



The USWHBA "Pony Express"

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From the President, Robin Rivello:

Hi Everyone. I know we haven't done a News Letter since last May, but this past year has been quite hectic. A lot of you know that our Secretary Michael Yodice is also my husband, so he too was going through all of this with me. I went back to work at my old job, and then my Father, Carmen, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last January. Even though we were still holding some of our events, and taking in horses, my father's situation continued to get worse. With work, taking care of the horses, and spending time with my dad, we had to put some things on the back burner. My father did pass away on September 20th, 2012. I was still working. We did do the Haunted Hayride, then we had the hurricane here in New Jersey. I got laid off, we had no power, but we still made it to Equine Affaire in Massachusetts. Then we had to get things squared away with my dad's house, and get through the Holidays. So here we are with new beginnings of the new year and lots of news from this past year, and up and coming.



New E-Mail format:

You are now receiving this e-mail through Constant Contact. It is a much more secure way to distribute without the threat of viruses. We can also send out event reminders or other news much easier. The news letter is still available to read, as is all our past news letters, on our web site at http://www.uswhba.org/pony_express_news_letter



Board of Directors:

USWHBA founding member and Vice President Hans Shull will be taking a sabbatical from his organization duties due to the responsibilities required of him at his current job. Hans, his love for the Mustangs, and his public relations skills are responsible for the the 100% (all animals placed into private care) adoption in Somersworth New Hampshire in June of 2008. Hans will be serving as our Executive Director assisting the organization when time allows. Hans can be contacted at his new E-mail exec.director@uswhba.org Kim Dore will now be serving as Vice President and can be reached at vice.pres@uswhba.org Bud Dore, Kim's son, is our newest regional director and will serving North East Region 1. Bud is a BLM volunteer with 14 years experience and has assisted in the training, and has ridden all the Mustangs and Burros on the family farm. Bud has been an asset to our organization since the beginning and we welcome him in his new role. Bud can be contacted at ne.region1@uswhba.org

To contact any of our Directors go to [http://www.uswhba.org/talk to the directors](http://www.uswhba.org/talk_to_the_directors)



Equine Affaire in Columbus Ohio:

Members, Directors, and their Mustangs and Burros were working and volunteering at the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Booth, as well as participating in the Breed Demonstration at Equine Affaire held at the Expo Center in Columbus Ohio Thursday April 12th. thru Sunday April 15th. Staff and animals rotated shifts in the Breed Booth and the Horse and Farm Exhibit stall throughout the entire event. Equine affaire is a great place to showcase the wild ones and the Wild Horse and Burro program. We would like to thank the following people and their animals, many who travelled great distances, to make this a great success for the BLM and our organization. The Baisden Family (Megan, Dawn Marie, and Joe) and their Mustang Ukia, Megan Print and Cliff Crowl and their Mustangs Ink and Stryker, Kim and Bud Dore with their Mustang Johwye and their Burro Swissy, Robin Rivello and her Mustang Skye, Michael Yodice and his Mustang Mack, Michelle DaSilva and her Mustang Tango, Rhiannon Schneider and her Mustang Kerwin, and Wild Horse and Burro Specialist Steve Meyer of the BLM Milwaukee Field Office. Thanks to Rayna Mitsman for shooting the video of our Breed Demonstration. Thanks to Chris Ramos for editing our Breed Demonstration video. The video can be seen on our Web-site at [http://uswhba.org/video gallery](http://uswhba.org/video_gallery)



Titled and Trained Mustang Sale:

The USWHBA, in partnership with HorseTenders Mustang Foundation held a Titled Mustang sale Saturday May 19th. and Sunday May 20th. at Thompson Park, on Perrineville Road, in Monroe Township, Middlesex County New Jersey. The sale hours were 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, and 12 pm to 4 pm on Sunday. All the Mustangs available through this sale were gentled and some of them were also under saddle. Unfortunately none of the Mustangs were sold at this event but we are happy to tell you that several of the horses have been sold since the sale. We would like to thank Andrej, Kris, and Nik Kokal from HorseTenders for bringing their saddle trained Mustangs from their farm in New Hampshire. Thanks to Treasurer Kim Dore and Bud Dore for coming from Connecticut and our Vice President Hans Shull also from New Hampshire. Thanks also to Gary Ruskuski for trailering all our corral panels to and from Thompson Park. Thanks to the Middlesex County Park System for the use of Thompson Park for this event.



Freedom Fest State Fair:

THE FREEDOM FEST STATE FAIR RETURNED THE HORSE PARK OF NEW JERSEY ON JULY 10-15, 2012. We were invited to participate at Freedom Fest again this year, although we could only be there on the 10th and 11th not the entire week due to going to the Annville Pennsylvania Adoption. We would like to thank, Karen Larsen (riding Trixie), Kelli Kalikas, Brielle B., and Dawn Bryan for their help with our booth. And a special thanks to Freedom Fest and Erica Friedman, for their hospitality and very generous donation to our organization. <http://www.freedomfeststatefair.com>



Jill Blakeney. News from the South East:

On September 22nd, the USWHBA South East Region held Red White Blue & Horses too. An event to raise awareness of homeless veterans. There was a one on one story time with the horses for those arriving early. Cat from Cat's Tack gave a "4 on the Floor" demonstration about hoof care. Coloring contest winners walked away with the Breyer's Stormy and Misty of Chincoteague models and stormy book. In addition to raising awareness of the veterans, visitors also learned about Mustangs. Mustangs (including 2 getting ready to compete in the Clemson Extreme Mustang Makeover) participated in the talent show and trail challenge with one of the competitors taking first in the challenge. Over 120 visitors came to the even that day. The horse rides and pony drawn carriage rides helped with the collection of over 350 pounds of food. The hot dog sale and donations raised over \$440. All money and food raised was split between two local groups providing veteran transitional housing. Volunteers of America's Maple Court North Carolina and CAARE of Durham North Carolina. Thanks to all that helped make this day a success! Photos can be found on Jill's Web-site www.adoptedwildmustangfestival.com



