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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear AFA Members & Friends,

On the evening of November 24, 2008 your Board of Directors voted in favor of my company, rockin'horse productions, handling new media and marketing platforms for the AFA's NO FOOT NO HORSE newsletter and TV show. Since that moment, I have been writing, emailing, calling and surveying members to deliver the best possible NFNH newsletter at warp speed. Several of the survey replies are listed on the next page. The underlying common denominator from all AFA members, at all levels, is that this "Association" longs to be a community. In direct response to that desire, we are implementing communication channels designed to create a consistent dialogue for AFA members internally, while externally promoting the importance of quality hoof care and the value of the farrier to the equine community.

It has long been my opinion, and experience, that farriers are not only the foundation to the horse industry; they are the most important component of the equine community.

The AFA is rich and deep in talent and skill and nothing showcases that better than the Annual Convention. The breadth and depth of the membership is in full regalia from new student members to world champion competitors to the likes of Allen Smith whose life we will celebrate on Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

I am honored to be working for the AFA in a capacity that promotes its tenets to members, and the benefits of such to the horse owning public. My email is open 24/7 and I am always available to take your call.

I'd greatly value your feedback on this issue of NFNH and hope to see each one of you in Chattanooga.

With appreciation & kindest regards,

Susan Kayne
Editor, NFNH



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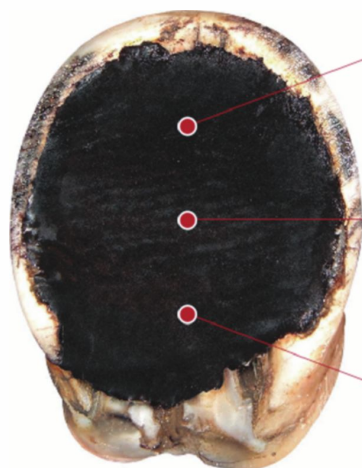
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear AFA Members,

I am pleased to report that the EC continues to work in unison handling the day-to-day affairs of the Association and the office in Lexington is running efficiently in the hands of Rachel Heighton, Erika Balke & Ashley Luster. The EC maintains an open line policy with all Board Members to audit EC meetings in an effort to bring continuity in dealing with the challenges facing the Association, key among them:

MEMBERSHIP: Right now, we have a golden opportunity to grow our membership in a new way through the free Student Membership Program which was initiated on July 1, 2008. Our Association is in dire need of young, eager to be certified, enthusiastic, computer-savvy members. They are the next generation to run the AFA and serve the equine community. It is imperative that we continually articulate, communicate and promote the value of certification and benefits of membership in order to convert new student members to long-term members while simultaneously better serving existing members



MARKETING: Attempting to market the AFA ourselves is akin to asking ivory tower businessman to shoe a horse; it just doesn't work. My suggestions toward immediate solutions:

- Outsource AFA marketing efforts to a professional.
- Allocate funds to a newsletter delivered on time in a weekly email and monthly print edition sent by mail and/or email and on the AFA website.
- Distribute AFA content for reproduction in mainstream magazines like Horse & Rider, Equus, Practical Horsemen, The Blood-Horse and Thoroughbred Times, etc.
- Create a strong web presence for the AFA to serve THE #1 request of our members:
MARKET OUR CERTIFICATION WE WORKED SO HARD FOR!
- Get "The Forge" on our website as agreed with the UK publication

The AFA is in the fight of its life for position and definition within the equine community. The "bare footers" have taken the lead for hoof care in the mind of horse owners' by leveraging the power of communication via the internet. We have a lot of ground to make up. To succeed, objectivity, accountability and measurable results must govern our every decision.

Respectfully,

Andrew Elsbree, CJF
President, American Farrier's Association

The AFA and its members extend their deepest sympathy
to Steve and Kimberly Burgess Carpenter on the loss of
their beautiful baby girl Haven Rilee Carpenter

August 30, 2007 - November 28, 2008

NFNH GOES GLOBAL

The AFA has its own YouTube Channel featuring segments from NO FOOT NO HORSE! Members can link to and/or embed the videos on their own site, share with friends and share with customers. These segments are super educational pieces covering a range of topics from the history of horseshoeing to the AFA Certification Program to bone structure and anatomy.

