

***NOTICE Be sure your Registration packet and Queen packets are postmarked on or before December 19, 2009. Anything postmarked on December 20<sup>th</sup> or after will be charged \$5.00 per item more than before the deadline. In other words get your packets in now. The surcharge will be enforced on delegates, queens and extra meals fees.***

Hello LAFF,

My how time is really flying by it seems as though I sent out last month's newsletter just yesterday and it is already time for me to send out another one. In my last newsletter I forgot to thank Brandon and Chris who represent the State Fair of Louisiana. They hosted our board meeting in Shreveport on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September and I really appreciated it.

On November 14, 2009 I visited Christmas on the Bayou in Cotton Port Louisiana. I had a great time and it was good to see my friend Manny. By the way, let this serve as just a little reminder that the deadline is approaching us soon so get those packets in because you don't want to miss out on the great hunt!

With the holidays approaching us we will have a lot on our minds like visiting family and sharing gifts so remember to pause and thank the one who is the reason for the season. Say a prayer for those who are away from home serving our country and from my family to your's Happy Thanksgiving!

s/Equilla Victorian  
LAFF 2009 President

Vice President's Message

Greetings to all Hunters. Can you believe it is almost convention time? I hope you have all of your hunting gear ready. Before this goes out it will be Thanksgiving and seems like the next day will be Christmas and Convention is right around the corner.

The Louisiana swine Festival had a great weekend November 7 -8<sup>th</sup> and the fall weather blessed all activities. Our festival assisted another organization that same weekend by providing the meals for the Cajun HRC Fall Hunt. Morse Recreation Fair also held their annual event that weekend. This year they changed their date and downsized a bit and actually were more profitable than ever. That is something some smaller Festivals may want to explore in these economic times, especially in smaller rural areas that may have been negatively impacted by the economy.

We started last weekend with Lonnie and the gang in Westwego where they hosted their annual Cypress Swamp Festival. The weather was picture perfect and they even got Warren Deemer to do some work! I learned a lot about the organization of their Festival which is a little different than most festivals. These guys have it together.

Later in the day we visited Port Barre Cracklin festival. I can tell you that there were no Bad Cracklins in Port Barre last weekend. Every crackling I ate was fantastic. I had a chance to visit briefly with Deltus Mitchell and the folks with the carnival who said the crowds were good.

Saturday night we stopped in on The Frog Festival. There have been a lot of changes in Rayne from dates to midway and entertainment. Having been drenched with rain for several years prior and rescheduled due to a hurricane last year, it looks like they have found a new home in November. The music was good, the food was fantastic and the midway brought on a new look. I had a chance to visit with the Millers of Miller Spectacular who had impressive equipment. As I was leaving around 8:30 PM, the line to get into the gate was several hundred feet long with a steady stream of cars coming in.

As a reminder, the table decoration committee is looking for small items that would represent your festival to be included in the table decorations. These need to be small representations of your festival i.e. small plastic crawfish, small kettle pots, small catfish, small alligators, etc. For most information, please call Beverly (337-536-9328). We will try to include everyone but must be limited to small items.

I am happy to report that all is good with convention preparation. No problems yet but that is subject to change any day. Convention will be here before you know it so make your plans now for **“Laff on the Hunt”**. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me. You may want to book your personal rooms if you have not already done so. At this time you will surely be out of the block and/or may need to book at the Holiday Inn Express next door. If you are having problems getting a room please give me a call so we can assist you and your festival. As we get closer to convention, some reserved rooms sometimes open up so keep in touch with us and we can put you on the list if some do come available. Anyone staying at the Holiday Inn Express on site will have access to shuttles etc. in the event of in climate weather. We have several alternate hotels that have room Blocks for the convention, so if you need a room and would like to stay somewhere else due to the “noise” from the Crawfish Suite, let me know. Please do not procrastinate so we can take care of any problems ahead of time.

Get your camo ready!

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## Secretary's Message.

Many fairs and festivals have not read the instruction for delegate registration and extra tickets for the convention. The instructions are that you can only buy extra tickets to food function in the equal or less amounts that the number of delegates that are registered. If you have five delegates registered, then you can only buy five or less tickets to Friday night dinner, five or less tickets to Saturday luncheon and five or less tickets to the Banquet. If you do not understand these instructions, then call me at 985-713-1086 before you send in your registration. If your registration packet is received incorrectly, then it is held until it is corrected. That means you will be seated farther back from the stage than if it is received correct. Please follow the instruction as to not cause you and I problems.

I attend the Thibodeauxville Fall Festival on November 19<sup>th</sup>. It was very surely the largest crowds I have ever seen at this festival. Most of the food booths had to go to the local food stores for more products. The down town merchants were very please with the turnout and sales as well. This festival started years to bring back people to the down town area. What a success this has been for the down town as well as the rest of the area.

Curtis J. Hue  
Your Secretary of LAFF

**Happy Thanksgiving**  
From your Board of Directors