

AMERICAN FARRIER'S ASSOCIATION

41ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

MOBILE, ALABAMA

2.29.12—3.3.12



Registration Packet

2012 AFA Convention Hosted By:
Alabama Professional Farriers Association



WHY MOBILE FOR AN AFA CONVENTION?????

Why not Mobile? Mobile is a fantastic place to hold a farriers convention in late February and early March! Get out of that cold Northern weather and come south to enjoy some warmer weather and hopefully some sunshine! Top that off with great seafood, fishing and golf! Bring the kids and tour the Gulf Coast and the historic Mobile area.

One of the most unique facets of Mobile Bay and Alabama's Gulf Coast is the depth and color of its history, more than 300 years in the making. This facet characterizes everything they do, from their culture to their architecture and most certainly their traditions.

Tour the USS Alabama Battleship that is just minutes away from the host hotels and the convention center!

Visit the Oakleigh historic complex, one of the most visited historic homes in Mobile. Built in the early 1800's, the Greek revival-style mansion was built by a cotton farmer from Virginia and later inhabited by three generations of one of Mobile's leading society families.

Exploration, colonization, revolution, civil war, industrialization, the rise and fall of traditions, buildings and lives—clearly the South has some tales to tell! With all of the history that has passed over the city limits of Mobile and throughout its life-span of more than 300 years!

Come visit with old friends, make new ones and enjoy this great educational event along with the fantastic Mobile area at the 41st Annual American Farrier's Association Convention!

We'll see you there!

AFA Convention Coordinating Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

7am-8:30am	Officer & Chairman Breakfast
8am-12pm	Registration Open
3pm-7pm	Registration Open
8am-5pm	Competition Set-up and Practice
8am-7pm	FIA Registration Open
8am-6pm	Clothier Open
9am-3pm	AFA Board of Directors Meeting
5pm-7pm	MarketPlace Open
7:30pm-8pm	Judges & Stewards Meeting
8pm-9pm	Judges, Stewards & Competitors Meeting
5:30pm-7pm	Certification Workshop
7pm-9pm	Certification & Therapeutic Endorsement Written Tests
7:30pm-9pm	International Attendees Reception
8pm-11pm	Wednesday Night Jam

THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST

6am-8am	Anvil 21 Breakfast (Members Only)
7am-5pm	Registration Open
8am-6pm	Clothier Open
8am-6pm	Auction Display Open
8am-10am	FIA Board Meeting
10am-7:30pm	FIA Registration Open
8am-2:30pm	2012 National Forging & Horseshoeing Competition
8am-8:45am	Journeyman Class
9:25am-10am	NACC Qualifying Class (Sponsored by Vector Horseshoe Nails)
10am-11:30am	Lunch Break
11:30am-1pm	Delta Specialty Forging (Sponsored by Delta Mustad Hoofcare Center)
1:30pm-2:30pm	8th Annual Vern Hornquist Memorial Class

THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST (CONTINUED)

8am-11:30am Lectures

8am-9am Rick Redden, DVM-*How to Understand What We See When Observing Feet*

9:15am-10:15am Ric Redden, DVM-*The Mechanical Formula*

10:30am-11:30am John Muldoon-*How Jammed and Compacted Soles Can Dictate Outer Wall Reaction and Shape*

11:30am-1:30pm Marketplace Open

1:45pm-4:30pm Lectures

1:45pm-2:45pm Allie Hayes, CF -*Anatomy Lab/Case Studies*

3pm-4:30pm Susan Harris-*Anatomy in Motion: An Inside Look at Athletic Movement In Horses*

3pm-5pm - Dusty Franklin, CJF - *Hands ON*

4:30pm-7:30pm TE Exam Presentations

6pm-7:30pm Tester Update—*How to Judge Journeyman Barshoes*

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND

7am-8am World Farriers Association Breakfast

8am-10am FIA Membership Meeting

8am-6pm Registration Open

8am-6pm Clothier Open

8am-6pm Auction Display Open

9am-3pm Spouse/Guest Tour

11am-3:30pm FIA Registration Open

8am-2pm 2012 National Forging & Horseshoeing Competition

8am-9:10am Two Person Draft Class

11am-2pm NACC Live Shoeing Class-
Vector North American Challenge Cup

8am-11:30am Lectures

8am-9am Martin Kenny, CJF & Dr. Tookie Myers-*Stretch Your Process, Not the Hooves You Tend To!*

