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Happy October MQHA members!

By the time this letter hits the newspaper, another Congress will be history. This year has literally flown by. I'm hoping to see lots of Missouri folks at the Congress.

I can't wait to share with you some great news regarding what has traditionally been our Boystown show in May. We are calling it the Gateway Classic Benefit Horse Show in 2011. And, I'm excited to announce that the weekend show has been approved by the AQHA as a 2 x 4 show, which means that we'll have a traditional split combined show, with 2 judges, on Thursday/Friday. Then, on the weekend, we'll actually have 4 judges in the pen at the same time. So, you can show to 6 judges and obtain 6 sets of points in just 4 days. In this day and age, when we are all trying to get the most bang for our buck, this format will really help. And, not only is this show MQHA approved, but the Illinois Quarter Horse Association also has approved it as an Illinois sanctioned event. **SO, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR MAY 12-15, 2011!**

On top of all that, the Lil Abe Circuit in Gordyville is set the following weekend in Gordyville, Illinois. As I understand it, they are planning double judged shows on both Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22. Those shows, in turn, are Missouri sanctioned as well. So, literally, if you hit both circuits, you can show to 10 judges in 11 days. As an accommodation to those exhibitors who want to attend both circuits, the Gordyville folks have set it up so that people can move in up there on May 17—the Tuesday before their shows begin.

While you have your calendar out, be sure to mark off the dates of our annual convention at Tan-Tar-A at the Lake of the Ozarks. We are set for **February 4-6, 2011.** The kids are already planning their annual Friday night bowling party, and my kids are already talking about how much fun they are going to have with their friends at Tan-Tar-A's indoor water park. Don't panic, there is little or no chance that you will see me anywhere near the water park. I find that the glare off of my white legs tends to scare small children.

Finally, let me close by reminding you that if you have any interest in becoming an AQHA director from Missouri, you need to contact Diane Paul immediately to obtain an application packet. There are two openings this year, so if this is a commitment that you are willing to make, please get going on your applications as soon as possible.

Thanks for listening. Until next month.

Sincerely,  
Mike Murphy  
MQHA President