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WISCONSIN SECTION MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH WISCONSIN FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS

The ASAE Wisconsin Section meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19th, in conjunction with Wisconsin Farm Technology Days. The show is being held this year in Green County near Albany – in South Central Wisconsin (see map). The show will run from September 18-20th, with gate hours being from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days is the state's largest outdoor agricultural show, with a history dating back to 1954. The annual three-day event showcases the latest improvements in production agriculture, including practical applications of recent research findings and technological developments. Plain View Stock Farm, the host of the event, is a cash grain and custom heifer-raising farm owned and operated by Keith and Teresa Blumer, along with their son Trent and wife Krishell who are the fourth generation to operate the family farm.

At 2:30pm, there will be a tour of the Kuhn Knight facility in Brodhead (see map) followed by a social time and picnic in conjunction with WALSA. There will be brats, burgers, salads, soda, beer, milk, and dessert. This will be followed by a brief meeting to discuss any new business.

Schedule of Events/Information

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days:

Plain View Stock Farm, W1202 State Rd 59, Albany, Wisconsin
www.greenfarmtech.com

Farm Show: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Admission is \$5/adult - 12 and under are free. Parking is free.

Plain View Stock Farms operate 3,000 acres comprised of both owned and rented land, with primary cash crops including corn, soybeans and alfalfa. In April of 1996 the Blumers discontinued milking. In 2001 they built a new heifer raising facility to start a custom heifer raising operation. Currently, they are custom raising about 1400 heifers a year. In 1916 Great Grandfather, Vern Jones purchased the farm where Trent and Krishell's home is currently located, and where the popular "tent city" will be placed. Additional land was purchased in 1941. In 1945 Vern's son-in-law William Blumer, returned from WWII to begin his farming career. Keith and Teresa Blumer purchased the farm from William and Shirley Blumer in 1979. Today, three generations are active in the daily farm operations with Trent and Krishell's children representing the fifth generation to live on the family farm.

Kuhn Knight Inc. Factory Tour

1501 W. Seventh Ave., Brodhead, WI 53520

Tour: 2:30 pm (plan to be there by 2:15 pm)

Kuhn Knight, a company formed by the Kuhn Group through the 2002 acquisition of Knight Manufacturing, produces an extended line of farm equipment including TMR mixers, manure spreaders and hay tools. In an effort to keep up with increasing market demands, Kuhn Knight has added 141000 square feet of production space, a new parts department, showroom, and sales offices since the acquisition. Along with the updates to the facilities, a new larger laser and plasma, additional machining, forming and tool room equipment, and an expanded paint system have been added. Kuhn Knight is also currently engaged in a company-wide effort to reduce waste called "lean manufacturing." This effort has the goals of providing quicker delivery, higher quality and cost competitive products by empowering employees to make changes and improvements. The visit will include a presentation of the history of Kuhn and Kuhn Knight and a tour of the facility.

WALSAA Picnic / ASABE Business Meeting

Larson Acres, 18218 W. State Rd 59, Evansville, WI 53536

Social time/Dinner: 4:00 – 5:30 pm (Tour group will arrive at approx. 4:30 pm)

