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2013 Events

November

7–9 **2013 ASPC/AMHR Convention**
Lexington, KY

December

7 **Area VII Annual Meeting**
Meeting starts at 12:30 p.m.
Denny's, 3520 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA
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2014 Events

February

7–9 **Horse Expo Pomona**
Fairplex, Pomona, CA
Email: letters@horseexpoevents.com
Website: horseexpoevents.com

June

13–15 **Western States Horse Expo**
Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA
Website: www.horseexpo.com

Note: More 2014 events will be listed on our club Web site as the information becomes available. Go to www.areaviiclub.com to check for updates.



Area VII Annual Meeting **Saturday, December 7, 12:30 p.m.** **Denny's, 3520 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento**

This is our Annual Meeting—the last one of the year, and the most important. Here are some of the items on the agenda:

- The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for our 2014 Officers, and nominations will be taken from the floor.
- Discussion and planning 2014 club events
- 2013 Convention Report
- Fundraising ideas

This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in our club, membership is not required. Please join us, and bring your friends! For more information, or to add an item to the agenda, please contact Nancy Turner, (707) 433-4346.

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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."

Annual Fort Ord Pleasure Drive and BBQ/Potluck

On Saturday, October 19, we held our annual pleasure drive at the Fort Ord National Monument, located on the Monterey Peninsula near Seaside. According to the BLM Web site: “The Fort Ord National Monument holds some of the last undeveloped natural wildlands on the Monterey Peninsula. Located on the former Fort Ord military base, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) protects and manages 35 species of rare plants and animals along with their native coastal habitats. Habitat preservation and conservation are primary missions for the Fort Ord Public Lands, but there are also more than 86 miles of trails for the public to explore on foot, bike or horseback.”

The weather was perfect and so was the company. We had four Miniature Horses and a Shetland Pony in harness, a Quarter Horse and an Arabian under saddle, and were joined by a lovely Clydesdale named Magnum who just happened to show up when we did—with his people, not by himself. It figures—I got the horse’s name, but not his people.

After the drive, we headed back to Julie Mabie’s Whisper Equestrian Center for a BBQ and Potluck. Nancy Turner once again generously provided the tri-tip and chicken, and Ken Mabie and Mark Nelson manned the BBQ. Some folks who couldn’t make the drive joined us for the BBQ, so we had plenty of good company and lots of really good food.

Thanks to Julie Mabie for organizing this event and generously hosting the BBQ/Potluck at Whisper Equestrian Center. We’d love to have more drivers next year, so keep an eye on the Web site for the date, usually in mid-October.



Photos courtesy of Julie Mabie



Message from the President

Nancy Turner, 2013 President

It is time to start planning next year's events. Those events put on by other clubs could include CDEs, schooling shows, drives, official breed club shows, scurrys, etc. We need a Show/Events Committee. If you would like to do something with your little horses and ponies you need to work on it.

I just worked at a big CDE at Shady Oaks in Lodi. There were small ponies and "B" size VSEs at this event last year. Shetlands are listed on the program but where are they? Just like the fairs and NorCal shows that have been open to us, we need to support these shows and plan our own activities: clinics, ranch tours, schooling shows, drives & BBQs. I do not think our piggy bank is up to a big official show, but with the new facilities open to us we should at least sit down and see what is possible, even if it is planned for two years from now.

We need to have a goal, raise the money, raise our skill levels, and train our horses if we want our own shows. This is your club and you have a voice in what we do, but besides your voice we actually need more workers too. It seems like those that have the experience and the horses/ponies to fill the classes can't because they are running the events. Please attend the meetings, and volunteer to help plan these activities.—*Nancy*

I Met a Teacher

by Sherry Ward

Live as if you were to die tomorrow.

Learn as if you were to live forever. —*Ghandi*

I work in a learning institution and I enjoy being involved in the business of learning. I also enjoy the process of learning, especially about things for which I have a passion. I probably qualify as "addicted," especially to books and clinics when it comes to the topics that I love. Meeting new teachers are opportunities that I've come to embrace.

In September I met a new teacher. He and I got to spend almost a week interacting together, working on my personal growth and self-development. I really enjoyed the chance to understand what he was impressing upon me. He really helped me to take responsibility for my own knowledge. He was interested in my ideas, so I made a decision to accept his feedback and to offer him "my brain for a change." I was reminded that communication is two or more individuals sharing and, more importantly, understanding an idea.

