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2012 Annual Meeting and Convention was a great success. All 62 booth spaces were filled, educational seminar speakers arrived with great information, and the entertainment was the best ever. But the best thing of all was that members made it to the convention in record numbers! Many of us thought the attendance would be low because of the 50 degree weather. Iowa LICA members knew the importance of the educational opportunities available at the convention and shut down their machines to attend.



Gene Blazek, the 2011 Iowa LICA State President, had an outstanding year. Gene was instrumental in making sure we had a very successful field day and convention and worked to make sure Iowa LICA made it to 400 members. Thanks, Gene, for your dedicated service to Iowa LICA.

Tim Recker has been installed as the 2012 Iowa LICA President. We can look forward to a great year with Tim on board. Tim, former President of Iowa Corn Growers, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Iowa LICA. One of his principle goals is the establishment of Iowa LICA Legislative Policy. Tim isn't afraid to get out and "work", too!



Paul Keppler of Keppler Custom Hire from St. Olaf, Iowa has been elected as State Vice-president. Paul and Lori have been very active in promoting Iowa LICA for the past several years. Paul will be a great asset to the Iowa Board of Directors.



Iowa LICA Award Winners for 2011

Honorary Member

Wayne Towers, an outstanding contractor in the Polk County area and long time active Iowa LICA member, was given Honorary Member status in Iowa LICA. Many of us have known Wayne for many years and there was no doubt he had earned this honor. He joins only three other LICA members with this honor: Kenneth Rasch, Keith Norris, and Albert Stenstrom. Congratulations, Wayne!

2011 Iowa LICA Contractor of the Year Award

Leonard and Mary Ann Drish from Brighton, Iowa received the Iowa LICA Contractor of the Year Award for 2011. Leonard and Mary Ann were united in marriage on September 5, 1953. While raising their children (Dennis, Deb, Cyndi, Jeff, Phil, Janice, Roger, and Ron), Leonard and Mary Ann built a successful farming operation and soil conservation business. The soil conservation business truly began in 1959 after they joined Iowa LICA in 1958. Drish Construction does site work, underground utilities, sewer and water installation, tiling, terraces, surveying, and engineering. They retain the assistance of 12 employees. Four of their children work in the conservation field and are members of Iowa LICA.

2011 Conservation Award Winner

JCS Family Farms were the recipients of the Iowa LICA Conservation Award. Sponsors of this year's winner are Barnhart's Custom Services, LLC and Brown Brothers Drainage.

Jim and Rob Sladek believe in conservation. They use strip till on all their acres and are on the cutting edge of using GPS to place fertilizer, seed, and the tillage strips in the most appropriate places for conservation and yield. They take the time and effort to make sure their farms all meet or exceed their conservation plans.

Upcoming Iowa LICA Meetings:

District Meetings

Northwest	Southwest	Northeast	Southeast
March 3	March 4	Joint meeting March 10 th	
June 2	June 3	June 16	June 9
September 8	September 9	September 16	September 15
December 1	December 2	December 9	December 8

Please put these dates on your 2012 calendar. Thanks to the work of your district officers and sponsors, these meetings are very informative. Please plan on attending a meeting near you.

LICA 2012 Safety Meetings

Date	District	Location
February 15, 2012	SE Iowa	Neuzil Shop
February 22, 2012	SE Iowa	West Branch (class starts at 7:30 a.m.)
March 12 & 13, 2012	NW Iowa	Algona

(note: MSHA refresher and OSHA 10 hour class will be held. Class will be from 8:00 - 1:00 pm.)

- All meetings will be held from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (except for Feb. 22, 2012)
- Must be a minimum of 20 people registered for the class by January 15, 2012.
- Cost is \$50/person / day – payable at the meeting to Moyson Resources
- Payment is due the day of the course. If payment is not received the day of the course the cost is \$75/person.
 - *Does not include lunch unless the program is sponsored.
- Itinerary

Drug and Alcohol Education (meet the criteria for the DOT)
CSAS 2010 / Driver Distraction
MSHA – Changes in the Mine (will receive 8 hour refresher course certificate).
Job and Mine Site Inspection
OSHA Review (PPE / Lockout Tagout/ Fire Prevention etc.
First-Aid
Excavation & Trenching Review
Sexual Harassment

To register for the class please contact:
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LightSquared disrupts plane safety gear in tests.
By
John Peterson, LICA Director of Government Relations.

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In the ongoing saga of LightSquared, I found an interesting article by *Bloomsberg* on Dec. 16th that had this to say. “Billionaire Phillip Falcone’s LightSquared wireless service (I didn’t know Falcone was the owner) disrupted safety equipment that uses the Global Positioning System (GPS) to help keep airliners from crashing into the ground”, U.S. Officials said.

U.S. officials are testing for interference with GPS devices as they consider whether to let LightSquared operate the network.

CEO Sanjiv Ahuja (the fellow I thought owned the company) said, “The Reston, VA-based Company will work with the Federal Aviation Administration on resolving interference.”

I guess all the problems haven’t yet been worked out. This problem will affect many LICA members if it is not resolved. Stay tuned.



Iowa LICA Summer Board Meeting

The Northwest District is planning a fun time for KIDS and Parents at Lake Okaboji area this summer. Tentative dates at this time are July 28 & 27, 2012. Members of the Northwest District are busy now finding good deals at hotels in the area and finding the right place for kids to go and have fun.

