



# Horse of the Americas Newsletter

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## 2010 HOA Annual Meeting: Fun in Florida

by Linda Gasparini

The 2010 Horse of the Americas Annual meeting, held at Sacred Horse Ranch, Inverness, FL, started out with typical balmy Nature Coast weather - clear skies and a gentle breeze. Friday night's gathering included a pot luck dinner with lots of good eats and great company. The mid 70's temperature during the day gradually cooled to a chilly 45 degrees overnight, taking some attendees by surprise. Fortunately, things warmed back up again quickly for Saturday's activities.

The first demonstration of the day was of primitive fire making in the 1830's Rocky Mountain Fur Trappers camp, Two Coons Running (aka Mike Brannin) and Stone Bird (aka Curtis Stone) showed various methods of producing spark, and thereby flame, using flint and steel and a firebow. Later in the day, the two put on an equally interesting demo on early musket ball molding, musket handling safety (even for those of us modern folk who might come across great grandpa's black powder musket in the attic), and firing.



Mountain men Mike Brannin and Curtis Stone



In front: Bill Boston and Dixie Girl;  
Behind: Judi Allison and Sprite.

"The Horses of the DeSoto Entrada into La Florida, 1539" was strikingly illustrated by "Conquistadors" Bill Boston and Judi Allison, mounted on their Florida Cracker Horses, Dixie Girl and Sprite. Spectators were engrossed with their historically accurate portrayal of Hernando DeSoto's mounted adventurers and their equally accurately equipped equine companions.



Carlton Dudley's Cracker stallion Harvey's Dun Dealin

Carlton Dudly spoke on different breeding lines of Cracker Horses, using posters of various horses to illustrate this. In addition, he brought a number of horses of different lines, which was especially helpful to the crowd. Carlton's grey stallion, Harvey's Dun Dealin, was one of only two horses that had made the entire 300 mile trip from Tampa Bay to Tallahassee two years ago. The trek was part of a successful endeavor to have the Cracker Horse named the official state horse. The route taken approximately followed the one which Hernando De Soto had taken in 1539.



Crowd listens to Linda's driving demo

As the afternoon light began to wane, I gave a brief explanation on the function of various parts of a driving harness, as well as cart balancing and harness fitting.

Saturday evening's catered dinner of flavorful Cuban marinated shredded pork, black beans with yellow rice and fried plantains was greeted with epicurean delight and surprise, as many expected it to be spicy. It was generally considered a hit, with few leftovers to clean up. The actual meeting then ensued, with Kathy Peacock's award announcements being met with the usual degree of enthusiastic applause. The traditional culmination of the evening then began with the auction of donated items benefiting the HOA. A virtual library of interesting books, a number of lovely quilts, and a fabulous Colonial Spanish T-shirt in vibrant colors along with many other items, produced frenzied competition between bidders.

The next day, a caravan of vehicles left for a tour of a Cracker Horse ranch in Bushnell. Mike Knight graciously provided the guided tour, detailing the various colors and lines in his pedigrees, and sharing his thoughts on Florida's State Heritage Horse with members of the group.



Mike Knight and Dan, his Cracker stallion

The membership then scattered, literally to the four directions, as each group went on to experience their own versions of additional Florida adventures, and another HOA annual meeting came to a satisfying end.

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## President's Message

by Tom Norush

The year is almost over and to say the least, it's been an interesting year for all of us. I am happy to report that we are still solvent, in a great part due to Kim Weil's generous contribution.

Our membership is still expanding in numbers, but not waist size. Gretchen is staying busy registering horses, but we are not working her fingers to the bone. She works best when it's piled up for her. Now is a good time to get the horses registered you have been putting off.

We are happy to announce an affiliation with the European Spanish Mustang Society. Martine Lettau, the Chair for their group, was one of the first, if not the first, to take the Colonial Spanish / Spanish Mustangs back to Europe. Martine is now a member of the HOA BOD. They do offer the use of their sale pages for horses we have for sale. I believe that Martine has posted on our board about this.

