



AREA VII

Shetland Pony & Miniature Horse Association, Inc.

Year-End 2017 Issue

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California Classic

April 21-22, 2018 • Murieta Equestrian Center

AMHR, Classic,
Modern, ASPR

Judges: Kim Sterchi,
Grass Valley, CA,
and Richard Petty,
Jacksonville, OR



Rodabi-J Ranch Dispersal Sale



Rodabi-J Velvet Frost (HoF)
AMHR #289364A 31.5" Silver Dapple
Pinto mare. Foaled 3/8/2008.
National Champion 30"–32" Mature Mare at
AMHR Nationals in 2013. I have trained her
to drive. Price \$2,000



Rodabi-J Ebony Thrills
AMHR #203914B 35.75" Black/White
Appaloosa gelding. Foaled 4/16/2000.
Lovely gelding, has basic ground work and
started driving. Should be shown. \$500



Mardi Gras Legacy's Devine Design
AMHR #300097A 33.5" Black/White
Appaloosa mare. Foaled 5/9/05. "DD"
currently has the unnamed filly at her side.
Price: \$750

Unnamed filly (photo not available)
Rodabi-J Ebony Thrills x Mardi Gras
Legacy's Devine Design. Foaled May 28,
2017. I haven't registered her yet as I haven't
figured out her color! Chestnut or bay with
that gene that makes her legs lighter? Nice,
correct filly, should mature well under 34".
Price: \$500

Rodabi-J Cabaret (photo not available)
AMHR #305461A 33" Brown Snowflake
Appaloosa mare. Foaled 2/14/10. She carries
gene that causes her to have mealy muzzle,
lower flank, and lightened knees. Has had
basic ground work and lounges. Price: \$600

Prices are open to offers/group discounts. All mares are open or can be bred to the stallion of your choice. Email or call for photos and more info.

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Area VII Shetland Pony & Miniature Horse Assoc., Inc.

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 is an American Shetland Pony Club/American Miniature Horse Registry/American Show Pony Registry (ASPC/AMHR/ASPR) registered and recognized club that is primarily active in California, though our area encompasses California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii. Our membership includes owners of both ASPC Shetlands and AMHR Miniature Horses. Area VII welcomes members from all over—and you do not need to own a mini or pony to join.

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."

2018 Calendar of Events

For updates, go to www.areaviiclub.com

March

9-11 Western States Horse Expo
Pomona
Fairplex, Pomona, CA
Horse Expo, Inc., (800) 352-2411
horseexpoevents.com

April

21-22 California Classic 2018
(AMHR, Classic, Modern, ASPR)
Area VII SP&MHA
Murieta Equestrian Center,
Rancho Murieta, CA
Rinda Pullen, (425) 231-7464
www.areaviiclub.com

May

25-27 National Area VII Show
(AMHR, Classic, Modern, ASPR)
Ingalls Park Equestrian Center, Norco, CA

June

8-10 Western States Horse Expo
Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA
Contact: Horse Expo, Inc., (800) 352-2411
Website: horseexpoevents.com

2018 National Area Shows

- May 11-13 National Area IV Show, SMLEC, Lake St. Louis, MO
May 25-27 National Area II Show, West Michigan MH Club, Centreville, MI
May 25-27 National Area III Show, Bluegrass MH Club, Liberty, KY
May 25-27 National Area VII Show, Pacific Coast MH Club, Norco, CA
June 1-3 National Area VI Show, Bluestem MH Club, Lincoln, NE
June 8-10 National Area V Show, ASPC/AMHR Club of North Texas, Glen Rose, TX
July 6-8 National Area I Show, Delmarva MH Club, Harrington, DE
July 6-8 National Area VIII Show, Evergreen MH Club, Spanaway, WA

All shows pending approval



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Letter from the President

Susan Browning Wroe, President

Fall has finally arrived in all its splendor. It is my favorite time of year! This year the colors are so vivid where we live. The oranges and reds and golden leaves are especially breathtaking. All of our horses are shaggy and ready for winter. Fortune has so much facial hair he looks like a goat! Thanksgiving is upon us and there are so many things to be thankful for.

In remembering to give thanks we can all be grateful for our dear friend Barbara Naviaux who recently passed on to a more peaceful place. She was a brilliant person. So knowledgeable and so willing to share. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

We can all be thankful that the fires and floods are currently gone and that our friends and club members in the Santa Rosa area are now safe and beginning their recovery.

