



The Power Glide

Mason Dixon PFHA

Show Year 2012 ^{6th} Edition

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Our Website: <http://www.masondixonpfha.org/>

Mason Dixon & Regional PFHA Events of Interest	
PFHA Grand National Horse Show—Lexington, KY	October 7-13
Mason Dixon Annual Membership Banquet, Meeting and Election	Nov. 3
Clinic with Rick Shaffer at Horizon View Farm	Nov. 10
Fund-raising Clinic with Rick Shaffer at Middlefield Farm	Nov. 18-19
Clinic with Jim Laird at Hillside Farm	Nov. 24
Pennsylvania Farm Show	Jan 5-12, 2013
Maryland Horse Exposition	Jan 18-20, 2013
Pennsylvania Horse Exposition	Feb 21-24, 2013
Reading Pet Exposition	March 22-24, 2013

President's Message

Dear Members,

I just love this time of year with its colorful foliage, the coolness in the air and not having to mow the grass and pastures every other day. Our Grand National Show conducted at its new location, the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY is now behind us. Congratulations to all who participated in this event. But, for those of you who think the GNS was only for those competing in the traditional classes, you need to ask Nola Hauptert-Keill, Susan Data-SamtaK and Susan Crawford-Charters about some of the special events offered this year. Although admittedly, I only saw Nola compete in the first heat of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting contest, I understand we were also well represented in the Largo race, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, and the Extreme Obstacle Challenge. Hey, that sounds like fun . . . truly something for everyone!!! I'm already looking forward to traveling to the Horse Park next year when I will watch more of the special events and attend some of the clinics and exhibitions offered. Word to the wise though, if the weather man is forecasting cooler weather, save yourself a trip to the local discount department store and bring along your long johns and a nice warm coat. I was totally unprepared. I want to give a special thanks to Jim Lengner, BJ Schuler, Mel Petri, Karen Spiegelthal & Angel Flores, Ann Bastian, and Diane Dutt for your contributions to our region's silent auction basket (I hope I didn't omit anyone . . . my apologies if I did). Yes, autumn is truly here and winter is just around the corner. But, before you snuggle into your nice warm "slanket" or "snuggie" with your slippers and enjoy the warmth of your fireplace, we have some business to complete. I hope you saved November 3rd on your calendar and made plans to attend our Annual Meeting and to partake of some delectable edibles at the Rising Sun Inn located in Telford, PA. Besides electing our new officers for the next two years, we have a number of important issues to discuss that will have a tremendous bearing on our organization this next year. If you haven't already saved the date, please reserve Saturday, November 3rd and join us for some serious discussion, outstanding food (I've eaten at the Inn numerous times . . . just love that buffalo!), renewal of friendships and creation of new ones. Hope to see you there.


Karen



THE EDITOR'S CORNER:

Here's a novel concept: reward readers of the PowerGlide for their interest!



Continuing through the October Issue, there will be an icon () of this size hidden somewhere after the 3rd page. Be one of the 1st 10 people to email or call me (267-446-6862 / mdpasofino@zoominternet.net) within 10 days following publication of the PG and describe where you found the icon. In return, you will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket valued at greater or equal to \$50. The drawing will be held during the Annual Banquet. You must be present to win. Limit: 1 entry per family per issue. —Diane

Contributions to the Power Glide needed! All, as you know, it “takes a village” to get ready for any horse-related activity, be it a horse show or recreational riding event. So it is to prepare the Power Glide. You may have noticed that the “Meet Our Members”, “Trails We Love” and “The Trainer’s Corner” sections have not appeared in recent issues of the Glide. Without the contributions of you, Member of the MDPFHA, we all miss out learning about you and sharing in your experiences and knowledge. Therefore, I once again ask that you consider making a contribution to the Power Glide. Welcome to “The Village”!

Photo Opportunity:

If you were fortunate enough to attend and/or compete at the PFFHA Grand National Show, we would like to get a group photograph of all attendees during the Annual Banquet. If you were doubly fortunate and took home some Satin (a.k.a. ribbons) bring 'em along to wear for the photo.

Mason-Dixon Members Serving the Paso Fino Community:

Karen Basehore—MD President; PA Farm Show Demo; MD Homepage.

Ann Bastian—Silent Auction

Nick Burgos—PFHA Cert. & USEF Reg. Judge & Trainer; Reading Pet Expo.; Lexington Show Decorations

Susan Crawford—Recreational Activity Organizer

Susan Data-Samtak—MD Recreational Rider Coordinator & PFHA Recreational Rider Committee; Recreational High Points; Regular PG Contributor

Kathy Dell— MD Secretary; MD Membership Chair

Diane Dutt—MD V. President; Editor-Power Glide; Show High Points; MD Facebook page; village idiot

Angel Flores—Trainer

Virginia Foster— PFHA Strategic Planning (Chair), Computer, Historic, Amateur Owner and Rules Committees