One of the first things this instructor insisted upon for success was that I needed to adjust to the situation. He wanted me to share ideas, but to avoid an "overcook" situation with too much drilling when I got locked into a certain goal. He showed me that there were times when I needed to let go of my direct line thinking for a while, to "get off it." To help me succeed with this, he called upon me to improve my creativity, to use my imagination and read body language for signals.

When things weren't going perfectly, he showed me that often the best thing to do is to regroup or even to stop altogether. He didn't suggest I quit, but that I hang in there, but perhaps to do something DIFFERENT! He constantly reminded me that I didn't need to use intimidation to win. I needed to assess the situation and often to do less, but sometimes to simply move closer and stay longer.

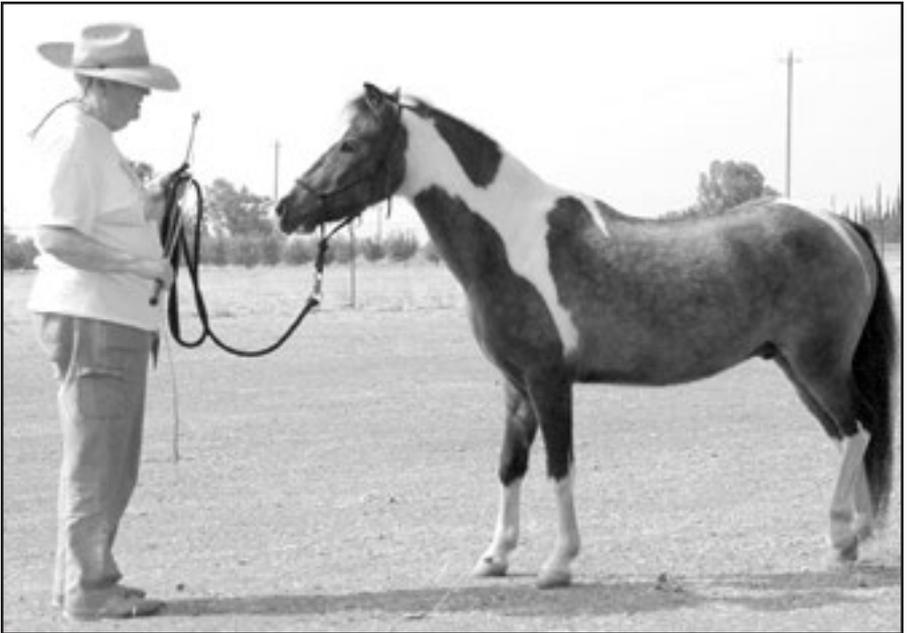
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His best lesson was that so much is possible. A quote from Robert J. Ringer is “reality isn’t the way you wish things to be, or the way they appear to be, but the way they actually are.” By meeting an individual where that he or she is, and working from that level, so much is possible. This partnership was one of the most enjoyable I’ve had in quite a while and it was just like a dance with a flow of ideas passing back and forth. I think my teacher loved that I accepted many of his ideas and found them of value. I felt very satisfied and rewarded by how willing he was about accepting so many of my thoughts and wishes.

A great teacher can be such an inspiration, able to inspire us to continue to seek higher skills and better communication. It was my honor to meet a fine teacher that helped me on my personal journey. His name is Spats.



Sherry Ward and her teacher, Spats, talk things over.

New Feature: Ask an Expert

Beginning with the Winter 2014 issue, we’re going to run a new “Ask an Expert” feature. You can ask the judge, trainer, breeder, etc. Or, need a recipe for horse cookies? Want to know how to clean your harness? Do you need advice about ASPC/AMHR registration, or have a question about rules? Send us your question and we’ll consult someone qualified to give you an answer.

Got a question? Send it to newsletter@areaviiclub.com, and we’ll send it to an expert and print the question and answer in the newsletter.

The deadline for submitting your questions is January 3, 2014.

Whisper Equestrian Center News

It has been a busy summer for the Whisper crew and we are looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Oh dear, Christmas? How did that happen?

Fall seems to be quickly turning into winter, and the ponies have very thick winter coats. I am not sure that is a good thing except for the ponies. They will not be cold this winter for sure. We do not have blizzard conditions in the coastal hills, at least I hope not, but if we do, we are ready. The hay is in the barn and smells so good and everyone is hunkered down.

