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General Meeting Dates

ATTENTION: The WDHA General Meetings will be held at various locations throughout the WDHA Membership area. Please see listing below for locations. All meetings will **begin at 12:00 p.m.** unless otherwise noted.

**March 7th
GENERAL MEETING
12 NOON @ Robbins Restaurant
1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh**

Meetings are open to all WDHA members.

Youth Members: Be sure to contact your advisors, Heather and Janine, as well as your group officers for any information regarding your upcoming activities and meetings.

New High Point Chairperson:

Shelly Lehman
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See you at the High Point Banquet!

Feb. 7th, Holiday Inn of Fond Du Lac
5:30 p.m.

Please contact Terri immediately if you have not already made reservations.

DHArabians@frontiernet.net or 715-823-2165

ATTENTION BANQUET ATTENDEES!

WDHA will once again have a Futurity Raffle and Silent Auction, the proceeds of both to benefit the club's futurity program.

Silent Auction items for sale can be brought to the Banquet. Kristin Urban is coordinating the Silent Auction and would appreciate people telling her if they are bringing items, so she can plan the space needed. Silent Auction items need not be horse related.

Likewise, if you have an item of value that would make a good raffle item, bring it...it will either be placed as a raffle item or in the Silent Auction. Contact Rita Lemke about your intention to donate an item for the raffle. Raffle items, in particular, should be committed ahead of time so the people in charge of those projects know how to display them.

Times are tough to the pocketbook...but the raffle and Silent Auction are excellent places not only for good buys but great support of WDHA and its programs.

2008 AHA Convention Report

I arrived at the Convention on Wednesday, November 19, in time for the Plenary Session at 5:00 p.m. It was held with very little discussion on any of the resolutions. It was over in about an hour and half.

The General Session had a very impressive opening. The star being the Denver Cowboy's mascot, Thunder coming in with his rider. Thunder is the only living mascot in the National Football League. He walked calmly all the way to the front of the room and then turned around and walked back to the atrium where a stall had been set up for him and people could pet him and take pictures. He is a white flea-bitten gelding, beautiful Arabian!

Most resolutions passed with little discussion or dissent. The Resolution 18 about changing the scoring system was withdrawn. Sheila Varian gave her recommendation for the present halter scoring system to be used at all shows.

Resolution 5, the Bylaw change that a Board of Director member may not be on more than one committee and may not be a chair, passed.

There were 533 delegates eligible to attend convention, and the final day had 375 present.

American Horse Council representative, James Hickey gave a report of new tax breaks in the farm bill. Expense deduction is allowed \$250,000 or less, horses are livestock and may be deducted as such. We need to educate people on care of horses as their welfare is a huge issue.

Sweepstakes chairman, Dean Meier expects to pay \$20 a point this year. The stallion owner payback will be revoked in 2010, as usually the stallion owner (unless he

breeds his own mare) does not pay the expenses of the foal, the mare owner does.

The treasurer reported that the finances are getting more stable, and that an annual cushion of \$50,000 should be increased to a million.

The Black Stallion literacy project has a goal to have the program across the United States. They have a DVD and will help get the program started. Some have taken a horse to a school and the children receive their book from the horse and they can pet the horse and also read to it. The Arabian Knights show from Orlando, Florida makes road tours with the show and the schools in that state have a presentation of the show.

I attended the annual convention planning committee, professional horseman, youth, Arabian Horse Galleries, equine stress, Black Stallion literacy, Arabian scoring system, breeders sweepstakes, and meet the candidates forum. Our new officers are: President – Lance Walters, VP- Dale Harvill, Treasurer – Frank Galovic, Secretary – Jan Decker.

The Arabian Horse Galleries at Kentucky Horse Park is going to be open this coming year and is very impressive. Also the United Arab Emirate is putting an exhibit on the Arabian horse that will be spectacular and at the time of the World Equestrian Games in 2010. The Galleries asked for donations from the floor and received \$42,000 in pledges. There will be commemorative plaques at the Gallery with the names of the donors.

