



Hello fellow MQHA members,

Wow, April sure has brought showers with it this year. We have been lucky to avoid really severe weather and I hope you have, too. The grass is growing and that means I have taken the big bale spike of my front end loader:) We aren't expecting any foals this year and things seem a little too quiet because of that. I'm sure a lot of your mares have already foaled and if so, please consider sharing some photos with us on Facebook!

If you aren't aware we recently altered our social media presence a little. The MQHA facebook group name has been changed to MQHA Trading Post. Going forward, we hope that is a place where you can buy, sell or trade horse stuff. In addition, we started a new MQHA Association page. The purpose of this page is to disseminate pertinent info to our members. It is closely monitored so that existing or prospective member's questions are answered promptly. The general public can't post info directly to the page, but if you'd send your foal info in we would like to post those.

Work continues for the Gateway Classic show over Memorial Day Weekend in St Louis. The class prizes and all around prizes have been ordered, stall and hotel reservations are starting to come in and excitement is in the air. We are hopeful for a strong turnout like we had last year. To me, this show is so much fun and unique because we show outside. As long as the weather is good (it's typically beautiful) we show in the outdoor pen. Of course, if mother nature forces the issue we have the convenience of moving back inside as if nothing happened. Don't forget about the novice show we are holding that weekend. You don't even have to own the horse to show at a novice event. So, it's a great way to introduce your friends and family to horse showing. As an association, we are investing in this show to attract new members and horse enthusiasts. Please help us make it a success by spreading the word and personally inviting people.

Plans are underway for the Summer Sizzler show in July. This year the show is being held the weekend before the State 4H Horse show that is held in Sedalia each year. The 4H show typically has 30-40 youth in each class. We are going to offer open youth classes at Sizzler that will run the same patterns they will be using the following weekend for the state fair. In addition, we are going to offer clinics on those patterns so that everyone will know where they should focus. We are hoping this is a big draw to the show. Think of it as a warm up to the State Fair. If you have any involvement with 4H please help us spread the word! Remember, open classes will be offered so any youth can attend whether they ride AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc...

That's all for now. I look forward to seeing everyone at a show or other event this year!

Joe Eddy