Our Award program has kept the interest going. We had 4 new people get awards this year, three adult HOA Logo Awards and one Buckaroo Award. We have held up sending out the Buckaroo Award (a certificate has been sent) as we are trying to have a new award designed. Hopefully it will be ready in the very near future. Kathy Peacock and her daughter Hanna have done a wonderful job as always handling the Awards Program. They deserve a great round of thanks from all the members.

There was a very vigorous discussion regarding the possibility of a Part Breed Section. The membership was pretty well split on it, but it was voted down. Over all it was handled by the membership very nicely except for a few that seemed to have to inject derogatory comments. Such comments have no place in this type of discussion.

Linda Gasparini with oversight from Fred and Becky Fulcher counted the votes for us.

The Horse of America Registry has joined the American Livestock breed Conservancy, effective 1-1-2011 as the first Breed/Registry Member. This is a new type of membership being offered by the ALBC, and as far as I know, we are the first registry to join as a member. There are some benefits for all of us in this. More information will be coming as soon as it is available. It is important for all of us to support the ALBC in their programs.

At the HOA meeting in Fl, we had a chance to look at a number of Florida Cracker Horses. There are some very nice ones. We have decided that they will have to be individually inspected for registration in the HOA due to the variances seen in conformation. This is not meant to imply that they are not Colonial Spanish Horses. We are looking forward to seeing more of these horses.

We are considering an inspection trip to New Mexico to look at the El Rito horses, the horses from the Navajo's Enchanted Mountain. We will have a full report if we are able to put this together. We are making some small changes in our inspection process. If there are any members that would like to be involved in this, please contact me or Vik.

Again, thanks to the membership. Without you and your support, we could not keep this endeavor going. It does show what can be done when we come together for the horses.

Vik wrote the following in the 2001 Newsletter, and I feel it's a important message for all of us: "The Horse of Americas is a dream. Not only my dream, not just the dream of the four incorporators. In fact, HOA is more than the dream of Robert Brislawn and Jeff Edwards, who founded it so many years ago and more than the dream of John Fusco who bought the registry and re-

turned it to the hands of the people who needed it the most. Certainly each of those people plays a role in the dream but it isn't exclusive property of any of us. This dream belongs to each of you-- and to America's First True Horse."

Let us come together to enjoy the common bond of our Spanish Horses and be big enough to overlook our minor differences.

## NEWS FROM MONERO MUSTANGS

by Sandi Claypool

Tours have greatly increased this year at our location here at Yellow Hills Ranch. Word is getting out! The article in *New Mexico Magazine's* March 2010 Issue has really increased interest and spread the word. Go onto their website to check it out.

<http://www.nmmagazine.com>

We are currently involved with National Geographic's Geotourism program. Through them, we are being included as a Sanctuary on their new map and website, documenting local areas throughout the Four Corners region.

<http://www.fourcornersgeotourism.com>

Wild horse sponsorships seem to be a favorite Holiday present this year! We have had a great number of sponsorships, and quite a few renewals for a second year. We want to extend a huge Thank You to everyone who has been able to sponsor one of our horses.

Also, a Wild Thank You to all the photographers who have promoted us through their imagery.

And finally, a Thank You to everyone who just came to look, taking with them a broader image of the historic Spanish Mustang and endangered wild horse.

### *PZP and the Mares*

This spring, we were fortunate to receive a grant from THAW for the mares. This grant provided us with the resources to PZP our

mares, allowing us to maintain a manageable herd.



PZP is a vaccine that acts as birth control on the mares. It is good for one year, providing a natural method of herd management; the boys stay in the herds, providing guidance and protection of the mares and foals.

Erma received a scholarship from WHOA to attend the PZP training the beginning of November in Montana. She is now certified to deliver the PZP vaccine, making her a bigger asset to Monero Mustangs.

We are currently in the market for a professional dart gun to deliver the vaccines.

Thank You's go out to Patience O'Dowd, Jay Kirkpatrick, Kayla Grams, and Matt Dillon for their assistance and support. We couldn't have done this without all of them!