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND (CONTINUED)

9:15am-10:15am Martin Kenny, CJF & Dr. Tookie Myers-*Stretch Your Process, Not the Hooves You Tend To!*

10:30am-11:30am Pedro DePedro, DVM-*Laminitis and Metabolic Diseases: "What Can Farriers Do To Achieve a Good Outcome?"*

11:30am-3:30pm Marketplace Open

1:45pm-5:15pm Lectures

1:45pm-2:45pm Roundtable Discussion-
Farrier/Client Relationship

3pm-4pm Allie Hayes, CF - *Anatomy Lab/Case Studies*

4:15pm-5:15pm Dusty Franklin, CJF - *Do's and Don'ts of AFA Certification*

5pm-7pm Cultural Exchange Interviews

6pm-7pm Regions Meetings

7pm-8pm Reception (Cash Bar)

8pm-10pm Annual Auction

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD

8am-12pm Registration Open

8am-12pm Clothier Open

8am-11:30am Lectures

8am-9am Billy Lewis, CJF & Dr. David Harrington
—*Club Foot Management*

9:15am-10:15am Myron McLane, CJF - *Frog Support for Treating Lameness and Subpar Performance Issues*

12:15pm-2:30pm Lectures

12:15pm-1:15pm Roundtable-Vet/Farrier

1:30pm-2:30pm Mitch Taylor, CJF - *Medial Lateral Balance & The Orientation of the Coffin Bone Within the Hoof Capsule*

2:45pm-4:45pm Annual Membership Meeting

6pm-7pm Reception (Cash Bar)

7pm-10pm Annual Banquet & Awards Presentation

CERTIFICATION WRITTEN TESTS

Back by popular demand, the AFA Certification Committee will be offering a Certification Workshop on Wednesday, February 29th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Conducted by AFA Certification Chairman Greg Burdette, CJF, and AFA Examiner Danvers Child, CJF, this review will take place directly prior to the written tests. The review is open to all, with no pre-registration required.

The written tests, which are from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, do require pre-registration, which has a deadline of February 1st, 2012. All levels are offered (FC, CF, CTF, CJF and TE) for the written exam.

ENTERTAINMENT

No convention would be complete without our annual "Wednesday Night Jam," so make sure you bring your acoustic instrument to rock out with your fellow farriers! Taking place on Wednesday, March 1st from 8:00pm to 11:00pm, this is an event you don't want to miss!

FIA MARKETPLACE

Don't forget your wallets as the FIA MarketPlace is sure to bring you a plethora of opportunities to spend your money on everything from shoes to nails to designer jewelry! A mainstay of the convention, the FIA MarketPlace is the perfect opportunity to visit with manufacturers and distributors to discuss what new products are out there. With four different opportunities to shop til you drop, you will be sure to leave with everything you need and more!

NATIONAL FORGING AND HORSESHOEING COMPETITION

The National Forging and Horseshoeing Competition allows you a first hand look of some of the top competitors in the business, duking it out for a spot on the American Farriers' Team, cash, and prizes.

The judges for the 2012 competition include Billy Crothers, AWCF, Hank Highfield, CJF and Jake Engler, CJF. The competition includes the Vector North American Challenge Cup, the Delta Specialty Forging Class, the Two Person Draft Class, and the Journeyman Class. For those great farriers over the age of 60, the Vern Hornquist Memorial Class is also offered.

ANNUAL AUCTION

The Annual Auction has been a mainstay of the AFA Convention since 1991. Taking place on Friday night, the auction gives AFA members the opportunity to purchase everything from anvils to beautiful hand forged works of art.

All members and chapters are invited to attend as well as to create or donate items to sell. All proceeds will go towards your choice of AFA benefits, from the AFT to Education, and are tax deductible.

SPEAKERS

The 2012 Speaker line up includes:

- Dr. David Harrington
- Billy Lewis, CJF
- Mitch Taylor, CJF
- Allie Hayes, CF
- Myron McLane, CJF
- Susan Harris
- Pedro DePedro, DVM
- Dusty Franklin, CJF
- Martin Kenny, CJF
- Dr. Tookie Myers
- John Muldoon
- Ric Redden, DVM



PRE-REGISTRATION (deadline: February 17, 2012)

Pre-registration saves you both time and money! Registering before Friday, February 17th will save you up to 20% on convention registration costs. In addition, pre-registration means that your packet will be ready for you when you arrive, which means you can grab your stuff and go!

