



Newsletter

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## Presidents Message: *KAFHS 2008:*

Truitt Clements  
Union County Fair

Welcome: I would like to thank all that attended the Spring Meeting at Kentucky Dam Village. I also would like to thank the Union County Fair Board for cooking & hosting the cookout on Saturday. Thanks go to Rodman, Roy, Ray, Keith, & Penny for doing the cooking. Al, with great hospitality. You are the savior!!! Great place to meet & find out what is happening. Chicken salad went fast. Sat. meetings in the Lodge lasted about 2 hours. Preteen committee had it together & met via teleconference, very impressive. Lunch menu was pork burgers, chicken breast, and Rodman's famous hot wings. After a short business meeting, we all loaded onto a House boat for a 2 hour cruise. Water was rough, just ask Stewart. But we got back & were not stranded on an island. Nightly entertainment, the band played until 11:30 & the next door wedding reception was visitors to our group.

My big thing is "Youth on your fair Board." Give them a chance & let them make their own mistakes, for we did. It does not have to be perfect; no one knows the difference except you. Let them make the mistakes we all made. It may work now. "Whom" is going to run your fair when you get tired and sick & tooooooo old to clean the barn & close the carnival at 12pm. Park all those cars & take all the entries for that horse show???? "Don't try to make it hard." KISS. Thanks to Billy House.

## Spring KAFHS Meeting Agenda



**A sporting highlight is "Tiger" Clements practicing his putting style at the Land between the Lakes Golf Course. His form is questionable - to embarrassing. The PGA tour is safe for another year.**



**Spring meeting attendees having an evening out at “Patties”. Food & atmosphere was great. Fun was had by all.**

### **IAFE Zone III meeting**

The meeting was held the weekend of February 29 and March 1. KAFHS attendees were Gib Gosser, Truitt Clements, Linda Crace, and Al Smith. Meetings were held on topics ranging from Technology issues to Magic Acts. KAFHS attendees socialized with Fair & Exposition managers from 7 states and Canada. KAFHS was a sponsor for one of the brunches between sessions. The meeting was a very informative and information sharing meeting. What I personally gained from the meeting was that the same issues prevalent at the local level Fair are present at the State Shows. This was an interesting point that I observed. All in attendance enjoyed the various sessions and entertainment, especially the Pumpers Convention at the Fair & Exposition Center. I now have a new respect for this necessary business.

IAFE is initials for International Association of Fairs and Expositions. Our association is a member of this organization.



FRANKFORT, Ky. — Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer applauded the Kentucky General Assembly on final passage of legislation that will make amusement rides safer in Kentucky.

The state Senate concurred with a substitute bill from a House of Representatives committee and passed Senate Bill 203 on Tuesday night by a 37-0 vote. The House passed the measure 98-0 on March 27. The bill now goes to Governor Steve Beshear for his signature. “I want to thank the members of the General Assembly for the time and effort they put into this legislation,” Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer said. “This bipartisan bill strengthens the state laws on amusement ride safety.” Senate Bill 203 requires ride owners to inspect rides before opening to the public each day and prohibits anyone under 18 from operating a ride. It requires ride owners to notify the Department

within 12 hours of an accident that results in death, injury requiring medical treatment other than first aid, or damage to a ride that renders it unsafe. It permits the Department to issue subpoenas in a ride accident investigation and establish civil penalties of up to \$10,000, up from the current maximum of \$1,000.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is required by state law to inspect every amusement ride or attraction that operates in the state at least once a year and investigate serious ride accidents. Kentucky currently has eight full-time inspectors to conduct about 10,000 inspections a year.

For further information contact: Bill Clary (502).564.4696



**Green County Fair** will be sponsoring and hosting the Opening Reception at the Kentucky State Fair August 14. KAFHS Little Miss and Mister Pageant is the afternoon of the opening day. Please make your plans to attend the festivities and enjoy our State Fair.

The hotels that we (the Association) have business with are changing in ownership and in existence. The Executive West (Fall meeting and Pageants) will soon become a Crowne Plaza Hotel. Unfortunately, this will cause the rates to change upward. The removal of the Executive Inn is also on tap for the State Fair surrounding area. A new hotel is to be constructed where the KYTC District Office now resides. This should be under construction later in 2008. Cardinal Stadium will then be removed or retrofitted. In 2010, the Kentucky State Fair anticipates opening a 20,000 seat amphitheater in the stadiums location.