Diane Gates—Regular PG Contributor

Lisa Gorsuch—MD Regional Delegate to PFHA; PFHA Finance, Membership and Events Committees; MD May Day Show; Mary-

land Horse Expo.; MD Futurity Coordinator

Forest Gray—Ring Master

Nola Hauptert-Keill—Trainer; Equine dentist; Youth Activities

BJ Schuler— MD Treasurer; MD Spectacular; PFHA Finance Committee

James Laird—Trainer

Carolyn Marinko—MD Nominating Committee

Terri Mobius—Trail Ride Leader; regular PG contributor

Maryan Schlesman—MD Nominating Committee

Tiffany Senseman—Youth Chair

Dick Shaffer—Trail Ride Leader

Lynn Shaffer— MD Nominating Committee

Rick Shaffer—PFHA Cert. & USEF Reg. Judge & Trainer

Dick Teachout—Trail Ride Leader; Farrier

Lori Wieszkowiak— Pennsylvania Horse Expo.; and Ribbon Coordinator

Debbie Wolkowicz— PFHA Cert. Judge

Members Current for the 2012 Show Year (Oct 1, 2011–Sept. 30, 2012)

Barbara Adrian	Jacquelin Grubb	Tiffany Senseman
Rosanne Ashley	Amanda Hamilton	Dick and Lynn Shaffer
Karen Basehore	Nola Hauptert-Keill and Robbie Keill	Jena Shaffer
Ann Bastian	Kathy Holloway	Rick, Suzette, Anni and Justin Shaffer
Susan & Dan Beverino*	Anni Howell	Beth & Bob Sheldon*
Maureen Boskin	Jaime Jaramillo-Vallejo	Dorothy Snedden
Ben & Tammie Boyer	Mary Ellen Jepson	Stephanie Snyder*
Earl & Dawn Burg	Elizabeth Kleiber	Maranell and Toby Sonn
Nicholas Burgos and Darnell Williams	Karen Kraushaar	Karen Spiegelthal & Angel Flores Family
Mark & Kathrine Byrkit	James and Patricia Laird	Michael Srock
Denise Corcoran	Nancy Lewis	Ann Stever
Susan Crawford-Charters	Maribelle MacAlpin, Jessica and Allison Brosko	Beverly and John Sturm
Rosemary D'Agostino and Raymond Williams	Beaverlea Roye-Manderbach & Gary Manderbach	Richard Teachout
Celeste Dashiell & Glen Shade	Carolyn Marinko	Nancy Thomas
Susan Data-Samtak	Susan Marshall	Charles and Margaret Thorne
Kathy Dell	Terri Moebius	Noelle Vandusen
Jorge Donado	Joseph Motsay	Randy and Janet Weese
Jerry & Angela Dotson	Maryellen Neimeyer	Ron and Joy Weyer
Diane Dutt	Mary Palm	Lori & Tom Wieszkowiak
Martha Eldredge	Gale Peluso	Connie & Debbie Wolkowicz
Joseph Fisher	Melanie Petri	Carol Wood
Virginia Foster	Tom and Paul Radulewicz	Don and Mary Wright
Raymond Gallagher	Toni Roland*	<i>* Welcome, New Member!</i>
Kathrine Gamble	Maryan and George Schlesman	
Diane Gates	B.J. and Gary Schuler	
Keith and Lisa Gorsuch	Melody Adrian Scioli	
Forest & Judy Gray		

If your name is not on this list, please take a moment to renew your membership. The renewal form is located on page 23. If you feel that your membership status is not represented correctly in the list above, please contact Kathy Dell at Dell@tessco.com or 410-229-1232.

Mason-Dixon PFHA Election 2012 Timeline:

29 Oct 2012	Absentee Ballots due to Secretary
3 Nov 2012	General Meeting & Election
3 Nov 2012	Membership renewals due for all voting members
4 Nov 2012	Election Results published by Email and posted to Homepage
15 Dec 2012	Election Results published in PG
1 Jan 2013	New Board of Directors begins its tenure.

Current Nominees for the Mason Dixon Board of Directors:

President:

1. Nickolas Burgos

Treasurer:

1. Beth Sheldon

Delegate:

1. Lisa Gorsuch

Vice President:

1. Cathy Dell
2. Gale Peluso

Secretary:

1. Jena Shaffer

A ballot box will be available at the Annual Meeting on November 3rd for you to cast your vote. If you haven't already renewed your membership before the meeting, you will have the opportunity to do so prior to casting your vote.

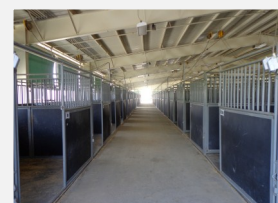
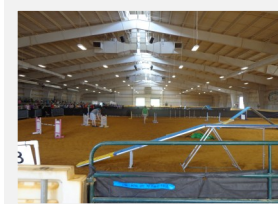
WE ARE LOOKING AT CHANGING THE VENUE FOR THE MASON-DIXON SPECTACULAR IN 2013!!!

