



# The Tapline

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## Sugarhouse Inspection to be Addressed at Annual Meeting on December 6

*Professor Randy Heiligmann to discuss the future of inspection and health regulations for producers*

Dr. Randall B. Heiligmann, Associate Professor and State Forestry Extension Specialist at The Ohio State University and co-editor of the North American Maple Syrup Producers Manual, will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association to be held December 6 at Fowler Park near Terre Haute.

He will discuss the impact of inspection and regulation on the future of small producers.

"Consumers are insisting on increased levels of inspection and certification of the purity and safety of their food supply," Heiligmann noted, "And that concern is now extending to the individual sugarhouse. Boards of Health and state departments of agriculture are having to respond to the public's expectations."

Heiligmann will describe the regulatory situation in Ohio and neighboring states. Indiana state health officials are currently preparing guidelines that will include the maple industry.

Dr. Heiligmann holds an undergraduate degree in zoology/wildlife management from Ohio State University, and a masters in forest management and Ph.D. in forest ecology from Michigan State University. He has been a member of the faculty of Ohio State for 23 years.

As State Forestry Extension Specialist Dr. Heiligmann is responsible for extension education in forestry resource management.

Professor Heiligmann is a frequent speaker at workshops, field days, and conferences, and he is author of numerous articles and publications.

Most recently, he served as co-editor for the revised edition of the North American Maple Syrup Producers Manual,

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*Dr. Randall Heiligmann, (left) Professor at The Ohio State University, visits with Steve Deatline at the 2001 IMSA meeting. Heiligmann will return to speak to us at Terre Haute. - photo L. Yoder*

## Your 2004 Membership is Due in December

Members are reminded that memberships in the Indiana Maple Syrup Association for 2004 are due by the time of our annual meeting in December.

This permits us to send a final list of members to the editor of the *Maple Syrup Digest* in a timely manner. It also assures that your subscription to the Digest is uninterrupted.

Your registration and payment of fees for the meeting automatically renews your membership.

If you are not able to attend the meeting this year, renew your membership by filling out the registration blank and returning it with your check for \$15 (for IMSA membership) to Kenneth Shipley, Treasurer, 7700 McColm Rd, Gaston, IN 47342.

## Rahe to Report

During our annual meeting, Chris Rahe, vice president and the IMSA's delegate to this year's meeting of the North American Maple Syrup Council, will report on activities and business at the meetings that were held October 22 - 25 in Turo, Nova Scotia. The meetings are held jointly with the International Maple Syrup Institute.

### Registrations due Nov. 19

**We need to receive your reservations by this date in order to give the caterer an accurate count for the noon meal. Please help us out in this regard.**

## 'Notes from your President



Phil Hanner, *President,*  
*Indiana Maple Syrup*  
*Association*

Greetings IMSA Members:

Here we are well into the fall of 2003. Most, if not all, of us have had some heavy frosty mornings.

If you haven't already done so, now is an excellent time to spend in your sugar bush assessing the needs of your upcoming season. Pipelines are a tad easier to repair while warm fall days are still with us, and removing trees and brush that have fallen over the summer months is another task typically awaiting our attention.

October is the month when the NAMSC and IMSI hold their annual meeting. This year it was held in Nova Scotia. In addition to our designated delegate, we are fortunate to have several of our own members who also attended (I envy them!). It is a great time of learning a lot about the broader maple business including changes, new products, etc. that are fresh on the market.

I hope everyone is making plans to attend our own annual meeting on December 6th at Terre Haute. A great meeting is already in the making!

Just a little medical footnote before closing: I have had some bad luck with a piece of the hardware that was installed in my broken leg on May 1st. Another surgery was necessary to make a repeat repair with beefed up hardware on September 30th. I am presently recouping at home and hope to see everyone at the annual meeting.

PGH (a.k.a. G.W)

## Highlights of the September Board Meeting

The board reviewed the association's activity at the state fair. Publicity director Steve Deatline acknowledged the good support from all the IMSA volunteers.

