



GPFA Family Day

Family Day is a time for us farriers to take a day to relax, enjoy good food, and good company. This year we have the honor of being hosted by Larry and Flo Hix. Larry is a past vice-president of the GPFA and stays active with the behind the scenes stuff of the association. He currently serves on the Contest Committee along with four others.

As with myself and many of you family is one of the most important aspects of life. If it weren't for my wife and two boys I would have strayed from horseshoeing a while back. Instead of them being there as a barrier to keep me from my lifelong dream they are my dream. I am blessed to have them and to be able to shoe horses for a living to provide for them. No matter how beat up I get at work I always have them to lift me up when I get home.

Now as summer has set in and we are struggling to stay hydrated, lets take some time to gather together with our families and enjoy each other's company for a day.

It will be held at: Barshoe H Livestock 2477 Arnold Bottoms Rd. Colbert, GA
Contact: Larry Hix 706-540-1256

GPFA Contest and Clinics

This will be an educational and fun time for everyone. If you haven't ever competed in a farrier contest, I strongly urge it. Not only is a little competition fun but it forces us to practice and move to the next level of shoeing. No matter where you place in the contest your shoeing ability rises. Mr. Roy Bloom will be our judge for the contest and will do some clinics. Some other clinics will be given by Dr. Egleston of the University of Georgia. Burgers and music on Friday night after the contest so plan on hanging around. BBQ and auction after the events on Saturday. The dates are October 12th and 13th all the details can be found at [www.gpfa.com](#). Click on Events and then Shoe List for times.

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