

# NACAA NEWS



Thursday, July 28, 2016

## 411

### WEATHER

Thursday's high: 90  
Thursday's low: 73  
60% chance of showers

Friday's high: 90  
Friday's low: 73  
50% chance of showers

## 2017

### Set your GPS for SLC!



# IT'S GOODBYE ( ... AT LEAST FOR NOW)

Wow! What a week we've had. From incredible seminars and tours to River Market fun to the fellowship and networking, we hope y'all have enjoyed it as much as we have. Despite the heat, we hope that you have experienced the beauty of the Natural State and will plan to visit Arkansas again soon. We've been planning and organizing this AMPIC since 2012, and we have truly enjoyed the chance to showcase our great state.

I would like to thank all of the "red vests" from Arkansas that came together to make things run so smoothly this week. I have not witnessed such great teamwork in a long time. I especially would like to thank and recognize the 2016 AMPIC Co-Chairs Sherri Sanders and Jerry Clemons. They have gone above and beyond to make this conference a first-class event.

I would also like to thank other agents and specialists in our sister organizations in Arkansas that have come in for the week to help us. You didn't have to, but we're sure glad you did. Mary Hightower, you are a rock star. Thank you for helping me with the newsletters and social media. To our Extension administration, thank you for your total support of our ideas and goals for this conference.

And last but not least, thank you to the many sponsors that contributed so much to make this conference possible, especially to our Signature Sponsor, Arkansas Farm Bureau.

It was a blessing to host and serve you this week. We wish you safe travels as you head home.

Until Salt Lake City,

Amy Simpson  
Publicity Chair  
2016 AMPIC



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# PARTING SHOTS FROM NACAA 2016

SIGN OF AN AG AGENT - Maine's Erin Roche with her sign. (Photo by David Handley, U Maine)



Arkansas Farm Bureau's Executive VP Warren Carter talks about lasting partnerships (Photo by Chuck Capps, UofA System Division of Agriculture )



What a week of NACAA can do to even the hardest ag agent. Conference Co-Chair Sherri Sanders. (UofA System Division of Ag photo by Amy Heck)



Arkansas agents tearing down booth. (UofA System Division of Ag photo by Sherry Beaty-Sullivan)



Participants on the Sons and Daughters' tour at Magic Springs water/amusement park. (UofA System Division of Ag photo by Alicia Hugen)

## GETTING TO SUPPER

For everyone not going on a tour today, we will have shuttle buses to take you to the Farewell BBQ Feast at Sherwood Forest tonight. The buses will be outside of the Marriott and will start running at 4:30 p.m., and will run approximately every 20 minutes until 5:30 p.m.

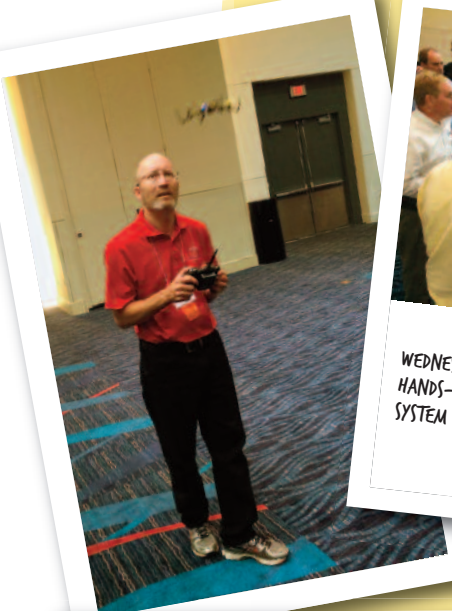
If you are on tour, your bus will take you directly to the Sherwood Forest.

The meal is being catering by Hogg's Catering and Meat Market. This true Southern BBQ meal will feature whole bar-b-que pig, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls and (of course) iced tea. Woo-wee! What a spread it will be!

The Cummins Prison Band will be providing the entertainment during the meal.

Shuttle buses will be transporting everyone back to the Marriott, and the last one will leave at 7:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY'S DRONE SUPER SEMINAR WAS A HANDS-ON INDOOR FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT. (UoFA SYSTEM DIV OF AG PHOTOS BY KERRY RODTNIK.)



Above, scenes from the DSA banquet. (UofA System Div of Ag photos by Amy Simpson.)



States' Night Out at Cajun's Wharf (Image courtesy Gene McAvoy, Florida, via Facebook.)



Table setting at Farewell Banquet (UofA System Division of Ag photo by Sherri Sanders.)

## SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION 'ROCKED'

The annual NACAA Scholarship Auction has once again surpassed all our expectations, with another wonderful evening of fun, fellowship, and fund raising.

On Tuesday evening, NACAA members, their family members and friends bid furiously against each other to secure some unique and treasured items. When the final bid was called, the total raised from the live and silent auction was \$10,649. Add to

that the profit from the cash drawing of \$4,870, and our grand total for the evening was \$15,519!

Thank you to all who participated in the auction by either donating, bidding on, or purchasing items. Special thanks goes out to Tom Benton, Kent Stanford and their amazing auction crew. I can't wait to see what shows up in Salt Lake City next year!

Dwane Miller,  
NACAA Scholarship Chair



Auctioneer Tom Benton getting the bids up underway! (Image courtesy Brian Yanta, Texas AgriLife, via Twitter)