We have sold all but one of our sale ponies. It has been a great year. Anyone looking for a wonderful gelding? We have one black and white left and he is a good one.

We are expecting three McCall's CB Jazzee Jet foals this spring, and we are excited. His first foal crop is in the show ring now and winning, winning, winning. Not to mention they are great to work with and very talented. The plan is to get Jet in harness and show in driving in 2014 and beyond. We have not competed with a driving pony in a few years and it is our first love.

ASPC/AMHR/ASPR convention is in Lexington, Kentucky this year. It is a long trip but well worth it. We are looking forward to picking up Jet's Hall of Fame plaque at the annual meeting. This will be Whisper's fifth Hall of Fame plaque, and I think that is fantastic for a small breeding operation such as ours. It has been so much fun showing and being with pony and mini friends over the years, and we look forward to many more.

Hope to see you all at the December 7th meeting. I am looking forward to all those Christmas goodies we have been sharing on facebook 😊 —*Julie Mabie*

Tomahawk Ranch News

I took my appy colt to Ron Scheuring, DVM, to geld last month. The colt has had both testacles down for a month or more. I filled out all his paper work, took pictures, etc., to change his papers to "gelding," loaded him and his dam up and hauled them to Petaluma, only to discover he had one of his testacles disappear. So, I took him back home. I just checked him again. Now I can't find anything! Ron will geld minis for around \$150 and donates about \$75 to NorCal, so it is a good deal, but he does need to have them both descended.

I volunteered for the Shady Oaks CDE on October 12th. They had me signed up as a Starter for Section E, but I ended up being the person who timed the finish of that section. I got to sit with one of the out of state judges, so it was an educational experience with many of the top U.S. drivers and lots of lovely horses. Minis are not allowed at this event.

I am getting 4 minis ready to the Fort Ord Drive on October 19th, and then there is a volunteers clinic on October 26th at Shady Oaks. It is a great time of year just to get out and drive those minis and ponies and have fun.—*Nancy Turner*

Area VII Holiday Party

Nancy Turner is working on plans for a holiday party for our club. Details will be posted on the club Web site, www.areaviiclub.com. Want to help? Please contact Nancy: (707) 433-4346, tomamini@sonic.net

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We are getting ready for winter weather, hay in the barn, stalls, barns ready, fences fixed, new gates, I think we are ready.

Pat is continuing training, and excited to share some home grown and trained minis next year. Bellota's Marmaduke, aka Duke, our ranch logo mini, is two years old now, and is already showing promise as a competitive performance horse. Duke stood on the bridge for the first time to get his picture taken, and is so easy going.

Duke is sired by our stallion, Sami's Sid Starbuck. Sid has produced most all of our offspring and passes on his calm, easy-going disposition. Sid is sired by the great stallion, Regalaire, and his dam is a Rowdy daughter, who was selected as one of the 300 mares in "Outstanding Miniature Horse Mares: Past and Present," by Pat Elder (Small Horse Press).

Jay mee, our Shetland, had a great showing at the Santa Cruz County Fair. Pat drove her for the first time in the show ring and got first place. Jay mee had only been in harness for



The Bellota Miniature Horse Ranch logo: Duke and Ralpie



Pat with Duke on the bridge: piece of cake!

six weeks prior to the Fair. We look forward to competing with her at ASPC shows next year.

We are getting a few minis ready for next season, and look forward to competing next year.

Everyone have a great fall and winter, see you in the spring, 2014.—Linda and Pat Anastasio



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News from Deer Haven Ranch

Recently, I spent a week visting my daughter, Linda, in Port Hadlock, Washington. My neighbor came over and fed my cats and horses. There are not that many to care for anymore, since all those I had to sell are gone. All I have left is Deer Haven Dazzler, my stallion, and one mare, White Dove, and her little filly. White Dove is #15 in the Shetland Registry for Foundation section. She is also registered AMHA, and has produced some of my top show animals. I plan to keep these three.



Deer Haven Peaches N Cream as a four-year-old, driven by Jim Curry. She is 21 now and still going strong

and active, went to homes for little four-year-olds to ride and love—two younger mares are being trained to drive by their new owners.

