



The Cornpicker

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2010 - 2011 Officers

President Charlie McDonald
 Pres. Elect Becky Whitfill
 Vice President
 Sec/Treas/Editor Leroy McPherson

DATE/TIME/PLACE: July 20, 2010 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 17 plus Ron Connor, Brian & Allen Steffen, Mark Donovan (Pontiac Rotary)

LOTTO: Leroy and J. Capasso

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

7/27 - 8/10 - OPEN
 8/17 - Fairbury Fair

Membership:

If you were not present, ask Charlie about the Story of the Cow Bell 44 years later as it makes its journey.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fairbury Fair - August 18 - 22.

Bit's & Pieces

I find that it is not the circumstances in which we are placed, but the spirit in which we face them, that constitutes our comfort. . . .Elizabeth T. King

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

Air Force Flight Chief (retired)

Ron Connor



In 1975 Ron joined the air Force. He comes from West Virginia where their motto was "we will work for food". He joined the Air Force after passing his written test and went to tech school for six months. He came out as a basic assistant mechanic. His primary area was systems mechanic. He was assigned to a unit where they were moved around a lot. They began at a level 1 where they could ground a plane if they saw a problem. After a year they went to level 5 where they not only

could ground the plane but fix the problem. At level 7 they could take the plane and fix it. It always requires two eyes to fix the problem. He noted that in the Air Force "perfection is not a goal, it is a standard!" They performed preventative maintenance with a daily check. They would take oil samples and measure the amount of metal in the oil. After 6 years you become an E.F. and become specialized in other jobs. At this time 6 years of training you are equivalent to a Master's Degree. Ron spent five years in Champaign at Chanute Air Force Base as an instructor, then 4 1/2 years in Panama as a Flying Crew Chief. He then came back to Champaign as a Course Supervisor until moving up to the Supt. of Training where he ran 3 tech schools. When this base closed he went to McGuire as a Senior Flight Chief on a C-141 Squad. Ron worked also on the Presidential team for the 89th Air Borne moving equipment and personnel. Aircraft maintenance is very detailed. No short cuts can be made. The military is a lot safer than you think. The military have excellent college programs paying college tuition and expenses. Today's military is very selective and is looking for career people.