



### **Looking Forward to 2016**

Stay tuned for updates on the 2016 show dates and locations as well as new board members. Be sure to like check our website and like us on our Facebook page for the most current information. KPHA also encourages you to look at the proposed APHA rule changes on the APHA website. Please send any concerns and or comments you may have to our KS National Directors, Sheri Grinstead and Stacie Lundquist, before the 2016 APHA Convention February 26-29, to be held in Richmond, VA.

### **4 ways to make a big impression on a small budget**

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With show season winding down, many riders are taking stock of their budgets and priorities in preparation for their moments in the spotlight next year. In the October 2015 issue of the Paint Horse Journal, longtime APHA members shared their best tips and tricks to make the most out of a limited budget. Check out their advice to learn how to get the most bang for your buck.

- Map out your priorities. Deciding where to spend your money—maybe on training or lessons, or attending one major show vs. several smaller ones—is one important piece of the puzzle. Picking a goal before the show season helps you to strategically utilize your budget.
- DIY it. Barn snack tables and potluck dinners divided among show participants are a great way to cut down on trips to the concession stand.
- Take advantage of deals. Some shows offer special deals that allow exhibitors to pay for one division and cross enter into the Open division for free, for instance. Others have flat rate entry fees, free or discounted fees for new exhibitors and more.
- Take stock of your horse situation. Families with multiple riders might be able to share a single horse, but that doesn't work for every situation. If a new horse is out of your budget, consider utilizing APHA's new show lease program. For more information on leasing, check out "Pony Up" in the March 2015 issue of the Paint Horse Journal.

### **Winter Safety**

Whether you are pulling a horse trailer or not, safety on the roadways during winter time is always something to keep in mind. KPHA thought members might find the following app useful for the winter months.

Winter Survival Kit - NDSU Extension Service - [www.ag.ndsu.edu/extension](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/extension)

The Winter Survival Kit smartphone app can be as critical as a physical winter survival kit if you find yourself stuck or stranded in severe winter weather conditions. Winter Survival Kit will help you find your current location, call 911, notify your friends and family, calculate how long you can run your engine to keep warm and stay safe from carbon monoxide poisoning. The app is available for free on Google Play and the iTunes App Store.

You can use the Winter Survival Kit app to store important phone and policy numbers for insurance or roadside assistance. You also can designate emergency contacts you want to alert when you become stranded. If you become stranded, the Winter Survival Kit app will help you determine your geographic location and contact emergency services. The app's "gas calculator" will help you estimate how long you can run your engine on your remaining fuel.

Winter Survival Kit will alert you every 30 minutes to remind you to periodically turn off your engine and to check your exhaust pipe for snow buildup. These alerts are critical in helping you avoid deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

Winter Survival Kit also provides NDSU Extension Service information on how to put together a physical winter survival kit and prepare your vehicle for winter driving, and how to stay safe when stranded in a winter storm.

The app was developed by NDSU Extension Service and Myriad Devices, and funded with USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Smith-Lever Special Needs grants.

### **Celebrating our Past, Planning our Future**

The 2015 KPHA Annual Banquet and General Membership meeting was held November 21, 2015 in Salina, KS. Members gathered for a General Membership meeting, dinner and Awards Ceremony. More details to come in future newsletter. Congratulations to our division high point winners!

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