

THE HAPPY PIG

Fall 2022

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SAVE THE DATE!

**27TH ANNUAL
CONVENTION
JULY 27-29, 2023**

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A LETTER FROM THE HEAD HOG

Fall 2022 Head Hog Letter

Dear Happy Pig Collectors,

What a great convention we had this summer. We all had a great time. I want to thank Becky again for all her hard work in making our time together an enjoyable and unique experience. The Amana Colonies small, quaint towns made our shared experiences all the more dear to our hearts because we, too have banded together in pursuit of our passion...the admiration and dedication to pigs! Bless chef Mindy for indulging us with individually constructed omelettes. They were great. We were indeed spoiled by her attentions. We had a great time and it was wonderful seeing all of you!

On our way home, Terry and I went back to Nashville by way of obscure Missouri back roads to see Cindy at the pig museum in Linn, Missouri. We followed the directions of Amazon's Siri through small towns, over hills and through valleys on increasingly smaller and smaller roads until Terry claimed we were lost on goat paths, and might never find our way out. But at last we ran into the highway that lead us to our destination. Thank the Lord!

We found Cindy hard at work. She led us through the additions she made to her vast collection. We were in awe of all the work she had done. Personally, I don't know how she does it. It is a herculean effort. She mentioned it was hard to find people to help her. In response, I promised to return to help, and I mentioned more of our pig collectors might want to help, too. So, I'm putting out the call. If you can, please volunteer to lend a hand to Cindy at Pigs Fly Farm in preparing and stocking the Gene Holt collection in the new barn constructed in his honor. Initially, I wanted to go this Fall, but I can't make it at that time due to work requirements. Instead, I plan to go in March 2023. Whether you volunteer for two days or six, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Let me know, and I'll let Cindy know.

As usual, all of you pig club members are always in my piggy heart and piggy dreams. I will miss you until we meet again...this next time in Massachusetts at our next big Pig Collector's Convention.

Hogs and Kisses,
Your Head Hog,
Janet



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CLUB & NEWSLETTER INFO

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The Happy Pig Collectors Club is a non-profit corporation registered in the state of Illinois.

Membership dues are \$35 payable every July. Dues include four news-letters (with postage).

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

21st Cindy Brenneke

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Rob Cecchi
25th Carol Blackman
27th Lily Swanson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd Duane Hammond
9th Toby Hyman
10th Dorothy Stone
15th Glen Allen
15th Laura Townsend
16th John Gage

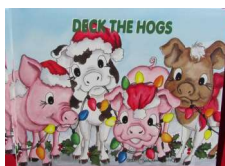
HAPPY PIG CARD EXCHANGE

Do you like getting pig cards in the mail?
Do you like sending pig cards?

If you answered yes to the above questions, you need to join our card exchange! Send a piggy card to a member for their birthday, holiday or just because. If you would like to join the **Happy Pig Card Exchange** send your name, address and birthday to **Cheryl Rider**.

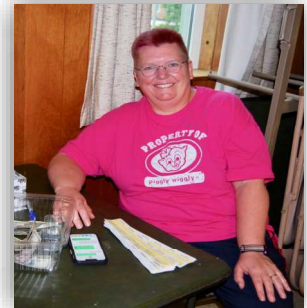
Email: tykkledpynk@gmail.com.

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26TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

In July, HPCC members gathered in Amana Iowa for the 26th annual convention. This year's convention was hosted by Becky Schneider. From the wonderful restaurants, catering, and delicious cooked meals to the "Great Amana Ticket Hunt" and PIGEO, Becky did a fantastic job organizing and hosting this years convention. Organizing an event like this is no small feat. Thank you Becky! We appreciate all your time, effort and hard work in making this years convention a success.



Becky Schneider



Day 1

Friday started out with a family style breakfast at Ronneburg Restaurant. There was so much food. Bacon, eggs, fried potatoes, fruit and toast with homemade strawberry rhubarb were served. Members were also served "Amana" style pancakes. They were huge.

