Dottie Pinto.

Below at left, Anne Greenhill travels to podium to pick up her door prizes.

The photographer apologizes for the murky pictures in this issue, as the camera broke during the luncheon.

Table Talk

At each luncheon, paper is available for YOU to jot down news about yourself or NICARC friends. The sheets are collected after lunch & entertainment, so there's plenty of time to fill out a sheet with a brief note. Or, before the luncheon, write up some newsy items on a card or sheet of paper, take it with you to the luncheon and hand it up to the podium. Get your name in print! Let your pals know what you're up to!

Lorraine and Weldon Stanley write that in their retirement they volunteer at MacNeal Hospital delivering meals to shut-ins and they find it very rewarding. Vacation plans include visiting the new Lincoln Memorial at Springfield, Illinois.

Don Bortner sent a typewritten note, as he said he knew we would never be able to read his writing: "We are living on our family farm (farm in the same family for over 100 years) in Northeastern Indiana. It seems to be getting harder and harder for me to make the luncheons. I guess my old friend 'arthritis' is getting to me. I told luncheon speaker Orion Samuelson that I left home at 4 a.m. (your time) to get to the luncheon in time to hear him speak. His answer back was 'I had better be good.' After the luncheon I let him know that it was worth the early departure from home to listen to him speak. While spending most of my time in the Overseas Division, I did spend a lot of years in the Agricultural end of the business, and to hear Mr. Samuelson speak brought back many memories.

"My wife Bettye and I have been married over 50 years. As an anniversary present our sons arranged a trip to the Florida Keys, along with a cruise on the Carnival Cruise Line ship 'Fascination' to the Bahamas.

"With the increase in age and arthritis I find it harder and harder to make the Luncheons and I am afraid that this may be my last. But whether I make further luncheons or not, I will always keep in the bottom of my heart fond memories of working with the people of International Harvester. It was a great company."

Marvin and Audrey Dixton sold their home in Winnetka and are now living in Glenview. Marv retired in 2003 after 57 years of employment at IH, Dresser, and Komatsu. Marv misses the people, the action, and the feeling of accomplishment when a good job was done. The future includes travel and visiting family.

Elaine and Wally Wasylowsky spent last winter in Boca Raton, and in March went to Naples, FL, where they met with Gloria and Paul Carter, who now live in Naples full-time. All four attended the Navistar luncheon in Venice, FL.

Melva Walker writes that she stays busy visiting her two children and seven grandchildren--PLUS serving as secretary to the Elmhurst Afternoon Womens' Club, secretary to Elmhurst's Cottage Hill Quarters--a P&R Critique Study Club--and also volunteers at Elmhurst Historical Museum, is a volunteer at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, Junior Womens' Guild and Elmhurst Philanthropic Events as well as at church. Whew! In addition, she is responsible for the "Kiddie Cars" and the little teams doing "Cool Cars" in the Elmhurst downtown area.

Glenn and Doris Gundersen note that they brought as guests to the May Luncheon Glenn's brother Bill and his wife, Dolores--and that their table won double prizes for several people! They also say they enjoyed Orion Samuelson so very much!

Bob Crosley, who sent us a picture of his cat (indoors) and a lady Moose (outdoors) writes that old friend Bob Black is living in Lenoir City, Tennessee, and although he has a touch of emphysema, is otherwise doing well.

Joe Galvin has returned to work as Comptroller of "NetVideo Consulting Inc." of Corvallis, Oregon. NetVideo Consulting is a high-tech security consulting firm owned by Tom Galvin, son of Margie and Joe.

Rich and Lee Ruesch traveled with Elderhostel to Wyoming and South Dakota in June. In September, Rich started his seventh year ushering at Notre Dame football games.

George W. Gulbrandsen, 34739 Nokomis Trail, McHenry, IL writes that he is now 90 years old and thanks us for our letters and invitation to join NICARC; and with his social partner, his eldest daughter, who is the

mother of three of his five grandchildren and grandmother of eight of his great-grandchildren; she is a retired school teacher who unfortunately has a handicapped retired husband. George writes that he lost his wife four years ago, and since then he and his daughter are a social couple and enjoy meeting friends at gatherings. George's personal IHC employment history: he started at Tractor Works in 1938. As a journeyman toolmaker he was salaried as a process engineer in the early 40's, became a part of the postwar Planning Group which planned the manufacturing requirements to produce the TD-24 crawler tractor; then the group was transferred to Melrose Park in 1946. He later was promoted to management, served in many assignments, and retired in 1978.

George is still active socially and looks forward to meeting and greeting all his new friends and a couple of long-time friends, Marshall Miller and Bill Hartanovich. He also hopes to meet Jack Gartner and his wife and talk about Gerri Dobek, with whom he still exchanges Christmas greetings. He looks forward to the May luncheon and sends best regards to all.

Emily Weber, as Program Chairperson of the Navistar/West Pullman Retirees Club, invites anyone interested to attend the group's 25th Christmas Anniversary on Friday, December 1, 2006. The Luncheon is held at Chicago Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, IL. Lunch is served at 12:30 noon; eight at a table; raffles, dancing, camaraderie; and no one leaves empty-handed. Only a prime filet dinner is served. For reservations call **Evelyn McGowan** at 708-532-1595 after six p.m.



