

## February Presidents Letter

Hi everyone,

We are still in the dead of winter here in the Eastern part of the state! I am hoping for a quick spring thaw. We had the opportunity to partake in the OCHA show the first weekend of Feb in Albany Or. I would like to thank Jess and the OCHA board for their wonderful hospitality. The Albany Fair Grounds are a wonderful facility. They have a tremendous amount of stalls, great parking with hookups and plenty of loping room. We had a great time! Jeff Sleeman, Brad Smith and myself also attended their board meeting, along with other area board members to discuss the upcoming NCHA Days. OCHA will host the show this year. And it will be held in Madras at the Norton Arena. The discussion ended with all the area affiliates to bump the added money for NCHA Days and make it a truly one of a kind area event for the season. I really feel that is going to have to be the direction of the future. More affiliates and clubs co-approving shows. It will give all of us an increased chance at more dollars earned, more competition and less cost as we start combining shows.

I am also excited to see that our Saddle Sponsorship committee is hard at work and already have several large donations towards 2009 saddles! Good Job! The website is a work in progress and everyday new things are added. Keep checking back, as this will be our sole way of reaching out to our members.

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