



2009 AERC Convention

February 20 & 21, 2009

Galt House Hotel

Louisville, Kentucky

For hotel reservations, contact the Galt House Hotel

140 North Fourth Street • Louisville, KY 40202

800-843-4258

Be sure to say you are with AERC

Hotel Rate: Single/Double: \$159 • Triple: \$169 • Quad \$179 (plus applicable taxes)

Convention Overview

Trade Show. Vendors from across the country will display and sell their products. Find all the latest and greatest innovations for endurance riders Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday until 5:00 p.m. Don't miss the fabulous bargains and great variety, all at the Galt House Exhibit Hall.

Speaker Seminars. Are you and your equine in "best condition"? Hear leading experts in endurance riding as well as equine and rider health at the convention seminars. Bold listings on the next page indicate seminar speakers; topics and biographical sketches of the speakers are found later in this brochure. Sign up for the seminars on the registration form in the center of this brochure.

Hot Topics Workshops. John Parke will lead two early-morning open forums. Friday's session will focus on horse welfare; long-range trails planning is the topic for Saturday. Bring your concerns and be ready for thought-provoking discussions.

National Awards Banquet. AERC's top riders and equines for the 2008 season will be honored at Saturday's banquet. Also recognized will be the Hall of Fame, Pard'ners, and Volunteer Service award recipients, and equines who have reached 5000+ endurance miles. Don't miss this special evening.

Regional Awards. Winners of regional mileage, points, and best condition awards for endurance and limited distance will be celebrated and acknowledged at a ceremony/reception on Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come and celebrate!

Friday Night Dance. A live band will be playing favorite songs for listening and dancing. The dance is always a convention highlight! Tickets are \$10.

Junior Activities. All junior riders are welcome to participate in special activities just for juniors. Visit the AERC Junior convention booth for details.

Raffles. The popular AERC raffle drawings take place during trade show hours (tickets: \$1 each). Drop your tickets in the regional or national buckets lining the raffle stage. You are invited to bring a prize to donate to the raffle!

Tack Swap. Bring your surplus tack to sell—our tack swappers will take care of all the details. Ten percent of the purchase price is a donation to AERC. Don't miss this busy booth!

General Session. This open forum meeting, held Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until noon, offers members an opportunity to speak directly with AERC board members. Come and express your views on the direction of the organization and the sport of endurance riding. Election of officers by the AERC Board of Directors will also take place during this session.

International Information. A full schedule of AERC-I meetings is set for Sunday, February 22. More information and a schedule will be available in *Endurance News* in February.

Committee Meetings. Many AERC committees meet on the weekend of the convention. Committee meeting times will be posted at the convention.

Convention Schedule

(Schedule is subject to change.) Please check hotel reader boards for last-minute changes.

Seminars requiring tickets are listed in bold.

Thursday, February 19, 2009

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.....Veterinary Continuing Education
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Early Registration (2nd floor, Meeting Registration)
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. AERC Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, February 20, 2009

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m..... Hot Topics Workshop I, led by John Parke
7:00 a.m.....AERC Registration Desk Open (2nd Floor)
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.....Trade Show Open
9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.....**Tom Sayvetz, MD**
“Pedigrees and Performance”
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m..... **Jim Moore, DVM**
“A New Look at Colic in Horses”
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**Victoria Maxwell, DVM**
“Equine Degenerative Joint Disease in the Equine Athlete”
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.Regional Awards Ceremony & Reception
8:00 p.m. - Midnight Friday Night Dance (\$10)

Saturday, February 21, 2009

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m..... Hot Topics Workshop II, led by John Parke
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.....Trade Show Open
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m..... **Duane Barnett, DVM**
“Equine Performance Sports and Drug Rules: A Philosophy”
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m..... General Session
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**Laurie Lawrence, PhD**
“Carbohydrates Count in Horse Diets”
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Veterinary Panel**
“Best Condition Considerations”
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. AERC National Awards Banquet

Sunday, February 22, 2009

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m..... AERC Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. USEF Committee Meetings

AERC Seminar Speakers

Friday, February 20, 2009

Tom Sayvetz, MD

“Pedigrees and Performance”

Dr. Sayvetz will discuss the history of bloodlines that are the foundation of today's athletes. As a breeder of top endurance horses, Dr. Sayvetz acknowledges that riders need fast, efficient mounts in order to be considered for winning “best condition” in AERC rides. Topics covered include gait efficiency, body and muscle types in horses, metabolic issues and weight-carrying capacity. Even riders who are just starting out will benefit from this seminar. Dr. Sayvetz is an emergency medicine physician and has 30 years' experience developing the Asgard Arabian breeding program, which has produced horses including Tevis- and AERC National Championship-winning Heraldic and Theatric, the top U.S. placing equine in the 2008 World Endurance Championship in Malaysia.