Entertainment for Dec. 6, 2006



NICARC GALLERY



(Top row) Neil Springer, Orion Samuelson; The Gunderson Family. (Middle row) Loretta and Wayne Withers; Mrs. and Mr. Paul Roseland, Orion Samuelson; Janet and Neil Springer. (Bottom row) Joan and Jim Huffman; West Pullman twins Evelyn McGowan and Emily Weber; Bob Crossely's cat (indoors) being inspected by a Lady Moose (Moosess?) (outdoors) at Bob's home in Wyoming.



NICARC GALLERY



(Pg. 4, Top Row) Joe Vanest, Bill Deen; Sandra Faber, Eleanor Ramsey. (Middle Row) Marlys and Al Rucker; Ralph Martin, Jon Stopka; Ben Mercer. (Bottom row) Joanne and Ted Salkeld; Ralph Wilson, Larry Benac; Dottie Pinto, Kathy Konopasek.

(Pg. 5, Top Row) Norm and Mary Schnauffer; Elaine and Wally Wasylowsky, Russ Freeland; Joe Vanest. Second Row) Dianne Gill, Nilda Shore; Glen and Doris Gunderson; Ken and Jolene Arends. (Third row) Vic Guebard; Ron Sarlitto, Don Bortner; Mary Lou and Jim Haemerle. (Bottom Row) Karen Fontana, Dottie Pinto, Mae Ernst; Lillian Bechaz, Mary Pizzato; Bettye and Don Bortner on their cruise.





NICARC GALLERY



Pg. 6 (Top Row) Joan Huffman, Karen Dolinik, Kathy Konopasek, Karen Fontana; Janet Springer, Joan and Russ Freeland; Doug Nyhus. (Second Row) Joe and Pat Wichert; Marilyn Bury, Dolores Mangan; Winnie Nyhus. (Bottom Row) Camilla Sullivan; Helen and Bill Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roseland.

Pg. 7 (Top Row) Jack Sullivan; Mr. and Mrs. William Odadil; Carole Adams. (Second Row) Melva Walker, Julia Jewett; Anita Schauf, Irene Jiminez, Mary Sawa. (Bottom Row) Anne Peca, Pamela Reilly; Adele Connell, George Gulbrandsen; Ken and Jolene Arends, surrounding Dottie Pinto.

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Joe Walker, Joan Miller, and Mary Walker

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by Bill Dzingel

A Memorial donation is made in the name of every deceased paid-up member of NICARC to charities selected by your NICARC board.

So that we don't overlook any retiree death, please advise Bill Dzingel, 5455 N. Sheridan Road, Unit 3011, Chicago, Illinois, 60640. Phone (773) 989-5969.

Reported Deaths

Maurice J. (Maury) Cooney
Robert L. Howard

MAY '06 LUNCHEON PRIZEWINNERS

Buck Barrel

\$ 50
30
20
10
8

Chuck Bury
Carole Adams
Bill Gundersen
Mary Schnauer
Karen Fontana

Door Prizes:

Tractor Ornaments
Decorative Light Set
Cup Holder

Mouse Pad

Golf Balls
Caps

Orion Samuelson Gift of
his Model Farmall Tractor

Anne Greenhill, Phyllis Benac
Chuck Biury, Art Denklaue
Winnie Nyhus, Camilla Sullivan, Jim Haemmerle
Jean Miller, Evelyn McGowan, Bill Osladil, Ray Walker
Loren Buntrock
Joe Wichert, Don Bortner, Ann Peca, Joanne Salkeld, Bill Gundersen

Melva Walk

Tickets to Drury Lane Theater

Phyllis Benac, Anne Greenhill, Doris Gundersen, Julia Jewett, E. Ramsey, Norm Schnauer, Mitch Skrypek, Ray Walker



NEXT SPRING LUNCHEON--MAY 7, 2007

COME ONE, COME ALL--TO DRURY LANE FOR THE SPRING LUNCHEON. WE WELCOME NEW RETIREES AND GUESTS AS HAPPILY AS CURRENT MEMBERS AND GUESTS!

FREE PARKING, FREE COAT-CHECKING. DOORS OPEN 9:30 A.M. FREE COFFEE (Leaded and un-), TEA, AND PASTRIES SERVED UNTIL NOON. (Cash bar opens 11:00 a.m.) LUNCH SERVED @ 12 NOON.

COME EARLY, VISIT WITH LIFELONG FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS & FORMER BOSSES.

EVERYONE WHO'S BEEN TO A NICARC LUNCHEON SAYS THE FOOD IS EXCELLENT AND EVERY EVENT HAPPILY MEMORABLE, SPRING AND WINTER, WHATEVER THE WEATHER!

ENTERTAINMENT FOR OUR DEC. 6, 2006 LUNCHEON IS MARY ANNE RIEHL, PROPRIETRESS OF "NIGHTCLUB IN THE AFTERNOON"

Mary Anne Riehl and her tuxedoed accompanists provide an enchanting, nostalgic experience that brings back fond memories of the golden age of danceable music, candlelight, romance, and laughter. Mary Anne and her group perform popular music from the 20,s 30,s, and 40,s--music we older adults continue to love and cherish. Mary Anne sang with the Lawrence Welk show and for five years was the featured female vocalist on Don McNeil's "Breakfast Club." *From the director of Pops for Champagne--"Mary Anne Riehl's lovely voice, stage presence, and energy transported her audience to a far-away time and place in their lives. Whatever your age, this show will get you singing along, dancing, and will certainly warm your heart. A must-see performance!"*