## Officers for 2008

**President:** Truitt Clements, Union County Fair.

**President elect:** Bill Asbury, Germantown Fair –  
Mason County.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Dudley Hay, Clinton County.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Patricia Parrish,  
Murray – Calloway County Fair.

**Secretary Treasurer:** Gib Gosser, Pulaski Cnty Fair.

### **Zone 1 Directors:**

Bruce Jones, Hopkins County Fair.

Alvin Smith, Southern Ky Fair.

David Pace, Meade County Fair.

### **Zone 2 Directors:**

Howard Moore, Green County Fair.

Greg Thomas, Adair County Fair.

Jimmy England, Hart County Fair.

### **Zone 3 Directors:**

Mike Poynter, Lincoln County Fair.

Ron Burcham, Boone County Fair.

Linda Crace, Garrard County Fair.

**Sgt. Of Arms:** Billy House, Union County Fair.

### **Associate Members Representative:**

Jackie Burden, B & M Motorsports.

**Legal Counsel:** David Webb, Lawrenceburg Fair &  
Horse Show.

Who has the skis? The other question  
Terry might be asking is: who has the  
life jackets? Who is first in the water?



### Highlights of Board Meeting Minutes: May 17, 2008

Mostly, it was 'no reports' from a vast majority of Committee's. Horse Show committee had some Issues with ads placed in the Green book. An offer is to hopefully amend these issues. Green book statement error was discussed for Franklin Cnty. Mailing of correction is to resolve this issue. Showcase: requested a dance floor for post auction At convention. Add Phil Nichols to this committee. New Business: Outstanding Young Farmer program Requested & Board approved a donation of \$500. Subject to review. Commissioner of Agri. Requested KAFHS to sponsor a portion of South Region Conf. Donation of \$3000 to this project was approved. Recognition of the passing of Monford Greer & Gary Raft. Meeting adjourned.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2008 KENTUCKY STATE FAIR

AUGUST 14 - 24, 2008

EXECUTIVE WEST HOTEL

LOUISVILLE, KY

LITTLE MISS & MISTER PAGEANT

OPENING CEREMONIES OF FAIR

### 2009 KAFHS CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW

JANUARY 8 - 11, 2009

GALT HOUSE HOTEL

LOUISVILLE, KY

MISS KENTUCKY COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT

### 2008 FALL MEETING KAFHS

OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2008

EXECUTIVE WEST HOTEL

LOUISVILLE, KY

MISS PRE-TEEN & MISS TEEN PAGEANTS

### A Person to Remember:

**Monford Greer**, the 1985 Ky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows President, of Mt. Sterling, Ky, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. This longtime exhibitor of Roadster Horses & Ponies was a board member of the old Montgomery County Fair & Horse Show.

He was a native of Montgomery County, a member of the Church of God, a tool & die maker at Toyota Manufacturing, a Past President of the KAFHS, former Montgomery County Commissioner, and a member of the American Road Horse & Pony Association. He had many hobbies, enjoyed his family & friends, & was active in the community. He was to retire in July of 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Betsy Browning Greer of Mr. Sterling; a son, Gary (Martha) Greer of Mr. Sterling; brother, Paul Greer of Arizona; sister, Judy Crockett of Mt. Sterling; two grandchildren, Sean & Tyson Greer & a beloved pet, Jane.

Services were held May 6 at the Taul Funeral Home Chapel with burial following in Machpelah Cemetery. Donations suggested to the American Heart Association.



All Aboard! Ship is sailing on a 2 hour cruise. Hot Tub malfunctioned. All navigation and life jackets were on board. All had a great time out on the Lake. Captain Gib was the designated driver, with Truitt the co-pilot. No one would water ski.



Spring committee meetings were very exciting and relaxing. The watery atmosphere of the boat ride was very conducive to generating the basis for a very dynamic & fruitful fair season. All those present were truly appreciative of the hospitality provided by Truitt and the Union County Fair folks. Thanks are in order. Al



Photo's provided by above Associate  
[www.BluegrassHorseman.com](http://www.BluegrassHorseman.com)  
And Greg Thomas

Historical Birthday's for June:  
Jefferson Finis Davis - June 3, 1808  
Fairview, Ky.

Please, feel free to forward.