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President's Letter

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We are looking for people to host and places to have the HOA Annual meetings in 2014 and 2015.

This is usually a 3-day event, with people coming in on Friday and leaving on Sunday. We need places for camping, bathrooms, and showers. Nearby motels and hotels are nice too for those that don't want to camp. And of course, room for the horses.

The hosts handle and plan the meeting with the exception of the business meeting Saturday night and the conformation clinic usually occurring Saturday afternoon. If all you want to do is trail ride, that's fine. Your decision.

The HOA provides the Saturday evening meal or the main course at the very least. Other meals are up to the membership. If on private property, not a normal campground, we will pay for port-a potties.

If you are interested in hosting either of the meetings, contact me and I will go over

everything with you. Each place is different, but we can work it out. It's a lot of work but a lot of fun too.

-Tom

THE AMERICAN INDIAN HORSE REGISTRY, INC.



Since 1961, AIHR has been dedicated to honoring the Horses of Native American tribes & nations.

Look for news in our next newsletter for dates of the next AIHR/HOA National Show (probably September). Unique awards are given for those who show, trail ride, or who enjoy their horses at home.

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American Indian Horse—an Original!

2013 HOA Meeting Schedule

Hickory Springs Horse Trails and campground

Attica, In. 47918

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Oct 12th & 13th, 2013

Free primitive camping, limited number of electric hookups available, @\$12.50, call to reserve. We now have Wi-Fi available

Due to different arrival times, Friday evening's supper is on the Hatke's.

Breakfast for \$5.00 and lunch for \$6.00 will be available on Saturday and Sunday. The menu will be updated in next newsletter.

Saturday Schedule:

8:00 AM, breakfast, set up articles for silent auction.

9:00 AM, Confirmation Clinic, HOA

11:00 AM, Nikki Houser, P.O.A. Guest Speaker, confirmation and showing of their ponies

1:00 PM, officers meeting

2:00 – 4:30 PM, Horse show, HOA classes and Open classes

5:00 PM, Supper, provided by the HOA

6:30 PM, Annual Meeting, winning bids from silent auction to be announced.

Song and conversation afterwards.

Sunday Schedule:

We have Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic and Christian Churches close by for those that wish to go to church

7:30 AM, Breakfast

Plenty of good riding time and visiting.

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Please let us know how many are coming for meals. We have horse panels available; please reserve them ahead of time. Also have 6 covered stalls available. They must be reserved ahead of time.

-John & Penny Hatke, 765-762-0849



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The Tejas Indian Horse Club and Karma Farms hosted the 2012 HOA meeting October 12 and 13th between Marshall and Jefferson, Texas. High points included a judging clinic with several well-known judges on hand. Representing the American Indian Horse Registry was Nanci Falley, AIHR's president and one of the Colonial Spanish Horse's most knowledgeable and best loved friends. Other approved judges helping with our clinic included HOA registrar and approved HOA and AIHR judge Gretchen Patterson; HOA vice president and approved HOA and AIHR judge Vickie Ives; Tomlyn Grey, AIHR's youngest approved judge; and legendary Mustanger, Jubilee Overlander and AIHR judge Leana Rideout Westergaard.

The clinic hit briefly on Colonial Spanish Horse conformation judging in general and then moved to discussion of the differences seen in type and strain. Having Richard Widon's winning modern Appaloosa mare She's Mighty Impressive on hand gave judge candidates a chance to compare the good modern conformation in a winning NATRC competitor with them has formed a bond between horse and rider inning NATRC horses and trail mounts from the various CS strains present. These strains included horses that are pure or high percentage Choctaw, Northern Rancher, Grand Canyon, Corolla, Jones Foundation, HOA Foundation and Belsky as well as horses with bloodlines that are fusions of several of these strains, by far the largest group of Colonial Spanish Horses. This allowed the judges' candidates to be able to compare and contrast, and their observations were augmented by commentary from the experience of the judges on hand. Several HOA members took

the first step in becoming judges while others added one more clinic to their resume on their way to becoming approved judges for HOA as well as AIHR. New judge candidates included Kelly Nelis Hurd, Richard and Norma Widon, Alicia Sims and Chase Frazier.

