



Simon and I went to Conklin's National Conference last month, held in Louisville, Kentucky, it was our first time to that part of the USA, while there we took some time off to sight see.

At Churchill Downs (just 15mins from the hotel), it was 29f and breezy with dusting of snow, we spent a few hours in which we were given a tour, saw the twin towers and walked out on to the track. It was an experience for us after many years of watching the Kentucky Derby. (yes even broken finger was not stopping me)

With friends, we drove to [Kentucky Horse Park](#), north of Lexington. The weather continued to invite people to stay indoors but us hardy people from warm sunny California had other ideas. When we arrived at the Park, we found that we were one of two cars in the parking huge parking lot. You must visit their site but before you do get a beverage and snack, as there is much to read



Beside the main office is a statue of great racehorse, [Man of War](#). As the buildings are spread out, we found running on the icy paths between them was a good way to stay warm. The [museum](#) was full of info on many types of horses and the activities that surround each breed. This is museum is a must for any horse enthusiast, we could have spent hours there but time was limited for us.



We saw [John Henry](#) the retired racehorse now in his 30's, Cigar and a few others, I even got a kiss from John Henry. However, this place is in the heart of thoroughbred breeding country there are over 50 horses represented there. After the Park we drove past some of the many [breeding farms around Lexington](#). It was one double fence line after another for miles based on the before link there are over 600 breeding farms...600 that's a lot of manure.....

My husband still misses working with the young foals....

It was so cold we saw a two-mile long wall of icicles just after we had driven over the Kentucky River.

We will some day return for a longer visit and by the way, Kentucky Horse Park is hosting the 2010 FEI world Equestrian Games. One would have to book rooms now if you wish to attend

Had it not been for our involvement in Fastrack we would not seen all this, plus the bonus is we get to deduct all our expenses.

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