WHEN: 14–16 JUNE, 2013

WHERE: DREAM PARK, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NJ

WHY HERE: An opportunity presented itself for us to join fellow Paso Fino owners, who had already reserved the facility for a show in 2013. Mason-Dixon, having suffered significant losses of revenue at both of our last shows, felt it was worth visiting the facility and consider the possibilities for a fiscal turn-around while providing an improved show experience for participants. Three members of the executive committee along with two additional members made the trip. What we found far exceeded our expectations. Not only does the facility have a lot to offer but the staff is accommodating and extremely helpful in providing suggestions for a truly wonderful and successful show. The opportunities to excel here seem almost endless. For example, they are helping us to identify cost saving approaches to provide musical and horse-related entertainment, improved food options and additional vendors. Its location also has the benefit of being closer than Lexington, VA for most of our showing members; reducing travel costs and providing easy access from major highways as-well-as reduced cost for Judge transportation due to proximity to the Philadelphia Int'l Airport. Our acting Treasurer and Show Chair, BJ Schuler, is currently performing a profit/loss analysis to determine if this would be the right alternative venue for us. **Click HERE to see for yourself!**

Please let us know your thoughts, concerns and other alternatives at mdpasofi-no@zoominternet.net



**Mason Dixon PFHA Officer Elections
for
January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2014 term**

Select one individual in each category.

President

☐

Nicholas Burgos

☐

_____ **Write-in**

Vice President

☐

Kathy Dell

☐

Gale Peluso

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_____ **Write-in**

Secretary

☐

Jena Shaffer

☐

_____ **Write-in**

Treasurer

☐

Beth Sheldon

☐

_____ **Write-in**

National Delegate

☐

Lisa Gorsuch

☐

_____ **Write-in**

All write-in candidates must agree to run during the Annual Meeting for selection to be valid.

Please submit your ballot to the Nominating Committee during the Annual Meeting. **You MUST be a current MDPFHA member to vote. Please see Kathy Dell to renew your membership. **ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE DUE TO KATHY DELL BY 29 OCTOBER 2012!****

Mason-Dixon Annual Meeting and Banquet

3 November 2012

The Rising Sun Inn, Telford, PA

Owned, in part, by our very own BJ and Gary Schuler

Please join your fellow Mason Dixon members and Paso Fino enthusiasts for the Annual Meeting and Banquet. This year, we will gather at the Rising Sun Inn , Telford , PA, to engage in lively banter, swap stories and discuss the past, present and future direction of the organization. The day will include our organizational business meeting, feasting, and recognition of member achievements during the past year. After all of our hard work, we will share in a delicious feast, the menu for which is provided here:

Assortment of hot and cold appetizers

Cheese tray, crudité

Buffalo French Dip, horseradish sauce

Caribbean Chicken

Rice & Vegetables

Tossed Salad, Pasta Salad

Wine & Beer

Please consider bringing a favorite dessert to share with friends.

We will start the meeting at 2 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

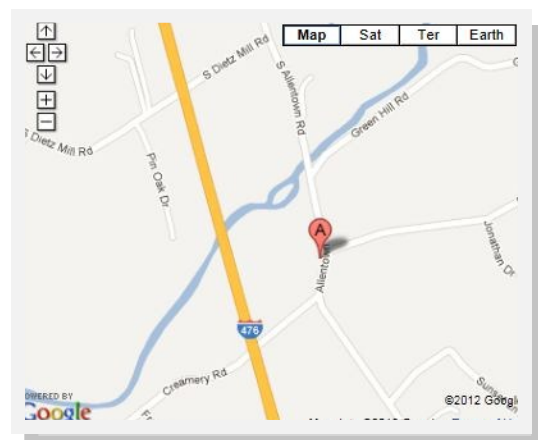
Achievements will be recognized and Awards distributed to Show and Recreational Riders. Come and share this evening of celebration with your friends and fellow members. We look forward to seeing you there! Click on the link above (or below) to access the Rising Sun website.

The [Rising Sun Inn](#)

898 Allentown Rd.

Franconia, PA 18969

215-721-6350



The Continuing Adventures of Diane & Enrique!



Last week we had an odd weather front roll through central Arizona. The sky and light was just breathtaking, so on our Thursday night zoom through the State Trust Land near 7th Avenue and Joy Ranch Road, I took this EarCam perspective of Sandy on her Missouri Foxtrotter Dinero! She and I do this 5 mile square trust land in gait and try to improve our time start to finish with each attempt, and this has made Enrique have a largo that just FLIES if he can keep his head on his shoulders and stay relaxed. It is possibly one of the most interesting photo's I have taken out riding! In the far left there was a rainbow up in the TONTO National Forest. Needless to say that time we did not outdo our previous time. It was just too glorious out and everywhere you looked the desert was transformed into a light show.

The next big event in our lives is the Cave Creek Wild West Days Parade. The First Weekend of November is the biggest Horse and Western Event in the State of Arizona, and Enrique will be dancing down the street all blinged out with the rest of the gals.

We have also joined the North Phoenix Trail Riders group. They are a mixed bag of younger men and women who like to trail ride. Enrique and I went to Camp Creek with them this Saturday and had a lovely saunter up the wash to the waterfall. Another beautiful day in paradise for sure. The Cowboy Cafe is on the way to the Water Fall. This area has lots of granite grit trails that are very nice to speed along! And the cactus is limited to just a few close areas instead of everywhere. Some of the Saguaro are over 250 years old. That's it for today. But next time you will get all the skinny on the Parade!

Diane & Enrique!