Treasurer Kenny Shipley reported that we netted about \$1,700 at the state fair.

Dave Hamilton, Florence Williams and Larry Yoder were appointed to the nominating committee for candidates for directors. They will report to the membership at the annual meeting.

### *Discussion with Indiana Department of Health Begins*

Attending the board meeting as invited guests were A Scott Gilliam, Manager of the Wholesale Foods and Food Protection Division of the Indiana State Department of Health and Shirley K. Vargas, Supervisor in that division.

Gilliam and Vargas indicated that inspection of commercial maple syrup operations in the Hoosier state is coming soon. Some IMSA members have already been inspected. The purpose of the meeting was to make connections and learn more about how the state and county boards of health will be involved in the coming inspections.

Everyone recognized the unique character of maple syrup production and The Indiana State Department of Health plans to distribute a description of the process of making maple syrup to the county boards of health sometime in the next 12 months. The purpose of this document will be to enable local inspectors to understand the nature of maple syrup production, identify genuine problems that might lead to an unsafe or unwholesome product, and apply applicable regulations in ways that recognize the unique environment in which maple syrup is produced.

Representatives of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association will assist the Indiana State Board of Health in this process by reviewing the document and providing technical information.

More information will be available at the annual meeting in December.

**Website for the Indiana Maple Syrup Association is <http://www.indianamaplesyrup.org>**

**Board of Directors, Indiana Maple Syrup Association** Directors are elected for 3 yr terms at the annual meeting of the IMSA held the first week of December. Directors elect the officers of the association.

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Garry Sink and Chris Leedy finish preparations for opening the sugar shack at the 2003 Indiana State Fair – photo L Yoder

## Our thanks go to all who helped with IMSA's Sugar Shack at the 2003 Indiana State Fair

Ron Burnett  
 Steve Deatline  
 Dee Deatline  
 Jack Gaby  
 Dave Hamilton  
 Phil Hanner  
 Don Jewell  
 Louise Jewell  
 Chris Leedy  
 Linda Leedy  
 Wes Leedy  
 Bill Mangas  
 Doug Mark  
 Julie Mark  
 Donna Matthews  
 Mark Matthews  
 Neal Ostermeier  
 Rufus Purdue  
 Chris Rahe  
 Kenny Shipley

Todd Shipley  
 Garry Sink  
 Nancy Sink  
 Deloris Smith  
 John Smith  
 Lawrence Smith  
 John Teague  
 Kevin Vance  
 Florence Williams  
 Lowell Williams  
 Bill Wojaik  
 Kim Wojaik  
 Gregg Yapp  
 Larry Yoder  
 LoriYoung  
 Michael Young

### Call for Nominations

Following our rotation schedule, one director each for the northern, central and southern districts will be elected at the annual meeting in Terre Haute on December 6. The terms of Garry Sink, (Northern District) Steve Deatline, (Central District) and Phil Hanner (Southern District) are up this year.

The nominating committee will accept suggestions as well as nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. Members present will elect three directors whose terms will run to 2006.

Current IMSA members may make nominations.

Send your nomination along with a brief statement about the nominee's qualifications to Phil Hanner, President of IMSA.

### Help for New Sugaring Program

The Cope Environmental Center at Centerville is developing a maple sugaring demonstration as a part of their educational program.

If IMSA members would like to help out, the center would be pleased to receive the following items;

- 40 1.5 - 2 gallon buckets with lids
- historic spiles for props and demonstration
- bucket cleaning brush
- 40 5/16 spiles (The new, smaller spiles)

Contact Stephanie Hays  
 Cope Environmental Center  
 4910 Shoemaker Rd  
 Centerville, IN 47330 765-855-3188  
[s.hays@copeenvironmental.org](mailto:s.hays@copeenvironmental.org)



Garry Sink and Steve Deatline staff the sales counter at the Sugar Shack – photo L. Yoder

## Morning Tour to Visit Prairie Creek Sugar Camp

The Vigo County Park and Recreation Department's Prairie Creek Sugar Camp will be open for tours from 9 to 10:30 am just prior to the opening presentation by Dr. Heiligmann.

