

Dear MQHA:

The show season is now drawing to a close as the days get shorter. And now it's time to start thinking about the annual meeting and convention to be held this year at Tan-Tar-A at the Lake of the Ozarks. Mark your calendar now--the dates are February 4-6, 2011. As much fun as we have at the shows, I personally look forward each year to seeing everyone in a different setting at the Convention.

My kids really look forward to the Convention as well. I'm told that the youth have lots of fun activities planned. If you know of any youth who might be considering getting involved, please encourage them to come to the Convention. It's a great opportunity to meet people and to get involved!

Just a reminder that we need to elect two AQHA national directors to represent Missouri this year. If you are interested, now is the time to contact Diane Paul for an application.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving. It's odd for my family not to celebrate Thanksgiving in Columbia--it's become a bit of a family tradition for us to have Thanksgiving dinner in Columbia in conjunction with the annual Columbia Midway shows. However, I'm confident that my crew will adapt!

Until next month.

Mike Murphy

MQHA President