



## John Simmons, Treasurer

I Bio - My name is John Simmons, I am presently the Region 8 Treasurer, and my lovely wife is Donna. I am a retired Police Officer, retiring at the rank of Captain, after serving 38 years in law enforcement. I have an Associate's Degree, and a Bachelor's Degree in the Administration of Criminal Justice.

I have been raising, breeding, and showing Arabian Horses for over 35 years. My wife and I own a small farm in Kearney, MO where we have bred one or two Arabian mares each year. We have actively shown our foals successfully at Class A Shows, Regional Shows, and at both the Canadian, and U.S. National Shows in Halter, Western Pleasure, and Hunter Pleasure.

I have been vigorously involved with the Eastern Kansas Arabian Horse Association (EKAHA) since 2001. I have been a member of the Board of Directors with EKAHA from 2003 to 2016, serving as Vice President 3 years and as President 3 years. I have been one of, and currently am, an EKAHA Delegate, and have served in that capacity since 2007. In 2004 I was honored to receive the Arabian Horse Association Club Level Volunteer Service Award and in 2015 I was privileged to receive the Arabian Horse Association Regional Level Volunteer Service Award.

I have been actively involved in multiple EKAHA activities, the MOKAN (Missouri/Kansas) Border Bonanza Show, a Region 8 and Region XI qualifying show, since 2010, and have served as the Co-Show/Barn Manager for the last three years.

I have also served as a Region 8 Show Commissioner since 2010 and was elected as the Region 8 Treasurer in November 2015, and began serving in that capacity November 2016.

I have enjoyed my involvements with the beautiful Arabian Horse, "God's Gift of Beauty and Grace from the Dessert," the Eastern Kansas Club, the MOKAN Show, and the Region 8 Show, for many years and look forward to my continuance service.