### *Life at the Ranch*



Ila Bromberg

Sadly, we feel the need to inform everyone about the passing of one of our oldest supporters – Ila Bromberg. She will be greatly missed.

*What everyone is doing...*

Sandi –

Sandi is still in charge of tours, and is currently arranging, with the aid of Gift Republic – an England-based charity booster group – a gift tin to help raise awareness and funds for the horses. <http://www.giftrepublic.com>

Erma –

Erma, or ‘T’ as she is known, has moved back up to the Ranch to help as the season gets colder and chores become more of a, well, chore.

Gary –

Gary, Ranch Manager for Yellow Hills Ranch, has been a big help to us, taking time when we need him from his regular Ranch duties.

RASA –

Sandi, Erma, and Gary, are all members of a local organization titled RASA – Rio Arriba Stuntman’s Association. Through RASA, they are participating in period re-enactments from the local Old West, bringing knowledge, history, passion, and laughs to audiences wherever RASA performs.



Time to renew your **HOA membership** for 2011. Membership runs from Jan.-Dec. Rates: Jr.-\$5 Individual-\$10, Family-\$15, Breeder--\$25. International members add \$10.

## From the **Center for America’s First Horse**

by Stephanie Lockhart



Minko, Choctaw gelding looking for spring

The Center for America's First Horse, Inc. is proud to announce our newly renovated web site:

[www.centerforamericasfirsthorse.org](http://www.centerforamericasfirsthorse.org).

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The CFAFH is incorporated as a non-profit enterprise in the state of Vermont. *Our mission is to enrich people's lives through the spirit of the Colonial*

***Spanish horse. We are dedicated stewards of this rare breed, preserving them through education and public awareness.*** By the time you are reading this, our non-profit 501(c)(3) papers will be submitted to the IRS for federal approval. A big, long, tedious task which I take little credit for actually doing. The outstanding 8 member board of directors have done a remarkable job with this project, so I can continue to care for and promote our horses.

With the beginning of a New Year brings new ideas, plans and projects to look forward to. The biggest yet is the construction of our indoor arena which will be completed by late January should all go as planned. The arena will enable us to continue offering our programs year round. The ability to keep the horses going through all the seasons, and to do more training is critical to our success. We are deeply grateful for the donation we received to start this important phase of our development. The horses have Angels!

We have a Winter Round-Up scheduled February 20th with tons of outdoor fun like snowshoeing, dog sledding, chili-cook off, sleigh rides and CS horse demonstrations. March 18-20 brings Joanna Mendl Shaw, New York City dance choreographer and founder of The Equus Projects, to The CFAFH for a "Dancing with Horses" workshop. Joanna and I will be co-teaching this extraordinary class.

The Center welcomes Pete (aka .38 Special) back to Vermont. Pete is a 9 year old gelding bred by Zen Cowboys. He was acquired for a client in 2008 and sadly, she is now offering him for sale. He is in training with me till his forever person is found. Pete is a very outgoing fellow and spent last summer trail riding and getting back into shape. You will see him advertised on our site.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased raffle tickets, t-shirts, a photo or

two, or have shared your words of encouragement and support over 2010. This journey has not been an easy one, and continues to challenge us, but know your support on many levels has made the difference. Our friend Carol Stone said some very important words to me shortly before she passed on... "Do it for the horses." And when I balk at jumping into the next level of commitment to our horses, I fondly remember her words and move forward. Remembering Carol.

Happy New Year to everyone and their furry friends!

