President's Message

By Brian Larson

2013 National Show and Sale! Over 200 Lincolns were entered in the show held in conjunction with the "Big E" (Eastern States Exposition) at West Springfield Massachusetts on Saturday, September 22 in Mallary Arena. This probably was the largest Lincoln show ever held in North Americal David Cook (OH) had the

Lincoln show ever held in North America! David Cook (OH) had the honors to judge the show - it was a big job and a long day, but in his words "the quality of the show was outstanding"! The top quality Lincolns in the sale sold well, but there were not enough buyers present to sustain a sale of over 30

head of good sheep. Ten white

Lincoln lots averaged \$560 and 17

natural colored lots averaged \$440.

2014 National Show and Sale will be held in conjunction with the Great Lakes All-Breeds event in Wooster, Ohio on May 24-25. Banner Sales will be managing the event and entries will be due March 15. This will be an opportunity to enter ewe lamb show prospects for the Lincoln Futurity (see results of last year in this newsletter).

Why Pay Dues? 1) The printed and web page directory is the first reason: those that paid their 2013 dues were included in the attached directory (junior members contact information is not put on the web for safety reasons). 2) Secondly is voting rights: whether at a biennial membership meeting or a ballot by mail, only members with paid dues are allowed to vote.

Officers and Board Members
Elected: It was decided at the
biennial membership meeting at the
"Big E" to hold a mail ballot election.
The registrar (Milo, IA) conducted the
election and a 60 day period to
receive ballots is required by our
constitution beginning the date that
the ballots were mailed. Sixty-five
ballots (2013 dues paid members)
were sent and 47 (72% return rate)
were returned within the 60 day
period (2/3 ballots must be returned

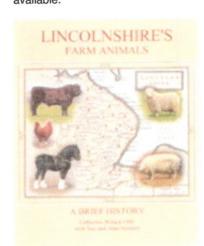
for a valid election per our constitution). Re-elected were president Brian Larson (MI), secretary/treasurer Debbie Vanderwende (DE) and east midwest director Diane Klingelhofer (MD). New vice president is Emmaline Long (NY) and new west coast director is Christiane Payton (OR). See contact information for officers and directors at the end of the 2014 Directory (attached to newsletter).

Do you want to take a trip to see **UK Lincolns!** Preliminary plans include a group departure flight from a US origin airport Friday evening. July 25th and return on Friday August 1st, 2014. A highlight will be the final show of the Lincoln Longwool show season to be held at the show grounds in Heckington. Lincolnshire on Sunday, July 27th. Also that day is their national sale and shear-off where all full-fleeced sheep shown are shorn and fleeces judged. Also on the itinerary are visits to half a dozen breeders, the largest public UK sheep market, the UK wool marketing authority and historical sites in mid-England. An initial cost estimate for planning purposes is \$1,900 per person (double occupancy) which includes airfare from and back to a US origin airport and bed & breakfast lodgings. Not included are rental cars, admssions, and other meals. Riverbend Travel, Hastings MI will be handling all travel itineraries. Reduced fares for folks to fly to the US origin airport have been negotiated. If you are at the least interested, contact Brian Larson. A letter with more details will be sent to all interested parties later.

Come see Risby George!



New Lincolnshire Book available: Book with an excellent history of Lincolnshire's farm animals, and about 1/4 of the book is devoted to Lincoln Longwools. Lots of great colored and b & w historical photos, 64 pages. If you would like a copy, contact Brian Larson. Cost is \$15 plus shipping. Limited supply is available.



Jim Lein 1939 - 2013



James M. Lein, 73, Arlington area farmer and sheep breeder for 48 years, died August 23, 2013, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa of hypersensitivity pneumonitis.

Jim was born November 18, 1939, the son of Minard (MJ) and Mabelle (Wolfe) Lein in Des Moines, Iowa. He was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa. The family moved to Graettinger,

lowa where he completed eleventh grade and then graduated from Valley High School, West Des Moines, lowa following the family's move back to the Des Moines area. He attended Iowa State University in Ames and was a veteran of the United States Army where he served as a Missile Engineer with the 166th Ordnance Corps. On July 23, 1967. he married Donna (Hay) Scherman at St. Mark's Lutheran in West Des Moines. The couple farmed in the Arlington area and raised purebred sheep (Suffolk, Corriedale, Lincoln) which they have done until the present.

Jim's childhood and youth were spent with much emphasis on the 4-H program and specifically competition with Holstein dairy cattle at local, regional and state fairs. He continued his love of livestock and competition at fairs and consistently won champion awards in several sheep breeds. The Lein family earned Premier Exhibitor award over 30 times at midwest state fairs including the 2013 Iowa State Fair. The 2013 event was the first lowar state fair that Jim missed in over 70 vears due to his health. In 1971, he was chosen Iowa State Fair Cookout King with his recipe and presentation of "Daddy's Drumsticks."

In the 1970's, he organized the RCO (Reroute Crude Oil) group of concerned farmers, soil scientists. engineers and a legal team who successfully changed the course of an oil pipeline that could have endangered the aquifer under northeast lowa's rich farmland

He served on Camp EWALU board at Strawberry Point for many years, guiding financial decisions and updating their Stone Center, where the couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Jim served on church councils at Zion Lutheran in Oelwein, Iowa and Zion Lutheran in West Union, Iowa.