RT Goodrich is a personable host as he speaks with long time AFA members and CJFs; Bob Earle, Craig Trnka, Conrad Trow, David Edens, Richard Becker, Mitch Taylor and Jeff Ridley.

NO FOOT NO HORSE is fast becoming a YouTube favorite with horse owners and farriers.



L to R: ERIKA BALKE, RACHEL HEIGHTON & ASHLEY LUSTER

A year-round blessing for the entire AFA...

Everyday in Lexington these three beautiful girls carry out the tedious tasks that serve to keep the AFA running smoothly. The upcoming convention and elections coupled with their daily duties are often a job for more than three. When you call the AFA Office or send an email remember to thank three lovely ladies for all they do.

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My horse is the best horse in the world! Ok, not really. He is a 18 year old anglo-arab, retired from the Midway College Equine program. He was a hunter jumper in his prime, but now, due to arthritis and tendon injuries, we just do some lower level dressage, which he's really good at.



Rachel Heighton
AFA
Office Manager
and her sweetie
LEE

I loved him from the moment I laid eyes on him in college, **and** begged to get him when he was retired. The worst part of the whole thing is that when Midway gave him to me, they told me he had navicular, he had rotated, blah blah blah...all this was from their "farrier," and never from a vet who could actually take x-rays and back up what the "farrier" claimed. This "farrier" trimmed him 2 days before I got him. Within 2 more days, we had our vet and a wonderful farrier out. The vet took x-rays and found nothing, and the farrier got his feet in great shape. Midway is now using an AFA Farrier who teaches a basic farrier course!

Survey Question: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AND READ ABOUT IN THE NO FOOT NO HORSE NEWSLETTER?

Here are few of the answers:

- List of EC and BOD. Coming events. Presidents tip? Office managers tip? Convention highlight?
- any member news, upcoming events, new or ongoing projects
- I want to know the information of New products.
- The newsletter in the hands of horse owners...most never heard of the AFA.....
- News about States Chapters, and what is going on with them
- Since this is a AFA newsletter it should be very personal.
- Happenings within the AFA, EC & BOD meetings, families of members, hobbies, health, birth's, deaths etc. Even if someone has a recipe for "horseshoe gumbo" whatever. Events need to be up to date, how about want ads, selling ads. Bring back the idea that the AFA is a community.
- Calendar of Events; tips; updated information
- anything that will promote the AFA and the Certification program
- Information about older farriers
- keep updated with farrier work
- association news, what is happening with the committees
- educational and instructive material - latest developments and techniques
- Things going on in the equine community that will have any impact on Farriers
- I Would like to have farriers writing about farrier issues. We seem to be bombarded by Vet articles telling us how to do our jobs. We need to define what we do, teach the incoming farriers and protect our industry
- any member news, upcoming events, new or ongoing projects,
- I want to know the information of New products.
- Tools to educate our clients RE Body weight, grass intake, nutrition. More every day shoeing articles, sheared heels, flares.

NFNH wants to hear from you!

Let the AFA know what you'd like to read about in NFNH and how you'd like to receive NFNH, by USPS Mail or Email?

Email your preferences to: NFNH@RHP.US.COM

Eric Nygaard, CJF
Candidate Statement for AFA President Elect

The following paragraph in bold is from my Vice President campaign statement last year. I had no clue what to write for this statement, so like any other good politician I went to the files to see what I said last year. God forbid I lied or changed my views on some topics. When I read this paragraph, it hit me that only one thing has changed in the past year with the AFA, and that item is the establishment of a cohesive and positive unit within the Board of Directors. I feel that the down sizing of the Board has been a long time coming and the working relationship between the Executive Committee and the Board has never been better! I know that there are still some kinks that need to be worked out between the regional reps and the chapters. I hear that some chapters never get contacted by their regional reps, and don't have a clue what's going on in the AFA! Well, between Dick Fanguy and I, that will change very quickly.

The AFA is a force in the Horse Industry, but it needs to become a dominant and driving force. To do that, we need to increase AFA membership, establish our Board of Directors as a cohesive and positive unit, establish awareness of our association with other organizations and horse owners, obtain more corporate sponsorship for specific programs, strive to use our treasury more effectively, increase our member services, and offer more educational opportunities.

