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Equine Update

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**Western Chapter NYS Horse Council
General Membership Meeting
November 3rd 5:30 PM
Holiday Inn - Buffalo Airport
4600 Genesee St.**

Please join us for the annual election
of officers and presentations to include:

**“Taking Your Horse to Cornell:
An Owner’s Perspective”**
by Peter Tarnawskyj

**“Questions you need to be able to
answer for the vet in an emergency”
& Local Veterinary Options**
by JoAnn Johnson, DVM

Please select from the following dinner
options: Chicken Piccata (C), Roast Pork
(P), or Stuffed Shells (SS) and indicate
how many are coming on your check.

**Cost of each dinner is \$20.
Be sure to invite a friend.**

Reservations and payment deadline
is October 29th

**Make checks out to WCNYSHC
and mail to Peter Tarnawskyj
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As you can see our general membership meeting is scheduled for November 3. The Western Chapter Board schedules two general meetings a year. These meetings provide opportunities to meet other horse folks in the area and, hopefully, to add to your horse knowledge. The Western Chapter Directors try to select topics of interest and to find appropriate and interesting speakers. Suggestions for topics and speakers or activities are always very welcome. While the educational component (or other activity) of these meetings is important, equally important is meeting our membership. Having your name on the registration list and paying dues in an organization is important, but that alone does not sustain an organization. Actual live people bring ideas and interest and liveliness to an organization. People willing to step up and share their interests and expertise as directors for the horse council are welcome to call Susan at 941-9120 and volunteer. Remember you often "hear" the news better in person than in a newsletter that may get stacked in that ever increasing pile of mail that you plan to get around to, some time, after barn chores, when you are not so tired. So try to come out and invite some of your riding friends for a night out with fellow equestrians. Make your membership really meaningful. Don't be shy. We're looking forward to meeting you.

Happy trails,

Susan

Reporting Horse Abuse Cases

The first entity to call if you suspect horse abuse in your area is your local SPCA, providing there is one in your county. If there is no SPCA, then call the county sheriff or the state troopers. They have the authority to take the necessary action. That usually means they would need a warrant and a veterinarian to go on the property with them. Investigators would interview the owner when they arrive. They would look to see if there is adequate food and water on the premises and they would examine the area for unsanitary conditions, i.e. horses standing deep in their own feces. They would make a note if the animals have access to shelter from the wind when outside and ask the owner when the last time the animals were out of the barn for exercise. These are quality of life issues that all need to be addressed. If one particular horse is thin and looking run down, they would ask to see veterinarian and farrier records of care for that animal. If the animal is currently under a veterinarian's supervision, investigators would assume the owner is doing everything possible to make sure the animal is being cared for properly. They might also ask how long the owners have owned the animal. They know some well-meaning people rescue horses in poor condition and try to help those equines recover. They also know some horses have tooth problems that prevent them from getting nourishment from their food or hormone irregularities which lead to other debilitating diseases. If all the horses on the grounds are thin, there would be future checks on the premises to see that this situation has been resolved after the initial visit.

AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL ENCOURAGES HORSE INDUSTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2007 USDA CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, DC
September 21, 2007

The American Horse Council (AHC) is calling on all members of the horse owning community to participate in the 2007 Census of Agriculture to be conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA census, taken every five years, is a count of U.S. farms, ranches and the people who operate them. A link to the Census can be found on the American Horse Councils web site: www.horsecouncil.org

The USDA reports that the 2007 Census of Agriculture will help to measure land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures and many other areas. The AHC wants to ensure that the American horse industry is properly accounted for in the upcoming Census. There are three ways in which horse owners can participate in the USDA's 2007 Census of Agriculture:

1. If your farm received a survey for census participation in the past (the last census was taken in 2002), your farm will be mailed a survey that you can fill in and mail back.
2. If your farm was not part of the 2002 Census, or you are not sure if you participated, you can fill out a basic USDA census registration form online by following the link from the AHCs web site: www.horsecouncil.org. Once this form is submitted online, a survey will be mailed to you.
3. Finally, beginning in late December 2007, the Census survey will be available to all farm owners and operators to fill out online even if they have not pre-registered.