Jim was appointed to the lowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board. the Iowa Department of Agriculture's Economic Development Board and

was chairman of the Iowa Agriculture Products Advisory Council. He also served on the American Sheep Industry Wool Council. In 1988 he represented the US in a delegation to promote sheep and wool in Russia.

Jim was nationally regarded wool expert and understood the existing marketing system - what worked and what did not. He worked on several projects in attempts to open market doors for Lincoln wool domestically and abroad. Jim and Donna also identified and developed individual Lincoln ewes that naturally cycled in the spring which resulted in a significant flock of natural fall lambing ewes. Jim was also an expert shearer, devoting much effort to teaching others proper shearing and wool handling techniques.

In 1991, Jim and Donna received the Farm Bureau Outstanding Service to Agriculture for Fayette County of which he was a member for 48 vears. The Leins were selected for the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award in 2012 to recognize their efforts as farmers to improve and protect the state's resources.Jim was known to say: "tractors are green. pickups are red." He took pride in the restoration of his 1970 GMC 3/4 ton pickup with a stock rack. His famous red pickup led his funeral procession.

Jim is survived by his wife, Donna of Arlington, lowa; three daughters, Shelley (Dean C. Paul) Lein of Vernon Hills, Illinois, Sarah (F. Joseph Umana) Lein of Apex, North Carolina, Susan Lein of Berea, Kentucky; one son, Nathan (Jamie) Lein of Oelwein; four grandchildren, Whitney and William Paul, Hans and Reuben Umana. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son. David.

Donna and Nathan are continuing with the Lincoln and Corriedale flocks. Nathan and his wife, Jaime, also have vertically integrated the flocks into a business venture called "Big Boy Meats".

2013 Lincoln Futurity

by Mindy Gibson

We had a great year for the start up of the futurity program. There were 4 black ewe lambs nominated by the breeders. And 3 white ewe lambs nominated at two sales the Illinois and Wooster, Ohio sales. The \$20.00 nomination fee was paid by breeders to nominate these ewe lambs to make them eligible for the futurity. The breeders that nominated ewe lambs were Kruse. Boersma, Sando & Wyncrest flocks. We had 2 young exhibitors that purchased ewe lambs and participated in the futurity. They turned in point sheets from the shows through the summer and then the points were totaled. The white ewe lambs belonging to Laney Petit Jean with a Boersma fall ewe lamb and a spring ewe lamb from Sando farms. With the first place white ewe lamb going to the fall ewe lamb Boersma. Lanev participated at several county shows and at

Laney Petit Jean - White Lincoln **Futurity Winner**

l ouisville.



The colored ewe lamb was won by Alyse Millikan with a Reid (Wyncrest) spring ewe lamb. Alyse participated in many shows at the county level and also at the All-American in Lansing MI, as well as NAILE in Louisville.

We would like to Thank Ketcham's for supporting all of our Junior exhibitors at Louisville with special gift bags. Our futurity winners

received special embroidered chairs and feed troughs donated by Ketcham's.

We would like to encourage any breeders to nominate their ewe lambs for sales this year. And please remind any juniors interested in the program to check with the sales to see if the lambs are nominated and feel free to ask any of us questions about the program.

Alyse Millikan - Natural Colored Lincoln Futurity Winner



2013 NAILE Junior Lincoln Show

Our Juniors entered about 40 of their show sheep in the NAILE show this year, which is a record amount for this show. Thank you to the junior Lincoln exhibitors! Photos of the show follow:

Tayler Garges - Champion White Lincoln Ewe



Hannah Lamb - Champion Natural Colored Lincoln Ram



Haley Yunker -Reserve Champion White Lincoln Ewe



Alaina & Sabrina Richert - Res. Ch. White Lincoln Ram



Rebecca Starkenburg - Res. Ch. Natural Colored Lincoln Ewe & **Best Natural Colored Fleece**



2013 "Big E" Lincoln Booth, Thanks to Carol H., Robin M. etc.



"Big E" Booth Lincoln Breeder Map with each breeder shown



Shows over! Time to relax / enjoy



2013 Lincoln Longwool Show Champions - National, Regional, State 4

	Champion Ram	Res. Ch. Ram	Champion Ewe	Res. Ch. Ewe	. Best Fleece
MD Sheep &WF - white Larson (Supreme) KlingelhoferVanderwende Klingelhofer Larson					
MD Sheep &WF - NC	Klingelhofer	Vanderwende	West	Vanderwende	Vanderwende .
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WI State Fair - white					
WI State Fair - NC	Dargonor	Burgener	= a. g a		
Il State Fair	Crome	Rader	Boersma	Bader	
NE Youth Show					
CA State Fair - Heritage					
NJ State Fair					
OR State Fair - AOB					
Iowa State Fair - Longwo	ol Burgener	Rurgener	Lein	Burgener	
W. Idaho Fair - Longwoo					
WI Sheep &WF					
Big E - National - white					
Big E" – National - NC					
NLSBA Sale - white					
NLSBA Sale - Wille					
MN State Fair					
Delaware State Fair – NC					
WA State Fair - NC					
NY Sheep & WF - white					
NY Sheep & WF - NC					
NAILE Jr white					
NAILE Jr. – NC					
NAILE - white					
NAILE - NC	Reid	Vanderwende	Reid	Hammer	Vanderwende/

Klingelhofer

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