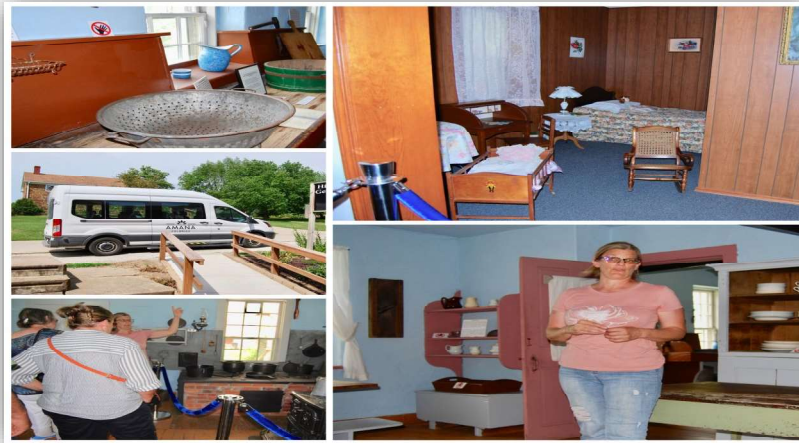
After a morning of walking around the colonies and shopping, the group met at Millstream Brau Haus for an appetizers and beer lunch. Bratwurst bites with sauerkraut, pretzel bites with cheese, veggies, mini cheesecakes and of course beer. Root beer was also served for



26TH ANNUAL CONVENTION PART

Day 1

After lunch you were able to explore on your own or go on a guided tour to discover the unique past of the Amana Colonies and get a better idea of what life in a communal society is like. Below are photos from one of the communal kitchens and bedroom.



A popular attraction/business was Colony Carvers. They carve pigs and other animals out of wood using a chainsaw. Below is a demonstration of their craft.



Photos by Pasty Waggoner & Sue Craft

The Colony Carvers were ready for us. I hope these piggies found new homes with our members.



26TH ANNUAL CONVENTION PART

Day 1

After an afternoon of exploring the area, the group met at the Ox Yoke Inn for dinner. The Ox Yoke Inn has been an Amana Colonies Tradition since 1940 and offers a unique menu with recipes featuring traditional German and American Favorites. This was another family-style meal. Our members feasted on Jager (pork) schnitzel, oven-baked steak and fried-chicken.

Founder Gene Holt's daughter, granddaughter and two great-granddaughters attended the dinner. What a special treat!



Day 2

On Saturday everyone headed over to the Homestead Welfare club for breakfast and Buy, Sell, Trade. What was for breakfast? Big muffins and big omelets. Mindy McClintock really spoiled the group with made-to-order omelets. Just amazing!



After breakfast and during Buy, Sell, Trade we played PIGEO. PIGEO is based on the game Bingo and was created by host Becky Schneider. Newest member Myla Mefford stopped by to play PIGEO and she won, a few times!

Mona Lewis had a "help yourself" table full of pig items left over from supplies used to fill goody bags from past conventions. It was like Pigmas in July.



26TH ANNUAL CONVENTION PART

Day 2



Becky explains PIGEO to John Gage



A Mexican themed lunch was served at the Homestead Welfare Club, followed by Show and Tell. Afterwards part of the group departed to go on the Village Voyage Van Tour while others explored the area on their own. Everyone got together again at the Homestead Welfare Club for the evening festivities, which included more food. Meatloaf, chicken, baked beans and cheesy potatoes were served for dinner. For dessert was cake that was almost too cute to eat. Almost. After dinner was the raffles. So many nice pig items to choose from, that's if the number on your ticket was called.

Congratulations to Rhonda Armstrong for winning the Show and Tell contest and to Janet Booth who won the Best Big contest!



Janet Booth & Rhonda Armstrong



Clarice Cecchi & Janet Booth

26TH ANNUAL CONVENTION PART

Day 2



FOOD & FUN

2022 COVENTION AGENDA



Top, L to R: Myla Mefford; Mona & Willis Lewis; Rhonda Armstrong & Melody McGrew

Middle, L: Sheri & Jason McManus

Bottom, L to R: Rano & Bobbie Mueller; Glenn Allen & Jeanette Maiorano; Jean Jackson; Janet Booth

2022 COVENTION AGENDA

MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOS



Top, L to R: Sue Craft; Sheri McManus; Terry Booth; Patsy & Harold Waggoner
Middle, L to R: Janet & Terry Booth; M'Liss Hay & Kathy Holt
Bottom, L to R: John & Marie Gage; Clarice & Rob Cecchi; Liz Gordon & Kerry Watters

26TH ANNUAL COVENTION

MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOS

Thursday night dinner was at the Wild Hogs Saloon.