The luncheon had Brooke Vransy as speaker telling about the horse rescue programs. The banquet and awards was very nice, Dean Meier, Laurel Mickelson, Jill Freiders all got awards, the entertainment was a group of five men who made music with their mouths that sounded like instruments, fantastic!

Thank you for letting me be your delegate.

Respectfully,

Rita Lemke

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CH RAKASSAH ANIKAH

2007 Grey Filly Should mature to 16h. Money winner in halter. Will make a great dressage horse. Out of Thee Hombre, and a Polish mare by Ali Shaman. For more information contact Joelean Parsley-Gilbert. Pictures available. 920-696-3287.

Judges for National Shows

Youth Nationals:

English: Brian Murch, Beth Stover, Janet Barber
Western, Reining, Trail: Deb Johnson, JoAnn
Crockett, Shannon Armstrong

Working Hunter, HS Eq: Meg Schulman, Carol
O'Brien, John McGinty

HP, Show Hack, Showmanship: Joyce Thomas, Ed
Sutton, Rebecca Fleck

Dressage: Lois Heyerdahl, Judith Westenhofer

Canadian Nationals:

Panel 1: Stanley White, Sr., Richard Petty, Jeff Lee

Panel 2: Kelly Elm, Mike Beethe, Carmelle Rooker
Working Western: Anne Hiller, Marilyn Randall, Jan
Perdue

Dressage: Peta Christen

Hunter/Jumper: Peter Stoeckl

Alternate: Nancy Harvey

Sport Horse Nationals:

H/J: Charles Dennehy, Jimmy Lee

Sport Horse: Carol Dean Porter

Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez

Dressage: Bill Solyjentes, Arlene Rigdon, Creeky

Rouston, Michael Poulin

Carriage Driving: Debbie Banfield

U.S. Nationals:

English: Carole Stohman, David Mikosz, Mitch
Sperte

Western: Anne Judge-Wegener, Gary Clay, DeDe
Bisch

Hunter Pleasure/Show Hack: Wendy Gruskiewicz,
Duane Esser, Jack Thomas

Working Western: Leon Mathias, Rick Maxson,

Chris Searle, Holly Hoover, Peter Morgan

Cutting: Bill Enk, Eddie Bottom Jr.

Halter: Greg Knowles, Debby Cain, Eric Wolfe,

Cynthia Richardson, Donny Bullock

Alternate: Lori Conway

Just a horse. . .

From time to time, people tell me "lighten up, it's just a horse," or, "that's a lot of money for just a horse". They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a horse." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a horse."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a horse," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a horse," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a horse" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day. If you, too, think it's "just a horse," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a horse" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a horse" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a horse" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a horse" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a horse" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day. I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a horse" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a woman/man."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a horse" just smile, because they "just" don't understand.

ALASKAN CLYDESDALE

Only in Alaska..... This guy raised an abandoned moose calf with his horses, and believe it or not, he has trained it for lumber removal and other hauling tasks. Given the 2,000 pounds of robust muscle, and the splayed, grippy hooves, he claims it is the best work animal he has. He says the secret to keeping the moose around is a sweet salt lick. During the rut he disappears for a couple of weeks, but always comes home.... Impressive!!



Midwest Horse Welfare Foundation

Submitted by Paula Roberts



The Midwest Horse Welfare Foundation of Pittsville Wisconsin is in need of a minute of your time to cast a free vote in a contest that is awarding \$10,000 to the winner. This organization does so much for horses, they are fully deserving of your vote, and any recognition they can receive. Just go to their web site: www.equineadoption.com and click on a link in the top right corner to vote in the "Care 2 \$10,000 Contest." Otherwise you can go directly to the contest at:

www.care2.com/animalsheltercontest/76364

It is a one time vote and only takes a minute. The contest ends January 31, 2009. As I am writing this article they are in first place, but that could change if they don't get YOUR vote! If you read the last WDHA Newsletter you saw the article I wrote about this organization. Don Borth & I went over there to give them a donation from WDHA. Midwest has taken in over 800 horses over several years from rescues as well as private people who find themselves in situations where they can no longer keep their horses. There are many examples of success stories from proud and happy owners. Two people contacted me to tell me their story of adoption.