I still believe everything else in the above statement. The AFA needs to increase membership, even in these hard economic times. We need all Farriers as members, whether they want to be certified or not. We need to get these people as members and squash the rumors and change our attitudes that the AFA is an organization of elitists. We need to open the AFA doors to everyone! Just being a member allows you to receive an education without even realizing it; and we become a better Farrier! I think that a lot of us forget where we came from and turn our noses up at the younger Farriers, which has to stop because we were all there once!

The AFA still needs to concentrate on its five tenants of Education, Certification, Communication, Innovation, and Research. If you ask yourself "is the AFA fulfilling all five of these tenants?" the answer is no to most of them!

1. Education - we could offer a lot more!
2. Certification – is probably the one tenant that the AFA is fulfilling the most & sometimes I believe a little too much!
3. Communication – now that's a can of worms if I ever heard of one! Like I said above, the regional boardreps have to learn to communicate with the Chapters Presidents even if it's just a phone call to see what's going on, and to offer their assistance! The **BIGGEST COMMUNICATION PROBLEM** in the AFA is the tardiness of the magazine and the newsletter. The AFA has to find a way to get these publications out on time or change the number of issues that we print annually. I understand that some of the delay is in the lack of articles for both items. The AFA has so many talented members that we shouldn't have trouble getting articles. We just all have to find time to write them, and develop policy on possibly purchasing articles from members.
4. Innovation - would Innovation not come on its own if we fulfilled the first three tenants?
5. Research – this is the toughest one for me! Research projects cost a lot of money, so to even make a noticeable grant to an existing program we need a committee dedicated to raising funds and donations just for such research. As a long time member of the AFA I will continue working towards these goals for you and the AFA!

Sincerely
Eric A. Nygaard, CJF, AFA # 1227
AFA Vice President &
Candidate for President Elect



**Candidate Statement for AFA Vice-President
Steve Sermersheim, CJF, AFA #6617**

I'm asking you to vote for me as Vice President of our association. It's not a position I had expected to be in. In fact, when I was initially approached to run for AFA office, my first reaction was "no way."

After some thought, I realized that the AFA has given me a lot more than I have given in return. After more thought, I decided that it's time to change that and give something back, so I'm asking for your support.

I have been shoeing for more than 19 years, I run a multi-farrier practice in East Central Illinois, and I have been involved as a member of the AFA for eleven years. I currently serve on the Cultural Exchange Committee, am a provisional Tester in the certification program, and am pursuing my Therapeutic Endorsement.

I honestly believe that if it weren't for the AFA, most of us would not be in the positions we are today. Between education, certification, and fellowship, the AFA allows us to distinguish ourselves, to improve ourselves, and to realize our abilities. The longer we are involved with the AFA, the easier it becomes to answer the question, "What has the AFA done for me?"

But the AFA can always do more, and I look forward to being a part of that. The newly restructured Board of Directors and the new succession system for elected officers provide us with an opportunity for continuity. Our participation in the 2010 World Equestrian Games opens new doors, and a number of our existing programs are being revitalized.

I look forward to serving you and our association, and promise to work on member communication as the number one agenda item.

Sincerely
Steve Sermersheim, CJF, AFA #6617
Candidate for AFA Vice-President



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FOR AFA ELECTION BALLOTS!**

REGION ONE | PAT GALLAHAN, CJF

First I would like to thank those members who asked me to run and those that nominated me to represent our region on the Board of Directors.

For a little background I started shoeing horses in 1981 after attending Western's School of Horseshoeing in Phoenix. After graduation, I decided to move to the western slope of Colorado where I shod horses and in my off time worked as a hunting and fishing guide. After two winters of having the majority of my clients pull their horses shoes for the winter and not seeing them again until the spring, I decided it was time to go back to Phoenix where I could shoe year round. Since that time I have predominately worked on Arabian and Half-Arabian horses with a few Saddlebreds thrown into the mix. I also was fortunate enough to be able to do a lot of therapeutic work with Dr. Jan Young before she moved out of state a couple of years ago. I served as president of the Arizona State Farriers Association from 1996-2000 and was on the AFA Board of Directors during that time. I have also been Chairman of the Publications Committee, Chairman of the WCB Ad-Hoc Committee and a member of the Certification Committee over the years.

