professional profile

Glenn C. Gremillion, Production technician, Broadcast Services Department

Born: 1951, New Orleans, Louisiana

Education: I studied three years at the University of New Orleans. I learned television production under my mentor, Gaston Galjour, owner of Galjour Electronics

Family: Married for 33 years to the beautiful Janet Lynn Baker Gremillion of Shelbyville, Kentucky. I have five children: Darra, Michelle, Heather, Jeremy, and Kristen, and 11 grandchildren.

Years in the Business: I began my career in racetrack television production at Fair Grounds in New Orleans on November 1, 1972. My first race meet at Keeneland was in April 1973, and I have worked 45 consecutive spring race meets. This October will mark my 45th fall race meet.

Career Highlights: I worked for Galjour Electronics, which put the first color cameras in the stewards' patrol towers at Keeneland in 1973. We produced the first color video replay in racing and developed the split-screen view of racing on TV.

I held the position of producer/director of in-house television production in the 1980s until the early 2000s. I was in charge of production during Queen Elizabeth's visit to Keeneland on October 11, 1984. At this time, I first worked with my current boss, G. D. Hieronymus, editing the video footage he shot of the queen's visit.

In August 2005, I helped design and install a new digital TV control room in the Keeneland Sales Pavilion. In March 2008, I joined the Keeneland Broadcast Services Department full time and contributed to developing the in-house HD cable system. In the summer of 2015, in advance of the Breeders' Cup World Championships at Keeneland, I helped design and install a system that placed a cable signal in every tackroom in every barn.

Hobbies: My wife and I are avid college baseball fans, especially of the University of Kentucky Wildcats. We try to attend as many games as we can each baseball season. We enjoy driving around the beautiful state of Kentucky during the different seasons of the year. We also travel the country as much as time allows every year to visit landmarks and other national sites. I cherish my involvement in lay ministry at the Catholic Newman Center at UK.

What you enjoy about working at Keeneland: I fell in love with Keeneland the first time I stepped foot on these magnificent grounds in 1973. The friendship and warmth I received from the staff upon my arrival made me feel like I had brought my own friends from New Orleans to be with me. I always believed I was meant to be here, and when I was hired as a full-time employee, I knew it was a dream come true. It has been, and truly is, a blessing to be part of this amazing Keeneland family.

