



# The Tapline

Quarterly Newsletter of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association

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## Glimpses of the Sugar Shack at the 2010 Indiana State Fair

Article and Photos by Louise Jewell

Each day working at the sugar shack in the pioneer village at the state fair is wonderfully fun, hot, fun, long, fun, tiring, invigorating, hard work, fun, a way to meet so many people, fun, hot..... You get the idea. Some IMSA members put in many days and some, like Garry & Nancy Sink are there all 17 days, plus set up and take down days. We are so lucky in the IMSA to have such a core of hard workers. And as hot and long as the days got, I never saw anyone lose their temper. In fact, just the opposite. It amazes me how upbeat, cheerful, helpful, friendly, ingenious, and dedicated everyone who helped out in the sugar shack was.

Indiana's most beloved first lady, Mrs. Judy O'Bannon, tasting IMSA maple syrup before tak-



ing part in the daily parade, riding in the car pictured behind her. Mrs. O'Bannon is just as delightful in real life as she always seems in the media. Sandy Ragan is the ISMA member inside the sugar shack.

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### 2010 Annual Meeting — Saturday, December 4

The 2010 annual meeting of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association will be held on Saturday, December 4, at Mt. Summit Christian Church Family Center in Mt. Summit, Indiana. There will be a field trip to Dave and Carol Hamilton's sugar bush following the business meeting.

Tim Wilmot of the Proctor Maple Research Center, University of Vermont will be our key speaker in the afternoon. Other items of interest will be a our vendor display areas and a for sale table for members who have any maple related items for sale.

Members will receive more detailed information in the meeting brochure which will be mailed out in November.

## Notes From Your President

*Garry Sink,  
President, IMSA*



The 2010 Indiana State Fair is now history, again we had good sales this year. As you know the profits from these sales are used to pay for our speakers and other expenses at our annual meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked in the sugar shack, also

thanks to Art and Rebecca Harris who supplied the candy, cream and sugar sold at the fair.

October is the month when the North American Maple Syrup Council and International Maple Syrup Institute hold their annual meeting. This year it will held in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. In addition to our designated delegates we have several of our own members attending.

The Indiana Maple Syrup Association Annual meeting is coming up Saturday December 4, to be held at Mount Summit, Indiana. Dave Hamilton our local chair for this meeting has a great program lined up. see you there.

Garry

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: **When it's over, its over...**

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: "Its over, the ants are running faster than the water, so I removed the  
: spiles ..."

: Ron Burnett, IMSA Member and director  
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## State Fair Report

The 2010 state fair was one of the hottest in recent years and probably was the major cause of a reduction in attendance and the sale of maple syrup. We were able to sell about 500 gallons with the help of some great members, friends and grandchildren of members. In all about 160 work days were volunteered by about 25 members and their helpers. We had great help from some first time members including the Alwardt's from Illinois. Perhaps the most consistent helpers were the Ragan's of Kendallville, you could hardly get Sandy to take a break! As usual the President and the first lady of maple were there every day and many other members were there numerous days as well. All of this volunteer help was greatly appreciated and we look forward to better things next year. During the fair we had seven new members join our association, this is proof that the Hoosier Sugar Shack is instrumental in spreading the word about maple production in Indiana.

Dave Hamilton

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**INDIANA MAPLE SYRUP ASSOCIATION**

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IMSA's own mascot to go along with the state fair motto of 'Year of the Pig'

A well deserved break  
Don Jewell (L) Dave Hamilton (R)



Garry Sink (L) & Ron Burnett (R) discussing ..... something important!



Sometimes it is a real pleasure to be handing out tastes of IMSA maple syrup.

A lighter moment with Dave Hamilton reading aloud the *The Cremation Of Sam McGee* to the rest of us.

Dave picked up this book on their trip to Alaska this summer.







All ages loved tasting the wonderful syrup.

Ron Burnett (L) and Nancy Sink (R) helping customers



Garry is always a great sport and when I went into the sugar shack and told him I had all these neat pictures of kids tasting IMSA maple syrup, but no 'old' people, he willingly came out, tasted, asked all the FAQ we get all the time, gave the right 'ahhhh' and put his spoon where it belonged rather than back to the taste giver.



Some could just not get enough of that spoon after it had maple syrup on it.



## 2010 NAMSC-IMSI Annual Meeting to be Held in Ontario

The Annual Meetings of the North American Maple Syrup Council (NAMSC), the International Maple Syrup Institute (IMSI) and the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association (OMSPA) will be held from October 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Arden Park Hotel in Stratford, Ontario. The theme of Conference is *Sugaring 2010: Progress and Potential*.

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**STATE FAIR SYRUP FOR SALE:**

There is a limited amount of syrup left over from the state fair available to members of the IMSA. It will be available at the annual meeting. Prices to members are as follows:

Gallons	\$30.00
Half-Gallons	\$15.00
Quarts	\$10.00
Pints	\$5.00

Cookbooks will also be available at \$2.50 for IMSA members.

### New Maple Web Site

Members of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association may wish to know about a new Internet site that has been started by Cornell University for Maple Syrup Producers. They are holding webinars through the fall. Here is the web link to the Cornell site: <http://maple.dnr.cornell.edu/>

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