



Bar None Saddle Club Newsletter

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Hoosier Horse Fair

The Hoosier Horse Fair has changed its location. The Horse Fair will be taking place at the Hendrick's County Fair Grounds, located at 1900 E. Main Street in Danville Indiana. The fair will be starting Friday May 3 through Sunday May 5. Hours of operation are Friday and Saturday 8 am-7 pm and on Sunday 8am till 5 pm. Ticket information. 3 day pass on line \$30.00 at the door \$40.00. Single day adult on line \$12.00, \$15.00 at the door. Youth 6-12 years \$8.00 on line, \$10.00 at the door. Children 6 and younger are free. Veterans, First Responders, and Law Enforcement are free.

Steve Selleck

We need to keep Steve Selleck and his family in our thoughts and prayers. Steve lost his mother. The funeral will be on Thursday March 21st with the viewing on March 20th.

Tack & Bake Sale

The annual 4-H used tack and tog/ bake sale was a huge success. Special thank you goes to Dan Surface who single handedly set up all the tables for use at the tack sale. Jackie Selleck also had her hands full in setting up the food venue, with all the baked potatoes that were being served. She was also short staffed but did an excellent job.

Beef & Noodle Dinner

The third installment of the Beef and Noodle was a success. The Selleck family were at the funeral of Steve's mother an unable to attend the Beef and Noodle dinner. The club members came to the rescue and filled in where they were needed. This is what this Saddle Club is all about. Coming to the aid of a club member or the club itself. We had people working in areas that they never worked at before and in a very short time, trial by error, they were getting the job done and enjoying themselves as well in their new position. We had an excellent dinner. We have one to go, let's make this one the best one.

Calendar of Coming Events

April 2	Tuesday 7:00 pm	April Business meeting
April 18	Wednesday 4:30-7pm	Beef & Noodle Dinner
May 3-5	Friday - Sunday	Hoosier Horse Fair
May 7	Tuesday 7 pm	May Business meeting
May 18	Saturday 9 am	Spring Horse Show



Agenda - April 3, 2019

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- A. Call Meeting to Order
- B. Roll Call of Officers
- C. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- D. Treasurer’s Report
- E. Committee Reports
 - 1. High Point Awards
 - 2. Rentals
 - 3. Membership
 - 4. Activities
 - 5. Beef and Noodle Dinner
 - 6. Webb page/Face book
 - 7. Spring Horse Show
- F. Unfinished Business
 - 1. Other unfinished business
- G. New Business
- H. For the Good of the Membership
- I. Adjournment

MUSING WITH STU....

One of the goals of the Saddle Club is to help others when needed. At the last Beef and Noodle dinner, the club itself was in a situation where we needed members to work at other jobs because of a family emergency. Judy started calling members as soon as she new that Steve and Jackie would not be at the dinner. She met with great cooperation from the members saying they would step up and help out the club at our dinner. There was a great scene of cooperation shown by all the members who stepped up and came in early to help set up for the dinner, helped in cooking the dinner, and helping in the clean up process. There were members who worked at the dinner who never did that job before but met the challenge head on doing their very best to make sure there were no problems as we welcomed our first guests to the dinner. This is what makes this Sad-

dle Club so great. There has been times when I thought that we had members that did not want to do anything for the club but just back and ride. My opinion has changed greatly because of all the members who stepped up and came to the dinner and worked at the dinner. They all did an excellent job. It is always better to have more help than needed for some jobs, it just makes the job go quicker, faster, less stressful on just a few members. There were more deserts, unlike last month when we did not have enough deserts for our dinner. This is the greatest show of club support from our members in a long time and should show all the members why we are the best Saddle Club in Northeastern Indiana. There is nothing that we cannot do if we put our minds together and press forward. We can do anything and we just proved it.

