

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER CURTIS J. HUE EDITOR

President Message

Hello LAFF,

First, I want to give a shout out to our State's pro football team, the New Orleans Saints! Way to go Saints, 5 and 0 keep up the good work!

As stated in my previous newsletters Ronnie Lougon and his committee are working hard to make this convention a success. If you would like to help with anything, just call Ronnie or let your district director know. Your dedication and talent will surely be appreciated. If you have any items from your event that you would like to donate to the ditty bags or a door prize please bring them with you to convention or contact your district director.

If you have not received your packet you can download it from the revised LAFF website. A big thank you to the webmaster for just a beautiful job.

On October 3, 2009 I had the pleasure of judging the West Louisiana Forestry Festival pageant in Leesville. Raetta Harvey and her committee did an outstanding job and had a great turn out. I really felt like I was on a hunt with beautiful wild life displayed around the stage.

On October 17, 2009 I attended Louisiana Cotton Festival and pageant. Kelli Buller had a good turn out and did a great job. After the pageant I visited the festival and enjoyed a good funnel cake and great music the weather was a little chilly.

If you need any help with anything, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am proud to serve this year as your LAFF President. See you on the hunt.

Camouflage & Boots,

s/Equilla Victorian
LAFF 2009 President

Vice President's Message

Greetings to all LAFF members. Seems like fall is in the air and festivals are in full swing in all areas of the State. That also means that we

are only 4 months from convention so have you hunting gear ready for “LAFF on the Hunt.”

Last month our quarterly meeting was hosted by The State Fair of Louisiana in Shreveport. Brandon and Chris did a great job even while preparing for their annual event. By the time you receive this, their Fair should be in full swing so we recommend you visit them if you are in that area. It is a year round task just taking care of their fairgrounds and other events that go on throughout the year.

I have missed the last couple of newsletters but since Duck I have attended the Shrimp and Petroleum festival where Faron Molaison, Jody Borne and I had the honor of judging their inaugural car show. This was rather new to me but I enjoyed seeing and judging all of those Corvettes and other makes.

I also recently attended the Cajun Heritage Festival in Larose. For those of you not familiar with this festival, it is a celebration of the art of wood carving. This is one of Louisiana’s oldest art form.

I was unable to attend our neighboring Rice Festival this year because I was in California that weekend but I have been in touch with the organizers.. Gene, Roxie and gang had their hands full last weekend with downtown Crowley revamp finishing about the same time the Festival started. I understand the festival was a huge success and the large crowds overflowed completed downtown area while enjoying the cool weather.

The table decoration committee has asked me to let you know that they are 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 pot, small catfish, small alligator, etc. For more information, please call Beverly (337-536-9328). We will try to include everyone but they are limited to small items.

The good news is that the packets have been sent out and I have not had any major repercussion except for Warren Deemer. The hotel number reservation number printed on the packets actually was Warren’s home number. Oh well, he has nothing to do anyway. The bad news is since there are no problems yet, we can probably expect some in the near future. We are diligently working on convention. It 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 would most likely 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. 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 he “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 cam ready!

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Secretary's Message.

Convention packets are arriving every day at my mail box. These packets have received the best seats in the house. All seats and tables are being assigned as packets are received. So, now get your packets as soon as possible for good seating.

I have returned the final copy of the 2010 of our advertising brochure to the State for printing. I have asked the State to do everything possible to have it in our hands prior to January 2010.

This is the height of the fairs and festivals season. Visit some of the events in your are and look at ways to improve your event. Ask questions of the leadership of the event. Most events will be willing to answer question and give lots of advise. Network with these leaders and make friends. This will also encourage them to visit your event when your event happens.

Should you have questions of the happenings at the convention or what to do to better understand what and why we do some things. I will be happy to help you with your registration. If your event wants to be seated with another event, please send them in the same packet. This is the only way I can seat you together.

For anyone who has not seen the Holliday Inn Express, you should visit it if ever you are in the Baton Rouge area. My wife and I visited it after the last convention and we were very impressed. A great sport's bar next to the lobby for our off time. Room looked great as well. If it was not that I am an officer, I would probably stay at the Holiday Inn.

Should you want to volunteer at the registration desk, please contact me by email or at the desk at convention. You get to greet all the events and get to know everyone in a very short time. You also learn a lot about our organization.

Curtis J. Hue
Your Secretary of LAFF

District 7 News

Can you believe that it's November already? Well, before I forget, I'd like to wish one and all a very Happy Thanksgiving. This past month has been the wettest I have seen in many years. The bridge City Gumbo festival got off to a good start, but one hour in, the heavens opened and the only thing that didn't fall was me. The board met and decided that we would re-schedule the festival, so we decided that it will be held November 6, 7 & 8, 2009. If you missed the previous dates, no problem, but we sure would like to have everyone visit us on our re-scheduled weekend. We promise lots of great gumbo, entertainment, and lots of fun for everyone. The following weekend will be the Westwego Cypress Swamp Festival, that's November 13, 14 & 15. We promise lots of great food, great entertainment and fun for all ages.

February is just around the corner and I do hope you have begun planning for the 2010 convention when "LAFF is on the Hunt". The Board and committees have been hard at work planning the convention and assure you a very educational and entertaining time. Please get your registration in early and don't forget to enter the awards program with your posters, hats, tee-shirts, pins and other promotional items and also enter your website for the website award also.

WE are looking forward to a very busy year end and hope that you will all have a safe and enjoyable season.

Warren Deemer

Director
District 7