



# Preserve Our Trails

AERC Convention 2010

February 19 & 20, 2010  
Grand Sierra Resort & Casino  
Reno, Nevada

## Convention Overview

**Trade Show.** Vendors from across the country will display and sell their products. Find all the latest and greatest innovations for endurance riders Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday until 5:00 p.m. Don't miss the fabulous bargains and great variety, all at the Grand Sierra's Silver State Pavilion.

**Speaker Seminars.** It takes drive and ingenuity to keep riding trails open. This year's convention was designed to get AERC members up to speed on the state of trails in 2010. Leading experts in horse health will be presenting additional seminars which you'll want to be part of. Bold listings on the next page indicate seminar speakers; topics and biographical sketches of the speakers are found later in this brochure. Sign up for the seminars on the form in the center of this brochure.

**Hot Topics Workshops.** John Parke will lead two early-morning open forums. Both sessions will focus on two topics: trail funding and reducing post-ride evaluation time to 30-minutes (see rule 6.2.1.1). Bring your concerns and be ready for thought-provoking discussions.

**National Awards Banquet.** AERC's top riders and equines for the 2009 season will be honored at Saturday's banquet. Also recognized will be the Hall of Fame, Pard'ners, and Volunteer Service award recipients, and equines who have reached 5000+ endurance miles. Don't miss this special evening.

**Regional Awards.** Winners of regional mileage, points, and best condition awards for endurance and limited distance will be celebrated and acknowledged at a ceremony/reception on Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come and celebrate!

**Friday Night Concert & Dance.** Renowned cowboy singer Dave Stamey will present a concert, followed by an opportunity to kick up your heels with DJ Mike J (Jaffe). Friday's dance party is always a convention highlight! Tickets are \$10.

**Junior Activities.** All junior riders are welcome to participate in special activities just for juniors. Visit the AERC Junior convention booth for details.

**Raffles.** The popular AERC raffle drawings take place during trade show hours (tickets: \$1 each). Drop your tickets in the regional or national buckets lining the raffle stage. You are invited to bring a prize to donate to the raffle!

**Tack Swap.** Bring your surplus tack to sell—our tack swappers will take care of all the details. Ten percent of the purchase price is a donation to AERC. Don't miss this busy booth!

**General Session.** This open forum meeting, held Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until noon, offers members an opportunity to speak directly with AERC board members. Come and express your views on the direction of the organization and the sport of endurance riding. Election of officers by the AERC Board of Directors will also take place during this session.

**International Information.** A full schedule of AERC-I meetings is set for Sunday, February 21. More information and a schedule will be available in *Endurance News* in February.

**Committee Meetings.** Many AERC committees meet on the weekend of the convention. Committee meeting times will be posted at the convention.

# AERC Speaker Seminars

## Friday, February 19, 2010

### **“Recent Advances in Equine Nutrition”**

**Joe Pagan, PhD**



This presentation will cover a wide range of topics related to the nutrition of the endurance horse including gut health, energy sources for exercise, advancements in vitamin and mineral nutrition and metabolic problems related to feeding. Dr. Pagan received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University. He formed Kentucky Equine Research (KER) in 1988 to be an international research, consulting and product development firm dealing in the areas of equine nutrition and sports medicine. KER served as equine nutrition consultants for the last four Olympic Games and is the official equine nutritionist of USEF.

### **“A New Look at Colic in Horses”**

**Jim Moore, DVM**



This seminar will use state-of-the-art three-dimensional models and animations to help you understand your horse's gastrointestinal tract and colic. You will learn some of the anatomical features that result in common causes of colic, as well as have a better idea about the steps your veterinarian takes to make a diagnosis. Dr. Moore is a Distinguished Research Professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia. He has been teaching vet students at Georgia for 30 years, and has served on the organizing committee for the International Equine Colic Research Symposia.

### **“Developing and Sustaining Relationships with Land Managers”**

**Rick Potts**



Rick Potts will make a second presentation, on land manager relations. At the NPS, he oversees the National Trails System, Wild & Scenic Rivers System, and the community partner-based Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program. Rick and his wife Meridith have enjoyed thousands of hours in the saddle pulling their string of pack mules along wilderness trails for recreation and in support of volunteer trail maintenance projects.

### **“Unraveling the Mysteries of Tying-Up in Horses”**

**Stephanie Valberg, DVM, PhD**



Tying-up in horses is an extremely painful condition that now appears to have several causes. This seminar will describe the signs to watch for when horses start to tie up, describe the genetic, nutritional or environmental basis for various forms of tying-up and ways to treat and manage horses predisposed to specific forms of tying-up. Stephanie Valberg is Professor and Director of the University of Minnesota Equine Center in St. Paul. She is a Board Certified internal medicine clinician whose research into muscular diseases in horses has been internationally recognized. Dr. Valberg is a frequent speaker at national and international veterinary, nutrition and genetic conferences.

## Saturday, February 20, 2010

### **“Trails—Connecting People to the Land and America's Heritage”**

**Rick Potts**



Rick Potts currently serves as Chief of the Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division of the National Park Service, in Washington, DC. In this role he oversees five national programs, including the National Trails System. He holds a B.S. in Animal Science and an M.S. in Animal Nutrition/Wildlife Management, and has more than 30 years experience in land and natural resources management. Mr. Potts' career spans a wide geographic area including the Appalachian Mountains of Pennsylvania and Virginia, Alaska, Hawaii, and western Montana. He is an active trails enthusiast and a veteran horseman, active in support of volunteer trail maintenance projects.