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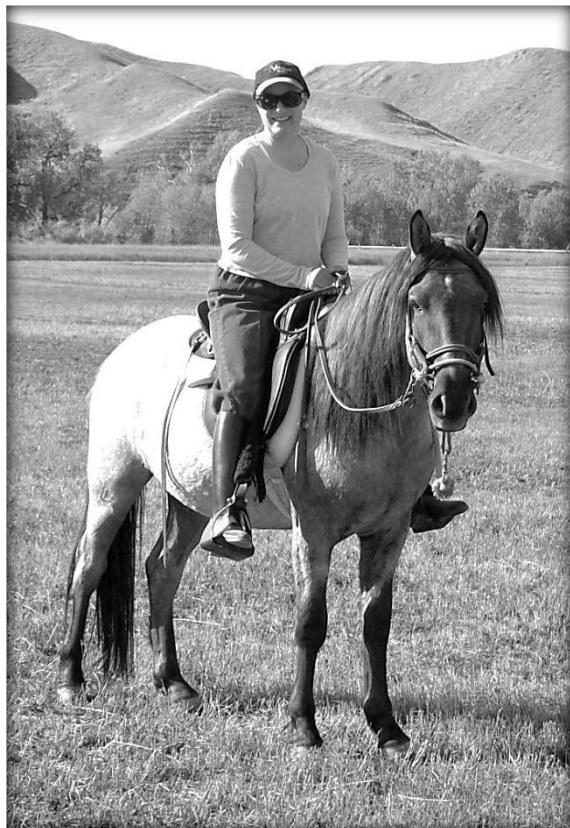
**Vik's cell: (903) 407-0298 or**

**Tommi's cell: (903) 407-5544**

**or email: [karmafarms@yahoo.com](mailto:karmafarms@yahoo.com).**

**Spirit  
Song  
says:**

*In  
2011,  
I'm  
gonna  
be ready  
for  
Jerry!*



Poncho with Connie Rubens up

## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

by Connie Rubens

Ponchocito (HOA #1817) came from two challenged backgrounds: a rescue from the Blackfeet Buffalo Horse Coalition (2008) and shortly afterwards from a tribal member. With patience, dedication and creativity, I helped Poncho work through his issues of distrust, fear, resentment, anger and the former abuses. He remained a stallion the first year to prevent any additional trauma to his physical and mental recovery before castration while learning good manners, groundwork (including lunging) and farrier lessons (I do my own hoof trimming). He does well being hauled in a stock trailer. This summer he accomplished being completely saddle broke and ridden. As we ride the countryside, he enjoys crossing (and playing in) the river and galloping. Poncho

has never reared or bucked and probably never will. He presently learnt to be hauled in my new slant load trailer as my husband and I plan riding on public trails and show him off along with my other HOA horse, Cisco.

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Cliffs horse by Tiger Eye out of Tamara Walker (Smokey Joe/Little Thing). El Tigre is the sire of Dan de Lion, a silver dun stallion now in the running for the World' Most Beautiful Horse at the Midwest Horse Fair website. Better breed to "Tigger" while we can—2011 fee \$500.

Our other great stallions standing here for 2011 include:

The legendary **Rowdy Yates** \$500

**Building A Mystery** \$500

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Excellent ready to ride young stock including Blue Suede Shoes coming three year old blue corn gelding. "Blue" couldn't be any nicer and what a sweet way of going he has! \$1200.

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And a loud colored Choctaw bred bay tobiano filly Choctaw Painted Dreams that is riding very nicely and ready to start her career. \$1500. Others, too. And if it isn't started, Jerry H. will have it riding in no time. Visitors welcome, but please CALL first!



## Founding of the European Spanish Mustang



**Society**  
by **Martine Lettau**

In the summer of 2009, a handful of breeders and enthusiasts came together to form the ESMS. Initially an unincorporated association, a committee was formed out of the desire to be independent in preserving, protecting and promoting Spanish Mustangs in Europe and to support and unite breeders and owners in Europe.

One of the main goals of the society is to gain government recognition for the breed first in the UK, and then with the EU Commission.

In order to gain this recognition, a number of criteria have to be met, including the running of a daughter studbook to the mother studbook based in the country of breed origin.

The ESMS committee decided that the HOA was the best suited and most progressive registry to associate with. Not only were they very supportive of the proposal, but it also opened up many more breeding and purchasing opportunities for European SM owners and enthusiasts.

The Association agreement was finalized and signed in the fall of 2010. The ESMS has since incorporated and become a company limited by guarantee, not for profit,

registered with Company's House in England.