Scott and Nancy Merkel adopted a straight Egyptian gelding, Ibn Bilal Halima (alias Kermit). Kermit's mother was rescued by Midwest when they literally took her off the kill truck! He was started by Dani and Randy Shaw and won his first blue ribbon as a 2 year old. Since then he has gone on to become a

Champion at The Egyptian Event. Ridden by CJ Galza, the horse and rider team won a perpetual trophy for high point youth and also a trophy for the pair with the closest bond.

Lyndsay Bristol and her parents adopted an Arabian with fabulous breeding (Khemosabi and Huckleberry Bey). This horse was donated to Midwest from a dressage barn that said they just had no use for a purebred Arabian. The horse's name is Denero and he has become a successful Dressage horse with Lyndsay in the irons competing and winning at this year's WDHA Dressage & Sport Horse Show. Denero is very pretty and has a big personality so a lot of people wanted to adopt him when he first came to MHWF. Scott and Karen Bayerl work hard to match up a horse with a new owner and Lyndsay turned out to be the perfect match.



As you can see from just these two stories the Midwest Horse Welfare Foundation has more than just "pasture pets" in their adoption program. If you or someone you know is looking for a horse you really should consider their program. As someone recently told me: If you have the option, consider adoption.

www.equineadoption.com

www.care2.com/animalsheltercontest/76364

WDHA High Point Rules

Please Read Carefully – Effective November 1, 2005

1. Points will be counted only in the division entered.
2. Horses must be registered Purebred or Half Arabian/Anglo-Arabian.
3. Futurity placings will count toward their respective halter or performance divisions.
4. Last owner winning points will receive the awards, but must be a WDHA member in good standing. High Point Secretary must be promptly notified of change of ownership.
5. Horses nominated must be owned or leased by a member of WDHA in good standing.
6. Handlers and riders/trainers must also be members of WDHA in good standing. Exception for Open Shows **ONLY:** If the exhibitor is a junior (17 and under) exhibitor that shows a horse not owned by their family.
7. Horses must be nominated before the time of winning points or the points will not count.
8. Points **MUST** be reported within 30 days of winning points or points will not count. Applies to each show entered.
9. Fees must be paid at time of nomination.
10. All points are to be sent directly to the High Point Secretary. The length of time for points to have accumulated is November 1 through October 31. The length of time for final points to be reported is November 1 through November 30. NO points will be accepted for current year if postmarked after November 30.
11. Participants may check their points with the secretary at any time during the year, but questions about other participants will not be answered.
12. Exhibitor points will accumulate in all divisions that the horse is nominated in, including equitation and horsemanship classes.
13. Division 1 (PB Western Pleasure) and Division 5 (PB Huntseat Pleasure) are divided into two categories: Rated Shows or Open Shows. Please indicate which category you will be competing in on your nomination form. If you compete in both, both must be entered.
14. The WDHA Open Show may be counted in either open or rated divisions, depending on what you have entered. Please specify on the reporting form.
15. Additional divisions may be added to the high point list via sponsorship. Sponsors will pay \$35.00 to have the division listed. Sponsor must notify the secretary before June 1. If the sponsored class is sponsored for two consecutive years with 5 or more entries each year, it will be made a permanent division.