### **“Planning Successful Grassroots Trail Efforts”**

**Mary Hanson**



National Park Service Horse Trails Specialist Mary Hanson will cover how to organize and be an advocate to save the trails where you ride and compete. The session will include a presentation and discussion on saving trails and open space. Ms. Hanson has a Masters in Community Planning and has been with the National Park Service for more than 10 years. She is the co-author of “Getting Organized: Creating an Equestrian Trails Organization.” Ms. Hanson owns Morgan horses and competes in combined driving events. She and her husband also trail ride for fun.

### **“AERC's Research Summit Update”**

**Hal Schott, DVM, and**

**Olin Balch, DVM, PhD**



Hal Schott, DVM



Olin Balch, DVM

The two-day AERC Research Summit in August 2009 provided a wealth of information and led to planning for future research. Dr. Hal Schott and Dr. Olin Balch will present a summary of the Research Summit findings and expectations for further studies. Dr. Schott is a professor of equine internal medicine at Washington State University. Dr. Balch, chairman of the Research Committee, practices at the Cascade Veterinary Clinic in Cascade, Idaho.

### **Hot Topics Workshops**

**Moderated by John Parke**

**Friday & Saturday mornings,**

**7:30-9:00 a.m.**

Free to all convention-goers, both sessions will focus on (1) trail funding and (2) AERC rule 6.2.1.1 and the possibility of reducing the post-ride evaluation time to 30 minutes. Wake up early to attend, listen, and share your opinions at these lively workshops.

# 2010 Convention Schedule

Please check hotel reader boards for last-minute changes. • Seminars requiring tickets are listed in bold.

## Thursday, February 18

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. .... Veterinary Continuing Education  
 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. .... Early Registration  
 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. .... AERC Board of Directors Meeting

## Friday, February 19

7:00 a.m. .... AERC Registration Desk Open  
 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. .... Hot Topics I, led by John Parke  
 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. .... Trade Show Open  
 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. .... *Joe Pagan, PhD*  
**“Recent Advances in Equine Nutrition”**  
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. .... *Jim Moore, DVM*  
**“A New Look at Colic in Horses”**  
 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. .... *Rick Potts*  
**“Developing and Sustaining Relationships  
 with Land Managers”**  
 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. .... *Stephanie Valberg, DVM, PhD*  
**“Unraveling the Mysteries of Tying-Up in Horses”**  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. . Regional Awards Ceremony & Reception  
 8:00 p.m. - Midnight ..... Friday Night Concert & Dance (\$10)

## Saturday, February 20

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. .... Hot Topics II, led by John Parke  
 7:30 a.m. .... AERC Registration Desk Open  
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. .... Trade Show Open  
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. .... *Rick Potts*  
**“Trails—Connecting People to the Land  
 and America’s Heritage”**  
 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. .... General Session  
 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. .... *Mary Hanson*  
**“Planning Successful Grassroots Trail Efforts”**  
 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. .... *Hal Schott, DVM, &  
 Olin Balch, DVM, PhD*  
**“AERC’s Research Summit Update”**  
 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. .... AERC National Awards Banquet

## Sunday, February 21

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. .... AERC Board of Directors Meeting  
 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. .... USEF Committee Meetings

**For hotel reservations, contact the**



2500 E. Second Street, Reno, NV 89595

**800-648-5080**

Be sure to request the AERC group rate

**Grand Sierra Guest Rooms (single/double): \$69.00 per night**

**Luxury Summit Suites: \$90.00 per night**

*Additional person beyond two per room: \$20.00 per night  
 (plus applicable taxes)*



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**Three ways to register:** **Mail:** AERC, P.O. Box 6027 Auburn, CA 95604 **Fax:** 530-823-7805 Visa or Mastercard **Phone:** 866-271-AERC Visa or Mastercard

Early registration guarantees seating at Speaker Seminars and ticket availability for the National Awards Banquet. In order for your registration to be processed prior to the convention, this form must be received by AERC on or before February 5, 2010. All registrations received after that date will be processed at the on-site rate. Cancellations received after February 5, 2010, will be assessed \$10. Absolutely no refunds for no-shows!

On-site registration and packet pick-up: Thursday evening 4:00-7:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. at the AERC Registration Desk.

## 1. Registration Information

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## 2. Registration Fees

<b>Speaker Seminars - FRIDAY</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Single	( )	\$45 (\$55 for on-site registration)	\$ _____
Additional Family Members	( )	\$25 each (\$35 for on-site registration)	\$ _____

<b>Speaker Seminars - SATURDAY</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Single	( )	\$45 (\$55 for on-site registration)	\$ _____
Additional Family Members	( )	\$25 each (\$35 for on-site registration)	\$ _____

### Other Activities

National Awards Banquet	( )	\$40 per person (\$20 children under 12)	\$ _____
AERC Raffle Tickets	( )	\$1 each	\$ _____
Friday Night Concert & Dance	( )	\$10 per person	\$ _____

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Method of Payment

Payment Enclosed (Please make check payable to AERC; U.S. funds only).  VISA  Mastercard

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