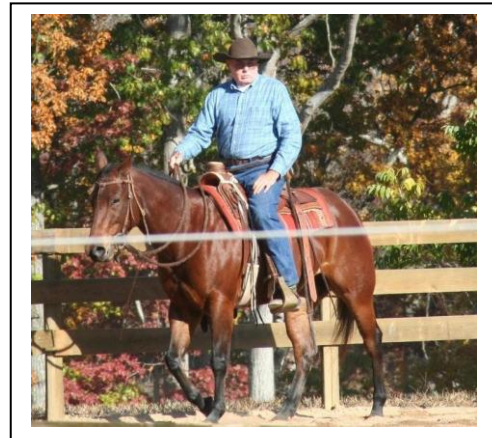


### **Vice-President External Activities: Jim Edwards - Laurens**

Jim and his wife, Anne, live in Laurens, SC. They have two sons (Reed & Todd) and a daughter (Suzanne) and a granddaughter. Jim graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Business Administration. After four years in the US Air Force, he earned his Juris Doctor degree from the USC Law School. He retired in 1964 after 17 years as Instructor/Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program at Piedmont Technical College. Prior to that position, he was engaged in private law practice for 15 years. Jim has served as an elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Clinton, SC. Jim



and his son, Reed, breed, raise, and train Quarter Horses on their farm in Laurens. Jim is an avid trail rider and student of various training methods. He also enjoys gardening. He is an active member of the Pendleton Area Saddle Club and rides extensively throughout SC and the Southeast with occasional packing/riding trips to the western states and Canada. In addition to representing District One on the Board for two years and serving as External Vice President this past year, Jim served as Chairman of the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference that was hosted by the SCHC in Charleston July 31-Aug 1, 2008. Jim assembled an excellent planning committee of talented & experienced people within the SCHC and from the state, federal, and local agencies who operate public trails in South Carolina. He led this high powered team and worked tirelessly over a period of 18 months, forming alliances with state & federal agencies to secure grants, obtaining national caliber speakers, negotiating hotel arrangements, working with past conference hosts, and the numerous other tasks associated with planning and executing an event of this size. This team's work culminated in the most successful SETC in history. It was well attended and executed and an event that all South Carolinians could take pride in. Jim presented the SCHC with \$16,000 from the proceeds of this project, which will further strengthen our organization. In addition to the work on the SETC, Jim meets regularly with state parks & other state & federal lands officials to address specific trails issues impacting trail riders. Jim has brought a quiet, strong leadership to the Horsemen's Council at a very critical time. We are extremely appreciative of his efforts and grateful for having him on the Board.