Kelly Nelis Hurd gave a super presentation on how she trained her CS mare Reflection's Angel to make their impressive video that got Angel's performance into the finals. Patience, lots of practice and trust that was augmented by training has formed a bond between these two from which all CS owners can learn.



Other highlights at Karma Farms included a tour of the farm and its CS herd. Through one of East Texas' most historic droughts in 2011 and a continued dry spell in early summer and fall 2012, Karma Farms continues to breed champion Colonial Spanish Horses and to offer riding lessons and trail rides on its 130 acres.

Saturday night found 27 HOA members and Tejas Indian Horse Club members meeting at Café Italia in nearby

Marshall, for the HOA annual meeting held after the local Indian Horse Club's regular meeting chaired by 2012 Tejas Big Chief Tomlyn Grey. After the Tejas meeting, HOA vice president Vickie Ives chaired the HOA annual meeting and announced the registry's annual awards. HOA members present re-elected the registry's standing officers for 2013-2014. Those present discussed the HOA awards program and how much they admired HOA's unique woodcut award plaques. Several members, especially those who help to put on the AIHR/HOA National Show, mentioned that they did not like the awards program deadlines because the proximity to the National Show dates made getting points in on time a hardship. *(Note: HOA's board and awards chair agreed. See associated story in this newsletter.)*

The auction was mostly a hodge-podge of items donated from the Foothills Regional AIHR silent auction and items left over from the AIHR/HOA silent auction at the 2012 National Show but it still netted \$47.

And on a purely personal level, the folks at Karma Farms were surprised and

pleased to watch Nanci meet the farm's buffalo, Star Woman. We are pleased to announce that "Star" is now the official Buffalo Mascot of AIHR, and she remains "in residence" at Karma Farms. AIHR is glad to supply coloring sheets of Star Woman for your CS or youth historic event along with the popular AIHR Indian Horse coloring sheet. Other Karma Farms CS Horses going to Nanci's Rancho San Francisco are Captain Hook, the first known Corolla/Grand Canyon cross, and Bella Notte, a tiny jet black Grand Canyon filly by Scoundrel Days out of Queen Jane.



Help the Corolla Wild Horse!

BECOME AN OFFSITE COROLLA BREEDER

The herd of Colonial Spanish horses at Corolla is one of the most threaten historical herds in America. They teeter on the brink of extinction. In an effort to provide a safety net, not a substitute for a wild herd, several HOA members are working diligently to promote and breed these horses domestically. Thus far four foals have been born and adult breeding age adults are available for placement.

Participation in the offsite breeding program is simple. If breeders acquire a colt or adult stallion they agree to maintain him as a stallion and to provide free breeding service to other members of the offsite breeding program network. Owners are free to charge any stud fee that the market will bear for horses outside of the breeding program. (1/2 Corollas seem to maintain the Corolla disposition and extraordinary teachability of pure Corollas.) Breeders that acquire fillies or mares are urged to raise at least four foals from those mares after the mares are old enough to do so. Mare owners are urged to only breed to stallions that are in the program in order to insure the survival of the strain. All horses in the program and all foals born are to be promptly registered with the HOA.

Participants own the horses and resulting foals and are free to sell, trade, or keep any such horses. However, we strongly urge every participant to encourage new owners to continue the effort to expand the breeding population by continuing to participate in



the offsite breeding program. It is important that these horses not become lawn ornaments. They are athletic, intelligent and have endless endurance. (e.g. Swimmer, who 20 days after her capture from the wild completed a 46 mile ride with an adult rider, or Tradewind a 12.2 stallion that completed over 200 hours on the trails in one year with a rider who weighed well over 200 pounds.) Breeders should plan to train and get their horses in the public eye.