Business Meeting: 5:30 pm

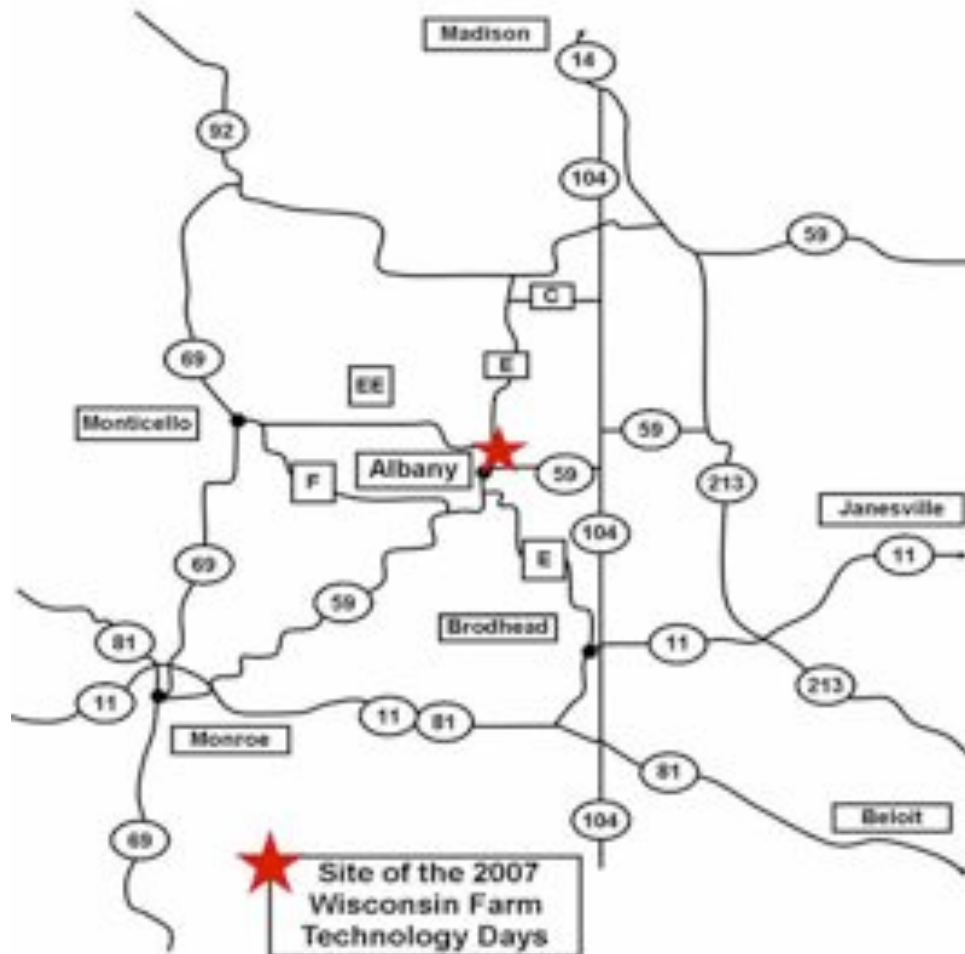
Adjourn

Directions to Wisconsin Farm Technology Days

From the North (Madison): Go south on Hwy. 14. Turn right (west) on Hwy. 92 toward Brooklyn. Turn left (south) on Hwy. 104. Turn right (west) on Hwy. 59 toward Albany.

From the East (Janesville): Take Hwy. 11 west. Continue west on Cty. Rd. B to State Hwy. 104. Turn right (north) onto Hwy. 104. Turn left (west) on Hwy. 59 toward Albany.

From the West (Dubuque, IA): Take the WI-35/Hwy. 11 East ramp toward Janesville. State Hwy. 35 becomes Hwy. 11; continue toward Monroe. At Monroe, take the Hwy. 59 exit toward Albany. Continue through Albany on Hwy. 59.



Secretary's Report

March 28, 2007

Wisconsin Section ASABE Meeting

The spring meeting of the ASABE Wisconsin Section was held March 28th, 2007 at LaSure's Hall in conjunction with the Wisconsin Public Service Farm Show in Oshkosh, WI. Eric Cooley, Outreach Specialist /Eastern WI Research Coordinator with the UW Discovery Farms gave a presentation entitled "Discovery Farms – What have we learned? What's Next?" as part of the section meeting.

- 1) The meeting was called to order 6:45 PM by Chairman Bob Loehr. Students and guests were introduced.
- 2) The opening and closing balance was read and a call for an approval of the Treasurer's Report as printed in the March Newsletter. The motion was made and seconded.
- 3) A call was made to approve the Secretary's Report as written in the newsletter. The motion was made and seconded.
- 4) The "Student Funds Request Form" was presented and approved. The student branches should use this form for requesting funds.
- 5) Awards were presented as follows:

Grad Student of the Year: Garritt Cody Boettcher

Undergrad Student of the Year: Kody Louis Habeck

Ag Mech Student of the Year: Jackson Russell King

Career Achievement Award: George Cicci, Kuhn Knight, Inc

Wayne G. Russell Award: John Miller, Miller-St. Nazinaz, Inc
- 6) The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Award winners: Garritt Boettcher, George Cicci, Kody Habeck, and John Miller

Treasurer's Report

28 February 2007 – 31 July 2007

Opening Balance **\$7436.51**

Revenue:

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/19/2007	National Dues		\$1170.00
4/6/2007	Meeting Dues		\$600.00

Total: \$1770.00

Expenses:

<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4/3/2007	Kody Habeck	Student Award	0549	\$150.00
4/18/2007	Garritt Boettcher	Student Award	0550	\$150.00
4/3/2007	LaSure's Hall	Award Banquet	553	\$638.31

Total: \$983.31

Closing Balance **\$8268.20**

Respectfully Submitted,
Matt Digman
Wisconsin Section ASABE Treasurer 2007-2008

REGISTRATION
WISCONSIN FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS
SEPTEMBER 19th, 2007

	Number Attending	Cost	Total
Kuhn Knight Tour – 2:30 pm	_____		
Dinner – 4:30 pm	_____	\$10.00/person students free	\$_____

Tour Information:

Kuhn Knight has asked that all tour attendees be registered by the date listed below and that everyone be asked not to take photos during their visit. When registering, each person planning on attending the tour must provide the following information (No walkups will be allowed on the tour):

Name: _____

Company: _____

Title/Position: _____

Dinner Information:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State/Zip _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ FAX: (____) _____ - _____

e-mail: _____

Return completed form by **September 12th** to:

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