Now, for the present. I believe it is a very exciting time for the AFA. After some growing pains we seem to be back on track. I have been very pleased with how the new board structure has worked and I hope that you will allow me to continue being a part of it. I am a firm believer in the AFA's certification program. I have been involved in the testing process for a long time and was named as an examiner at the Ontario, California convention. I believe that the main focus of the AFA should be that of education. I would also like to see the AFA expand its efforts to promote our members to the horse owning public as well as the different breed associations.

Dennis C. Manning



REGION TWO | DENNIS C. MANNING, CJF

Presently I am a full-time blacksmith horseshoer although I admit I don't even attempt to handle the load I did in my younger days. During my career I have witnessed a drastic improvement in the standard of horseshoeing throughout much of North America and the AFA has been a significant factor.

The AFA has provided me a variety of experiences and tremendous opportunities over the past thirty-two years. This has included several years, in a previous decade, on the AFA Board as a Chapter president, four years representing the AFA in international horseshoeing competitions, twenty five years as a certification examiner, including seventeen years as chair of that committee. It has been an honor to be a clinician, judge, and an examiner throughout the US and Canada and to have been presented with most of the achievement awards offered by this association. One of my sons serves as an officer in the Utah Horseshoer's Guild and supports his family as a full-time Certified Journeyman Farrier. I have a vested interest in wanting the AFA to continue offering the opportunities I have enjoyed.

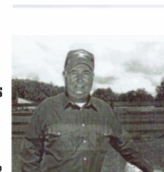
During the past year it has been my privilege to serve as a member of the newly reorganized AFA Board of Directors. It is a pleasure working with board members, officers, and the good staff in the AFA office. It has been encouraging to watch the reorganized AFA Board of Directors work together. Members of the Board come from a

great variety of backgrounds with vastly different experiences. Yet they discuss concerns openly and try to resolve challenges in a spirit of teamwork.

I have tried to make opportunities to visit some of the members and chapter associations within Region 2 from Oklahoma and Texas to the south to Montana and Alberta in the north. It has been good to see farrier's young and old associating with one another, improving their knowledge and skills, and developing friendships in a spirit of cooperation.

Should you choose to elect me to serve another term on the AFA Board of Directors I will strive to listen to the concerns of the membership and use my experience to be a part of establishing goodwill and fellowship within a united AFA.

Garnett Oetjens



REGION THREE | GARNETT OETJENS, CJF | AFA #2038

I am currently serving Region 3 of the AFA as a 1 year elected member. I believe the AFA is headed in the right direction and would like to continue to represent the farriers in the region. I am on the advertising committee for the convention and we hope to encourage participation, membership and communication through activities at the convention. I continue to have confidence in the fact that as a representative, I can work with others to continue to meet the needs of the membership. I have witnessed the AFA rebound from conflict before and deal with change, only to become stronger. The AFA's success depends upon strong leadership.

I served 3 terms as President of the Michigan Horseshoers Association. As President of MHA, I was a member of the AFA Board of Directors. I also represented our association on the AFA Board for an additional 5 years, as an appointed representative. I am a 28 year member of the Michigan Horseshoers Association and a Lifetime Member of the AFA. I am an AFA Approved Tester, and remain current with the objectives of the certification process. I have served both organizations and I look forward to the opportunity to serve again, representing the interests of the members with integrity, involvement and good leadership. I have a proven ability to work in unison with staff, volunteers and other Board Members.

The experience I have gained from over 40 years in the horseshoeing business, along with the information and education from AFA conventions, has provided me with a wealth of information. We need informed, organized, motivated problem solvers and desire to represent all farriers and I look forward to serving you and the AFA.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions at farshoe@chartermi.net or (810) 653-3925

Randy Baker



REGION FOUR | RANDY BAKER

For those who do not know me, my name is Randy H. Baker. I am a nominee for a Region 4 representative. I've been a full-time professional farrier for over 10 years working primarily on jumpers and eventers.

My wife Marcia and I live just south of the North Carolina – South Carolina line with our five horses, two border collies, and a cat. I have been a Board Member of Southeastern Horseshoers on Education for the past eight years and am currently serving as Vice-President. I served as our chapter's AFA board representative for three years and have learned a great deal about the focus and challenges of our organization. I feel privileged to be involved in such a unique and rewarding profession and am proud to be a member of an association with such impeccable standards.

