

2014 AHA Convention. Marriott Tech Center, Denver, Colo.
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My 10th Convention offered renewed friendships, familiar faces, excellent forums and committee meetings, this convention ranks above the last nine. As always scheduling makes it impossible to attend all the committee meetings you would like.

I was able to attend the Sporthorse, Dressage, In Hand Breeding, equine stress and the Amateur committees. Sporthorse is still busy trying to define a Arabian Sporthorse. It seems to be a work in progress. These committees all work hard for the Arabian horse. If you have concerns or want to be a part of the process, I highly recommend you join these committees online at AHA. much of the discussions are done through out the year online, so even if you are unable to attend convention your concerns will be heard. Please reach out to your delegates concerning upcoming resolutions before the current convention, so delegates are aware of the club members opinions and concerns and can address it.

President Cynthia Richardson appointed 2 AD Hoc committees 1.) to look into the scoring system 2.) to look at the structure of our regions. Three club charters were revoked and one club disbanded out of a possible 12 clubs. AHA recognized 614 Events in 2014.

Annual registrations are declining. Registrations are up 9% this year, Membership is at a steady decline, hopefully coming back.

Keynote speaker was Scott Trees. Scott gave a very inspirational speech about what the Arabian horse has given him and continues to give. Talented video and digital world photographer who has won Numerous Awards. Scott Grew up in Colo. Started in Saddlebreds introduced to Arabians by Bru Betts. Many wonderful stories of the early days of Arabian Horse shows. Scott believes that the fun is disappearing from our shows, yet the Arabian horse has opened doors like none other, the spirit of the Arabian horse has never changed. The Arabian horse is the financial envy of all other breeds. It is up to the Arabian Horse Community to provide information to the public. The Arabian Horse Changes people in many ways. Our competition in sales is not other breeds but other sports. Outreach is the responsibility of the Arabian Owner...not your club. Once a week share your passion of the Arabian Horse. The AMER. HORSE COUNCIL tells us, mothers choose their child's sports. Great outreach! Sell the lifestyle to all you can. Learn to ride: those who lesson on Arabians usually stay in that breed. Lessons are a Great resale for horses.

The Arabian Horseman's Distress Fund,Started in 2005 by Mary Towbridge, has dispersed 1.5 million. Region 10 donated \$1000. For Doug Peterson & Todd Olson. MAHA. Donated \$100.00. In Memory of Mary & Bob TAYLOR. For a grand total of \$21,000.00 In donations that day.

VOLUNTEER LEVEL AWARDS: Region 10 Kara Laventure & Toni Marie O'Daniel LAURA Mickelson out going region 10 director officially passed the torch to incoming Region 10 Director Chuck Rickart. Thank you Laura Region 10 and the Arabian Horse

has been blessed to have you work so tirelessly for us. We are in great hands with Chuck and look forward to the future.

Region 10's own Nancy Miller was awarded an AHA Volunteer Award,so well deserved.

As of Saturday morning 268 of 428 possible delegates were credentialed.

LAURA Mickelson celebrated her 33rd year at convention Dorothy Fischer was the longest attending delegate with 45 years. I believe Dr. Carlton Hewett would have celebrated 50 + but his health kept him home. We all missed him.

It is such a privilege to represent MAHA and its members at AHA. Thank you for entrusting me to do my best for you and our beloved Arabian Horse.

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