



The USWHBA "Pony Express"

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Happy New Year!

As usual we have a lot going on, and little time to get it all done. It has been really hectic this past winter, but at least it was fairly mild compared to 2010-2011. Thankfully spring is here and we can now get much more accomplished with the wonderful weather we are now enjoying.



Equine Affaire 2012 Ohio:

For those of you planning on attending the Ohio Equine Affaire, April 12th through the 15th, please stop by the BLM booth located in the Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center, booth B01 and B16 across from the horse entrance door. Take a few minutes to visit with USWHBA members Robin and Mike of NJ and their mustangs, Skye and Mack, Kim and Bud of CT and their mustang Johwye and burro Swiss Mocha Miss, Megan and Cliff of Ohio and their mustangs, Ink, Onyx and Stryker, BLM volunteers, Michelle of NC and her mustang Tango, Rhiannon of Ohio and her mustang Kerwin, Megan-Riley and Dawnmarie of Ohio and their mustang Ukiah, BLM WH & B Specialist, Steve Meyer and other BLM volunteers. If possible try to catch our breed demo on Saturday, April 14th at 11:00am in the Cashmans Breed Pavilion as well as our youth demo, Sunday, April 15th at 10:45am. USWHBA and BLM with also have stalls in the Horse and Farms Exhibit area, stalls 49 and 60(they are located across from each other) where you can visit with mustangs and their adopters. Equine Affaire will be held at the Ohio Expo Center on East 17th. Ave. in Columbus Ohio. To visit Equine Affaire online go to <http://www.equineaffaire.com/ohio/>



Mustang Sale:

We will be hosting a sale of trained titled mustangs on Saturday May 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday May 20th from 12:00 pm. - 4:00 pm (note - cannot get into park until noon as there is a 5K race in the morning.) at Thompsons Park in Jamesburg (Monroe) New Jersey. The park is located on Perrineville Rd. We will have some mustangs that are already under saddle, as well as others that you can start yourself. There will be mustangs available that have been gentled and/or trained by USWHBA members, including HorseTendersLLC <http://www.horsetenders.com/> from New Hampshire.

Prices on the animals presented will vary depending on their level of training, and as an event special only, the prices on the HorseTenders horses will be discounted another \$250.00, just for this event. We have had a working relationship with Nik, Kris and Stephanie Kokal of HorseTenders for quite some time and have combined our resources to work with mustangs and burros that have needed help. There will only be 8-9 horses available on a first come first serve basis. USWHBA members will be happy to trailer your horse to their new home if you do not have a means to transport. You can view the horses that are available on the USWHBA web site www.uswhba.org and on HorseTenders Mustang Foundation Site <http://horsetendersmustangfoundation.org>. Not all will be at the sale as some may get re-homed before the sale, and some of the horses on USWHBA's site are courtesy listings for other available mustangs.



BLM Adoptions:

Members and directors will be attending and volunteering at several BLM Wild Horse and Burro adoptions around the country this year. Here is a list of the ones we will be attending so far.

May 11th and 12th in Springfield Ohio

June 15th and 16th. in Rutland Vermont

July 13th and 14th in Annville Pennsylvania

Sept. 14th and 15th in Franklin Furnace Ohio

To view the BLM adoption schedule and to download directions and flyers go to

http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/whbprogram/adoption_program/schedule.html



Jill Blakeney. South East Region.

Jill was invited back to speak with the Girl Scouts again this year. She will be joining them for Good Earth Adventures & 100 year anniversary of the Girl Scouts. In addition to her Mustangs, the Shackleford Horse Foundation accepted her invitation to join her and bring a horse. Jill's hoof trimmer is bringing a friend of his with a Banker pony as well. Jill has also been asked to consider hosting the Boy Scouts so they can work on some type of merit badge that has to do with horses. Dates and times are still being finalized and will be added to our Web-sites events page when they are available.



Patti and Padre:

By mutual agreement USWHBA is no longer a sponsor of Patti Gruber and her dressage mustang Padre'. We wish Patti and Padre' all the best in their future endeavors.

As always, thank you from the members and directors of the USWHBA.