



December 2005 Newsletter

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Reports from our December clinic with Bob Skradzio were very positive. Bob put on a great show and everyone learned something valuable from the man who's been shoein' for 63 years! Although it was windy and cold, Abner Hershberger kept the wood stove and the coal forge going in his shop to keep us warm. We had a feast fit for a king and we welcomed some new members and made some friends. The DFA would like to thank Abner Hershberger and his friends and family for extending their superb Amish hospitality and fine cuisine. Also thanks again to Suzi Bloomer for her venison chili and bringing along her portable kitchen (horse trailer which doubles as a catering rig). Well all we had such a good time that Abner invited us to come back—which bring us to our next scheduled event.

Saturday, January 7th, 2006
Hammer-in at Abner Hershberger's Shop with Reuben King, CJF

Now anybody who knows Reuben King will tell you that he gets all excited when somebody talks about "makin' hand made shoes." As a competitor Reuben has won the open division in the PFFA forging competition for the past 3 years. So we figured we would ask him to spend a day with the DFA and give us all some hands on pointers about hammer control, shoe making, and shoe modifications.

There will also be a brief membership meeting to discuss future DFA clinics. The board of directors wants your input and suggestions. This is your chance to bring your ideas up for discussion.

9:00am till dark January 7, 2006
Cost—FREE for DFA members.
Dunkin Doughnuts for breakfast and pizza for lunch.

Abner Hershberger's Shop
947 Apple Grove School Road
Camden Wyoming, DE 19934

Directions: From locations North or South of Dover, follow RT-13 to Camden, DE. Camden is just a few miles south of the center of Dover.

- Turn WEST on E Camden Wyoming Ave [DE-10]
- Continue straight through all intersections—road becomes W Camden Wyoming Avenue. Cross the RR tracks and the road ends at a "T".

- At the "T" turn right on N. Railroad Avenue then take the first LEFT on Grant Street.
- Grant Street becomes Allabands Mill Road
- Turn Right on Apple Grove School Road.
- Abner's shop is on the LEFT

From Annapolis and the Bay Bridge or other areas west of Dover, DE follow RT-301 North to Barclay, MD (about 40 miles from the Bay Bridge).

- Turn RIGHT on Barclay Road [MD-302]
- Go about 9 miles and turn RIGHT on Marydel Road [MD-454]
- Go about 11 miles. As it crosses into Delaware, MD-454 becomes Delaware RT-8.
- Turn RIGHT onto Rose Valley School Road.
- Turn RIGHT on Hazletville Road.
- Turn LEFT onto Apple Grove School Road.
- Abner's shop is on the RIGHT.

If you get lost and need directions while driving to the clinic, call Tom Bloomer's cell phone at (302) 222-6404

**DFA Hoof Dissection and Anatomy Clinic
Saturday March 18, 2006**

This is a hands on wet lab with **Mitch Taylor, CJF—director of the Kentucky Horseshoeing School.**

This is your opportunity to take a guided tour of the inside of the horses hoof and lower limb. Mitch Taylor is a well known expert on the anatomy of the lower limb and hoof. This size of the clinic is limited to 20 people so if you want to attend be sure to sign up early. Each participant will be provided with a hoof cadaver to dissect during the clinic. The registration deadline is March 1st, 2006.

Clinic cost: \$50 for DFA members - \$100 for non-members. Location—D&M Training Stables in Bridgeville, DE.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. To register for this clinic you must send in a check to the DFA for \$50 (DFA Members) or \$100 for non-members. Registration is on a first come first served basis. This clinic will sell out, so send in your registration fee ASAP. Make your check payable to DFA and write HOOF CLINIC in the memo. The January newsletter will have more details on this and other future DFA events.