**The three ESMS company directors and the ESMS committee:**



**Martine with Wanbli Iyan ESMS 01**

**Martine Lettau** – director in the UK and founder member of the ESMS. Chair of the committee and registrar. Owner of the first Spanish Mustang stallion in Europe in 2004 and breeder since 2006.



**Rowan with Cheyenne Promise ESMS 09**

**Rowan Stanford** – director in France and founder member of the ESMS. Vice chair of the committee and Newsletter editor. Owner of the first Spanish Mustangs in France since 2007/08 and breeder since 2009.



**Katja with Lakota Warbonnet ESMS 10**

**Katja Zinssler** – director Germany and founder member of the ESMS. Committee member and rep for Germany. Owner since 2008 and first breeder of SMs in Germany in 2009.



**Nicola with Teton Sprit Horse ESMA 11**

**Nicola Ravensford** – ESMS company secretary & event organiser. Owner and committee member since 2010, soon to become a breeder.

*Missing riding time? Fill out those HOA registration applications while winter weather has us indoors.  
(Our registrar has more time, too.)*



**Liz with Lakota Starflower ESMS 8**

**Liz Whyte** – Founding member, Company treasurer and secretary. Our voice of reason on the Committee. Owner since 2007.



**Carey's boy Fair Wind ESMS 20**

**Carey Elizabeth Kristensen** – founder member and rep for Scandinavia on the committee, as well as merchandize creator. Our second voice of reason. Carey has owned Fair Wind since 2007.

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## **HOA Welcomes ESMS!**



Returning our antique breed to Europe—  
It's all about the horses.



**Laura with MP Mystic Illusion ESMS 23**

**Laura Barbour** – UK committee member in charge of points and awards. Breeder and owner since 2007. Our third voice of reason.



**Mark with Uhelga, a Breton mare**

**Mark Stanford** – founding committee member and rep for France, married to Rowan and the French SM herd.



Picture bottom of left column:  
**Enrico with El Rayo ESMS 17**

**Enrico Duwe** – founding committee member and rep for Germany. Married to Katja and the German SM herd

## Our Hopes for the Future

Since the first Spanish Mustang returned to Europe in 2004, the numbers have risen exponentially. Today, in 2010, there are now over 40 Spanish Mustangs in Europe, most of them registered with the ESMS, and more waiting to be exported from the USA. They have found an as yet small, but loyal following in Europe. They are considered to be a special breed horse, and quite an exclusive breed to own. In Europe a Spanish Mustang is considered much more valuable than in the USA, mainly because of the high cost of import, but also because of the small numbers, the rarity and uniqueness of the breed.

We hope, as our stock here in Europe matures and begins to compete and show itself to the public more frequently, to attract a greater number of deserving owners and enthusiasts to the breed. We do however not want to mass-market them. The market in Europe, as in the US, has a glut of neglected mediocre back yard horses and ponies of low value. We do not want the Spanish Mustang to become one of those. In our marketing, we try to sell the romance of the Old West as well the heritage of the horse that conquered America. We aim to attract committed passionate owners, as our horses deserve nothing less.

Even if times are tough as they are now, we feel it is better to try to hang in there and wait for the right person, who is committed to a SPANISH MUSTANG above any other breed, rather than sell at rock bottom prices, and make a loss not only personally, but also for the breed as a whole.

We are all very excited at recent developments and the association with the HOA, as that marks a milestone for Spanish

Mustangs in Europe. The association has opened up many more breeding opportunities for us in Europe, and it will be exciting to see a variety of other strains be imported in the future. With this in mind, we are happy to offer free advertising space on our website for HOA breeders and members wishing to offer their sales stock to the European market.

To advertise on the ESMS website please send your ad text and a good photo to [webmaster@spanishmustangs-europe.org](mailto:webmaster@spanishmustangs-europe.org) We look forward to a long, happy and fruitful association.

