



Presidents Letter

As my wife says “horse people will talk your ears off”. So I will attempt to make this short and not ramble too much.

As I enter the second year of my term as GPFA President, I am enthusiastic about the upcoming events for the year. Looking back on last year there were a lot of great things that happened. Many people have steered away from participating with the GPFA in years past and most have declined to serve as an officer. I am not sure why because I have had a lot of fun being on board with a great crew. I will truly miss Guillermo Zaugg, CF as his term as Secretary has come to an end. He did a wonderful job getting the newsletters and emails sent out. Last year was very busy within the Board of Directors with stuff that most people knew nothing about. There is a lot of planning and phone calls that go into each event. 2013 could be the best year ever for the GPFA if we let it. We are already off to a great start and our calendar is starting to come together. If there are any events that you would like added, please contact us and we will do our best.

2012 recap:

- At the Precertification Clinic in Woodstock in March we had several stations set up to demonstrate the practical portions of the certifications and enough horses for everyone to make at least a partial run. Thanks to Dave Purves, CJF for organizing it for us.
- The AFA certification came together with examiners Rusty Jenkins, CJF and Wayne Allen, CJF stepping in at the last minute when Brian Barrett, CJF had to cancel due to an injury with his daughter.
- East Coast Horseshoe Supply hosted a clinic in June with Mike Chance, CJF and once again demonstrated their generosity and hospitality.
- Larry and Flo Hix hosted Family Day and had a waterslide to cool us and the kids off. They have a beautiful farm and opened it up to us to enjoy.
- Roy Bloom, CJF judged our contest which was the second leg of the Southeastern Triple Crown. Dr. Parks and Dr. Eggleston presented the lectures on Saturday. Friday night supper was provided by Doug Workman, CJF and his wonderful wife, Patty. Saturday lunch was a fundraiser for the Christian Veterinary Fellowship. Saturday night BBQ was cooked by Jeffery Morton, CJF and the proceeds went to help pay for a cancer patients medical bills.

We have three committees if you are interested in serving. They are the Horse Owner Education Committee, Certification Committee, and Contest Committee.

Sincerely,
Eric Gilleland, CJF



Vice-Presidents Letter

It's time to start a new year! And we need all the support we can get in the G.P.F.A! January is the time we need to pay our membership dues and get our calendar set for our upcoming events this year. The G.P.F.A. has started a Facebook page and would encourage everyone to take part in the group.

If any of you have specific needs within the group, or if you want us to work on something for a clinic, please let one of our board members know and we will do what we can to acknowledge your ideas and interest. We already have some great things coming including our involvement in The Triple Crown contest with Alabama and Florida. We have a lot happening this year so come and join us!

I am looking forward to a couple more exciting years on the board. And, I would personally like to thank Lucas Gilleland for volunteering for the position of secretary!

Happy New Year G.P.F.A

Sincerely,

Lee Griffin

Secretary Letter

I think we could all agree that taking pride in our work is what distinguishes a good farrier from a great one. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Lucas Gilleland, CF. For the past 3 years, I have been shoeing horses and can safely say that I have chosen my career. I truly find happiness as a farrier for multiple reasons. The next two years will be another great opportunity for me to meet many more influential people and further my own education. Even though I am considered by some as young, I believe it will be a benefit to the GPFA. I hope to be able to share my perspective and influence others in a positive way.

Sincerely,

Lucas Gilleland, CF

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 - *General Fund as of 1/1/13 = \$10,307.74*
 - *Bill Crowder Memorial Fund as of 1/1/13 = \$1383.00*
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