I am thankful for the wonderful members who support this Area VII club with their time, talent, treasure, and friendship. We had an excellent California Classic last April and I am looking forward to the next show in 2018. We had pleasant meetings and an enjoyable schooling show at City Stables in Oakland.

This is my final year as your President. We are looking for someone to replace me on the Board who would like to lead this club into more fun and diverse events. I am willing to take another position if needed, but we need a leader with some new ideas. Please consider volunteering for a Board position. Our club can only grow and excel if we all work together. Many hands do make light work!

The planning for the 2018 California Classic is well underway. The contract is signed and our arena is secure. We will again be at the beautiful facility at Rancho Murieta in the same arena as last year. Great location with close stalls too. We had very close to 100 horses last year. We are striving to top 100 this year.

We can still use everyone's help with sponsoring classes or securing business sponsorships. We can also use items to fill the goodie bags with. We are grateful for any assistance you can give.

Have a happy holiday season filled with family, love and peace!



Area VII Annual Meeting

Saturday, December 9, 12:30 pm-3:00 pm
Residence Inn, 360 Orange Drive, Vacaville

This is our Annual Meeting—the last one of the year, and the most important! This meeting is open to everyone, membership is not required. Please join us, and bring your friends! There will be coffee and snacks—if you can, please bring something to share.

For more information, or to add an item to the agenda, please contact Susan Browning Wroe, (916) 969-9722, wroemarin@cs.com.

The Residence Inn is just off I-80 in Vacaville.

Double E Ranch News



Our friends Kevin and Tanja from Farm Little Creek, Belgium



John Gracey holding Mirage



EE Wingates Rebel Yell

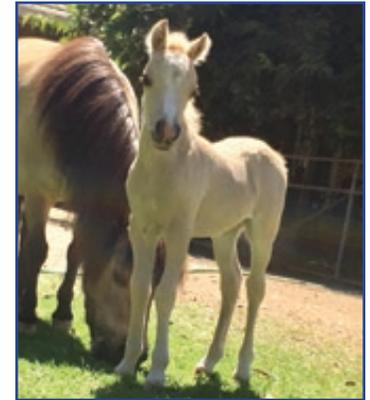
Following our busy first half of the year that included AMHA and AMHR shows, Rich and I proceeded to Europe on our annual summer visit with friends and family. First stop found us in none other than the Holy Land, as my eldest nephew married in a beautiful, very festive ceremony. We had far too little time spent there, as we carried on to Belgium where we met our best friends and partners, Kevin and Tanja Lathouwers. We joined them at a horse show near Antwerp and got to see one of our own breeding compete. EE Pistols Songbird (“Birdie”) did great, and she looked beautiful! Later into the trip, Kevin and Tanja took us to this beautiful Italian restaurant. We had special glasses that had the word “Godfather” inscribed onto them. Imagine our shock when we discovered that that was their way of asking us to be Godparents to their precious little girl, Rayna. In fact, her middle name is comprised of letters from our names, as well as those of Tanja’s beloved sister. Finally, we spent some quality time with our family in Stockholm. Such a memorable time—the highlight of which was when we traveled around the archipelago on a lunch cruise—so beautiful and relaxing!

While we were gone, three foals were born without complications thanks to our friend, the foal whisper—John Gracey. The first one, a gorgeous palomino named Sentimental Lady, is a keeper! The second, a chestnut pinto with loud markings, was purchased by Colette Griffin. Colette named her Miss Sassypants and loves her and her dam, who will be bred back to Sassy’s brother, Sonny Pistol. The third one is colt sired by Casey Campbell’s National and World Champion stallion, At Last Surastars LII Rebel and out of our Reserve World Champion Country Pleasure driving mare, QF Zurielle di Dominus. EE Wingates Rebel Yell (Rebbie) is full of personality and spunk.

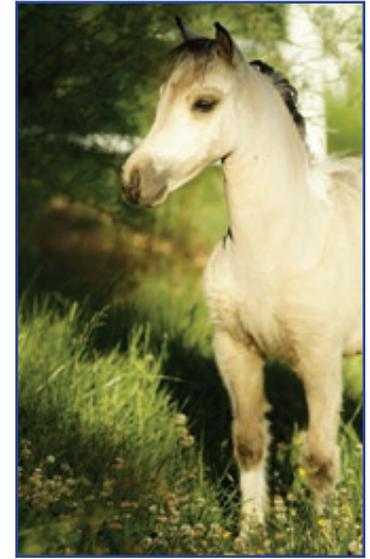
Finally, we had a filly by Hunterberry Hill Impressive Design out of a Mountain Meadows bred mare we call “Belle.” Her full name is EE Hunters Beautiful Child. Our last foal of the year was born a little more than a month ago. EE Pistols Mirage is by our sorrel stallion, JSW Showkayces Colt 45 and out of JSW Royale Reflection, a beautiful palomino pinto mare we have been trying to get into foal for three years. It was worth the wait, as Mirage is practically perfect in every way!

