



Happy Holidays, the season is upon us! Hope you all have had a great 2011 and that 2012 will be full of Good Tidings and Joy! Just a few updates to end the year off and help set some dates aside for 2012.

First off the 6th Annual conference is booked to take place Friday June 22 and Saturday June 23 at the Best Western LampLighter Inn, in London Ontario. This will be two full days of Conference activities with the Saturday afternoon portion to conclude at the famed Stanton Bros. Holsteins farm. We will send out early registration forms and agenda proceedings in the first part of the New Year when more details have been confirmed. Hope to see you all there!

The Hoof Supervisor Systems have been delivered and are up and running with 10 Trimmers taking part in the data collection for the Ontario Dairy Hoof Health Project. This Project has been well received and funded by the DFO, Grandview Concrete Grooving and AAC (Agriculture Adaptation Council). Victor Daniel has put forth huge efforts in getting this up and running and is the Lead Person of the Project. The Project is to wrap up September 2012 at which time data will be analyzed and published for circulation.

Fellow trimmer Peter Kudelka attended a Lameness Conference put on by the Atlantic Veterinary College in Charlottetown PEI. Upon his return he wrote an article of his learning's which has been posted on the OHTG website. As well, his article "When to Block, When to Wrap" has been recognised by Progressive Dairy and is to be published in their next edition.

If anyone has any suggestions or concerns regarding the upcoming Conference please do not hesitate to contact me anytime so that we can take them into consideration!

Wishing all Safe and Happy Holidays!

Doug Vaughan, Speaker of the Guild