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Mustang Events for Early 2010

Wow, 2010 is here and the cold snap is finally over. It's warm enough to go out and enjoy your horses. So what's going on for the first few months? Read on...

JANUARY 22-24 - Jimmy Thomas and friends are planning a weekend trail ride at H Cooper Black in Society Hill, South Carolina. This is not far from Cheraw. If you have not had the pleasure of visiting there, imagine the sandy terrain and rolling hills (I use the term "hill" loosely here) of the Moss Foundation, only with very nice camp sites and a few degrees warmer than Moss. Corrals are located several yards behind your trailer, while stalls are in a community barn nearby, within sight. Both are available for rent. They have bathrooms and a shower house. Corrals are \$7.75 per night – one horse limit. So \$15 for the weekend per horse. Campsites are \$15.00 per night, so \$30 for the weekend per site... All sites have their own fire pit with a grill for s'mores or whatever floats your boat. Jimmy is booked in Campsite 14 with corrals 29 and 30 in the "Arena Loop". All sites in the arena loop are full hook up.

FEBRUARY 13 - Help promote Mustang adoption by joining Jill, Jimmy, Christy, Laura and Connor at Piedmont Feed and Garden Center on HW 54 W in Chapel Hill. At 9:30 am, Jill will kick off a presentation about Mustangs and adoption requirements.

She'll be followed by the others sharing their adoption stories. At 11 am, Jimmy will be providing a demonstration on what to do with your Mustang once it arrives. This will take place in the round pen out back. Pack a couple of photos of your Mustangs and come join us. Refreshments will be served.

MARCH 20 – Come out and get reacquainted with your fellow Mustang enthusiasts and have some fun. The Mustang Misfit Ranch outside of Chapel Hill will be hosting a daylong event. At 9:30 am, Dr. Milford from Tri County Veterinary Services will be discussing "Internal Parasites in Horses" and taking questions. At 11, Eric Shupe, Equine Specialist from Purina Mills, will be discussing Body Condition Scores and taping your horse. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the kids at noon and lunch. Afternoon events will kick off at 1pm. There will be 3 timed events including a trail challenge, Pony Express mail delivery, and a log drag. Times will be added together for the 3 events. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st-6th place. See the website later this month for details.

APRIL 16-17 – A Mustang adoption is being held in Asheville, NC. Let's help promote these Mustangs and reach out to future owners. Email your interest to Jill at the email address on this page. FYI - she'll do the bulk of the work if you show up!

Why have a newsletter and hold events?

- *Promote wild Mustangs as versatile companion and riding horses*
- *Allow us, owners, to celebrate our adopted Mustangs*
- *Share success stories, ideas and training approaches*
- *Promote camaraderie among Mustang owners*
- *Help owners and Mustangs in need*
- *Enhance the Mustang ownership experience through continuing education*
- *Support Mustang*

How does the USWHBA fit in?

Some of you have asked about the US Wild Horse and Burro Association and how they fit in with what we're doing. So here's the scoop.

A couple of years ago, a few of us got together over a pot of Jimmy's famous chili to talk Mustangs. We shared horror stories of not being able to find farriers, vets, and trainers who were willing to work with/on Mustangs. We discussed how if the local paper had not featured Jimmy participating in the Extreme Mustang Makeover, we'd still be looking for help. Someone suggested that we form some type of a mustang club in NC. Everyone had a something to follow up on but nothing ever happened.

Fast forward a year or so and we have a new group talking. How about we hold a festival? The goal would be to help owners who need it, promote Mustangs, show off our

Mustangs, share ideas, educate owners and the public, and promote camaraderie among owners.

As it turns out, there was a newly formed 501.c.3 non for profit that had recently formed. Many of their goals and ideas paralleled ours. Jill contacted their president Robin to discuss what we were doing down here. Robin indicated the two groups would be a good fit. We were already moving forward with goals that we shared and they offered us an up and running organization.

So when we have events such as the festival, know it is a collaboration of your fellow Mustang owners working with the USWHBA to make it happen.

If you'd like to learn more about the USWHBA and the work they are doing, visit their website at www.uswhba.org.

What do you think about taking a friend for a ride?

Exposure to Mustangs is a good way to promote adoption. When people are have the chance to get up close and personal, the myth of Mustangs being "un-trainable" melts away. I can think of three non-Mustang horse people from the festival who are now proud Mustang owners.

Take a journey with us this year. We'll be planning clinics and events that will take you outside your comfort zone. You and your trusty mount will have a chance to learn new things (barrel racing anyone?). After you've

had a month or two to practice, we'll hold an event where you can have fun showing off your new skills. Bring along a non-Mustang friend and participate in a series of yet to be named friendly competitions. It will all wrap up with the 2nd Adopted Wild Mustang Festival at the Bar T.