The tour will give IMSA members an opportunity to see a modern syrup processing kitchen and evaporator set up in an 1852 log house.

Prairie Creek utilizes a vacuum tubing system on about 1500 taps. 5/16 spiles are used.

Visitors can observe the effects of systematic thinning on tree growth and vigor as well as the use of wood mulch in the sugar bush.

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now published by The Ohio State University. He is also the author of several chapters in the current edition.

Dr. Heiligmann has long been active in maple education. He is a member of Board of Directors of the Ohio Maple Producers Association, and he played a major role in the development of Ohio's maple inspection regulations. He frequently speaks at maple institutes throughout the Great Lakes region, and he has served as speaker and syrup judge at the international meetings of the North American Maple Syrup Council and International Maple Syrup Institute.

Professor Heiligmann was our featured speaker for the 2001 annual meeting held in Gaston.

It is a pleasure to welcome Dr. Heiligmann back to Indiana for our 2003 annual meeting.

### Maple Syrup Equipment for Sale

Leader 2x8 evaporator (6 years old)  
Preheater (2 years old)  
Aluminum steam hood (2 years old)  
600 gallon milk tank for sap storage  
Buckets and other accessories

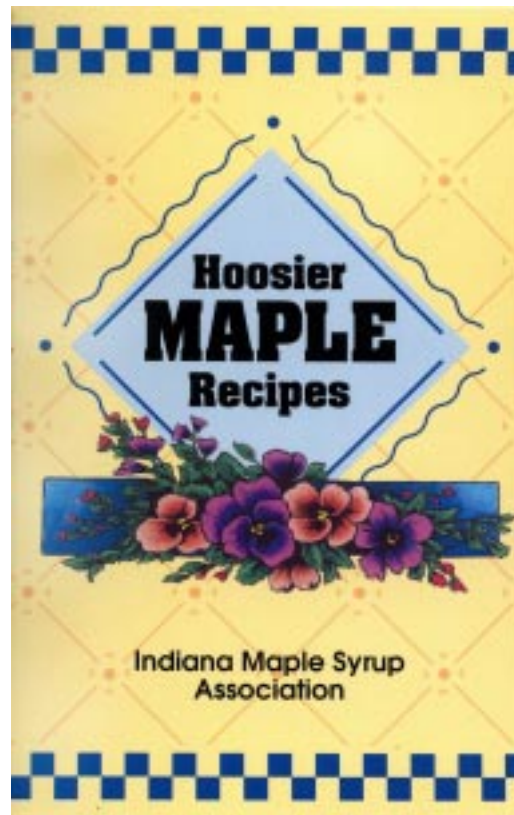
Nice condition. We would like to have \$3000.00 for everything.

Gordon & Ruth Garber  
8385 Knisley  
Greenville, OH 45331  
(937) 316 6082

## Order Your IMSA Cookbooks for Sale in Your Sugarhouse

IMSA members can save shipping costs by purchasing their supply of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association's cook book at the December meeting.

Hoosier Maple Recipes, edited by Mary Juillerat, is a collection of some 250 recipes that feature the use of maple syrup in appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, vegetable dishes, main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts and cookies and candy. The book also has a photo and poetry about sugaring and a page that tells about the Indiana Maple Syrup Association.



A convenient index provides quick access to recipes, and a useful "This and That" section provides helpful hints for the kitchen along with helpful tables for weights and measures.

Hoosier Maple Recipes is attractively bound, and it reflects the careful thought and effort that Mary put into this project.

The cookbook makes a great gift for our special customers, and sales at the state fair indicate that the cookbook should sell well in Hoosier sugarhouses.

The suggested retail price of the IMSA cookbook is \$4.75. Wholesale price to IMSA members is \$2.50 per copy.

IMSA members not able to pick up their books at the meeting should place their orders with Steve Deatline, 7773 S 100 East, Lynn, IN 47355 (765) 874-2170.

