

What's New at the Stables?



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Our 2nd International Saddlebred Hall of Fame 2017 was held at the stable in conjunction with celebrating the 130th anniversary of the building of the stable. Jim Simmons, Glenda Pugh, and Don Harris were inducted this year. We inducted Tom Bass, posthumously at the event. Attendees traveled from six states outside of Missouri to attend the gala.
- ◆ A French drain was installed at the north end of the stable to divert water away from the building.
- ◆ Eight stall fronts were completed on the east and west side of the building. Thousands of lights were hung on the posts and beams to decorate the interior of the stable and to provide lighting.
- ◆ The historic courthouse flagpole will be installed on the southwest corner of the barn. Individuals/groups may purchase three different sizes of the engraved pavers that will surround the flagpole.
- ◆ We are researching information to erect a historical sign honoring famous horse trainer Tom Bass. The sign will be located across the street from the original Tom Bass property.



IN LOVING MEMORIAM



JOHN "JACK" HOLVOET
1923—2017

The horse world lost one of its top horse photographers, John "Jack" Holvoet, on March 22 of this year. Jack served as the official photographer at horse shows and state fairs throughout the nation. Jack worked the State Fairs in Illinois, Minnesota, and Iowa from 1961 to 1991. Other major shows he worked for years included, the American Royal in Kansas City, the Tulsa Charity in Oklahoma, and The World Cup for the Morgan Breed in Maine. He retired in the early 1990's.

He was honored & inducted into the Iowa Horseman's Hall of Fame in 1997 due to his many contributions to the horse industry. Jack and his lifelong friend, Bob Lue, attended several of our Barn BQ's here at the stable. Jack was 94yrs old at the time of his passing. Our condolences to his family and horse-world friends.



HOWARD TOALSON
1930—2017

Howard was a lifelong resident of the Central Missouri area, graduating from Mexico High School and attending the University of Missouri, Columbia. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. He owned several antique cars, and enjoyed gardening, fishing, and hunting. Howard was an aircraft and flying enthusiast and collected art and antiques. Howard gifted us with many historical photos that were of major significance to the barn's history and horse industry. The Toalson family were photographers and captured some of the most historically significant photos of Audrain County that exist. A studio fire nearly destroyed all of the photos but the images that remained, Howard graciously shared with Mexico residents. He is interred at Elmwood Cemetery in Mexico MO. We will miss his smile and remarkable town knowledge.

Our condolences to Howard's family and friends.

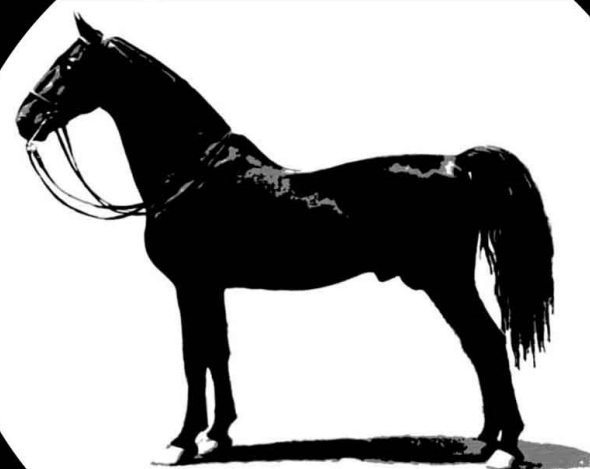
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Thank you for joining us today at the Barn.

We warmly welcome you to our **15th ANNUAL AUCTION & BARN-B-Q**

MEXICO, MISSOURI



SIMMONS' STABLES PRESERVATION

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Barbeque Pork Steak, Sides and Homemade Pies

Lunch served at 12:30 with Auction to follow

All proceeds today benefit the International Saddlebred Hall of Fame
to preserve & rebuild the Big Barn on the Boulevard.



The Menu

BBQ Featured: Pork steaks grilled by Steinman's

Sides: Baked beans, slaw & homemade rolls

Desserts: Variety of homemade pies

Beverages: Various soda and bottled water



Proposed Officers & Board Members

- ♦ **Co-Presidents**.....Bobette Balser Wilson & Mary White Littrell
- ♦ **Vice-President**.....Ann Stubblefield
- ♦ **Secretary**.....vacant position
- ♦ **Treasurer**.....Joan Volkmer
- ♦ **Proposed Board Members:** Joan Volkmer, Delores Groves, Mary White-Littrell
- ♦ **Returning Board Members:** (1yr terms)...Ann Stubblefield and Bobette Balser Wilson (2yr terms)...Gene Potter, Martin Jones & Morgan
- ♦ **Graphic Artists:** ...Martin Jones & Laura Mackey

A short business meeting will be held during the meal, special guests will be honored, then our live auction will begin.



2017 Community Support

TOURS

We have enjoyed touring groups this year. Thank you to Lionheart Riding Academy, Columbia; Sweet & Salties, Columbia; Brenda Brenner Stables Summer Campers, Columbia; Anderson Equestrian Stables, Fulton; P.E.O. IO, Mexico; Reunion classes of 1967 and 1972.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22-Walk Back in Time Education Day-stable will be open for student tours. September 23- Walk Back in Time- William Woods Equestrian Program will be bringing horses to Show at 10am and 3pm. Historical Barn Tour at 11am Oct. 7, 21, 28- Weddings at the Stables

Special thanks to Robin Barker for her decorations, Martin Jones for the ticket design, Laura Mackey for the program design, and Lori Pratt for the flyers.

2017 Honorees



HAROLD ENSLEN

Harold is a long time member of Simmons' Stables Preservation Fund and has volunteered in many capacities to support the organization over the past 15 years. He has provided wisdom, positive support, and has been a champion of the project. Harold is always ready to help and does not let his physical limitations or age keep him from physical labor. If he sees trash or a tree limb down he picks it up and throws it in his truck. When our group tore down the Hook Barn, Harold was there with his cane, hammer, and crowbar to tear off boards from the barn. He came thru unscathed other than a bout of poison oak. At all our events he provides the invocation. He is a great example for all of us to follow- always willing to chip in and help with no excuses. We have so very much appreciated his support as he has been a great resource and ambassador- for which we are forever grateful.



MARTIN JONES

Martin Jones began as a photographer with the organization in its early years and soon became a board member. Marty successfully wrote the NAP (Neighborhood Assistance Program) grant which awarded Simmons' Stables Preservation Fund \$350,000 in Missouri state tax credits, generating \$500,000 for the organization. Marty was also involved in the record keeping and selling of the tax credits. He also co-wrote the Save America's Treasures grant which generated \$250,000 for the organization. Marty has also written other grants, designed newsletters and provided his artistic skills by designing tickets, flyers, Christmas ornaments, postcards, and character acting in our Historic Elmwood Cemetery Tours. Marty has attended State preservation meetings sharing information about our preservation efforts. We are fortunate to have such a talented member who shares his artistic and literary talents to preserve this significant piece of history.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our missions is to preserve the historical significance and physical integrity of: to offer for community use; and to present Simmons' Stables-a nationally significant historic site- to current and future generations that Mexico, Missouri was known as the "Saddlehorse Capital of the World".



Mike Groves and Richard Henke are our esteemed Auctioneers today.

Thank you!!