We'll continue to work out the details. If you have any ideas or interests, send them this way so we can try to incorporate them. Check the website in early February for more information.

Lessons Learned: You Can Lead a Horse to Water...

As the weather cools off, some horses decrease their water consumption. Recently we had an older mare get colic-y. Upon examination from a veterinarian, it was determined that she was not drinking enough. Dehydration caused constipation and acute pain for the mare. It was more than 48 hours and two trips by the veterinarian before she was back to normal.

A fellow Mustang owner suggested adding dry molasses to her water in the winter. We tried this and found all the horses increased their water consumption significantly. Our recipe? We started with 2 cups dry molasses

per 5 gallons clean water and mixed well. It took a day for them to figure it out that they loved it. We've now dropped it down to 1 cup per 5 gallons and they still go wild for it. Check with your local feed store for this product. You can expect to pay about \$15-\$19 for a 50 pound bag.

How much water is enough? According to the January 2010 issue of Horse & Rider magazine, horses should drink ½ to 1 gallon of water per 100 pounds of body weight per day. So if your horse is 1000 pounds, he/she should drink between 5-10 gallons of water a day.

Want to place a classified ad?

We'll be happy to list your adopted Mustang or horse related item you may have for sale.

If you are selling your Mustang, provide the following:

- ❖ Name of horse, sex, age
- ❖ Level of training and experience
- ❖ How your Mustang was used
- ❖ Price
- ❖ Contact information
- ❖ Any other info that a potential buyer may find useful
- ❖ Photo of your Mustang with the freeze brand showing.

We'll also post this information on the website along with the picture.

For other horse related sale items, provide as much information as you can including price and contact information.

Have we missed another new Mustang owner?

Be sure to let us know so we can offer our congratulations in the next newsletter. Also, feel free to share this newsletter with them. If they would like to be put on the mailing list, send an email to the editor.

Classified Ad

Mustang For Sale Rowdy (aka "Pony") - 8yr old, 14hh chestnut BLM Mustang gelding. Captured January 2, 2002 from the Antelope Valley Herd Management Area (Nevada) at under 1yr of age. Titled on August 6, 2003. Rowdy is broke to ride but will need some work since he has not been ridden since mid-August 2009 and is currently only handled a few times each week. Rowdy was previously ridden English and Western, in a riding ring, on trails, alone and with other horses. Also ridden around dogs, cats, children, and light traffic. Excellent ground manners, stands tied/crosstied for grooming, farrier, etc. up to date on vaccinations and Coggins. Easy keeper. Sound and Sane.

Update

Some of you have asked about Gambler from Brock's clinic at the Festival. Here's a little of what his owner Barbara had to say:

"In spite of the weather Gambler has come along really well. I rode him yesterday for the first time and Brock has been doing a lot of trail riding with him. I was right about his reaction to first ride. But he settled and hasn't really bucked since. Yesterday when I rode him the ring was too sloppy, so we

Requires experienced handler/rider due to the fact that he will require some extra work to get him going again and he needs more time in the saddle. Great little project pony with the potential to be the ultimate trail pony, family pony, 4H, western, or hunter/jumper. Selling due to owner lack of time and knowledge and trainer went back to college. Rowdy needs and deserves more attention and time than owners are able to give him. Asking \$500 but willing to negotiate to get him to the perfect home. Contact Julie at BitnBlue@yahoo.com for more information or to set up a time to meet Rowdy. *Ed Note - Check our website later this month for pictures of Rowdy.*

tooled around one of the pastures. He is very forward and easy. Brock tells me he handles road traffic well, though occasionally scoots when faced with unusual terrain. Its been fun to watch his confidence increase week by week."

Congratulations to Barbara and Gambler on the progress they've made. We hope to see them again at another one of our Mustang events.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jackie, Archie's owner, on her new Mustang. Jackie purchased "Chance of a Lifetime" at the Extreme Mustang Makeover Eastern Stampede in October. Chance placed 3rd in the finals of the Idol's division. Welcome to North Carolina Chance! We hope to see Jackie, Archie and Chance at one our future Mustang events.

Request for Submissions and Planning Help

Do you like to write? Is there something you've recently learned that you think will help others? Do you have some training tips that you'd like to share? Maybe you have a good story to share about your Mustang. Perhaps you kids have written or drawn something you'd like to share. If so, send your submission to Jill at MustangSally@mustangmisfitranch.com. Deadline for the next newsletter is March 25, 2010.

Want to be part of the event planning team? Send an email to the address above. We'd love the help. Please indicate what your interests are.

For The Foals...

WORD SEARCH – Parts of a Horse

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Find the following words. Can be backwards, forwards or diagonal:

Cannon	Chestnut	Crest	Croup	Dock	Fetlock
Flank	Hock	Hoof	Knee	Mane	Muzzle
Pastern	Poll	Tail	Withers		

Can you match the parts listed above to the horse below?