# Program

## Annual Meeting of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association Saturday, December 6 Fowler Park, Terre Haute, IN

8:00 – 9:00	Registration Coffee and Donuts	2:00 – 2:30	Vendor's Presentations
9:00 – 10:30	Tour: Prairie Creek Sugar Bush	2:30 - 3:00	Annual Meeting Introducing the Indiana Maple Syrup Association and its Directors Phil Hanner, President
10:30 -11:00	Break and Visit Exhibitors		Minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting Larry Yoder
11:00 – 12:00	Maple Testing & Inspection - The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly – Ohio's Experience Dr. Randy Heiligmann, The Ohio State University		Treasurer's Report Kenneth Shipley Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Directors Report on the meeting of the North American Maple Syrup Council
12 – 1pm	Lunch Chicken or Ham Dinner prepared by Jack's Fine Foods, Terre Haute IN (Pre-registration required)	3:00	Drawing for Door Prizes and Dismiss
1:00 – 2:00	Maple Testing & Inspection Part II: Open Discussion Dr. Randy Heiligmann, The Ohio State University	3:30	Director's Meeting

The following exhibitors or suppliers are expected:

Dodd's Sugar Shack 1654 Dodd Road Niles, MI 49120 (616) 683 3283	Maple Syrup Supplies Inc. P. O. Box 245 570 E. Main St. Pottersville, MI 48876 (517) 645 7305	Roth's Sugarbush RR#1 Box 52 Cadott, WI 54727 (715) 289 3820	Sugarbush Supplies 2611 Okemos Rd Mason, MI 48854 (517) 349 5185	Waterloo/Small Joe Polak W 1887 Robinson Dr Merrill, WI 54452 (715) 536 7251
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A bulletin board is available where producers may post inquiries or items for sale. This is provided as a service, and IMSA makes no guarantee about the quality or nature of goods and services so advertised.

Complete and return the registration form below to Kenny Shipley, Treasurer, IMSA

Registration for the 2003 meeting of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association. Registration due November 19.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e mail \_\_\_\_\_