Gaited Clinic Fundraiser

Gaited Clinic

With

Rick Shaffer

November 17 & 18, 2012

**All Proceeds Go To The
Mason-Dixon Paso Fino Horse Association**

Rick covers it all: Behavior, gait issues, trail & show.
All breeds welcome! Horse/Rider can ride one day or both days.
Individual instruction for each pair.

Accepting 8 - 10 Horse/Rider pairs per day
Horse/Rider \$85/day - \$160/weekend
Auditors \$25/day - \$45/weekend

Day fee includes stall w/bedding
Overnight fee \$20.
Horses available to lease for a horse/rider session
Start times: Sat - 9am; Sun - 8:30 am

Great food available for sale with all proceeds going to MDPFHA.

To Register or if you have questions:

Call Lisa Gorsuch at 410-596-5586 or email at middlefieldfarm@verizon.net

Farm Address: 4988 Middleburg Rd, Taneytown, MD. 21787

PFHA Grand National Show Results:

<u>Class 2 Fino Youth 10-12</u>	<u>Class 4 Bella Forma 2 Year Old Colts</u>	<u>Class 5 Fino Youth 16 - 17</u>	<u>Class 6 Bella Forma Yearling Colts</u>
<u>Class 7 Performance Youth 13 - 15</u>	<u>Class 8 Bella Forma Stallions</u>	<u>Class 9 Bella Forma Stallions Colts Championship</u>	<u>Class 10 Horsemanship 16-17</u>
<u>Class 11 Horsemanship 13-15</u>	<u>Class 13 Horsemanship 10-12</u>	<u>Class 14 Horsemanship 7-9</u>	<u>Class 15 Pleasure Mares</u>
<u>Class 16 Performance Youth 16-17</u>	<u>Class 18 Pleasure Geldings</u>	<u>Class 19 Performance Youth 10-12</u>	<u>Class 20 Pleasure Stallions</u>
<u>Class 22 Driving</u>	<u>Class 23 Bella Forma 3 Year Old Fillies</u>	<u>Class 24 Equitation 16-17</u>	<u>Class 25 Bella Forma 2 Year Old Fillies</u>
<u>Class 26 Equitation 13-15</u>	<u>Class 27 Bella Forma Yearling Fillies</u>	<u>Class 28 Equitation 10-12</u>	<u>Class 29 Bella Forma Mares</u>
<u>Class 30 Equitation 7-9</u>	<u>Class 31 Bella Forma Mares-Fillies Championship</u>	<u>Class 32 Trocha</u>	<u>Class 33 Youth Horsemanship Championship</u>
<u>Class 34 Breeder's Sweepstakes Colts</u>	<u>Class 35 Country Pleasure</u>	<u>Class 36 Pleasure Youth 7-9</u>	<u>Class 37 Pleasure Youth 13-15</u>
<u>Class 38 Get of Sire</u>	<u>Class 39 Pleasure Youth 10-12</u>	<u>Class 40 Produce of Dam</u>	<u>Class 41 Pleasure Youth 16-17</u>
<u>Class 42 Pleasure Geldings for Gold</u>	<u>Class 43 Fino Youth Championship</u>	<u>Class 44 Bella Forma Geldings</u>	<u>Class 45 Pleasure Youth Championship</u>
<u>Class 48 Bella Forma 2 Year Old Geldings</u>	<u>Class 50 Breeder's Sweepstakes Fillies</u>	<u>Class 51 Bella Forma Geldings Championship</u>	<u>Class 52 Pleasure AO Stallions</u>
<u>Class 53 Pleasure 4 Year Old Fillies</u>	<u>Class 54 Pleasure AO Geldings</u>	<u>Class 55 Pleasure 3 Year Old Colts</u>	<u>Class 56 Gold Medal Equitation</u>
<u>Class 57 Pleasure 3 Year Old Geldings</u>	<u>Class 58 Versatility</u>	<u>Class 59 Performance Youth Championship</u>	<u>Class 60 Pleasure 3 Year Old Fillies</u>
<u>Class 61 Pleasure AO Mares</u>	<u>Class 62 Pleasure 4 Year Old Colts</u>	<u>Class 63 Youth Equitation Championship</u>	<u>Class 64 Pleasure 4 Year Old Geldings</u>
<u>Class 65 Trail</u>	<u>Class 67 Performance 3 Year Old Geldings</u>	<u>Class 68 Performance AO 4 Year Old Geldings</u>	<u>Class 69 Performance 3 Year Old Colts</u>
<u>Class 70 Performance AO 4 Year Old Colts</u>	<u>Class 71 Performance 3 Year Old Fillies</u>	<u>Class 72 Pleasure AO 3 Year Old Geldings</u>	<u>Class 73 Performance Geldings</u>
<u>Class 74 Pleasure AO 3 Year Old Colts</u>	<u>Class 76 Pleasure AO 4 Year Old Geldings</u>	<u>Class 77 Western Pleasure</u>	<u>Class 78 Pleasure AO 4 Year Old Fillies</u>
<u>Class 80 Pleasure AO 4 Year Old Colts</u>	<u>Class 81 Performance Stallions</u>	<u>Class 82 Pleasure AO Geldings for Gold</u>	<u>Class 83 Performance AO Geldings</u>
<u>Class 84 Fino AO 4 Year Old Geldings</u>	<u>Class 85 Performance 4 Year Old Geldings</u>	<u>Class 87 Performance AO 3 Year Old Colts</u>	<u>Class 88 Fino AO Geldings</u>