The Ox Yoke Inn had a museum, famous bear and conference room upstairs.

MUSEUM, FAMOUS BEAR & HOMESTEAD CONFERENCE ROOM UPSTAIRS Restrooms on 2nd. floor and also in the lobby.



Ox Yoke Inn
In 1940 the Ox Yoke Inn opened in the building next door. In 1950 the restaurant was re-located to its present location. The building was constructed in three phases, the frame portion in 1856 and the brick addition in 1870 with a new frame addition added in 1978. The building was used as a communal residence and kitchen house until the end of the communal era in 1932. In the early 1900's when it was a residence, William Leichsenring (co-founder) was born June 14, 1906 in the room known today as the Founders Room.

Yokey the Bear
This bear has been a fixture of the Ox Yoke Inn since 1995. When fire destroyed part of the building in 1960, a guest grabbed the bear and carried him to safety. A contest to name the bear resulted in the name Yokey.



Photos by Sheri McManus

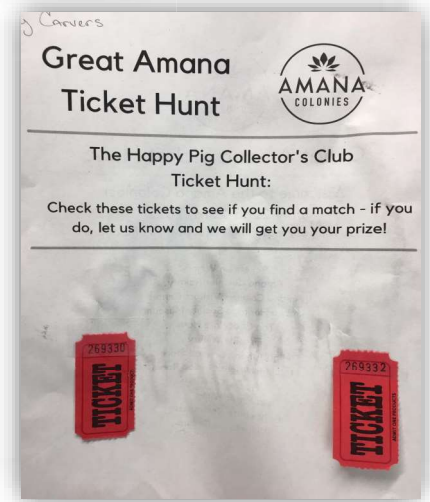
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MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOS

If you haven't been to a convention, this is what you are missing. The goody bags are full of pig related items. Each year they get better and better.



If you read the convention agenda in the summer newsletter, you might have noticed the "Great Amana Ticket Hunt" on the agenda in the afternoon on day 1 and 2. Several of the businesses within the Amana Colonies participated in this activity and they posted a sign with raffle tickets on them. Everyone received a raffle ticket with a number on it. You had to go around to the participating businesses to see if the number on your raffle ticket matched what is posted. If it matched, you won a prize from that business. Everyone had fun going from business to business to see if they won.,



If you attended the convention and have photos you would like to share in the next newsletter, send them to the Editor, Sheri McManus. You can send your photos via mail, email or PM (Facebook). See page 3, under Newsletter Items for details.

*All photos were taken by Patsy Waggoner, unless noted differently.

2023 CONVENTION NEWS

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27th ANNUAL CONVENTION

July 27, 28 & 29, 2023

Hosted by Rob and Clarice Cecchi



Feeding Hills, Massachusetts



HOTEL INFO:

Red Roof Inn
5 Hazard Avenue
Enfield, Connecticut 06082
Phone: 937.328.1476



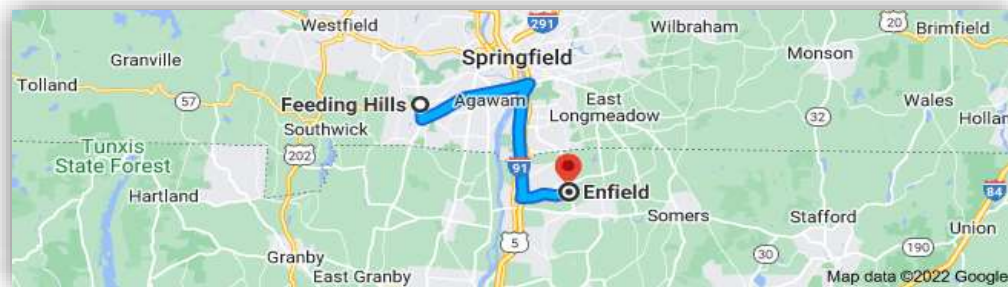
RATES:

Thursday Night: **\$89.99 +tax**
Friday & Saturday Night: **\$99.99 +tax**

*****Let the hotel know you are with the Happy Pig Collectors Club to get this special rate.*****

NOTE: There are two floors but no elevator. They do not reserve the first floor but if you can't go up steps let them know why you cannot and they will try to put you on the first floor. Let them know this when making reservations.