Jim Moore, DVM

“A New Look at Colic in Horses”

This seminar will use state-of-the-art three-dimensional models and animations to help you understand your horse's gastrointestinal tract and colic. You will learn some of the anatomical features that result in common causes of colic, as well as have a better idea about the steps your veterinarian takes to make a diagnosis. These educational materials are currently in use in veterinary schools worldwide. Dr. Moore is a Distinguished Research Professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia. He has been teaching veterinary students at Georgia for nearly 30 years, and has served on the organizing committee for the nine International Equine Colic Research Symposia.

V.R. Maxwell, DVM

“Equine Degenerative Joint Disease in the Equine Athlete”

This talk will discuss joint disease in the horse. We will look at a healthy joint, the disease process of degenerative joint disease and therapeutic options available to us, from rest to currently approved pharmaceuticals. Dr. Maxwell grew up riding show hunters and jumpers in the northeast. She has worked with Olympic equestrians Joe Fargis, Conrad Holmfeld, Melanie Smith and Carol Thompson. Her areas of focus are lameness and performance horse medicine. She is currently working with Luitpold Pharmaceuticals evaluating products focused on equine health.

FRIDAY HOT TOPIC WORKSHOP I: HORSE WELFARE

7:30-9:00 a.m. • Facilitated by John Parke

Free to all convention attendees, the Friday Hot Topic seminar will focus on horse welfare. Moderator John Parke will explain AERC Rule 4, newly revised for the 2009 ride season, and discuss the ramifications of the rule changes. Also to be discussed will be a proposed new rule prohibiting horse abuse. Be ready to attend, listen, and share your opinions.

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Duane Barnett, DVM

***“Equine Performance Sports and Drug Rules:
A Philosophy”***

Focusing on AERC's recently revised drug rule, this presentation will not be detailing specifics of the drug rule, but rather will discuss principles and behavior that can be followed by a competitor to stay within the intent of the rule. Dr. Barnett graduated from Auburn University in 1991, has vetted rides all over the United States, served on the AERC Board of Directors and Veterinary Committee, and has ridden more than 4,000 AERC miles. He is the coordinator of the AERC drug testing program. Currently, he owns and operates Mocksville Animal Hospital in North Carolina.

Laurie Lawrence, PhD

“Carbohydrates Count in Horse Diets”

Carbohydrates are important sources of dietary energy in the diets of all performance horses. But the types of carbohydrates consumed by horses are diverse and the terminology used to describe carbohydrates in horse feeds is often confusing. This presentation will discuss the different types of carbohydrates, how they are digested and absorbed and which carbohydrates are most important for endurance horses. Dr. Lawrence is a Professor of Equine Nutrition at the University of Kentucky. She is the author of more than 100 publications on equine nutrition and she recently served as the Chair of the National Research Council Committee to revise the “Nutrient Requirements of Horses.” She has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Equine Nutrition and Physiology Society and the Equine Science Award from the American Society of Animal Science.

Veterinary Panel

“Best Condition Considerations”

Some of AERC's top veterinarians will be discussing what control judges are looking for when they evaluate horses for best condition judging. Seminar participants will also learn what they can do to keep their horses in top condition before, during and after rides. Be prepared to listen and learn! There will also be a question and answer session afterward so you may have your questions answered by AERC veterinarians.

SATURDAY HOT TOPIC WORKSHOP II: TRAILS

7:30-9:00 a.m. • Facilitated by John Parke

Saturday's Hot Topic seminar features discussion of long-range planning to ensure AERC will continue to have ride sites and trails open for horses and riders. This look into the future will be moderated by John Parke. Be prepared to do some brainstorming about what AERC, as an organization, and its members can do to open new trails and prevent closure of existing trails. Come and share your thoughts. Attendance is free for all convention attendees.