<u>Class 89 Performance 4 Year Old Colts</u>	<u>Class 92 Performance 4 Year Old Fillies</u>	<u>Class 93 Performance AO 3 Year Old Geldings</u>	<u>Class 95 Fino AO 3 Year Old Colts</u>
<u>Class 96 Trote-Galope</u>	<u>Class 97 Fino Geldings for Gold</u>	<u>Class 98 Performance AO Mares</u>	<u>Class 99 Fino 3 Year Old Fillies</u>
<u>Class 101 Fino 4 Year Old Fillies</u>	<u>Class 102 Performance AO Stallions</u>	<u>Class 103 Fino Mares</u>	<u>Class 104 Pleasure AO Geldings Championship</u>
<u>Class 105 Fino Geldings</u>	<u>Class 106 Pleasure AO Mares Championship</u>	<u>Class 107 Performance Geldings Championship</u>	<u>Class 109 Fino AO 3 Year Old Fillies</u>
<u>Class 110 Fino 4 Year Old Geldings</u>	<u>Class 112 Fino AO 4 Year Old Fillies</u>	<u>Class 113 Fino 3 Year Old Colts</u>	<u>Class 114 Fino AO Geldings Championship</u>
<u>Class 115 Performance Futurity</u>	<u>Class 116 Performance AO Geldings for Gold</u>	<u>Class 117 Fino AO Mares</u>	<u>Class 118 Pleasure AO Stallions Championship</u>
<u>Class 119 Fino 4 Year Old Colts</u>	<u>Class 120 Performance Ao Mares Championship</u>	<u>Class 121 Fino Stallions</u>	<u>Class 122 Pleasure Stallions Championship</u>
<u>Class 123 Fino AO Geldings for Gold</u>	<u>Class 124 Pleasure Mares Championship</u>	<u>Class 125 Fino AO Mares Championship</u>	<u>Class 126 Pleasure Futurity</u>
<u>Class 127 Performance Geldings for Gold</u>	<u>Class 128 Fino Futurity</u>	<u>Class 129 Adult Amateur Equitation</u>	<u>Class 130 Performance Stallions Championship</u>
<u>Class 131 Fino AO Stallions Championship</u>	<u>Class 132 Fino Geldings Championship</u>	<u>Class 133 Performance AO Geldings Championship</u>	<u>Class 134 Fino Mares Championship</u>
<u>Class 135 Costume</u>	<u>Class 136 Performance Mares Championship</u>	<u>Class 137 Fino Stallions Championship</u>	



The Famous "Cigar", on loan to the KHP and living in the paddock next to the Arena where the GNS was held.



Upcoming Clinic with Jim Laird

24 November 10:00—4:00

Where: Hillside Farms, Telford PA

Cost: Horse & Rider: \$75

Audit: \$40

Lunch is included. Contact BJ Schuler for more information and directions. This is a great opportunity to learn why it is important to balance your horse, why flexibility is important to achieving gait and how to improve your skills as a rider and horse person. Please join your fellow Gaited Horse enthusiasts, Paji Learning Center and Hillside Farms for this fun and instructive event.

Horse Tales Literacy Program—Vivian Ashcraft, Southwest PFHA

I have been appointed as Recreation Rider Chairperson for the SWPFHA and my goal is to really get us Recreation Rider some respect as well as activities. Here in Arkansas the paso finos are rare and they have the reputation of being too hot to do anything with. I have worked extremely hard over the past 10 years to change that. I now have a very awesome gelding, Espresso de Suenos, who is really changing the minds of many and both him and our other gelding are capturing the hearts of several children in Arkansas as ambassadors to the Horse Tales Literacy Program. I have been appointed as Recreation Rider Chairperson for the SWPFHA and my goal is to really get us Recreation Rider some respect as well as activities. Here in Arkansas the paso finos are rare and they have the reputation of being too hot to do anything with. I have worked extremely hard over the past 10 years to change that.

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kansas as ambassadors to the Horse Tales Literacy Program.

These are my 2 favorite photos of my boy. The one child in the chair had told him not to touch her so when he ignored her while she was reading she told him to pay attention to her while she was reading to him. He looks to be telling her off. The other little girl had never been near any animal and was terrified. He lowered his head when I ask him to speak to her. He is truly a joy!





Are You a Trailblazer?

Recreational Riders !

You may have noticed that MDPFHA has been on the trail to encourage the non-show or recreational rider. The Power Glide has had at least one story or article about RR in each 2012 issue. We need YOUR stories and experiences to continue this trend. Come on! Send those photos to our PG Editor!, Diane Dutt at dld5@zoominternet.net

According to the PFHA, over 80% of members consider themselves Recreational or Trail Riders.

One of the volunteer jobs I have taken on for MDPFHA is to administer the Non-Show Year End Awards Program. Each time you ride in a formal non-show event, such as Trail Rides, Judged Pleasure Rides, Parades, Demonstrations, *etc.* you are eligible for 5 points toward a year end award. There are many Age divisions, therefore, many chances to win.