### MEALS

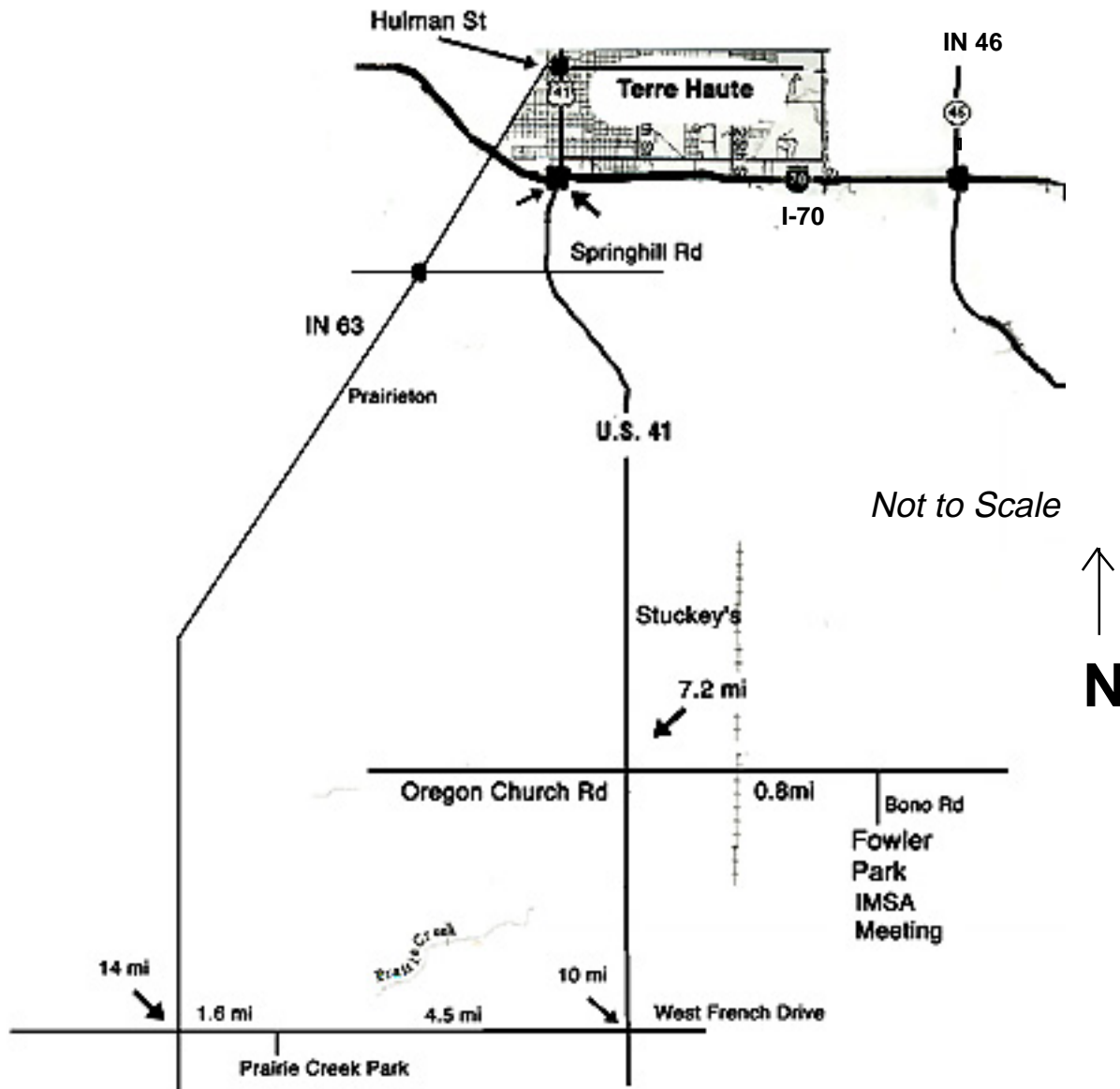
Indicate the number of each kind you wish to order. Be certain that your payment corresponds to the total number of meals you ordered.

Chicken Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Ham Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee \$20. (Includes meal and a 1 year membership in IMSA) Meals for each additional person \$5.00. Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Membership for those unable to attend is \$15 payable by Dec. 15.

Make checks payable to the Indiana Maple Syrup Association. Membership (\$15/yr) includes subscriptions to the Tapline, the IMSA newsletter and the Maple Syrup Digest, a quarterly publication of the North American Maple Syrup Council. Send your completed registration to IMSA, Kenneth Shipley, Treasurer, 7700 McColm Rd, Gaston, IN 47342



*Fowler Park. From I 70 go 7.2 miles south on U.S.41. Turn left (east) on Oregon Church Rd and travel east 0.8mi. Turn right (south) onto Bono Rd. Travel south on Bono Rd 0.6 mi to the park entrance.*

*Prairie Creek Park. Take SR 63 at Hulman St and travel south 14 mi to West French Dr. Turn left (east) and travel 1.6 mi on West French Dr to the park entrance. Or, from the intersection of US 41 and I 70, travel 10 mi south on US 41 to West French Dr. Turn right (west) and travel 4.5 mi to the park entrance.*

Accommodations in TerreHaute near US 41 and I 70 include:

Drury Inn  
US 41 and I 70  
800 325 8300

Signature Inn  
3053 S US 41 (1block N of I-70 and then left)  
812 238 1461

Holiday Inn  
3300 S US Hwy 41 (1 block S of I-70)  
812 232 6081

Super 8 Motel  
3089 S 1<sup>st</sup> St (1 block N I-70 then 1 block W)  
812 232 4890

Knight's Inn  
401 E Margaret Dr (1 block N then 1 blk E of I-70)  
812 234 9931

*This informatinon is for your convenience. Reservations are the individual responsibility of IMSA members.*