

Season 7 Air Schedule & Episode Descriptions 2021-2022

Aug 23-29, 2021

#30113 Shanahan Harness; Bowling Balls; Brae's Brown Bags

For a glimpse back in time, witness the lost art of harness-making at the Shanahan family farm in Huntsville, Ohio. From this small village, the majestic Anhauser-Busch Clydesdales are among the show teams who proudly wear these harnesses and their legacy of excellence. And then Rodney and Jann roll on to see how one small Kentucky town has become one of the biggest suppliers of bowling balls to the world. Also, we meet a young man who is making an impact in his community by helping those less fortunate with a meal.

Aug 30-Sept 5, 2021

#30115 Cherry Festival and Harvesting; Kazoo Factory

Jann and Rodney join 500,000 festivalgoers in Traverse City, Michigan for some cherry flavored fun. Then they shake things up on the farm as we meet the farmers who bring cherries to our tables. Also, find out what all the buzz is about at Beaufort, South Carolina's Kazoo Factory.

Sept 6-12

#30116 Mackinac Bridge and Tractor Drive; Saddle Making

Rodney and Jann scale the exhilarating heights of Michigan's iconic Mackinac Bridge. Once back down, they lead the world's largest antique tractor parade across the Mighty Mac. Then, they head west to a town in California to learn the finer points of saddle making.

Sept 13-19

#30117 Tabasco; Old Hickory Furniture; Gourd Lady

Things heat up when Jann and Rodney go to Avery Island, Louisiana, the home of Tabasco Hot Sauce. Then we visit a hickory furniture store that's been outfitting President's homes and national parks for over a century. We also visit a lady who is out of her gourd! She has devoted her life to celebrating nature's great gourds.

Sept 20-26, 2021

#40111 Cactus League Food Wars

One of the best things about going to a ballgame is the food. But at Spring Training in Arizona, there is another kind of competition *besides* what's happening on the ballfield. It's a food frenzy to satisfy any taste bud. Also, find out which team has fans so loyal we found them hosting their wedding reception at their team's home field.

Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021

#70101 Route 66 Texas

From Texas-sized steaks to graffitied Cadillacs and ghost towns, the nostalgia and romance of Route 66 makes every mile a journey to remember. Come with Rodney and Jann through this Texas panhandle adventure and enjoy the open road to fun.

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Nov 15-21, 2021

#40112 Missiles and Mules

It's a historic site like you've never seen before! A Titan II missile silo with a 103 foot tall missile inside. Rest assured though....no warhead and no fuel! But it's a place overflowing with history -- and those famous keys are still there. Then, it's a complete change of pace. Join Rodney and Jann in a town that dedicates one weekend a year to a celebration of the long eared, half horse/half donkey...the mule.

Nov 22-28, 2021

#40125 Hidden Christmas Gems

Get in the Christmas spirit as Rodney and Jann celebrate in a vintage New England town. Next, they believe in Santa once again aboard the Polar Express. Then, hidden deep in the Ozarks they find monks who will make their mouths water with a Christmas delicacy.

Nov 29-Dec 5, 2021

#40126 Getting in the Christmas Spirit

Come with our cohorts to experience the factory that is still making oversized candy canes by hand. Then, they're off to the world's largest Christmas store. Next, Rodney and Jann and celebrate our military with the Trees for Troops campaign.

Dec 6-12, 2021

#70117 A Dickens of a Christmas

A small town in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York gets into the Christmas spirit as they welcome the characters from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Next, Steven Curtis Chapman knows how to celebrate Christmas. He's won close to 60 Dove Awards and he's sharing some of his Christmas music from his personal recording studio to leave us on a high note.

Dec 13-19, 2021

#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. Next, Rodney and Jann find a town in California that recreates the town of Bethlehem – camels included. And what Christmas tree would be complete without a teddy bear underneath? We find the best teddy bear factory in the U.S., complete with a hospital for any bear needing special care.

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It's an episode that will have you looking for Jack Sparrow or Captain Hook! Meet seafaring enthusiasts who are keeping the tradition of the sailing multi-mast sailing ships alive. Then, do you know what prompted the very first Ronald McDonald House or where? We visit the very first one and learn more about how they are planning to help even more families in need.

April 2-8, 2022

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It's a bike ride that is called the oldest, longest and largest in the world! See thousands of riders, many from all over the U.S. and even from across the world, who accept the challenge. It's a Party on 2-wheels but with a downhome twist....Ever hear of Chicken poop bingo? It's all part of the experience! But if something with 4 wheels is more your, well...speed then hang on! Classic cars from movies and TV shows, cars of the rich and famous...and cars for sale. Tune in to see this hidden gem....and all the things they have to offer, *besides* cars!

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#40118 Favorite Pastime and Gentle Giants

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July 2-8, 2022

#40120 Lake Erie Invaded

It's the largest D-day living history re-enactment in the United States and possibly the world! The shores of Lake Erie are invaded as hundreds of volunteers take the beaches and perform a living tribute to those who served. Everything from vintage aircraft overhead to flame thrower demonstrations and USO/Canteen shows can be seen with the highlight being the actual storming of Omaha Beach in Normandy.

July 9-15, 2022

#40119 Viva La Fiesta

It's a party to beat all parties! A celebration of the days of Spanish Missions, Mexican Cowboys, and Flamenco dancing! Mix in a rodeo, and you've got an episode of Small Town Big Deal to remember!

July 16-22, 2022

#40115 Life Changing

There are some 'big deals' that change the course of a country for the better and this is certainly true of the Civil Rights movement. We visit 3 powerful places in Alabama that certainly qualify including the training grounds of the Tuskegee Airmen. Then, it's sweet memories of summer camp that prompted Country Music star Zac Brown to start his own camp. We visit his 'Camp Southern Ground' and learn what makes his camp so different.

July 23-29, 2022

#40116 Living the Sweet Life

It's "ear' resistable! Yep...we're talkin' sweetcorn! We'll discover what makes sweetcorn so, well....sweet! And Rodney and Jann find a town dedicated to

celebrating this summertime favorite. Serving up a ton of fun including a sweetcorn eating contest....tune in to see the butter fly!

July 30- Aug 5, 2022

#40117 What's an Applecorn

It's harvest time! Travel to the Applecorn Festival with Rodney and Jann to help us celebrate. But while there don't miss the men's leg contest? Will Jann get Rodney to enter? We also go inside a Popcorn Factory to see the amazing process behind one of America's favorite snacks.

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