We had a change in plans this year and opted not to attend AMHR Nationals as exhibitors. It was pretty fun to watch, and I can’t wait to get back in the ring next year! At the AMHA World show in August, I participated in my first Versatility class and placed a respectable seventh in a field of seasoned veterans! Our driving trainer, Cassidy Blanton, afforded me the opportunity to drive the amazing Oak Grove Legends Cimarron. Ronnie was amazing, and we had a successful Worlds and an amazing Regionals at which he won the Grand in both amateur and open.

2017 has been a wonderful year thus far! Sensa is at home with us, and we have bred him to several mares. So far, we have two confirmed in foal for 2018. In addition, Milagra is home for the winter with her California family. Design straws are still available! In fact, our friends, Richard and Penny Radulavich own a mare that is in foal to him.—Jacob Elliott and Richard Erickson



EE Pistols Sentimental Lady



EE Miraculous Bi Design (“Milagra”)



Driving Ronnie to Reserve GRAND



EE Hunters Beautiful Child (“Belle”)

Connie's Itsy Bitsy Ranch News

With the holiday season upon us and the C.S.H.A. Paraders program last parade in Columbia on December 10th, we now have our Norena show cart decorated for the holidays, with lights for the nighttime Christmas parade in Riverbank on November 25th. With Roseville on November 18th and Columbia December 10th, both day parades, the parade season will be over for this year. Pogo will have been in 14 parades this year and performed very well and was a crowd favorite in all.

Samis Time 2 Rumble daughter, Connies Time 2 Rumble Angelita, will be together with Deer Haven Dazzler next spring. We are very excited about this and the results of Angelita and Dazzler being together. We are also working with Dazzler on driving, as he has not been driven for many years. What a sweetheart! Hope to see you all next year.—Connie Hawkins

Radulovich Farms Good News



Katy and Spitfire with Bryce Baker at the AMHA World Show.

Whisper Equestrian Center

Wow, I guess it is winter because after several fires we now have rain. The ponies love it and the air smells fantastic.

We had a great time at the ASPC/AMHR Convention and the location in Las Vegas was interesting. We got a lot accomplished in a short time, and we actually did get outside the convention center once or twice.

I can't say that this Convention was well attended by Area VII. It was located in Area VII. Both Directors were present and a couple of Area members came for the Saturday Annual meeting. Not a good representation to say the least. I suppose I could say it was quality not quantity that matters in the end.



The new ASPC/AMHR/ASPR logo.

We have a new ASPC-AMHR-ASPR logo.

We are now stepping into a new century. A new online store should be open before Christmas, and there are many wonderful reasonably priced items to choose from.

We have been having trouble with our ASPC/AMHR website and our registry programming, which led us to authorize the purchase of new programming and the updating of a couple of computers. Please be patient and keep track of your Hall of Fame points. This programming is not inexpensive, but it is our lifeblood and is necessary.

We have couple of new geldings at Whisper. One is for sale. We hope to get some driving training on him this winter so we can sell him in the spring.

We will keep you posted. Two of the three 2017 foals will also be for sale, as well as a couple of older mares. We got behind in our pony sales and will be gearing up over the winter. Anyone interested in winter specials should give us a call.

Needless to say, we have been busy this year and as always hope to catch up soon. It would be nice to dress for a change. Of course we know that is not going to happen anytime soon but it is a good New Years resolution.

Speaking of the holidays, we hope you all have a brilliant Thanksgiving, a sacred Christmas and a charmed New Year.

Happy Holidays!—Ken and Julie Mabie

Redwood Acre Ranch News

Redwood Acre Ranch has expanded to a full Equestrian Center located in Sacramento, CA. However, part of our ranch (the mini mares, Suzie and Sparkles, in addition to Rosie) have moved to Reno, NV. So in a way, Redwood Acre Ranch now has representation in two West coast states.

This year Kai and Samba were able to participate in the October HDT at Clay Station Horse Park under the training and care of Bryce Baker from Piece of Me Miniatures. Bryce and Samba won 1st place in prelims!

