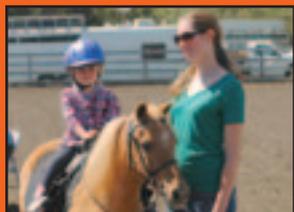
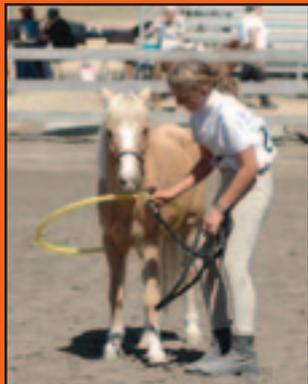




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The Area VII Shetland Pony & Miniature Horse Association, Inc., was incorporated on June 14, 1998 by the Board of Directors: President Marjorie Vliet, Director Virginia Flint and Director Jim Curry. It is and has always been member supported and driven, with a dynamic group of people volunteering to run the club.

Area VII's membership is spread across California and Nevada at this time, with members of all ages, with varied backgrounds and interests. Area VII is primarily a club for those that enjoy their Shetlands and Miniatures, with a particular interest in showing.

"We are an informal group of people of all ages who gather together for the enjoyment of friendships made, and the promotion of our beautiful equine. As members of this organization, we help maintain the recognition that our fine Shetlands and Miniatures deserve at the ASPC/AMHR level."



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NOVEMBER

- 8–10 2012 ASPC/AMHR National Convention**
Millennium Hotel, St. Louis MO
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DECEMBER

- 1 Area VII Annual Membership Meeting**
Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.
All members and potential members are welcome!
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2013 EVENTS

APRIL

- 20 & 21 Clay Station HDT Series**
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JUNE

- 7–9 Western States Horse Expo**
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- 14– 16 Clay Station Summer Festival CDE**
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Area VII Annual Fort Ord Pleasure Drive & BBQ/Potluck

October 20, 2012



Saturday, October 20 was the date of the annual Fort Ord Pleasure Drive and BBQ/Potluck. From large to small, a Halflinger, four Shetlands, and a Mini went on the drive, which was approximately two hours on paved or gravel roads. After the drive, we went back to Julie Mabie's Whisper Equestrian Center, where we had lots more people show up for the BBQ and Potluck.

We had amazing food, including teriyaki tri-tip and chicken, some truly amazing salads, and we celebrated birthdays (Julie Mabie and Mark Nelson) with Sherry Ward's tantalizing homemade chocolate and caramel birthday cake, and a wonderful bread pudding from Joan Clements.

We had a great time, and if you missed it, I feel sorry for you! We're planning to do this again next year—remember, if you can't come for the drive, come for the food!

We want to say thanks to:

Julie & Ken Mabie for their generous hospitality hosting this event.

Nancy Turner for covering the cost of the tri-tip and chicken for the BBQ, even though she was recovering from a driving accident and wasn't able to come.

Mark Nelson for preparing the delicious teriyaki marinade.

Ken Mabie for doing the honors on the BBQ.

Thanks to everyone who came and helped make this a fun and successful event. See you next year!



All Photos by Larry Colen

News from the Nelsons

When we started photographing horse shows in 2006, the first show we did was the pony show at the Santa Cruz County Fair. Who knew that, six years later, Mark would be showing his own pony at the Fair? Well, he didn't know then that he owned Spats—we were leasing him from Julie Mabie, and Mark didn't know that I bought Spats from Julie for his birthday, which is October 23, more than a month after the Fair. Somehow, I managed to keep from spilling the beans. At the BBQ after the pleasure drive at Fort Ord, which was three days before Mark's birthday, Sherry Ward presented him with an awesome homemade birthday cake, and then I gave him Spats' new registration papers showing Mark P. Nelson as the current owner. I don't think he was quite as shocked as last year, when Nancy Turner surprised us both with the news that Julie was leasing Spats to us, Nancy was loaning us a harness and cart and paying Spats' feed bills for a year, and our friend Judi Bank was generously letting us use her barn for no charge.

Thanks to a new job with a larger paycheck, we are now able to pay our own feed bills...and the vet, and the farrier, and the show fees, and can (more or less) afford all of the various grooming supplies, pony clothes, and other things you accumulate when you have a pony. We couldn't be more delighted to have Spats, and we thank Nancy, Julie, and Judi for their combined generosity.

A week before the Santa Cruz County Fair, Sherry Ward drove up to our barn in Oakland from her place in Merced, picked up Spats and Mark, and took them back to her place for a week of informal "pony camp." Joan Clements and her cousin, Kristeen Pemberton, were there, and I drove down to join them on Wednesday evening after work. We ate good food, played with the ponies, ate more good food, and played with the ponies some more. Kristeen brought in a harvest from Sherry's amazing garden, and we all went home with lots of fresh produce. We had all had a wonderful time at Sherry's, and can't thank her enough for her help and hospitality.

I missed the first part of the week, but I was there for "pony primping day" on Thursday. Sherry's Dash and Joan's Nikki were recovering from injuries and not in show shape, so Spats got all of the attention, which was considerable. On Friday after lunch, we headed over to the fairgrounds in Watsonville. Dash and Nikki came along for the ride.

