



The Cornpicker

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2009 - 2010 Officers

President Josh Clemons
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DATE/TIME/PLACE: February 2, 2010 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's
ATTENDANCE: 25 + Jane Casson, Brad Brown & Mark Heil
LOTTO: J. Clemons and W. Fugate

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

William Fugate



ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

02/09 - OPEN
 02/16 - Bill Schweizer (annual giving)
 02-23 - P.C. #8

Membership:

Gary Huston & Dominy Library sent a thank you for memorial gift for Gary's Dad.

Bits & Pieces

*The flowers of all the tomorrows
 are in the seeds of today.*

Chinese Proverb

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Our club collected \$293 - the club matched \$100 - for a total of \$393 to the Red Cross for Haiti.



AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wednesday	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tuesday	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wednesday	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wednesday	Bone Student Center



Mark Heil



Mark comes from Minnesota where he graduated from the University of Minnesota with an Ag Business Degree. He spent 17 years with Continental Grain, then Ag Rail for 8 years, then P.C. Co-op. This is his first year as manager over their 10 elevators. They ship mainly by rail to Ethanol and Poultry users. They exist because they handle grain and dry and condition it in a 6 week time span called harvest. In the last 5 to 7 years, corn has been extremely volatile with

prices of \$1.50 to \$2.50 per bushel. Now we are seeing corn at \$7.00 per bushel. Corn planting is the highest since WWII.

With the new genetic corn, you are seeing much higher yields. Corn ran 30 to 35% moisture with it being wet and cool. This created a lot more problems with drying and storing. This was a late year with Dec. 15 being their finish day. Since it was so wet and a large crop, they dried more corn this year than in the last 5 years. They ran their dryers 24 hours per day for 45 days straight. They were looking at 17 million bushel of corn and 3.5 million bushel of beans. Of all the corn grown, 1/3 goes to Ethanol production. In order to keep up with production, they will have to build a 350,000 bushel storage facility each year. They will employ 65-70 employees during harvest.