Kai, the mini mares, and Rosie and I were able to be a part of the Nevada Day Parade this year which was super exciting!!!—Cynthia Villarimo



Cynthia riding Rosie, and Kai driving the mini mares, Suzie and Sparkles, in the Nevada Day parade.



Kai and Samba, with Bryce Baker, at the Clay Station HDT in October.

Working with My Pony

by John R. Killacky

I unhitch my Shetland and put her outside in a corral to cool down. As she grazes, I see in her the ancestral Mongolian ponies: compact muscularity, shaggy pelt, round belly, strong jaw, and deep-set eyes—plus her scrappy resiliency.

For six thousand years, horses adapted as a species. Once domesticated, they were essential to winning battles, opening trade routes, cultivating fields, heavy hauling, and transporting people. In 1900, there were more than 130,000 equines working in New York City alone—a far cry from the few carriage animals clopping through Central Park today.

Historically, horses were depicted in art as icons of nobility and military might, but perceptions change. Mythic no more, the Olympics and Triple Crown pursuits may remind the public of equestrian athleticism, but society now views our steeds primarily as playthings.

In Vermont, many kids enjoy summer pony camps and year-round lessons. The Green Mountain Horse Association has a full schedule of dressage, jumping, and driving competitions. There's renewed interest in farming with horse-drawn equipment, and we see Morgans on leisurely drives with people in Sunday attire, occasional cross-country hunts, and of course, horses now retired grazing peacefully in pastures.

Despite diminished functionality, the equine population persists because of passionate bonds between creature and owner. Shakespeare aptly captures this in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, "The man shall have his mare again, and all shall be well." The sentiment is indeed true for me.

In eight years working with my pony, we forged a symbiotic partnership of trust, persistence, and achievement. Her job is to pull me in a cart, my job is to listen fully to her and provide for her well-being. Whinnies, nickers, neighs, snorts, and stomps let me know I still have much to learn.

I don't often encounter other Shetland owners, but there's a community of folks who drive Morgans, miniature horses, and large drafts. We share tips at clinics, fairs, and stable visits. Trainers are important, but colleagues are essential for the daily tasks of animal care and maintaining equipment.

Most gratifying is the vivifying relationship with my pony. A successful drive has her legs dancing in a collected trot with mane flying as we cue off each other. Afterward, she stands contentedly as I remove the tack. We both take delight in a job well done.

John R. Killacky is executive director of Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington, VT. This commentary first aired on Vermont Public Radio.



Photo by Michaele Massengill

In Memorial



Barbara J. Naviaux

July 13, 1935–October 23, 2017

The miniature horse world lost one of the icons of the breed. Barbara Naviaux passed away on October 23. Her son Dave says plans for a memorial service in Placerville, CA, are pending.

Barb was a great friend, the author of many articles on equine genetics and a book on miniatures, chairperson of the AMHA committee that wrote the original Standard of Perfection, a miniature horse breeder, a member of both AMHA and AMHR, and for many years an active member of Area VII, Valley Sierra Miniature Horse Club, and also Norcal MHC. At various times

she was the newsletter editor for all three organizations. She is a great loss to the miniature world and to her many friends.—*Jim Curry*



Pat Michielssen

November 17, 2017

News that another long-time Area VII member, Pat Michielssen, passed away came just as this newsletter was going to the printer, so I apologize for not being able to include a suitable obituary for Pat. She was an amazing lady and a staunch supporter of our club and the American Shetland Pony. I found a few tributes on Facebook that I'll share here. I hope to have stories about both Pat and Barbara in the next newsletter.



Momma Pat Michielssen with baby Raindrop—I am forever grateful. RIP my friend.—John Killacky

“...She was much more than a client, a truly good friend and a kind, generous person as I am sure John Killacky would also state. I know of at least one instance when she gave a pony to a young girl so she could compete with her friends. A lady of many talents who loved her ponies.”

—*Jim Curry*

“Pat was a great lady and I treasure the time we spent together. I learned so much from her. Rest in Peace Pat, and may your trails be happy ones.” —*Arlene Niegel*



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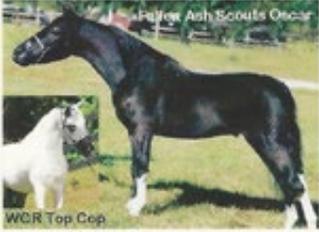
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