Windsor Farm Pumpkin Festival and Haunted Hayride:

President Robin Rivello (Headless Horseman) on her mare Skye, Treasurer Michael Yodice (Chief Windsor Farm) with his gelding Mack, and their friend Karen Pyne (Indian Princess) with Robin's mare Trixie were at Windsor Farms Pumpkin Festival Saturday and Sunday October 13th. and 14th. Festival is a daytime two day meet and greet with families and their children as they take the hay ride around the farm which ends in the pick your own pumpkin patch. But when the sun goes down, Robin and Skye saddle up for the Fright at Night. With lighted pumpkin in hand they chase down the wagons every Friday and Saturday night.

<http://windsorfarmandmarket.com/home.html>



Equine Affaire in West Springfield Massachusetts:

Members, Directors, and their Mustangs and Burros were working and volunteering at the BLM Wild Horse and Burro / USWHBA Booth, as well as participating in the Breed Demonstration at Equine Affaire held at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield Massachusetts Thursday November 8th. thru Sunday November 11th. Like E.A. in Ohio, the Massachusetts event has something for everyone that is involved with horses or the equine industry. We would like to thank the following people for their participation as well as their wild ones. Mary Page and her Mustangs Freedom and Diamond. Michelle DaSilva and her Mustang Tango. Robin Rivello and her Mustangs Skye and Trixie. Anna Lennard and her Mustang Ziggy. Kim and Bud Dore and their Mustang Johwye, and their Burro Swissy. Michael Yodice and his Mustang Mack. We also thank the best volunteers for their work in the Mustang Breed Booth. Megan Riley-Baisden, Dan Rodda, USWHBA Public Relations Director Lisa Holderby, Larry Grossman, Lucy Grossman, Phoebe Karkos, Amy Falls, Janet Trombley, and Wild Horse and Burro Specialist Kristen Fontaine from the BLM Milwaukee Field Office. We would also like to thank EMM contestant Summer Cross and her Mustang Amado for participating in our Breed Demonstration with us. <http://equineaffaire.com>



Adoptions 2012:

Members and Directors volunteered and worked at the following adoptions this past year.

Rutland Vermont. June 15th and 16th.

Annville Pennsylvania. July 13th. and 14th.

Franklin Furnace Ohio. September 14th. and 15th.

Springfield Ohio. May 2012



Equine Affaire in Columbus Ohio 2013:

North East Region 2 Director Megan Print, Cliff Crowl, and their Mustangs will be working and volunteering in the BLM Wild Horse and Burro booth as well as participating in the Mustang Breed Demonstration at Equine Affaire Thurs. April 11th thru Sun. April 14th at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. <http://equineaffaire.com>



Donations:

Our organization was extremely fortunate to receive a generous donation this year from a very nice family who wishes to remain anonymous. It was made in honor of Lisa Holderby, our Public Relations Director, so our organization can continue to do the work we have been doing. With this economy so bad it is difficult for any organization to continue their great work, so our board members have decided to help two equine rescues that we have had a working relationship with in many different capacities over the years. These two are Helping Hearts Equine Rescue, Perrineville, NJ, Lisa Post-President, www.hher.webs.com. And Scarlet Rose Farm Equine Rescue, Morris CT, Katie Thurlow, (Cell) 860-488-0953 you can call or text her. Email Katie at srfrescue@aol.com, website is www.scarletrosefarm.com.



Adoptions 2013:

Currently the only adoption scheduled so far for the North East in 2013 is being held in Ithaca New York at Cornell University's Oxley Equestrian Center, 220 Pine Tree Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850. This adoption is being held Fri. July 12th. and Sat. July 13th. Come meet the Mustangs, chat with the BLM and the USWHBA and find out why "America's Living Legends" are the best kept secret in the equine world.

Meagan and Cliff will also be working and volunteering at the BLM Wild Horse and Burro adoption the following weekend, Fri. April 26th and Sat. April 27th, at the Champions Center in Springfield Ohio.

To view the BLM National adoption schedule for the Wild Horse and Burro program go to http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/whbprogram/adoption_program/schedule.html



Vice President Kim Dore hosts a Benefit Trail Ride:

All breeds welcome benefit ride weekend of Friday, May 31st thru Sunday, June 2nd. Similar to Ride For The Cure/St. Judes type rides, except it will be a complete weekend. Minimum \$50.00 per rider includes commemorative t-shirt, cookout on Saturday night, camping at Connecticut Trail Rides Association Camp Boardman in Goshen CT. Half profits go to CTRA and half profits to USWHBA. Riders can pay flat \$50.00 on their own or do it by pledges payable by May 1st 2013. Checks to be made out to Berkshire Livery Stable 59 Litchfield Rd. Morris CT. 06763. Totals will be announced Saturday night June 1st. Contact Kim Dore at johwye98@yahoo.com or vice.pres@uswhba.org or cell 860-309-4507 for complete details.

*Note National Trails Day is Saturday June 1.



New Forms on our Web-site:

We have redone the forms on our website so you don't have to waste so much ink to print them.

It is also time for membership renewals. Please send them in as soon as you can.