These are in addition to the Trail Blazers Program and PFHA's Ticket to Ride and Pasos For Pleasure. (Each requires separate paperwork for you to be included.) If you are a recreational rider and have ridden your Paso Fino in Clinics, Parade, Recognized Trail Rides, Horse Demos.

2012 NACMO Ride Schedule :

New Jersey/New York/Penn/Ohio/VA

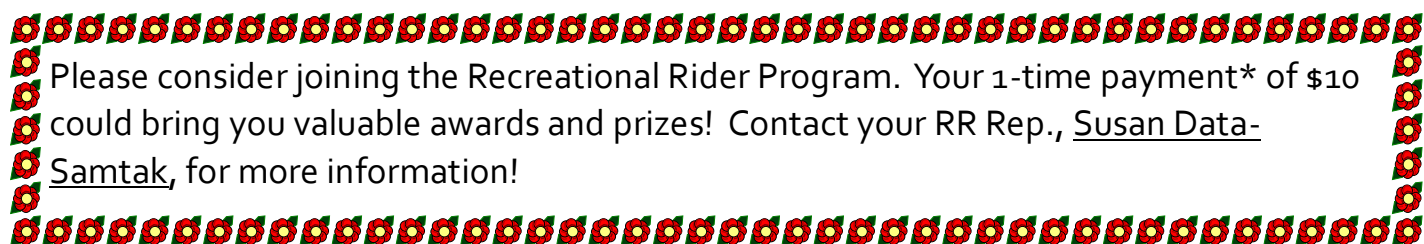
10/28/2012	Blue Mountain Hustle - Hawk Mt
11/11/2012	Lakeside Lope - Blue Marsh-Church rd Bernville PA
12/16/2012	NO FRILLS...no food, just come and Ride - Blue Marsh lake-Lake Road

Attn: MDPFHA Recreational Riders:

The Recreational Rider Committee has recently been advised that **no entries have been submitted to date in the Competitive Trail Ride (CTR) category**. Not only is it important to have entries submitted in each category to keep our programs viable, but we also would love to see our recreational members compete for the prestigious annual awards. And remember, your competitive rides can also count toward the Ticket To Ride program for a chance to win valuable prizes.

If you have thought about attending a CTR in your area, please sign up and submit your paperwork to PFHA no later than 20 days after the event. **With no entries to date, you have a very good chance to win the annual award.**

We would also like to remind everyone to submit their Ticket to Ride forms to PFHA as they are completed. The form may be downloaded from the RR Handbook found on the PFHA website. Participation in most non-show activities with their registered Paso Fino qualify the member to complete a block on the form. If the event is hosted by the region, it counts for two blocks. Simply include the activity manager's name, initials, date, name of activity, city, and state, and circle if it is a PFHA regional event or not. Submit your TTR form no later than September 1st to be eligible for the TTR drawing at Nationals. Winners need not be present to win.—PFHA Recreational Rider Committee; Susan Data-Samtak, MDPFHA Rep.

 Please consider joining the Recreational Rider Program. Your 1-time payment* of \$10 could bring you valuable awards and prizes! Contact your RR Rep., Susan Data-Samtak, for more information!

Current TrailBlazer Roster:

Karen Basehore

Maureen Boskin

Jessica Brosko

Allison Brosko

Diane Dutt

Virginia Foster

Kathrine Gamble

Diane Gates

Jacquelin Grubb

Maribelle MacAlpin

Carolyn Marinko

Terri Moebius

Toni Roland

Susan Data-Samtak

John Samtak

Maryan Schlesman

George Schlesman

Dorothy Snedden

Michaele Srock

Ann Stever

Connie Wolkowicz

Please contact Susan Data-Samtak and Kathy Dell if you feel there is a discrepancy regarding this list.

<p>American Endurance Ride Conference: Visit the following site for more information. -trail ride- ♦ ♦ American Endurance Ride Conference * ♦ ♦ CONTACT: - http://www.doublejoy.com/erol/Calendar/ For the most up to date AERC trial ride info please visit the above link.</p>	<p>South Eastern Distance Riding Association: Visit the following site for more information. -trail ride-, * South Eastern Distance Riding Association * CONTACT: - http://www.DistanceRiding.org For the most up to date SEDRA CTR/Drive and Endurance Trail info please visit the above link.</p>
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EQUINE MEDICAL ARTICLE OF INTEREST: EVH-1

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Cache County farm [Utah] quarantined, 3 horses euthanized after equine herpes found

Three horses at a Cache County farm have been euthanized after one was confirmed as having the equine herpes virus (EHV-1) and the others showed "neurological signs consistent" with the virus, the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food [UDAF] announced Thursday [18 Oct 2012].

The UDAF euthanized the horses as part of its investigation into one confirmed case of EHV-1 in the state and subsequently placed a quarantine on that farm in Cache County, according to state veterinarian Bruce King. UDAF spokesman Larry Lewis declined to comment specifically on where the farm was located within Cache County. He said the quarantine will last several weeks.

