

## **Season 8 Air Schedule & Episode Descriptions 2022-2023**

### **#60117 Navy Seal Museum/Moonshine Burgers**

From WWII through the War on Terror, this elite fighting force has been comprised of the Navy's very best. Today, they're simply known as SEALs. We meet some of these patriots at the museum that honors their service and sacrifice. Then we find a hamburger hunters paradise in a small Illinois town.

### **#40122 Perfect Pony Paddling**

Come along as the Ponies of Chincoteague Island take to the sea for their yearly swim! Stallions and their mares, and foals make their way to shore across the channel. Each year, in order to keep the herd from being overpopulated, there is an auction of a certain number of foals and that's when dreams come true for the lucky winners.

### **#40123 Is That a Real Job?**

Meet a man who decorates every single Crackle Barrel! He runs a HUGE décor warehouse overflowing with real antiques like you've never seen. Then, what about growing ice castles for a living? Yep, it's a real job and Jann & Rodney help. And finally, how about a palace that is decorated with murals made of corn! Meet the artists who make it happen.

### **#40124 Seen It All!**

Just when you think you've seen a festival for everything...a small town in Ohio celebrates the Woollyworm! Yep, that black and orange caterpillar that they claim predicts the upcoming winter weather. Then, Jann & Rodney meet a YouTube sensation. And his trusty dog Rocket who often serves as his cameraman!

### **#70108 Pierogi Fest**

The small town of Whiting, Indiana, celebrates Eastern European food and culture with a wacky twist. For one weekend a year, its streets are bustling with costumed characters, the lawnmower brigade, life-sized Polish pastries, a Polka Parade, and of course, pierogis for every palate. It's Old World traditions with modern flair, and the only thing they take seriously is the food.

### **#80101 Route 66 Arizona**

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### **#80105 Franks and Beans**

Your table's ready at the longest continually operating railcar diner in America. Rodney and Jann help get things cooking behind the grill. And save room for Franks' famous eating challenge as one daring diner attempts to eat six pounds of food in just 45 minutes. Watch out Willy Wonka! Rodney and Jann take you inside the delightfully delicious Jelly Belly factory. Learn the secrets to how they make more than 100 mouthwatering flavors, and even the beans that are hard to swallow, from rotten egg to stinky socks.

### **#80106 Honoring America's Veterans**

Navy SEALs from across the country come together to raise money for veteran groups. It's an action-packed weekend of military inspired challenges from paintball to an obstacle course to a swim race. Plus, live military and K-9 demonstrations, and flyovers. Do Rodney and Jann have what it takes to keep up with our nation's elite?

### **#80107 National Baby Food Festival/Seligman, Arizona**

Moms and dads have been feeding babies with Gerber baby food for decades. Rodney and Jann travel to a small town in Michigan, literally to the kitchen where it all began nearly 100 years ago. The team takes on the National Baby Food Festival in Fremont, Michigan. They even compete in their own Small Town, Big Deal baby food tasting contest! We'll "spoon feed" you all the fun and laughs. Then known as the "Birthplace of Route 66," Seligman, Arizona is a place full of fun and nostalgia. Join Rodney and Jann as they meet the characters and places that make this small town a place you'll want to visit again and again.

### **#80108 Leadville Boom Days**

Rodney and Jann go up, up and away to Leadville, Colorado...the historic boom town with the highest elevation of any city in the U.S.! Check out the Rocky Mountain party that celebrates Leadville's Wild West and goldmining past and saddle up for a pack burro race that starts out at 10,000 feet and covers over 20 miles!

### **#50107 Oh Little Town of Christmas**

It's the 'Alps of the Pacific Northwest' and from rejoicing in the reindeer to our nod to the nutcracker it's a town that knows how to celebrate Christmas. Then, it's a Texas version of Bethlehem with a special appearance from Joni Eareckson Tada!

### **#40125 Hidden Christmas Gems**

Get in the Christmas Spirit as Rodney and Jann celebrate in a vintage New England town and learn to believe in Santa once again aboard the Polar Express. Then, hidden deep in the Ozarks are Monks who will make your mouth water, baking a Christmas delicacy!

### **#70117 Dickens of a Good Time**

A small town in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York knows how to get into the Christmas 'spirit' as they welcome the characters from Dicken's famous, A Christmas Carol. Then...he's won close to 60 Dove music awards and he's sharing some of his Christmas music from his own personal recording studio. Steven Curtis Chapman knows how to celebrate Christmas and leaves us on a high note! Santa's Christmas itinerary isn't just limited to the chimneys of the world. With a little coordination from zoos around the country, he'll make a side trip to the animal kingdom where he spreads Christmas cheer.

### **#80109 Making Spirits Bright**

The historic Greenbrier resort takes the spirit of Christmas to a new level. They donate more than \$1M in educational toys to underprivileged children with their "Dream Tree for Kids" program. Then Rodney and Jann sit down with popular singer/songwriter Ryan Stevenson. His multiple #1 hits and award-winning music have taken him from being an emergency paramedic - to being an inspiring force in today's music world.

### **#50106 Christmas Then and Now**

If there is one place that packs in enough Christmas Spirit to last the entire year it's Grapevine, Texas. The official Christmas Capital of Texas. But Rodney and Jann also find California doing it up right by recreating the town of Bethlehem – including camels! And what tree would be complete without a teddy bear underneath waiting to be unwrapped? We find the best Teddy Bear factory in the United States, complete with a repair 'hospital' for any bear needing some special care.

### **#50102 Pumpkin Regatta**

It's a boat race you must see to believe where the vessels are enormous, hollowed out pumpkins! Tenacity may be the most important quality as these bobbing pumpkins leave a bit to be desired as a trusty boat. Rodney & Jann will also highlight other GIANT pumpkins that artists carve into extreme works of art. It's a true celebration to experience with us!

### **#50103 Airplane Boneyard/Daktronics**

You ever wonder what happens to old planes. Come explore with us as we visit one of the largest graveyards where over 4,400 aircraft are collecting dust. Then we go inside of the Daktronics factory. From their humble beginnings, they have become the undisputed world leader in designing and manufacturing display systems, electronic scoreboards, programmable display systems and large-screen video displays.

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