

Special Guest Caller at the Darke County Fair

By Cindy Austen

The Darke County Harness Horsemen would like to announce a special guest caller for this year's Gene Riegler Memorial. Roger "The Voice" Huston will be in the box calling all the excitement this year as a field of 8 vies for the winner's circle.

Roger has announced over 175,000 races in his career, covering at least 126 different tracks in 17 states and 7 countries-

Born and raised in [Xenia, Ohio](#), Huston grew up with a love of sports statistics. He learned race calling from his uncle, who called races at [Lebanon Raceway](#). He attended [Wilmington College](#), intending to become a teacher. He began announcing races at Ohio county fairs in 1960 and in 1965 he began announcing at [The Red Mile](#). 1967 was his first year announcing at the [Little Brown Jug](#) and he became the track's regular announcer in 1968, a position he still holds. In 1976, he began announcing at [The Meadows](#), where he also hosts The Meadows Racing Network.



The United States Harness Writers Association elected Huston to their Communicator's Hall of Fame in 2000 and awarded him their Proximity Award in 2011. The Keystone Chapter of the USHWA inducted Huston into their Hall of Fame in 2013 and he was elected to the [Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame](#) in 2000.

Please mark your calendars for August 23rd. and join us at the Great Darke County Fair as Roger calls the races. Please follow the link below to hear Roger call the 1993 Little Brown Jug which was won by Darke County's own Gene Riegler.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkLLHqVJ2UI>

The race schedule for 2018 is as follows:

Friday August 17th – post time 6:30 PM

Saturday Morning August 18th – post time 11:30 AM

Saturday Evening August 18th – post time 6:30 PM

Wednesday August 22nd – post time 7:30 PM

Thursday August 23rd – post time 5:30 PM