"They are aware of their situation, and to protect their property, their horses, they're going to be taking these steps -- and we trust them," Lewis said of the farm owners. "At all times of the year, owners mingle their horses at shows and events, and ... we're trying to work upstream to determine if there are any other farms or horse owners who may have come into contact with these horses."

To date, no other horses have become ill with similar signs, Lewis said, but officials worry other cases may surface in the coming days. King said in a prepared statement that horse owners are advised to quickly report clinical signs to their veterinarian. Equine herpes virus clinical signs include fever, decreased coordination, nasal discharge, urine dribbling, loss of tail tone, hind limb weakness, leaning against a wall or fence to maintain balance, lethargy, and the inability to rise, according to UDAF news release.

While there is no cure, the clinical signs of the disease "may be treatable," King said.

"As a precaution to Utah horse owners, I advise they take extra biosecurity steps to safeguard the health of their animals," King said in a statement. "Don't let your horses touch other horses, especially nose to nose. Isolate horses that return to the farm from a show or event."

EHV-1 is not transmissible to people, but the highly contagious illness in horses is known to spread rapidly -- commonly through horse-to-horse contact -- and can result in the death of the animal. The virus can also spread through the air, contaminated equipment, clothing and hands. The disease can also cause respiratory and neurologic diseases.

This EHV-1 case is the 1st in Utah since last year [2011], when there were 7 quarantined locations in Box Elder, Davis, Kane, Salt Lake and Utah counties, according to Lewis.

There were none confirmed in Cache County last year, but several local equine events were either canceled or postponed out of precaution from event organizers.

The cases in 2011 originated from horses that returned with the virus from the National Cutting Horse Association's Western National Championships (NCHA), held at the Golden Spike Event Center in Ogden.

No origination location or event has been identified in this year's case.

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[The disease is often abbreviated as EHV for equine herpes virus or EHM for equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy.

Equine herpesvirus (EHV-1) infection in horses can cause respiratory and neurological disease, abortion in mares, and neonatal foal death. The neurological form of the disease is known as equine herpes myeloencephalopathy (EHM) and has the potential to cause high morbidity and mortality.

EHV-1 is easily spread and typically has an incubation period between 2-10 days. Respiratory shedding of the virus generally occurs for 7-10 days but may persist longer in infected horses. For this reason, the isolation period recommendation for confirmed positive EHM cases is 21 days. Clinical signs of EHM in horses may include nasal discharge, incoordination, hindquarter weakness, recumbency, lethargy, urine dribbling, and diminished tail tone. The prognosis for EHM positive horses depends on the severity of signs and the period of recumbency. Employing supportive treatment with intravenous fluids, anti-inflammatory drugs, anti-viral drugs, and other supportive measures may be beneficial, since there is no specific treatment for EHM.

Currently, no EHV-1 equine vaccine has a label claim for protection against the neurological strain of the virus.

This is a disease that has a profound effect on horses and owners. Horses have a very tough time recovering from this disease and owners have a difficult time treating, or euthanizing their pets/companions.

This disease is not to be toyed with. Owners should heed the words of the veterinarians. Enforce the rest and isolation of your horse. Protect your horse and other horses as well.

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Officials have determined an outbreak of equine herpes has occurred at Hawthorne Race Course and a quarantine has been put in place, but racing will continue as scheduled.

Following discussions with state veterinarians, the Department of Agriculture, and consultants from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the decision was made to put a quarantine of the affected barn in place to combat the disease, which has manifested in the neurological form in 2 horses. The quarantine is restricted to Barn A.

"We're treating the horses in there and monitoring the horses in Barn A. Horses can still ship in," said Hawthorne Assistant General Manager Jim Miller. "It doesn't affect racing. Racing still continues."

The disease claimed the life of one horse in Barn A and has affected at least one other. 3 other horses are being monitored.

Miller said all 70 horses in the barn will be tested for the disease. Horses with a clean bill of health will be allowed to train during hours set aside only for them.

The track plans to take every precaution during races, including disinfecting the receiving barn every day, the paddock between every race, and the starting gate. The receiving barn is located at the opposite end of the backstretch from the affected barn.

"It's unfortunate," Miller said. "But you want to be safe rather than sorry."

EQUINE MEDICAL ARTICLE OF INTEREST: EEEV

Snakes in the wild serve as hosts for the deadly mosquito-borne eastern equine encephalomyelitis virus (EEEV), possibly acting as a "bridge" to the next season, according to researchers studying endemic areas in the Tuskegee National Forest in Alabama. This sets the stage for mosquitoes feeding on the infected snakes -- primarily in the early spring -- to become virus carriers. Scientists have been puzzled as to how the virus survived a harsh winter. With this new link established in the transmission cycle, a viable strategy to counter the virus may be at hand.

The findings were published today [1 Oct 2012] online in the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and will be published in the December 2012 print issue.

While previous studies demonstrated that snakes experimentally infected with EEEV in laboratories could harbor the virus in their blood through hibernation, this is the 1st evidence documenting wild-caught snakes with EEEV already circulating in their blood. "This study confirms that the snakes carry the live virus across seasons," said study co-author Thomas R. Unnasch, Ph.D., of the University of South Florida's Global Health Infectious Disease Research Program. "So after hibernating all winter, when they emerge in the sun in the spring, they still have the virus in their blood ready to share with a new crop of mosquitoes, which can then spread it on to other animals."