So Mark showed Spats at the Santa Cruz County Fair. There weren't any other geldings, so they didn't have any competition, but they looked fabulous! Thanks to Sherry, who generously shared her show grooming expertise—and her show grooming supplies—with me.

After the show, Spats went home with Julie Mabie for a month for some training. Julie was kind enough to bring him home for us the day after the Fort Ord drive, and we are very happy to have him home again.

We want to wish everyone happy holidays and a wonderful new year.

—Mark and Michele Nelson



Mark with Spats, all wrapped up and ready to go to the Santa Cruz County Fair.

MICHELE NELSON

Whisper Equestrian Center News

That fall nip is in the air, but I swear the ponies have been ready for cooler weather since early September.

We had a wonderful time at the Santa Cruz County Fair. A big THANK YOU to all of our sponsors and exhibitors. The weather was perfect and we had FUN.

Congratulations to Oneka's Shez N' American Dream (Candy) and Mimi Woolem for their first place wins in Country Pleasure Driving and Obstacle Driving. It is nice to see all our hard work come to success.

Congratulations go to Chris Caringello and Whisper's Heart's of Fire for their Grand Champion in Halter. "Romeo" beat his father under one judge, and this was his first show. Well done. He even got a plaque.

Mark Nelson made his halter debut with Whisper's Putting On the Ritz (Spats) and they looked fantastic. Spats is at Whisper Equestrian Center for a driving refresher course and is doing rather well. We are not ready to hit the big time but we are making progress.

We have had several new students and horses and ponies in training over the summer. We hope that many of them will be able to participate in the shows next year.

Whisper is busy and looking forward to the coming holidays, and hopefully a little down time. The plan is to get McCall's Jazzee Jet into the cart over the winter so we can show him in driving next year. You know what they say about the cobbler's kids and their shoes? Well, that is what has been happening to the training schedule for my own ponies. We love our clients and they take priority, but I am looking forward to driving in the show ring again.

We will have openings for training ponies and minis after the first of the year, so if you need a driving animal sound of mind and ready to go, come join us. —*Julie Mabie*

News From Rodabi-J Ranch

I've already sold two of my three 2012 foals, a black filly and a red chestnut filly. They both went to such a wonderful home with lots of kids to love and train them, so I was extremely happy overall. However, I still have the little silver dapple filly (see my ad on the inside front cover of this issue). She is very petite and will be staying under 34". She has that gorgeous dish-faced head and large, wide-set eyes that are so desirable these days.

I was sorry to hear that the NorCal Brookside Show (AMHA) was cancelled, as I had heard that several folks had been planning on attending. Brookside is a great place to have shows, and all of the exhibitors and judges seem to really enjoy it there as well.

Over 65 people attended Kim and Steve Sterchi's Production Sale (Sierra Ranch) and Veterinary Seminar on September 8th. They sold five of their showcased 2012 foals, and Kim says that the Veterinary Seminars on parasite control and Miniature Horse general health were excellent. The food was, as usual, absolutely delicious and everyone had a great day.

Have a great winter, everyone!—*Barb Naviaux*

News from Tomahawk Ranch

It has been a busy summer. My daughters, a son-in-law, and five grandkids got to go to the big island of Hawaii with me this summer for about 2-1/2 weeks. It was wonderful. My husband stayed home and did the chores.

To make this horse-related—I didn't see any minis or Shetlands over there, but there was a wild donkey in the Kona area where my niece and her family were staying, and one would occasionally see stock horses.

A couple of weeks before we left for Hawaii, I got Porcelain back from UC Davis. She had to have a C-section (dead filly) and then, a few days after she came back, she got ulcers. After about \$6,000 in bills, she is doing well now.

I am also doing better after trying to get my Welsh mare ready for the Ford Ord drive. She is a nice mare, but she decided to take off running with me and the cart and dumped me out. The cart and pony came out of the speedy drive far better than I did. I was just getting used to the very sprained ankle, black eyes, broken ribs, useless shoulder, etc., when my chair broke and bruised my tailbone, back, and everything else that hurt before.

On the bright side, I am feeling a little better again, and I sold a gelding and show cart to Suzette Hutchins, thanks to the Area VII website. I need to cut down, and I have lots more carts and horses for sale, so take a look at the club's website.

I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the Fort Ord drive. We had a great time last year. I didn't see how I was going to drive a truck and trailer with only one good arm.—*Nancy*

Radulovich Farms Good News

October birthdays—it's always fun having kids and minis playing together—grown-ups too! The little mare, Tiger Lilli, also has her birthday in October, so we let her enjoy the day too, with extra petting and hugs.—*Penny*





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MICHELE NELSON

When we started photographing horse shows in 2006, we never dreamed we would end up owning a pony. Thanks to Nancy Turner and Julie Mabie for making it happen. Actually, it's all Nancy's fault!

We wish everyone Happy Holidays and hope we see you all in the show ring next year.

—Mark and Michele Nelson