

## **Greater Kansas City Arabian Horse Association**

The Greater Kansas City Club will be sponsoring a clinic for Amateurs on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The clinic will be a two-day event, located in Raymore, MO, featuring:

- Mike Neal of Mike Neal Arabian Center
- Kevin Price of Cedar Ridge Arabians
- Jody Strand of Strands Arabians.

On Saturday, the 11th, the clinic will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost for Saturday will be \$15, which includes lunch, demonstrations/lectures from the trainers and a Q & A session with the trainers.

On Sunday, the clinic will begin at 9:00 am and will consist of group rides (no more than 5 participants) with the trainers. Anyone wishing to participate in the group rides must sign up with Colleen Scott. The fee for riders is \$75. The fee for auditing the group rides will be \$15 for GKC members and \$20 for non-members. Lunch will be provided for riders and auditors.

*For more information, contact Colleen Scott at (816) 578-5930*

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### **Clinician Biographies:**

#### **Mike Neal**

Mike Neal of Mike Neal Arabian Center, LLC has over 25 years of experience, including many Regional and National wins in halter and has twice been named the APAHA Halter Trainer of the Year. Mike tries to create a happy, healthy environment for his horses to learn. He teaches his amateurs how to train their horses so they understand how they are programmed, which makes it easier for them to be successful showing their horses. Mike says, "I hope people learn that there is a way to train their halter horse without beating him up. I also hope they learn that, with my 5-step theory, anyone with enough practice can train their own halter horse to stand up."

#### **Kevin Price**

Kevin Price of Cedar Ridge Arabians in Jordan, MN has simple training philosophies that have earned him numerous titles at U.S., Canadian and Youth Nationals as well as National Show Horse Finals. "My training philosophies are simple. I don't use any gimmicks. If I teach a horse a little bit every day, after a month, he/she has learned a lot." Kevin also keeps it simple with his amateurs. "I like to teach amateurs how to be riders, not just how to ride . . . I like them to know how to school their horses and how I got them a finished product. I don't have any secrets, and I am willing to share everything that I know with any individual. I still train Arabian horses because I truly love them."

#### **Jody Strand**

Jody Strand grew up on the Iowa Arabian horse farm he now owns in Toddville, Iowa, which is near Cedar Rapids. He's learned from some of the best Arabian horsemen in the country, including his father. Jody trains in many disciplines but is primarily known as a trainer of National Champion Western Pleasure horses. He is also skilled in the areas of Hunter Pleasure, English Pleasure and Driving. Jody holds a Level 1 judge's card, the highest level of judging one can achieve in the industry. He's been nominated twice for Male Western Trainer of the Year and recognized five times in the industry's "Totally Tops."