## European Spanish Mustang Society

### Rules of the Society:

#### MAIN AIMS

- ***To preserve, protect and promote the rare breed of the Spanish Mustang, the Spanish Colonial Horse and all the various strains thereof.***
- ***To be a point of contact and provide support and advice for breeders and owners of Spanish Mustangs/Colonial horses.***

***The European Spanish Mustang Society (ESMS) operates as a "daughter studbook of the Horse of the Americas Registry (HOA) in Europe and follows the same rules and guidelines, pertaining to registration of horses.***

#### BREED STANDARD

##### Size:

The Spanish Mustang/Colonial horse is a medium sized horse ranging from 13 2 to 15 hands with an average size of approximately 14 2 hands with proportional weight.

##### Body:

They are smooth muscled with short backs, rounded rumps and low set tails. Coupling is smooth and the overall appearance is of a

well balanced, smoothly built horse. The girth is deep, with well laid back shoulder and fairly pronounced withers.

##### Head:

They possess the classic Spanish type head with a straight or concave forehead and a convex nose which is in contrast to the straight forehead and nose of most breeds. Ears are medium to short and usually notched or curved towards each other. Necks are fairly well crested in mares and geldings and heavily crested in mature stallions. Chests are narrow but deep with the front legs joining the chest in an "A" shape rather than straight across.

##### Feet and Legs:

Chestnuts are small or missing altogether, particularly on the rear legs. Ergots are small or absent. Feet are extremely sound with thick walls, many having what is typically known as a "mule foot" which resists bruising due to the concave sole. Canons are short, upper foreleg is long with the canon bone having a larger circumference than other breeds of comparable size and weight.

##### Gait:

Long-strided, many are gaited, with a comfortable gait such as the amble, running walk or single foot. Some individuals are laterally gaited and do a very credible "paso" gait though without extreme knee action. They are remarkably hardy animals and tend to be less prone to injury, particularly of the legs and feet, than other breeds.

##### Colour:

Colours are extremely varied, the inheritance of the early Spanish horses who came in many colours and patterns, including dun, grulla, buckskin, overo and sabino paints and appaloosa, as well as the more common colours of bay, chestnut, black and white.

##### Temperament:

They have a very different mentality than "domesticated" horses. They are NOT push button horses and will not abide abuse, however they bond well with their owners and once bonded, become very attached to that person. Highly intelligent with an innate sense of self-preservation, they are not prone

to put themselves into any situation which may be destructive or dangerous. They retain a great many of the instincts that allowed them to survive in the feral state.

They are thinking horses and have their own opinions of things. The owners that learn to outsmart them do very well with this breed.

HOA on-line resource

#### REGISTRATION

***The ESMS will register all horses holding HOA registration, and all horses eligible for HOA registration such as those registered previously with, or eligible for, Spanish Mustang Registry (SMR) and, or Southwest Spanish Mustang Association (SSMA) registration. All horses registered into the main studbook of the ESMS will also hold a registration in the HOA studbook.***

***Separate from the HOA, the ESMS will register part-bred Spanish Mustang/Colonial Horses up to 25% in the Appendix Studbooks A & B, these Part-bred will at this time not be eligible for entry into the studbook of the HOA.***

***For further information, visit our Registration Page.***

#### MEMBERSHIP

***Being a preservation Society, we do not require grading for breeding purposes.***

***Where it is a requirement for stallions for instance participating in various disciplines, we recommend grading with an impartial body such as: ZFDP***

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***Selection for breeding should be subjective, following the breed standard as laid out by the HOA and on our website.***