MORE DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER



CLUB MEMBERS ON THE GO



Club President Janet Booth, stopped to get a picture with a pig in Kentucky on her way to the convention.



On the way home from the convention, Sheri McManus found this piggy at the Worlds Largest Truck Stop.

Lily Swanson (below) spotted a pig collection at a recent state fair. It wasn't hers, by-the-way.



Check out the cool pig sign Sue Craft spied in Lake Placid, NY.



IN MEMORIAM

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of long time member, Doc Townsend. Doc passed away on August 26, 2022. Doc and his wife Laura have been HPCC members since 1999. Our hearts go out to Laura and the Townsend family.



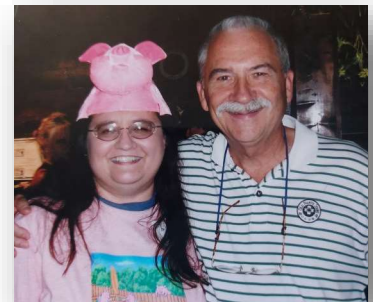
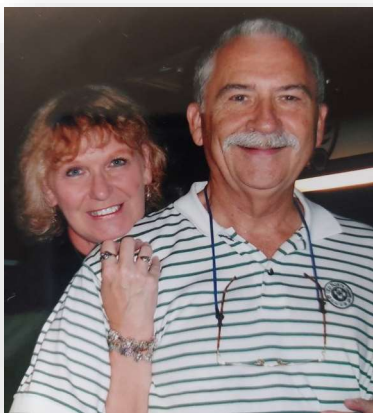
William Renaker Townsend, better known as Bill, Billy or Doc, A Kentucky Colonel, of Crestview Hills, Kentucky, passed away on August 26th surrounded by his family. He arrived into this world on October 29th 1940, born to Mary Louise and Dr. William M. Townsend of Falmouth, Kentucky.

Doc was known for his consistency and his selflessness which made him not only a great friend and spouse, but also a great parent, grandfather and great grandfather that truly made a difference in peoples' lives.

He was a great athlete in high school in Falmouth (Class of 1958), and that drive and competitive spirit served him well throughout his life. First at Centre College in Danville, then serving in the Army, and finishing out his studies at the University of Kentucky – where his love of sports became a lifelong passion for his Wildcats. His professional career took him in many different directions, but never got in the way of his first priority which was his family.

Doc is survived by his wife of 32 years, Laura; his daughter Patricia; two sons; Bob (Karen) and Dave (Lauren); three stepsons, Kelley (Esther) and Brayden McIntyre (Heather) and Gregg Dennison (Sam); four grandchildren, Jennifer Osbourne, Zachary Bruin, Katrina (Dean Manes) and Leslie Townsend (Randy Hunt); nine step-grandchildren, Kiley Monfils, Molly, Alex, Luke, Gabe, Benjamin and Ian William Dennison, of Falmouth, as well as Duncan and Claire McIntyre; great grandchildren Lillian, Xavier, Jaislyn and William, and great grandson Remington Hunt.

He was a quiet man with a great wit, and if you took the time to get to know him, you'd never forget him. He will be greatly missed, but we are all glad that he is finally resting in peace after fighting his battle with Lewy Body Dementia.



Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

COLLECTOR'S CORNER



Three cool hanging pieces from M'liss Hay's collection.



On the way to the convention, Sheri McManus found this cool vintage basket (left) at an antique mall. Wording on the basket:

Gamblers lose it, I could use it
 Forgers fake it, taxes take it
 Bankers lend it, women spend it.

On the right is an alarm piggy bank. No one is going to steal her money.



THE HAPPY PIG NEWSLETTER

Have news you want to share? Want to share photos of your pig collection? Photos of your pet pig? Looking for a rare pig item? Want to sell a rare pig item? Do you display your pig collection in a unique way? As Gene mentioned in the first newsletter "If this venture survives, *this newsletter* will be the glue that holds it together. To have a good newsletter, every member will have to send in stories and pictures and jokes and advice and ideas." Let's honor Gene. Send your news, stories, photos, advice, jokes, puzzles, and anything else you might think of to the editor.