As a regional representative I will continue to uphold the traditions of the AFA while voicing the concerns and interests of the chapters within this region to the board. I perceive this as an excellent opportunity to increase communication between chapters and enable the AFA to do business more efficiently. I hope to play a role in this endeavor and ultimately help to better serve the horses we all love. Thank You.

REGION FOUR | STEVE DAVIS, CF

During the last years election for regional board or directors, I was asked the question, "why do you want this position"

My answer was very succinct, "I want to serve the members of the American Farriers Association". Nothing has changed since I was elected to that position. The only thing that has changed is a better understanding of the inner workings of our association.

The men and women of the AFA who are in leadership roles are working diligently to bring us back to the fore front of our industry. This is more of a process than I ever imagined. Wheels turn very slow and it is easy to get frustrated.

Laying the groundwork for a comeback has been extremely hard and slow but what has been done will serve the AFA for a long time, I am very proud to be a part of this process.

The members of our region can feel good about their representation. Jerry and Dan are fine men who love the AFA and we all three have your best interest at heart. There is so much more to be done and we are excited about the possibilities for the future.

The experience I have gained serving on the board these past years has been invaluable which makes me feel more capable of representing you. We are getting the committees up and running, the financial records have been scrutinized and are called sound; our convention is going to be a success. We are the elite of our profession and can be proud to call ourselves members of the AFA.

Whether you support me or not, I ask each of you to please keep your memberships in this association. If you have not rejoined, please do so. We need each of you to support the AFA. We can not provide the member services, magazines and insurance without your financial support.

I am pleading with you not to give up on this association; I assure you, it has not given up on you.

Please contact me with any questions or comments at 615-945-9575 or davis1994@aol.com



Jock Owings

REGION FIVE | JOCK OWINGS, CJF

I have been asked by my fellow farriers to represent them as a Region 5 Representative. I have agreed to accept this important and challenging position if the membership will help me and guide me with what they would like done on the national level to help farriers advance their profession. I would like to hear from each member with at least one suggestion on how to improve our farrier life and the AFA.

I was born in Virginia and lived here most of my life. I received a college degree from Emory and Henry in 1975 which is also the first year I attended horseshoeing school. I've done other things but I have always shod horses full or part time since then. I have been a full time farrier since 1985.

I have been an active member in both the Virginia Horseshoers Association and the North Carolina Horseshoers Association. I have been an active member on both boards for a number of years. I have been involved with AFA certification process and have been a tester for over ten years. I have been very proud of the certification process and it has been instrumental in changing my life and my career. With the help of many other farriers, I completed the certification process and received my Certified Journeyman Farrier certificate in 1997. I'd like to see "AFA Certified Farrier" become a horse owner's household word and the standard for the industry, and to make the process accessible to all farriers who have the desire to improve their practice and standards of performance. I'd like to see the AFA run as a fiscally responsible, conservative organization without interpersonal strife that detracts from the real business of the organization.

I'd like to attend as many of the regional functions before and during my tenure in this position. If you have a clinic, chapter meeting, or certification, I would like to attend to meet the membership and to hear your concerns. I will return your phone calls and emails promptly.

REGION FIVE | JACK MILLMAN, CJF | AFA #1489

I am honored to be nominated for re-election to the American Farrier's Association Board of Directors. I believe that this board is capable of making well-informed decisions to guide our association into the future.

In my personal life, I have been married to Darlene, my beautiful wife, for twenty-seven years. We live on a small farm in the Berkshire Mountain town of Worthington with our two Morgan horses, a miniature donkey, our dog, Igor, and our cat, Ethel. I have a son, Michael; he and his wife Sandy and our three grandchildren, Jesse, Amanda and Jack, live in Orlando, Fla.

I have been a member of our volunteer fire company, Worthington Fire and Rescue, for twenty-eight years. I am an EMT and Medical Officer for the department, with seven EMT's in our service.

