



Anvil Brand, in conjunction with the Land of Lincoln Horseshoers Association, would like invite you to join us at our annual 2-day winter clinic being held on Friday, February 14 and Saturday, February 15, 2020.

The clinic will be held at Anvil Brand in Lexington, IL and normally begins around 8:00am on both Friday and Saturday. This year's clinic will have Bud Willimon as the featured clinician.

There is not enough room on this flyer to feature everything that Bud has accomplished in his lifetime, so I will try to narrow it down to fit, but just know that I will not be doing enough justice to Bud and how much he has led this industry.

Bud developed an affinity to horses during his childhood and got hooked on horses when he attended a horse show at the Madison Square Garden in New York City while in the Navy. After his naval service he began grooming horses, but the low pay made him look for other options. When he was offered an apprenticeship with Robert New, the premier farrier at that time, he jumped at the chance and never looked back. Bud first made a name for himself in the South, and in the 1970's he moved to Kentucky and began his work within the Saddlebred industry. Bud's winsome personality, perfectionist approach, and honoring of his word were his trademarks; trainers all over learned they could count on Bud. That reputation led Bud to an invite to The Royal Windsor Horse Show, hosted by the Queen of England in the late 1970's; he was the official farrier for the exhibition of the Saddlebred breed.

In the early 1980's Bud visited South Africa, using his knowledge and teaching, led two farrier clinics while there. That trip was such a success, it led to many other trips and a connection between the farrier industries of South Africa and the United States.

Bud has owned and operated a multi-farrier business, trained farriers from around the world, co-owned the Kentucky Horseshoeing School and Kentucky Blacksmith Supply, started Anvil Brand Shoe Company with his dad, and currently, with his wife, owns a horse transportation company - Southern Venture, Inc.

Bud is well-known throughout the show horse industry for his work with Saddlebreds, Morgans, and Hackney ponies. He has shod many horses over his lifetime, including winners of numerous major competitions, along with many World Champions in numerous divisions. Bud continues to remain one of the most sought after farriers in the U.S.

Anybody who knows Bud agrees that he is one of the most beloved and respected persons of all time. He is hard working; is always willing to help anyone at anytime; goes above and beyond; takes pride in his work, and is a true gentleman. His talent is undeniable and his work ethic unparalleled.

Breakfast (coffee and donuts) and lunch will be provided free of charge to all attendees, but we do ask that you pre-register by Friday, February 7, 2020 so that we may get an accurate head count. As always, we will be offering special deals, raffles, and give-aways during these two days.

We look forward to seeing you then!!

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