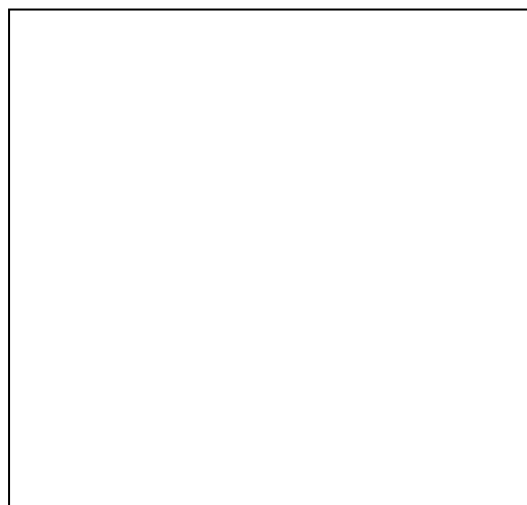
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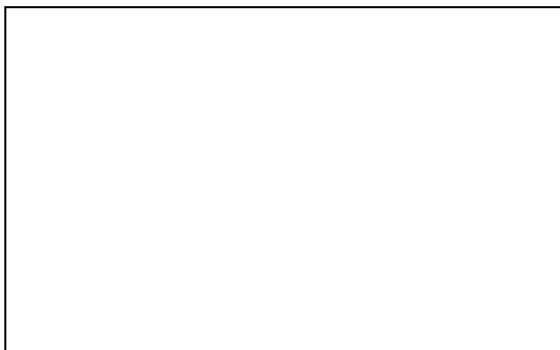
**Standing “Dancing Fire”**  
 by Pucinwah out of Shady Lady.  
 Sire of color, temperament and con-  
 formation.  
**Great kid’s horse, too!**

**Meet Midnight Waltz.** This coming 3 year old filly is by **Dancing Fire** out of **Delightful Dancer**, she by **Choctaw Sun Dance** out of **Captain’s Delight**.



“Waltz” was the Christmas present for Jasmine Ray, 9 years old. This filly is the culmination of two great breeding programs with both Crooked Fence Acres and Karma Farms foundation breeding. She is an East/West cross on both sides. Very athletic! We have a weanling full brother that jumped a 4’ fence to re-join his band.





Way of the Buffalo, HOA-1439  
2010 HOA Reserve Champion  
Broken Color

### **Registrar's Report— January, 2011**

by Gretchen Patterson, HOA Registrar

For the past few years, I have been collecting and building a database of all known Colonial Spanish Horses/Mustangs which is now available on CD-ROM disc to our HOA members from the HOA Online Store. The database currently contains the names of 6,203 horses and is by no means a finished product but has enough information to help breeders and members look up names, colors, bloodlines, strains and other known facts. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the database.

2010 was a slow year for registrations with only 47 horses being recorded. To make registration easier, HOA added payment by PayPal and the online application which can be emailed along with the registration photos.

Please submit pictures in one of three formats: regular photographs; digital scans on photographic paper or via email. I would like to stress that digital pictures must be printed on glossy paper. I cannot use pictures that are printed on regular copy paper.

If you send pictures via email, they should be no larger than 800 kb and should be saved as a .tif or .jpg. Picture files saved as a .gif extension have been compressed and do not reproduce well. If you send pictures by email, please notify me in advance that you will be sending picture file attachments.



An example of a good registry shot from profile. This is Tiger Eye as recorded by Jeff Edwards at the old Horse of the Americas in Porterville, CA. A good shot needs to be attractive, clear and all markings as visible as possible. It does not have to be posed, but it should show the horse's balance and conformation. The profile shots should be centered with both hip and shoulder at the same distance from the camera.

All photos should be taken in open space, preferably in the morning or early afternoon. Pictures with



lots of shadows do not scan well, and the horse's true color is difficult to reproduce. Trees or other busy landscape should be out of the background whenever possible.

I require pictures of both sides as well as a front, a rear and a good facial. If a horse has unusual white patterns on the head, a close-up photo is also needed. For more information, please contact Gretchen Patterson, 202 Forest Trail Rd., Marshall, TX, 75672 or by email: [tpranch@marshalltx.com](mailto:tpranch@marshalltx.com)

My telephone is 903-938-2908. You can also leave me a message on the HOA Message Board



Billy Jack's lovely admirer demonstrates what a life-changing experience meeting CS Horse can be.

## Billy Jack Performs at World Equestrian Games

Crazy Horse Farm's Billy Jack at 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) held at the Kentucky Horse Park.

