Seminar Presentations

Friday, March 4

The 2021 Calcium Trial: Results and Recommendations for Treatment
with Langdon Fielding, DVM, MBA, DACVECC, DACVSMR

Here’s your opportunity to be able to put the latest research to work for your horse. Well-known to endurance riders for his research into electrolyte and fluid therapy and the author of more than 30 research publications, Dr. Fielding is a graduate of UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, and board certified both Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care and Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. A rider who first completed the Tevis Cup 100-mile ride at age 17, Dr. Fielding is currently a partner at Loomis Basin Equine Medical Center in Northern California.

Old AERC War Stories
with Nick Warhol

Here’s your chance to hear some fun stories from the past 30 years of riding endurance. Nick Warhol has been part of AERC for decades and is a Pardn’ers Award winner with his gelding Donnie. He will share some of his favorite stories from his favorite rides, as well as tales about some of the horses he has ridden. He is a favorite speaker and you won’t want to miss this special presentation.

Current Topics in Wound Care
with Dean Hendrickson, DVM, MS, DACVS

Dr. Hendrickson wowed attendees at last year’s virtual convention with his knowledge of wounds and wound care. He’ll go even more in-depth this year. (Dr. Hendrickson is the keynote speaker for the concurrent veterinary continuing education course.) He is a professor of equine surgery at the James L. Voss Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Colorado, is board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, and his research interests include laparoscopic surgery, wound healing and pain relief.

Preserving Longevity of Endurance Horses
with Patti Carey and Susan Garlinghouse, DVM

Expect to learn a lot and laugh a lot with convention favorites during The Patti and Susan Show. They both have been fortunate to have endurance horses with long careers, and will be happy to share that information with convention-goers. Patti has a B.S. in Animal Sciences, and in her work life conducts consulting and training services. Dr. Garlinghouse, a West Region Director and owner of John Henry, has presented numerous seminars and webinars on a variety of educational veterinary topics.

Saturday, March 5

No Foot, No Horse – Keep your Horse Sound for Endurance Competition
with Jay Mero, DVM

“No foot, no horse”— so the old saying goes. In this seminar Dr. Mero will present the most common hoof lameness issues related to the sport of endurance, with tips and best practices to keep your mount sound and going down the trail. We will explore the barefoot vs. boot vs. steel shoe vs. composite shoe controversy and review the pros and cons of each application. Dr. Mero is a respected clinician and owns a solo equine veterinary practice in Mariposa, California. She’s an experienced rider, with more than 6900 endurance miles with many wins and BCs, including the 2021 Haggin Cup.

You Could Be the Problem: Fatigue and Imbalance in Endurance Riding and How to Fix It
with Kenneth L. Marcella, DVM, and Kyle Meadows

Dr. Marcella, a diplomate of the American College of Theriogenology, is the owner of KLM Equine in Canton, Georgia. Dr. Marcella places a special emphasis on lameness and sports medicine. Kyle Meadows graduated from UC Berkeley with a BS in biology. He had a multi-faceted athletic career with the National Football League and as a member of the U.S. World Cup bobsled team. As a coach, he focuses on biomechanical analysis of sport-specific movement. Recently Mr. Meadows has been involved with collaborative research with the Veterinary School at the University of Colorado to look at the biomechanics of sport horses and to apply the metrics and analysis that has been successfully used in human sports science to the development, training and improvement of equine athletes.

AERC General Session

This is the opportunity to hear about the state of the organization and speak with their elected AERC officials.

Electrolytes, the Good and the Bad: An In-Depth Look
with Susan Garlinghouse, DVM

Does your horse need electrolytes? Under what circumstances? What kind? How to give them, and when? Dr. Garlinghouse will give you the nitty-gritty of all things electrolyte to give you confidence in your future electrolyte choices. Dr. Garlinghouse has presented multiple times to endurance audiences and always receives rave reviews.

Note: Times/Dates/Seminar Titles/Speakers subject to change.
Setting Goals: Yours and Your Horse’s  
Saturday, March 5  
with Heather and Jeremy Reynolds  
Two of AERC’s best-known riders, Heather and Jeremy will share their methods for assessing your equine’s strengths and weaknesses, and how to set goals based on that potential. This fun and lively session will include plenty of time for questions and answers. See you Saturday morning to kick off the final day of the convention.

Our Endurance Memories  
Friday, March 4  
with longtime AERC members  
Be sure to wake up early on Friday to hear what AERC was like in the early days from the riders who were there. You’ll hear some tales about what those 1970s rides were like in the days before special endurance gear and GPS and fancy electrolytes. We’ve got a panel of folks eager to share their memories with you.

Shopping Opportunities  
Vendors galore at the trade show!  
One of the main highlights of the convention is seeing the latest in endurance and related gear, presented by a wide variety of vendors. We’ve built in plenty of time in between sessions so you can peruse each booth and visit and shop, so you can deck yourself and your horse out in grand style this season!

The Tack Swap is back!  
A favorite of convention attendees, this is a great way to scoop up bargain gear and sell items you no longer need. Each sale benefits AERC, as 10% or $1, whichever is greater, goes to the organization. Bring your endurance-related items to convention, set your price, and be sure to spend your earnings at the trade show!

Friday Night Dance  
Let’s boogie at the 1970s-theme dance!  
A live band . . . all kinds of danceable music . . . maybe even a costume contest! The Friday night dance is just for fun and all ages are welcome. Are you ready to do The Hustle? The Funky Chicken? Or just visit with friends and shuffle around a bit – don’t miss this chance to dress up and boogie down.

Raffles  
You could win a Freeform saddle!  
A $5 ticket is good for one entry in a drawing for a Freeform Treeless Scout saddle, donated by Saddle Up LLC (wow!). And we’ll have the usual nine regional raffles and the mega-fabulous national raffle—those tickets are $1 each. Buy plenty and you’ll have a chance to win great prizes and even AERC ride entries!

Award Ceremonies  
Regional Awards  
We’ll all be whooping and hollering for regional award winners on Friday evening at this fun, casual ceremony. (And the cheering gets REALLY loud when there are junior riders announced!) Come for this exuberant exhibition of endurance celebration after the seminars close on Friday night and before the dance party begins.

National Awards Banquet  
The convention culminates with the National Awards Banquet, where those who topped the national awards are feted, and the 2021 Hall of Fame, Pard’ners and other special awards are announced. (Laughter and tears are practically guaranteed.) We’ll be honoring the 2020 award winners as well so they can be recognized for their achievements.

About the hotel: Nugget Resort Casino  
Completely remodeled in 2020, the Nugget, home of many memorable past conventions, is ready to welcome endurance riders in early March! Special rates for AERC members (please use the GAERC22 code and reserve your room by February 4)

Simply call the Nugget at 800-648-1177 or make your reservation online  
AERC rates: $103.02 weeknights and $137.06 weekends – includes resort fees and taxes

See you in Sparks! Questions? Call 866-271-2372