My life experiences and my history with the American Farrier's Association have prepared me to help our association move forward. I know I can be of service to the AFA as a member of the Board of Directors and will appreciate your consideration and your vote. In chronological order, I give you my resume:

University of Miami, Miami, FL, Bachelor of Business Administration degree, 1968

Oregon State University School of Animal Science, Farrier Science Program, 1976

Member, Southern New England Farriers Association, 1980

Member #1489, American Farrier's Association, 1981

Certified Farrier, American Farrier's Association, 1983

Certified Journeyman Farrier, American Farrier's Association, 1983

Approved Tester, Farrier Certification Program, American Farrier's Association, 1993/2000

Therapeutic Endorsement candidate, American Farrier's Association, 1995

Certification Committee Chair, Southern New England Farriers Association,

1983/1997

President, Southern New England Farriers Association, 1997/1998

Board of Directors, American Farrier's Association, 1997/1998

Chair, American Farrier's Association Marketing Committee, 1999/2000

Diploma of The Worshipful Company of Farriers, Great Britain, 1999

Member, Anvil 21 Club, 2005

Member #89, World Champion Blacksmiths Association, 2006



Jack Millman

A. Smith's life...

On February 25th, 2009 the farrier community will Celebrate the Life & Times of Allen Smith at the 38th Annual AFA Convention's WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAM in Chattanooga, TN. Allen was a beloved member of the AFA who quietly left this world on August 2, 2008.

Allen Smith served two terms as President of the AFA, SNEFA President, and for many years as the AFA Parliamentarian and Chair of the By-Laws Committee. Allen was a Professor at Simmons College, an avid sailor, and also made Dulcimer instruments. He lived in Massachusetts.

Dr. L. Allen Smith, as was his professional name, was a man of many interests, in addition to his career as a farrier. Dr. Smith led another distinguished career simultaneously. He was a professor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College, Boston, for 31 years, and associate dean of the school since 2006.

Dr. Smith was a well-traveled, well-educated man. He attended Ohio University, where he was president of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and received his bachelor of arts degree and teaching certificate in 1963. During the late 1950s and early '60s folk music era, Dr. Smith became smitten with the Appalachian dulcimer, a fretted string instrument of the zither family.

After a short teaching period in Ohio, Dr. Smith was accepted into the master of library science program at the University of Denver, where he met his wife and he studied and graduated from the Hillcraft School of Horseshoeing. Not long after, as Dr. Smith's academic ambition called, he was accepted to a teaching position at the University of Aberystwyth, Wales. While living in Wales, he earned his doctorate at the Institute of Dialect and Folklife Studies, University of Leeds, England. The Smiths lived in a 400-year-old converted gristmill, while Dr. Smith taught at the university and shod Welsh ponies.

After nine years in Wales, in 1978, Dr. Smith was awarded a position at Simmons College in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, lecturing in reference, humanities, oral history and computer programming. He authored the "Directory of oral history collections" (1988) and "Catalogue of pre-revival Appalachian dulcimers" (1983) during his time at Simmons where he remained until his death. His courses were popular with students, as were his eccentricities of dress, often combining his signature bow ties with horsehair cowboy belts and jeans.

Dr. Smith's students have posted notes all over the web fondly remembering his lectures and sharing his famous quotes, among the most notable:

- "Be Prepared, Be Professional, Be Nice"
- "Begin with a description of what it is - in spite of what it calls itself."
- "Uninformed discussion is a waste of time."
- Ask yourself: 'Of what possible use is this?'"
- "I see nothing in the literature of librarianship that would demand the use of exclamation points. If you were born before 1960, you have three exclamation points for life. If you were born after 1960, you get six. Some of you are in debt."
- In regard to teaching: "The answer is inconsequential. It's how we go about finding the answer."
- "One never knows what to expect from this book. What is an idea? Why do they call it an idea? Why is it a pivotal idea? The history of the idea of game theory."
- The history of the idea of infinity... The history of the idea of symmetry and asymmetry. Or the history of the idea of chance. Now, aren't you going to take this to the airport? I do."
- "We should have classes on meetings. Rule 1: no meetings over 20 minutes, and no one can sit down."
- On parliamentary procedure: "It's good to know how to obstruct. Legally."
- On passing on your knowledge: "On a bus, sit down beside someone who looks curious and say 'let me explain how these databases are constructed...'"
- On the 1909 edition of Webster's New International Dictionary: "I sat on it for years so that I could eat at the same table as everyone else. After that I was allowed to read it at the table because it was there anyway."

And my personal favorite, "Make it Smoke". Dr. Smith strongly encouraged his students to test out the databases or reference books we were examining by trying to answer tough questions in new and different ways, by stretching the capabilities of the indexes and search tools to their very limits.