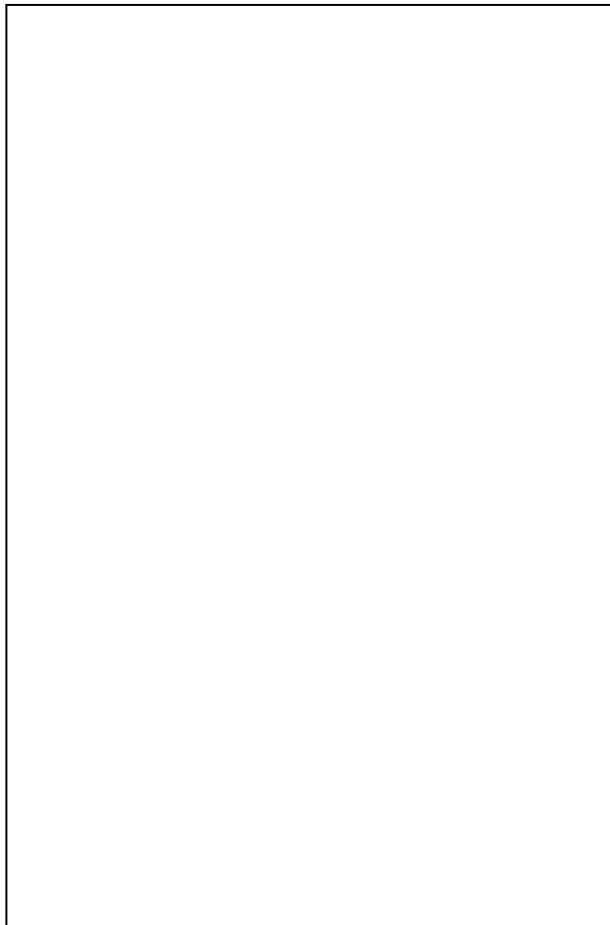
Billy Jack exhibited in multiple breed demos over 8 days during his stay at the Equine Village. Billy Jack was the only Spanish Mustang exhibited at WEG, which received 450,000 visitors



from around the world over its 16 days of competitions.

Billy Jack working under saddle at WEG

Photo credit: Christopher Odgers



# 2011 HORSE OF THE AMERICAS ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, October 7 thru Sunday, October 9  
Camp Hitaga, 5551 Hitaga Road, Walker Iowa 52352

\*Trail Rides \* Open Fun Show \* Clinics\* Inspections \* Meeting \* Auction\* Food \*



**Come meet the HOA members and learn more about Colonial Spanish horses.**

**COFFEE is always on!**

Calendar of Events:

## FRIDAY:

Trail ride 12:30pm

Pot Luck Supper 6:00pm

\*Bring a dish to pass\*

Bonfire, Dancing & Camaraderie

**Health Certificates for Out of State Horses**

**Need Interstate Health Certificates (within past 30 days)**

**Current Negative Coggins**

**CO, TX, & NM also need V.S. statement written or attached to HC per state code**

## SATURDAY

Breakfast-buffet - 7:30 to 8:30am  
(\$6 adults \$4 12 & under)

Clinics 9:00 am

Lunch - 11:00am to 12:00 pm

Open Fun Show (all breeds) - 12:30pm

\*\*Everyone is welcome to show or volunteer.

Dinner - 6:00 p.m

Grilled Pork Loin Dinner served by Hitaga Archery Club

**\*\*Advanced registration required\*\*.**

Annual Meeting

Auction (Bring an item to donate (and your checkbook) for this fundraising event

## SUNDAY

Breakfast- buffet- 7:30 to 8:30am

Trail Ride- 9:00am

Contact: Kathy Peacock for info, camp site and Saturday dinner reservations  
Phone: (319)-350-4897 or email: KMHRANCH@netzero.com

## Camping:

Primitive sites- \$6.00 per night

Electric sites- \$16.00 per night

Cabins and A-frames available

(showers and restrooms available)

## Motels:

Microtel Inn, 5500 Dryer Ave.

Marion, IA (319)-373-7400

For more information, check the HOA Online Newsletter at:

<http://www.horseoftheamericas.com/newsletter.html>





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