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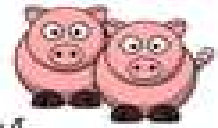
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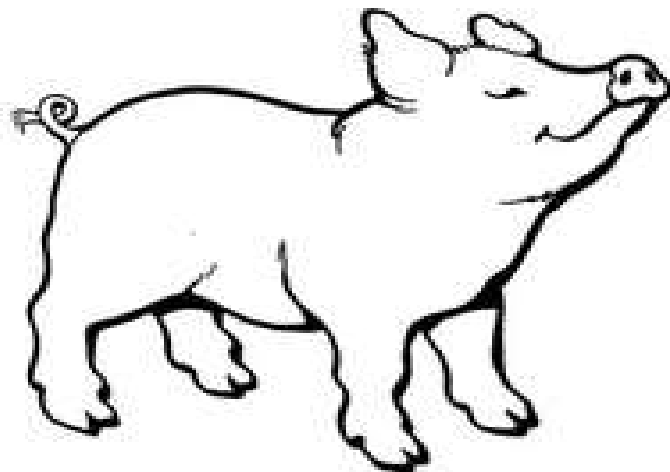
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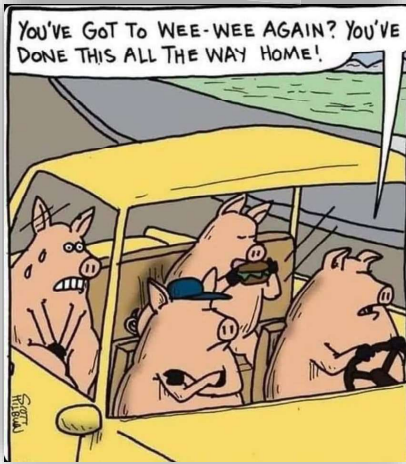
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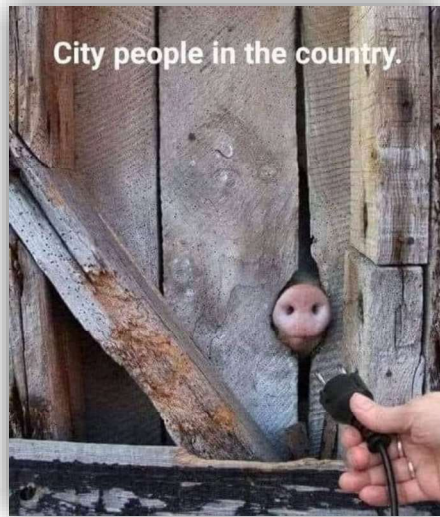




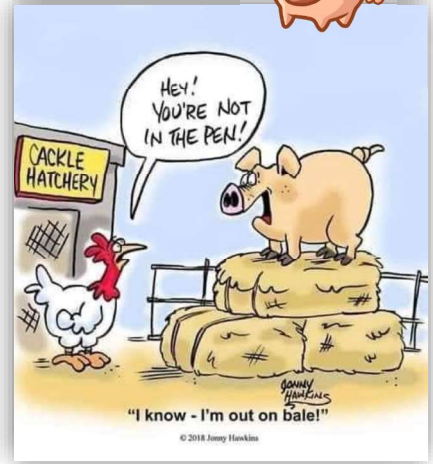
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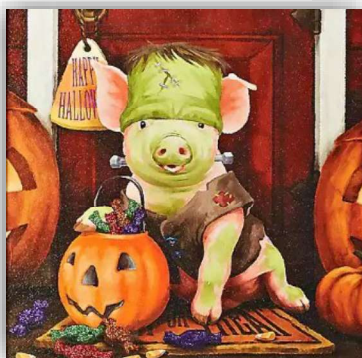


Submitted via FB by Carol Blackman



Submitted via FB by Janet Booth

HAPPY OINK-O-WEEN





The Happy Pig

A Club dedicated to people who collect pigs,
So that they may gain more enjoyment from their hobby
And to meet and mingle with others
Cursed with the same strange affliction.
Just for the nonsense of it all, and to give respect to
“When I see a pig I think of you.”



In Memory of Gene Holt