Photo by Allen's biggest fan Fran Jurga

So, in Allen's honor, lets MAKE IT SMOKE at the Wednesday Night Jam

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WEDNESDAY

5pm – 6:30pm
AFA pre-certification workshop
Danvers Child, CJF
John Voigt, CJF
& AFA examiners

THURSDAY

8am – 9:30 am
Meike Van Heel DVM
Balance in Motion.
9am – 12pm
Hands on anatomy labs
Allie Hayes
9:45 am – 10:45 am
Gene Armstrong, CJF
Who are we working for?
Don't forget the horse.
11am – 12pm
Pat Burton, CJF
Laminitis an inside look
1pm – 1:50pm
Judy Spitzer
Training & showing hunters,
A judge's perspective
1pm – 3pm
Podiatrist: Dr. Ira Krus, DPM
Chiropractor: Dr. Karen Johnson
Audiologist: Patti M. Johnstone, Ph.D.
2pm – 3pm
Mike Spitzer, CJF
Shoeing hunters

MARKETPLACE SCHEDULE:

THUR 3-6 PM FRI 3-6PM SAT 9AM-12NOON

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HORSEMAN'S DAY

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 28, 2009 - 8AM to 3:30 PM

David Hayes, CJF, DVM - One Step Horsemanship –
a sensible approach to horse handling

Ryan Carter – The job of the team roping horse.

Chris Gregory, CJF, FWCF – Shoeing the team rope horse.

American Farriers Team Demonstration

Certification Hands-On Demonstration

Mini Lectures:

- How to identify thrush • How to pull a shoe.
- How to recognize white line disease.

How an AFA Certified Farrier can enhance the movement of your Dressage horse.

John Lyons – How to make your horse stand for the Farrier.

FRIDAY

8 am – 9 am
Daniel Burba DVM
Biosecurity
9 am – 11 am
Anatomy Discussion Lab
Allie Hayes, CF
9:10 am – 10:20 am
Steve Kraus, CJF
The effects of conformation
on soundness and performance
10:30am – 11:30 am
Andy Parks, DVM
What do you mean by support?
1:30pm – 2:30 pm
Round table panel discussion:
Dr. Meike Van Heel
Dr. Daniel Burba
Andrew Elsbree, CJF
Gene Armstrong, CJF
2:40 pm – 3:30 pm
Bill Searle, CJF – Horseshoeing?
You must be out of your Mind?

Schedule of AFA Approved Certifications

John Voigt, CJF Chairman, Certification Committee
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January 10, 2009 – Canada

Hosted by ONFA
Canadian Horseshoeing School – Ontario
Contact: Rick Vervoort – 519-637-9978
Examiner: Stephen Morris, CJF
Levels: FC, CF
Areas: Written, Practical, Shoe Display

January 16 & 17, 2009 – Texas

Hosted by TXPFA
Pat Burton's Shop – Burleson, TX
Contact: Alan Larson, CJF – 281-482-3940
Examiner: Dennis Manning, CJF
All Levels, All Areas

January 17, 2009 – California

Hosted by WSFA
Agua Dulce, CA
Contact: Thomas Trosin, CF – 818-768-6011
Examiner: Robert Mederos, CJF
All Levels, All Areas

January 24, 2009 – North Carolina

Hosted by NCHA
Camp Keyauwee – Sophia, NC
Contact – Jerry Langdon, CJF – 919-266-4804
Examiner: Andrew Elsbree, CJF
All Levels, All Areas

January 24 & 25, 2009 – Canada

Hosted by WCFA
Kwantlen Polytechnic Univ. Farrier Barn – Cloverdale, BC
Contact: Gerard Laverty, CJF, TE – 604-598-6177
Examiner: Greg Burdette, CJF
All Levels, All Areas

February 14, 2009 – Illinois

Hosted by LLHA
Anvil Brand Shoe Company – Lexington, IL
Contact: John Voigt, CJF – 618-521-2610
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December 17, 2008

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General Membership and Elections Meeting
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February 11th- Advances in Imaging for Equine Patients. Hear what advances there are available for your horse, Dr. Katherine Chope

February 25th- Fat, Furry or Foot-Sore? Distinguishing between Equine Metabolic Syndrome and Cushings Dr. Julia Paxson

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