At press time several great horses are available. Edward Teach is a stylish stallion that has now had several trail rides with other horses while being ridden bareback and guided with a rope halter. Two weanlings are available from Mill Swamp Indian Horses and the Corolla Wild Horse Fund has several horses available for adoption.

To learn more about the off site breeding program see www.msindianhorses.com or contact Steve Edwards at msindianhorses@aol.com.

You can help feed and house a Corolla Spanish Mustang awaiting adoption for only \$5.00! If all our friends would each donate \$5.00, that would cover the cost of the best of care for up to 8 rescued Mustangs for a year! Donate online and today's hay is from YOU. Help us raise \$6,000 by the end of May.

I am an Old Timer, born in the west in 1890. I put in 30 years with the Topographical Branch of the Geological Survey of the United States in all parts of the country. I was in the great Southwest and we can't slight the Lone Star State of Texas. I was a teamster, packer, and even the hackney job of recorder for a time. I only used Spanish stock.

I can say I know of no breed of horses that can assimilate more outside blood and still resemble a Spanish barb mustang. Even a throwback can still be a perfect little Indian pony in looks. So we must study their skeletons by research. We know originally these ponies were of Barb and Arabian breeding, so we went looking in the mountains and desert country for skeletons of dead feral horses to compare with our Spanish Mustangs. We found most of these had six lumbar vertebrae and a smaller extra sacral vertebra (Arabian type). Both of these had but 17 pair of ribs. J. Frank Dobie said more Arabian blood was planted in North America than in South America as most horses of the pampas in South America were Barbs. After eleven years of search we believe the skeletons of the Spanish Horse is positive proof of authenticity; proof of pure "Espanyol Blood."

Also, we went on worlds of search for true Spanish Mustangs. We had some terrific hardships as well as spent two small fortunes to obtain pure blooded ones since none or very few wild, or domestic horses of pure Spanish blood were left at the date of 1957. The only straight Spanish Mustangs we

found were in almost impossible rough isolated spots mostly in the Great Southwest. Some examples were:

"Buckshot," the foundation sire, was 13.2 hands, weighing 750 lbs. He had but five large lumbar vertebrae and carried 17 pair of ribs. "Mexicali Rose," a mare, had just five lumbar vertebrae. This is the Barb type vertebrae. She also had but 17 pair of ribs.

"Choctaw," a stallion of ours died in the spring of 1968. He was the smallest, just 13 hands and 700 lbs. He had the Arabian type vertebrae of five lumbar and extra sacral, with just 17 pair of ribs. The modern horse of today has six large lumbar vertebrae and 18-20 pair of ribs. The Choctaw horse is also known as the Chickasaw horse. The two Indian Nations joined in the southeast before they were uprooted and trailed to Indian Territory in 1836-40. There, they again joined. Out stallions, both Choctaw and Ka-maw-i came from Oklahoma.

The Spanish Mule also carried the small number of vertebrae.

After 400 years of inter-breeding, the mating of two barb types could produce an Arabian type vertebrae. The mating of two Arabian type vertebrae horses could produce a barb type, and the cross breeding of different Spanish strains evolve into the Spanish Mustang.

One other thing that makes it difficult to restore this horse is the fact that outside blood will tend to bring out the colors, traits,

and characteristics, as no horse can assimilate more outside blood and still have the traits and characteristics of a perfect little Spanish pony than a Spanish pony. So history has no British pony blood or other outside blood, measurements, size, and spinal columns are very vital as proof of purity. It is blood we want, not show conformation or selective breeding. The little old jughead may have it all from stamina to cowsense - but beauty rules the world (that is why I love little Belle Brandon).

The Spanish Mustangs should be saved if only for one reason: TRADITION. Like the Buffalo, the Prairie Dogs, the Grand Cougar, and the Coyote. In fact, all animals, as they are much better than we. Can you love anything you don't hunt or eat? That is the question.

R. E. Brislawn

Please keep sending in your articles!

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