



by Susan Carmichael  
Limi Booster President

Hello everyone. I hope you arrived back home from Louisiana safe and sound. If Junior Nationals was your vacation week, I hope you have been able to recover from your vacation.

Thank you to the Louisiana crew for all of your hospitality, great food, and a really nice Limi Booster room at the Ike Hamilton expo center. The air conditioning, along with the baskets, attracted a lot of attention.

Once again our state baskets and silent auction were a success! Thanks to all of you who stopped by and supported our efforts by purchasing raffle tickets or bidding on the baskets. Also thank you to the junior kids who went around as our "outside salespeople." I think you have a strong future in sales! Through these efforts, along with our membership drive, we were able to increase the money we are able to give to our juniors.

The week started off with the Beef Cook-Off competition, which is always highly-anticipated and includes great food and wonderful entertainment! We had five teams enter from Texas (2), Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kentucky. Thank you to Mr. Kervin

for helping us find three judges from West Monroe. The People's Choice Award was presented to the High-Class Hillbillies from Texas, then the top three states were announced at the banquet. Two hundred dollars went to first, \$100 to second and \$50 to third place. I hope each of you picked up the recipes. Many of these go back to county and state cooking contests to earn big prizes!

I know every year my kids ask, "What is our prize going to be?" Well, we were very excited to present a show stick to each of the exhibitors this year as their exhibitor prize. In a range of colors, and a lot of flurry, over 150 were handed out during opening ceremonies. Thank you to Mary Booth for finding these for us, they were a hit. Any leftover sticks were gone quickly at the booth, selling for \$10 each.

Many things were accomplished at our annual membership meeting on Wednesday. Thirteen states received \$300 grants to be used toward their state field day. We increased the money given to our juniors by presenting two \$500 scholarships and not one, but two \$500 grants. We are excited to be able to increase this, and that is all due to you, our members

We are very thankful this year to Jeanette Council for volunteering to

be membership chairman. Our regular members sometimes go inactive, and I know that will change as Jeannette will be sending out a reminder to each of our members to submit their dues. Annual dues are \$20 or you can purchase a lifetime membership for \$200.

Also at the meeting, new officers were elected. I am excited to begin this year as your president, along with Kris Greenawalt, vice president; Norma Davis, secretary; Mary Blaydes, treasurer; and Donna Etherton as ex-officio. Please know that all of us are here to help and we want your input. That is the only way we can make improvements and keep increasing our efforts.

For gift ideas Mary Booth has brought in some Limousin luggage for purchase. If you need gifts for birthdays, Christmas or travel gear, there are five sizes available: small, medium, and large duffel bags, a hanging bag, and a padded briefcase for a laptop. Each of the bags have the Limousin logo, as seen on our stationery, in several different colors with optional initials for an extra \$3 charge. All profits from the sale will go back to our Juniors in the form of scholarships or state grants. It's truly a win-win situation.

This information and more should be on our Web site soon. Just go to [www.nalf.org](http://www.nalf.org), then go to the Limi Booster site.

Thank you to Mary Blaydes for editing and updating all of the forms. Thank you to Norma for doing your best to keep up with minutes in our meeting. Thank you to Donna and Mary for the encouragement and lots of guidance so far and to come! And, thank you to "VP" Kris for daring to step out and join us. Time is the most precious thing we have to give, and I believe it is worth it!

See you soon at the shows and fall sales! Limi Boosters, proud to be one!

Susan



The Limi Boosters elected a new slate of officers at the organization's annual meeting in West Monroe, LA. Officers include: Susan Carmichael, Richmond, KY, president; Kris Greenawalt, Lynchburg, OH, vice president; Norma Davis, Brownwood, TX, secretary; Mary Blaydes, Midway, KY, treasurer; and Donna Etherton, Dawson, IL, ex-officio.