To pre-register, please fill out the enclosed registration form and send it, along with your payment, so the AFA office:

Mail: American Farrier's Association
4059 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 1
Lexington, KY 40511
Online: www.afaconvention.com
Fax: 859-231-7862

Notes:

1. The pre-registration deadline for those taking the Certification Written Exam is February 1, 2012.
2. International attendees must pay with U.S. funds.
3. Cancellation Policy: Notice of cancellation must be received in writing (via fax or mail) before the close of business on February 17, 2012 in order to receive a refund. Cancellations received on or before that date will receive a refund, less a \$25 administrative fee, for all reservations within thirty days of receipt of the cancellation notice.

HOTEL INFORMATION (AFA discount deadline: February 3, 2012)

When you call one of the two hotels with which the AFA has a discounted room rate, be sure to tell them you are with the AFA to receive it.

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel
64 South Water Street
Mobile, AL 36602
1-800-922-3298

The Battle House
26 North Royal Street
Mobile, AL 36602
1-866-316-5957

****The deadline for the discounted room rate is Friday, February 3, 2012. Don't delay, make your reservations today****

TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Mobile Regional Airport is a short 30 minute drive away from the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel. Shuttles are available for a small fee. Contact customer service at the Mobile Regional Airport for more information.

Mobile Regional Airport - 1-800-357-5373 or www.IFLYMO.com

Budget Discount Code: Z948300

Avis Discount Code: S066100

Delta Discount Code: NM8CS (2-10% off round trip airline tickets for the US and Canada)

COORDINATORS

Your 2011-2012 Convention Coordinating Committee:

- Greg Johnson, CF (Chairman)
- Eric Nygaard, CJF (Co-Chairman)
- Emily Bull (FIA Co-Chair)
- Jean Weiss (FIA Co-Chair)
- Phillip Box, CJF (President, ALPFA)



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2012 AFA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Titles (ex. CF, DVM) _____

Business Name: _____ Nickname for Badge: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Fax#: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency #: _____

I am an AFA Member in good standing. No dues are enclosed AFA# _____

I am renewing my membership (and adding \$150 to the total below) AFA # _____

I want to join the AFA. I have enclosed a completed Membership Application.

I am the spouse or guest of an AFA member.

(AFA Members Name: _____ AFA# _____)

CONVENTION REGISTRATION	PRE-REGISTRATION DISCOUNTED RATE: BEFORE 2/17/12	REGISTRATION FEE: AFTER 2/17/12 & ONSITE	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
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<input type="checkbox"/> AFA/AAEP Member	\$250	\$325	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Competitor Registration (must be registered for all classes)	\$125	N/A	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Competitor Registration - Draft Class Only	\$175	N/A	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> AFA Members 60 years plus	\$200	\$250	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> AFA Student Member	\$100	\$150	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> AFA Chapter Member (non-AFA member)	\$300	\$350	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Option A*	\$300	\$350	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Option B**	\$375	\$425	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Rate	\$125	\$125	\$ _____
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Thurs. March 1st
 Fri. March 2nd
 Sat. March 3rd

<input type="checkbox"/> Guest (non-farrier)	\$35	\$50	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Press (pre-approval & documentation required)	N/A	N/A	\$ _____
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CERTIFICATION WRITTEN TEST - Must be pre-registered before 2/1/12

Level _____ (specify certification level test)

<input type="checkbox"/> AFA Member in good standing	\$50	N/A	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member	\$200	N/A	\$ _____
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41ST ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND AWARDS

<input type="checkbox"/> Attend	\$45	\$50	\$ _____
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*Option A indicated you are a member of a national or international farrier association other than the AFA. Verification of current membership must accompany this form.

**Option B indicated you are not a member of a national or international farrier association and you do not wish to join the AFA at this time.

PAYMENT INFORMATION (all payments must be in U.S. funds)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Credit Card Information

Check or Money Order payable to AFA

Name as it appears on card: _____

Mastercard

Card #: _____

Visa

Expiration Date: _____

American Express

V-Code: _____



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Mission: To further the professional development of
farriers, to provide leadership and resources for the bene-
fit of the farrier industry, and to improve the welfare of
the horse through continuing farrier education.