Attention! Any points received at any WDHA function will be doubled.

| Points | <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> | <u>4th</u> | <u>5th</u> | <u>6th</u> | <u>7th</u> | <u>8th</u> | <u>9th</u> | <u>10th</u> |
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| National Classes | 115 | 90 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| National Top 20 | Any National Top 20 will receive 60 points | | | | | | | | | |
| Regional Classes | 65 | 60 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| AHA/USEF Shows | 30 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| USEF/ NOT AHA Shows | 20 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| WDHA Futurity/Sporthorse Show | 30 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Open Shows | 15 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Championships | <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> | <u>4th</u> | <u>5th</u> | <u>6th</u> | <u>7th</u> | <u>8th</u> | <u>9th</u> | <u>10th</u> |
| AHA/USEF Shows | 45 | 40 | 35 | 30 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| USEF/ NOT AHA Shows | 25 | 23 | 21 | 19 | 17 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Open Shows | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| State 4-H Show | 35 | 30 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |

WDHA Legion of Merit

The Gladys Brown Edwards Trophy to be given to all horses winning 1,500 points in the High Point System. The Legion of Merit is open to registered PB and Half Arabian/Anglo Arabians. A \$50.00 entry fee is required the first year, thereafter a \$40 renomination fee will be required. Fees will be adjusted as necessary.

WDHA Legion of Supreme Merit

The WDHA Supreme Legion of Merit requires an additional 3,000 points. These points can start to be accumulated after the Legion of Merit has been earned. It may be entered the same year the Legion of Merit is completed, however no points will be awarded for the SLOM from the same show that the LOM was completed at. A \$65.00 entry fee is required the first year, thereafter a \$55.00 re-nomination fee will be required. Fees will be adjusted as necessary.

WDHA High Point Nomination Form

Entry Fee Per Division: \$15.00

Enter Just One (1) Horse Per Form

Effective January 1, 2009

Name of Horse: _____ Sex: _____

Registration#: _____ Age: _____

Owner: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Shown By: _____

| Division# | Division Name | Fee \$\$ |
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| Exhibitor Name (If competing in an Exhibitor Division) | Age | Division | Fee \$\$ |
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Legion Of Merit Nomination Fee \$50.00/Renomination \$40.00

I wish to Nominate: _____

I wish to Renominate: _____

Supreme Legion Of Merit Nomination Fee \$65.00/Renomination \$55.00

I wish to Nominate: _____

I wish to Renominate: _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED.....\$_____

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2009 Calendar of Events

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| Jan | 10 18 | WDHA General Meeting , Noon, Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI Region 10 Board of Delegates Meeting , Sweetwaters, Eau Claire, WI. See Region 10 website for details and directions. |
| Feb | 7 | WDHA Awards Banquet , Holiday Inn Fond Du Lac, 625 West Rolling Meadows Drive, Fond Du Lac, WI. Contact Terri Gellin at 715-823-2165 or email at DHArabians@frontiernet.net for more information. |
| Mar | 7 15 27-29 | WDHA General Meeting , Noon, Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI Region 10 Board of Delegates Meeting . Holiday Inn, Eau Claire. See Region 10 website for details and directions MAHA All-Arabian Spring Fling Class A. Winona, MN. Contact: Ann Benson prairieviewfarm@msn.com |
| April | ?? 4-5 15 17-19 | MHAHA All Breed Schooling Show Oasis, Lindstrom, MN, Jeff Rutz Horse-A-Rama , Manitowoc Co Expo, Manitowoc, WI Rita Lemke 715-437-6852 Region 10 Club President's Awards ordering deadline. Chris Rickart crickart@msn.com Midwest Horse Fair , Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI Kristin Urban, 920-863-8253 urbankristin@msn.com |
| May | 1 1-3 9-10 16 16-17 22-23 24-25 CANCEL | Region 10 Scholarship application postmark deadline Contact Gay Jeanne Bower, Box 6, Johnson Creek, WI 53035 920-699-3690 gayjbower@yahoo.com Sahara Sands Spring Classic Class A St. Paul, MN Secretary Jan Lerud jangary@grantsburgtelcom.net 715-488-2265. Club web site: www.sahasasands.org Region 10 Youth Round-Up . Winona, MN. Mary Tronson 763-755-1698 comtron5@aol.com WDHA General Meeting , Noon, Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI NMAHA Double the Fun Show . Sauk Centre, MN Jean Fredrichs 701-725-4420 WDHA Badger , Milwaukee (West Allis) WI Sally Epps twocrabbyladies@hotmail.com WAHA May Show , Milwaukee (West Allis), WI Sally Epps twocrabbyladies@hotmail.com Indianhead Arabian Horse Show , Rice Lake, WI Contact Jan Lerud jangary@grantsburgtelcom.net 715-488-2265 |
| June | 1 10 11-14 12 13 20 26-27 27-28 | WDHA Maturity Nominations due Connie Kienast 920-235-0337 malikahsfriend@yahoo.com Region 10 Pre-show , St. Paul, MN Contact Mary Tronson 763-755-1698 comtron5@aol.com Region 10 Championship Show , St. Paul, MN Contact: Mary Tronson 763-755-1698 comtron5@aol.com Region 10 Endurance Championship , Preston, MN Dianne L. Schmidt, 319 Summerfield Dr NE, Eyota, MN 55934 507-545-9936 Region 10 Trail/Competitive Championship , Preston, MN Dianne L. Schmidt, 319 Summerfield Dr NE, Eyota, MN 55934 507-545-9936 WDHYA Open Show, Manitowoc County Expo Center, Manitowoc, WI Contact Heather DeVooght heatherhall@tds.net (920) 775-4309 WDHA Dressage & Sport Horse Show , Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha, WI. Contact Amy Thalacker akarab@maqs.net or Jan Lerud, Show Secretary jangary@grantsburgtelcom.net Region 10 Dressage, Sport Horse and H/J Championship Classes , Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha, WI. Contact Nancy Miller nmfr7@isp.com or Dean Meier meier@wisonline.net |
| July | 10-12 11 25-Aug 1 | Great Arabian Get Together , Sauk Centre, MN Jan Lerud jangary@grantsburgtelcom.net 715-488-2265 WDHA General Meeting , Noon, Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI AHA Youth Nationals , Albuquerque, NM. Contact AHA for show information 303-696-4500 |