Barbara Naviaux's stallion, Rodabi-J Ebony Thrills, is still here. He so so gentle and loves attention—I'm afraid he's going to be lonely with the last of his mares leaving. He ran with his mare herd all his life. He has sired some colorful and fine foals, mostly fillies, so I hope someone can use him in their breeding program.



Deer Haven Peaches N Cream and her filly, Deer Haven Butterfly, in 1995. Sharon Kennedy still owns and drives Butterfly, who is now 18.

parades. Sally Melgard, another former Valley Sierra member who lives in Oregon, recently gave Sharon her buggy for minatures, which she was thrilled to get.

Sharon lives on a very small island which is connected to the mainland by a bridge. She lives about an hour and a half from my daughter, so she came over one day and we had fun driving around. The country is so beautiful and green all year—thick timber, open areas too, and many flower farms, and organic farmers that have open houses. Some grow only lavender. We visited one flower farm that had organic vegetables and grew mushrooms and sold starter kits. It's easy to grow your own. Linda bought some to try. The growing

I just sold Barbara Naviaux's last two little mares I had here. They are both foal to Dazzler for early spring foals. They will be used as 4H projects. Their leader came along and the kids did a great job handling the mares and taking instructions. I was surprised the mares did everything they wanted them to do—leading perfectly, going over pallets, and weaving through pipes in my arena.

It is wonderful to know your animals are going to knowledgeable horse or pony people where they will get the care they need. My two oldest mares, 21 and 30, still sound

I had a great visit with Sharon Kennedy, a former Valley Sierra MHC member before she moved to Washington. She is still enjoying her two mini mares she bought from me when she lived in Volcano. They are 18 and 19 years old now. She still drives single or double, mostly in

mix and spores are encased in plastic like a very large bulb. You poke holes all over it and hang it in your garage. The mushrooms grow out through the holes, easy to pick and keep producing.

Linda and Dan have a special variety that grows in their yard under a large pine tree just outside their front door. These mushrooms get as large as dinner plates and smell like almonds. Dan makes a great omlette using them. They use them many ways.

We visited a farm near Linda's that raises and shows minis. They have been at it for a few years, showing in Washington and Oregon. Their stallion is from the American Express line and a solid bay. I think this was his first foal crop. Pinto broodmares, and all their foals are solid bay and black. They wanted pintos. I've found bay color to be dominant. They were lovely people and we had a nice visit.

Another day, we drove over to Sequim to do some shopping and we visited the wild animal park there, Olympic Game Farm. It is like a drive-through zoo. Very large areas with cattle guards between certain animals. You drive through with loaves of bread, feeding animals as you go. They come up to your car and you have to roll your window mostly up unless you want a llama, zebra, or yak head in the car with you.

Another pasture had a herd of elk, many buffalo, white deer, and horses. One big bull came toward the car and I rolled up my window and left a crack. He stuck his long tongue out and I gave him a piece of bread. All of the carnivores were in large fenced-in areas. Wolves, coyotes, African lions, tigers, etc. Another fenced-in area in the open had black bears and a number of large Russian brown bears that would sit and wave at you. There were also lots of tame peacocks running all over, and colorful rabbits. There is also a mini horse petting zoo for the kids.—*Marjorie Vliet*



"Excuse me, ma'am. Would you happen to have any bread?" Olympic Game Farm in Sequim, Washington.

News from the Nelsons

The week before the Santa Cruz County Fair in September, Mark, Spats and I went down to Merced to spend the week at Sherry Ward's ranch with Sherry, Joan Clements, and Joan's cousin Kristeen Pemberton at what we call our own private pony camp. We did this last year and enjoyed it so much we decided to try to make it an annual event. We even had an official pony camp t-shirt this year!

We spent the week eating wonderful meals and playing with Spats, Joan's pony Nikki, and one or two of Sherry's "biggs" for variety. We set up an obstacle course in Sherry's arena and had a lot of fun. We ended the week at the Santa Cruz County Fair, though Spats and Nikki stayed home this year. I was able to help out with the show by handing out ribbons, which I thought was really fun!

We're very grateful to Sherry for not only putting us up, and putting up with us all week, but also for driving all the way from Merced to Oakland to pick Spats up and take him to pony camp, and then making the reverse trip the weekend after the Fair. It was great to go on vacation and take our pony with us. We can't wait to do it again!—*Michele Nelson*



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