According to an AHC report, the American horse industry has a **\$102 BILLION** dollar impact on the U.S. economy and supports 1.4 million U.S. jobs. There are more than 9.2 million horses in the United States, making the U.S. horse-owning population the largest in the world. AHC President, Jay Hickey, stated, "The Census of Agriculture is our chance to stand and be counted." Hickey further stated, "It is everyone's responsibility to make sure that the equine community is accounted for in the 2007 Census of Agriculture." Additionally, information on the 2007 Census of Agriculture can be found on the USDA's web site: www.agcensus.usda.gov. Census forms will be mailed on December 28, 2007. The mailing will include further instructions about how to log in and respond to the Census via a secure web connection. **All Census forms must be completed by February 2, 2008.**

Message from County Parks and DEC regarding HORSE MANURE

Please clean up the horse manure that is left by your horse in the parking lots at the areas where you ride. There are hunters, hikers and sometimes bus loads of students and/or senior citizens parking in those same lots. Consideration is key here. People bristle at the thought of stepping in manure when they get out of their cars. Others have to chase their dogs around to prevent them from eating those most cherished horseball treats. This is particularly important when horse clubs and equine groups meet for a ride. Though more is merrier, the big manure messes afterwards are not.

Report on Healthy Trails, Healthy Communities Conference September 28-29 in Rochester, NY

by Carol Schmelz

For three days it rained and I sat on the fence as to whether to attend this conference or not. My trails were soggy and I kept asking myself this important question, "What if no other equestrian in all of NYS shows up at this important meeting to express our views about trails?" That was the clincher, so I drove to Rochester for the Saturday session. The trail movers and shakers from all over NYS were attending this third annual greenway and community conference organized by Parks and Trails New York. Topics included "Forging a Network of Trails" which involved securing a corridor and understanding the process and players. Other topics covered were "Design, Construction and Operation" and "Ensuring the Future." Terry Martin, the planner and promoter of horse trails from Cattaraugus County was a featured speaker at the morning session. I wanted to be there to support those interests and to see how his message was received by those in attendance. Also, the thought crossed my mind that if anyone had questions from the trail user perspective, I should be ready with some answers. During the entire conference I shared equestrian ideas and views with Parks and DEC personnel while mingling but, especially at lunch and at the plenary session. The goal of this particular question and answer session was to share ideas and help develop the agenda that will guide the work of the **STATEWIDE TRAILS COALITION** being organized by Parks and Trails New York. By the way, I was the only equestrian to show up in all of NYS.

Dead Horse Pickup Information October 2007

It's getting to be that time of year when the ground will soon be frozen for months at a time. If you have a horse that dies in the winter months, it may be hard then to have it buried even though you can find a farmer with the equipment to dig a hole. Please note some town ordinances even for you or you can still call Baker Commodities in Rochester. This company picks up dead horses all over WNY for a cost of \$225 Mondays through Fridays. Your animal should be easily accessible for the truck. The dispatch number for Baker Commodities is 585-482-1880.

2007 ARABIAN SPORT HORSE NATIONALS PROVES SUCCESSFUL FOR WNY COMPETITORS

By Barbara Rauscher

New white breeches (not to be white for long), \$60. New clipper blades (three sizes) to cut back the already invasive winter growth, \$80. Jacket with *2007 Arabian Sport Horse Nationals* logo, \$150. Earning the right to have *Top 10* embroidered on your Nationals jacket – PRICELESS!!

This year's Arabian Sport Horse Nationals, which took place at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia, was an exciting and very successful event for Western New York's Arabian Horse owner community! It was especially thrilling for me. My daughter, Alison Szymanski, and our Arabian gelding, Exotic Sun, earned a TOP 10 in Arabian Sport Horse Show Hack Amateur to ride! If you are not familiar with the Show Hack class, it is a very challenging class. In addition to riding the usual walk, trot, canter, and hand-gallop, the horse and rider are also required to collect and extend each gait. Particularly important, though, not easy for many horses, is the ideal extension: loose, relaxed, almost floating. Our gelding Sunny, who is 19 years young, proved to everyone there that he's 'still got it'!

Several of our fellow AHANY members and their horses showed along with us. Our friends' exciting accomplishments included:

Northridge Farm's Chill Factor NR, earned a TOP 10 in Arabian Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand, shown by Anne Cinelli, and a second TOP 10 in Arabian Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand Amateur to Handle, shown by Carrie Blenker. Chill Factor, affectionately called Willie, is owned by Carrie and Pat Glover.

Maureen Quillan rode Peggy Root's Basking Berry Bey to a TOP 10 in Arabian Sport Horse Show Hack and they also earned a TOP 10 in Arabian Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand.

Barbara Johnson's mare Tempting Fate, with Jennifer Fry at the reins, took a TOP 10 in Arabian Sport Horse Mares In-Hand Amateur to Handle and an additional TOP 10 in Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle Junior Horse.

Becky Haslinger and her gelding, DJ-No-Shame, also took home a TOP 10, in Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle.