"Triple E is one of the most deadly viruses that's endemic to the United States, and what this result allows us to do is to start thinking about early season interventions to basically eliminate the virus transmission early in the season and interrupt it before it gets going, before it will be a threat to human beings later on in the season," he said.

EEEV has been detected in Central, South and in North America, along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the U.S., as well as Michigan and Ohio. Most human cases have occurred in Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts. Currently, in Massachusetts, public health officials have confirmed that at least 7 residents have contracted the virus commonly called "triple E" (EEE), and 2 of them have died from the disease. The number of cases in the state alone has already reached the average number of EEE cases reported annually nationwide.

EEEV is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito. The virus can be passed to a wide range of animals including birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals. But once infected, horses and humans appear to suffer the most adverse effects. For horses with EEE, there's a 90 percent chance of death. And although there is a vaccine available, hundreds of horses go unvaccinated. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), on average 200 EEE horse cases were reported annually over the past 5 years. For humans EEE is rare, with approximately 5 to 10 cases reported annually in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). About 3 percent of the people who contract the disease will die, and among those who survive, 35 percent will have long term severe neurological damage. In severe cases of the virus (involving encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain), symptoms include the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills and vomiting. The illness may then progress into disorientation, seizures or coma. There is no cure for EEEV, and care is based on symptoms. There is currently no vaccine approved for human use.

Freshwater hardwood swamps in the Northeast are hotbeds for EEEV, and the virus is maintained through a cycle of *Culiseta melanura* mosquitoes, which primarily get their blood meals from birds. As infection rates rise among more mosquitoes feeding on their avian hosts, the birds spread the virus rapidly and broadly, but it takes a mosquito species (*Aedes*, *Coquillettia* and *Culex*) capable of bridging the infection from infected birds to uninfected mammals for the virus to be transmitted.

Until now, the mystery of how the virus survived the winter has been an outstanding question, because the virus has appeared in the same locations in several Northeastern U.S. states from year to year. "There are no mosquitoes there in the winter and not many birds, and there has never been evidence that mosquitoes can carry the virus over the winter," Unnasch said.

For their research for this study, scientists from the University of South Florida and Auburn University wrangled snakes for blood samples from an area in the Tuskegee National Forest where EEEV has circulated for years. They found that the infected snakes, mostly cottonmouths, hibernate the virus in their blood during winter. They also discovered that the virus in snakes peaked in April and September. Unnasch said when the major transmission agents, migratory birds, leave the area in the fall, the mosquitoes turn to the snakes -- feeding through the eye membranes of the vipers, not through their tough skin -- which is why infection rates peak in September. He added that there is no research on whether the virus can be transmitted by a snake bite, but they plan to use defanged snakes in their next experiments."

Unnasch and his colleagues believe that the virus can be stopped before it becomes a threat. Further study could prove whether early season interventions could be useful in eliminating infections in the summer, which may involve humans. "We'd like to test this experimentally by doing some early season insecticide treatments for mosquitoes in Florida," said Unnasch, adding that according to the CDC, his home state has far more cases of triple E virus than any other.

"This study not only offers insight into the ways to prevent the outbreaks of deadly mosquito-borne viruses like EEEV and West Nile virus, it also provides a path toward finding cures and vaccines that will save lives and money," said James W. Kazura, MD, President of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, which publishes the journal, and director of the Center for Global Health and Diseases at Case Western Reserve University. "We must never forget that the lives of real people are at stake here. Each year, through the generosity of the Labell family, ASTMH's American Committee on Arthropod-Borne Viruses awards a USD 2000 grant to a graduate student conducting research on EEEV or other mosquito-borne diseases in the name of their daughter, Kelly, a New Hampshire teenager who died tragically in 2005 from EEEV. This research is another step closer to preventing tragedy for another family."

The study was supported by a grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

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U.S. Reps. from Tennessee and Kentucky sponsor H.R. 6388 to amend the Horse Protection Act Amendments aim to increase protection against equine soring.

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U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., and Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., introduced H.R. 6388, the Horse Protection Act (HPA) Amendments of 2012, Sept. 13, amidst continued soring violations and the notice of decertification of horse industry organizations by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and its Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

A joint release by Reps. Whitfield and Cohen states the amendment to the 40-year-old HPA will provide additional protection to prohibit the soring of horses. The amendment eliminates self-policing by requiring the USDA to assign a licensed inspector to horse shows if management indicates its intent to hire one, although hiring a licensed inspector is not mandated. The use of action devices is prohibited and penalties are increased for anyone caught soring a horse under the proposed legislation.

The release says an audit by the USDA Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Horse Protection Act Program found that trainers in the industry often go to great lengths to evade detection, rather than comply with federal law and train horses using humane methods.

The horse industry organization (HIO) SHOW, which provided inspections at the 74th annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville, Tenn., in August, has publicly refused to comply with the USDA's own recent amendments to the HPA requiring HIOs to assess minimum penalties for violations. SHOW, PRIDE and the Heart of American Walking Horse Association have all been given notice of decertification if they do not comply with the USDA. Click [HERE](#) for more.

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