

January 29, 2012 The SCOOP!

Dear **Huggables**,

I've realized that the Flying Farmers are huggable. We attended the workshop in Ft Lauderdale and spent happy time either hugging or getting hugged. Yes, we are a huggable group!

What did I learn at workshop? I learned that many processes occur before sugar is bagged and put on the grocery shelf. **Bob Lyme** was persistent enough that we were allowed to be in a GIGANTIC silo with mountains of raw sugar.

I learned that not all vegetables are grown in California. Florida has its own Eden of yummy lettuces of all varieties.

I learned that butterflies dare not waste time as their life span is generally only days, but of course there are variations.

I learned that some people have way more money than they probably need. One home we floated past on the cruise ship had 30,000 sq. ft. and only two people lived there. How in the world does she keep it clean and dusted?

I learned that there are three bases where the Goodyear blimp calls home: the Spirit of Goodyear, based in Akron, Ohio; the Spirit of Innovation based in Pompano Beach, Florida; and the Spirit of America based near Los Angeles. Its first commercial ship, the Pilgrim, flew in 1925.

I learned that **Connie Pierson** likes a certain kind of shampoo and she was able to find a gigantic bottle of it and now won't need shampoo for 3 years.

I learned that **Judy Conard** is a comedian with dry wit. Makes me laugh just saying her name.

I learned that sitting in the back of the bus has its advantages. You get to sit with **Jeff Thompson** and **Burl Scherler** and play with iPads and tell each other tricks of the trade. Best app: White Pages

I learned that Calgary in July is the next place to be where hugging is the norm.

Thank you to **Gene Shore** and **Bob Lyme** and all who helped to give the flying farmers a great workshop!

What's next? Mark your calendar, as follows:

February 11: Winter Haven, Don and Sally Apple's home, Snowbird, potluck.

Winter Haven Airport identifier is GIF. Located about 10 miles from their home, let Don know in advance, please.

Don's cell: (937) 214-1676

Driving? 2946 Plantation Rd, Cypress Woods development, on Route 542 just a hair west of N/S road 27. They live on east side of town. Coming from west, at intersections of 17 and 542, go east about 5 miles. The development is on the south side of the road.

March 17: Crossroads American Grille, 385 Venice Bypass 41, Venice, FL

June 22 - 24: Michigan/Ohio Convention, Adrien, Michigan, Carlton Lodge, reservations deadline June 1: (517) 263-7000

July 17 - 22: IFF convention in Calgary

August 17 - 19: Region III Tour, Van Wert, OH

September 14 - 16: Ontario's 50th Anniversary Celebration in London, Ont.

To ALL Flying Farmers ...

May peace break into your home and may thieves come to steal your debts.

May the pockets of your jeans become a magnet for \$100 bills.

May love stick to your face like Vaseline and may laughter assault your lips!

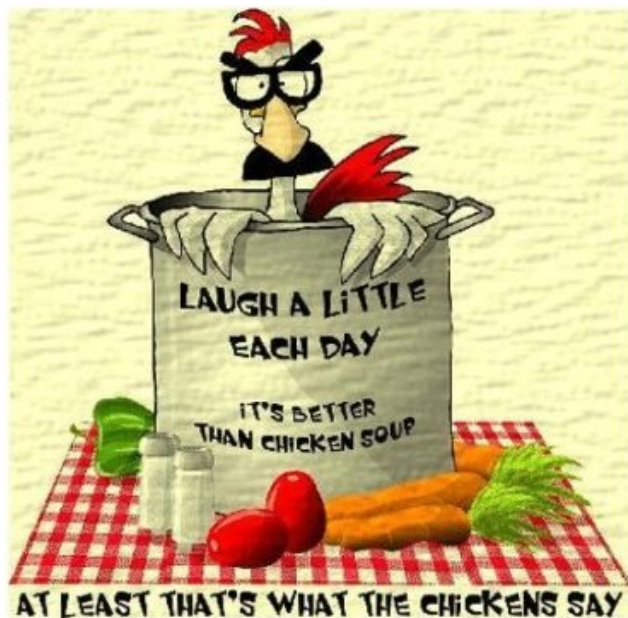
May happiness slap you across the face and may your tears be that of joy

May the problems you had, forget your home address!

In simple words

May 2012 be one of the best years of your life!!!

I thank my precious mother every day that she taught me about laughter AND I thank my precious dad every day that he taught me to speak to everyone and act as if I was happy to do so!



love to all, art, mary, shadow (cat), and roxy (just spayed pup)