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| <p>Aug</p> | <p>1-2 7-9 8-9 15 16 17-22</p> | <p>GLAHA Class A, Norway, MI. Contact Mary Lindow 715-589-2236 Visit www.glaha.com for information. WAHA August, Jefferson, WI Jan Lerud jangary@grantsburgtelcom.net 715-488-2265 MHAHA Dog Days Dressage, MN Karrie Degendorfer 651-462-7278 WDHA Open Show, Sunnyview Expo Center. Oshkosh, WI Lori Adams tessnme@new.rr.com 920-303-0204 Arabian Futurity Festival, Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, AHA Canadian Nationals, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada Contact AHA for info: 303-696-4500</p> |
| <p>Sept</p> | <p>6 12-13 ?? 19 19 20 22-26</p> | <p>MAHA Arabian Open Shows Championships and WSCA show, Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo, MN. Contact Laura Mickelson, lauramickelson@aol.com MAHA Fall Classic, Winona, MN WDHA Dressage Schooling Show, Postponed until 2010 WAHA Open Show, Deerfield, WI Joanne Jones Joanne.jones@doit.wisc.edu WDHA General Meeting, Noon, Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI WAHA Arabian Community Show, Deerfield, WI Joanne.jones@doit.wisc.edu AHA Sport Horse Nationals, Call AHA for info: 303-696-4500</p> |
| <p>Oct</p> | <p>1-4 23-31</p> | <p>Fall Fest, St. Paul, MN For Info: www.medallionstallion.com AHA US Nationals, Tulsa, OK Call AHA for show info 303-696-4500</p> |
| <p>Nov</p> | <p>?? 8 14 18-22</p> | <p>AHA National Competitive Trail Ride Region 10 Board of Directors Meeting, Sweetwaters, Eau Claire, WI See Region 10 website for info WDHA ANNUAL MEETING, Noon, Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI Elections will be held at this meeting. AHA Annual Convention, Reno, NV Call AHA for info at 303-696-4500 or see their website</p> |
| <p>Dec</p> | <p>31</p> | <p>WDHA Futurity Nominations due Connie Kienast 920-235-0337</p> |