

AFA Chapter 60 Arkansas Horseshoer's Association Quarterly Meeting and 2 Day Clinic

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The AFA Chapter 60 Arkansas Horseshoer's Association (AHA), met on January 15th and 16th for a two day clinic and special celebration for one of its members.

The clinic, hosted by D. Paul Dorris, CF, was held at the Arkansas Horseshoeing School facility, located in Centerville, AR. Approximately 40 Farriers, students and horse owners were in attendance, with some traveling from as far away as Oklahoma and Kansas. A regular meeting of the AHA was chaired by AHA President, John David McVay, CJF.



D. Paul Dorris, Jr., John David McVay,
Tommy Ross, David McVay, Lynn Pennick

Saturday's clinic activities were kicked off with a "Trimming for Certification" demonstration by AFA Tester Lynn Pennick, CJF of Claremore, Oklahoma. Lynn provided invaluable information for those members who are studying for their certification.



Lynn Pennick

Guest speaker, Dr. Michael Pallone, D.V.M of Pallone Veterinary Hospital in Rose Bud, Arkansas followed with a presentation of radiographs and a discussion of palmar angles. Dr. Pallone, an expert in the field of equine podiatry and laminitis, is a graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine, and is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association.



Dr. Michael Pallone, D.V.M

The group was presented with a severely laminated mare, which Dr. Pallone examined while sharing his observations about the condition of each hoof, treatment options and overall prognosis for such cases.

Following Dr. Pallone's examination, chapter member, Tommy Ross of Malvern, Arkansas, demonstrated the application and positioning of wooden clogs as a treatment alternative for chronic laminitis.



Tommy Ross



Wooden Clog for treatment of Laminitis

Radiographs taken before and afterwards by Dr. Pallone were compared to further illustrate the therapeutic benefits which may be achieved through the correct application of clogs.



Dr. Michael Pallone, D.V.M



Radiograph

At mid-day lunch was provided for attendees with a choice of Deer Chili, Grilled Beef Brisket or Pork Loin, which was prepared by Thomas Randall.

D. Paul Dorris, CF, closed the day's activities with a discussion on Morrison's Polyflex Open Rollers, and provided instruction to several members who were given the opportunity to participate in the application of polyflex shoes.



Application of Polyflex Shoe

All Veterinary and Farrier services were provided at no charge to the contributing horse owners.

On Sunday, AFA Tester Lynn Pennick, CJF continued his presentation with a demonstration on "Preparing a Certified Shoe Display". A discussion followed where Lynn answered general questions regarding certifications, testing procedures and preparation tips.

The clinic was concluded with a period of open discussion and forge work.

Paul Dorris, Sr., CF, was honored throughout the weekend as he celebrated his 80th birthday. Paul Sr. began shoeing horses in 1968 in Hutchinson, Kansas. After graduating from the Oregon State University, Paul Sr. worked as an apprentice to Quarter Horse Farrier, Jack Perry, before starting his own Farrier business. In addition to servicing his own customers, he was an official Farrier for several years at the Four Star Rolex Three Day Event, and shod at the Kansas State Fair for over 20 years.



Paul Dorris, Sr.

There has been a Farrier in the Dorris family since 1878, and Paul Sr. credits a great-uncle for inspiring him to become a Farrier. In turn, he has been the inspiration for his own son to become a life-long Farrier.



Mrs. Paul Dorris, Sr., D. Paul Dorris, Jr., Paul Dorris, Sr.

Decades later, Paul Sr. continues as an active member of the American Farrier's Association, as an instructor at the Arkansas Horseshoeing School, and has recently taken on an apprentice – sixty-eight year old Glyn Turnipseed, Ph.D., a retired university biology professor.



Glyn Turnipseed, Ph.D, Paul Dorris, Sr.

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