Did you know that a horse can sweat up to four gallons of water and electrolytes per hour when it is hot out? In hot weather, dehydration and heat-induced illnesses become serious health concerns for a horse. The best way to avoid any dehydration related problems is to provide plenty of fresh, cool water; some shade and a salt lick don't hurt either. Don't forget to add nutritional supplements to your horses' daily feed, too. You'll want to make sure their bodies are getting as many nutrients as they are sweating out.

During droughts, it is common for natural sources of water like streams, creeks and ponds to dry out. This presents a problem since the little remaining water can pool up and become stagnant. Obviously, you don't want your horses drinking this unhealthy water, full of bacteria and parasites. Try to do your best in keeping your horses away from these sources of stagnant water by providing plenty of fresh water.

Keep an eye on your horse's weight. Plants generally don't grow during a drought which can lead to a shortage in quality green vegetation for your horses to eat. Your horses may not be receiving the appropriate amount of nutrition from the pasture. Supplement their pasture diet with quality hay and feed.

During droughts and the resulting decline in desirable forages, horses may be forced to consume less palatable plants. Try to minimize their access to these plants since some may be toxic to the horse. Horses prefer to eat green plants even if they are fed hay so be careful with how much contact they have with toxic plants and weeds while out in pasture. Fencing these problem areas off can provide an immediate solution however the toxic plants should be killed or removed to completely eliminate the threat of poisoning.

Worms are trouble year round but can be an even bigger problem during drought-like conditions. During a drought, when a horse may not be able to get the full allotment of necessary nutrients, worms steal valuable vitamins and minerals from the horse. They can also damage the animal's gut which limits the horse's ability to absorb vital nutrients. A consistent worming program can help keep these parasites in check.

Droughts often create dusty and dry conditions. All that dust blowing about can irritate your horses' eyes. Often these are minor annoyances for the horse but an eye full of dust can sometimes scratch the cornea creating a real health concern. A good fly mask can help protect their eyes from sand, dirt, dust and other air-borne debris.

Record high temperatures and drought-like conditions can't and don't last forever. Although they are often stressful for both horse and owner, they are nothing to get too worked up over as long as you understand how your animals are affected by the inhospitable environment and know how to protect them from the hot, dry weather. The key to managing your stable of horses during these harsh conditions is to be fully prepared.

Breed of the Month

Akhal-Teke



GROUP: HOTBLOOD

OVERVIEW

The Akhal-Teke is a horse from Turkmenistan, in northern Iran adjacent to the former Soviet Union. These horses have been renowned as cavalry mounts and racehorses for some 3,000 years. The Akhal-Teke has superb natural gaits, and is the outstanding sporting horse from this area. The Akhal-Teke is native to an arid, barren environment. During its history, it has established a reputation of great stamina and courage. A key to the Akhal-Teke's stamina is its diet which is low in bulk but high in protein, and frequently includes butter and eggs mixed with barley. Today the Akhal-Teke is used in show jumping and dressage in addition to daily use under saddle.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Akhal-Teke's confirmation can be favorably compared to the Persian Arab, another breed of ancient origin. Its head is similar to the Arab's, being long and light with expressive eyes. It has relatively long ears and a long neck. It has a short silky mane, or none at all, and a short tail. This breed has a narrow chest, long back, and flat ribs. The legs are long and slender, clearly revealing the tendons. It averages 15-15.1 hands in height. It is often dun in color, although it can be bay and gray, with a pale golden coat preferred. The Akhal-Teke is among the most elegant of the world's horses.

ORIGIN

It is assumed the Akhal-Teke horse descended from ancient Tarpan and Przewalski horses of southern Asia. It was originally bred by tribes of Turkoman. The Akhal-Teke now is bred in the other former provinces of the southern Soviet Union.

INTERESTING FACTS

A group of Akhal-Tekes' were known to have traveled 2,580 miles from Ashkhabad to Moscow in only 84 days with minimal rations of feed and water.

The Akhal-Teke named "Absent" won the Prix de Dressage at the Rome Olympics in 1960.

INFLUENCES

1. Tarpan
2. Przewalski's Horse