I hope to return to the picturesque mountains and historic towns of Virginia soon. We all had a great time showing our horses at the fabulous Virginia Horse Center, against the beautiful and scenic backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains. I wouldn't change a thing about our fabulous trip, except maybe I would wish for a little less stall mucking and a lot more shopping!

Upcoming WNY Equine Events

October 21, 2007 Frontier Equine Veterinary Practice Equine Clinic's Open House from 11am to 3pm - 801 Jamison Rd., Elma, NY. There will be refreshments, informational materials and demonstrations of our new Digital Radiograph machine! Anyone interested is welcome to stop by and see what we have to offer. JoAnn Johnson, DVM Frontier Equine Veterinary Practice www.FrontierEquine.com <<http://www.frontierequine.com/>> 716-655-6442 Please call ahead.

October 31-November 4, 2007 Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament in Syracuse at the War Memorial and Convention Center Stadium. Five days of competition. Daily events include clinics and demonstrations, Olympic riders, Budweiser Clydesdales, and training tips from Frank & Beezie Madden. For more information & schedules check out website www.SyracuseInvitational.com or call 315-655-4721.

November 3, 2007 Relationship Training Round Pen Clinic with Tom Pinkowski "Achieving Trust & Respect in the Round Pen" from 10:00 - 4:00 This will be a "refresher course" from the Pony Boy clinic hosted last week with Tom. Location Tom Pinkowski Horse Boarding & Training Center 3000 Coomer Rd. Newfane, NY 14108 434-6024. Cost \$30.00 to participate; \$5.00 to audit

November 9, 2007 The World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions perform at the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena at 7:30 PM. Don't miss the Dancing White Stallions and their Airs Above the Ground in the "Wonderful World of Horses." Tickets on sale at the Jamestown Arena Box Office or charge by phone at 716-484-2624. For more info see website Lipizzaner.com

November 10th Bus Trip to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto with the Creekside Roundup folks from Franklinville. Cost is \$85. There are still openings on the bus. For more info contact Sarah Boehmer at 716-676-9951 or Al Gerstung 676-3534 or email him at al_mjgerstung@hotmail.com. Bus pickups will be at 6:30AM in Olean, 7AM in Franklinville, 7:30 AM in Yorkshire and 8AM in East Aurora. Returns vary between 12 midnight and 1:30AM with Yorkshire being first and East Aurora being last. To reserve your spot checks(full payment) needs to be mailed **ASAP** to Sarah Boehmer 8186 Kingsbury Hill Rd. Franklinville, NY 14737

BEWARE!!!

Propane heater kills family of four in Madison, Wisconsin

The owners of Clay's Clydesdales and their two grandchildren were killed by carbon monoxide poisoning while they slept in their horse trailer on October 12, 2007. Firefighter investigators reported that their propane heater was not ventilated properly. Although the roof vent was open to allow fresh air in, carbon monoxide hangs low to the ground and does not rise like heat does. It would behoove anyone that uses propane in their horse trailer living quarters to have a fully functional carbon monoxide detector installed as a precaution. In addition, if you are a "do it yourself" person, make sure your propane appliances are installed properly.

Therapeutic Riding Scholarship \$\$\$ is Available

For all those therapeutic riding centers that are members of the Western Chapter, please note that funds are still available for scholarships for your needy students. Applications can be downloaded as needed at our website wcnyshc.org. or call our Corresponding Secretary Carol at 694-3488 and she will mail them out to you.

New York State Horse Council, Inc

2008 Membership Form www.nyshc.org

NYSHC is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization registered with the
NYS Attorney General Charities Bureau
Membership Information (please print legibly):

Name of Adult #1 _____ Name of Adult #2 _____

List each Child under 18 living in household:

1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____

4: _____ 5: _____ 6: _____

Title: _____ Club/Business/Farm Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

Website: _____

Volunteer availability and Interests: _____

Please check age group for our Vintage Equestrian Program statistics: 50-62 _____ 63 and over _____

Chapter Members please circle your affiliation and a 40% of your dues will be forwarded to that chapter for their operating expenses.

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*****Cattaraugus/Chautauqua Counties (Catt/Chau)*****

Individual/Family/Life Membership Includes \$1M individual 24/7 liability insurance. Select one of the following:

Individual \$55.00 _____ One adult & includes all children in the household under 18

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Dues structure for Clubs, Equine Business and Educational Institutions:

Clubs:

0-50 members \$ 50

51-100 members \$ 75

101-250 Members \$ 100

251-500 Members \$ 150

501 members and over \$ 200

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51- 250 employees \$100

Over 251 employees \$200

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