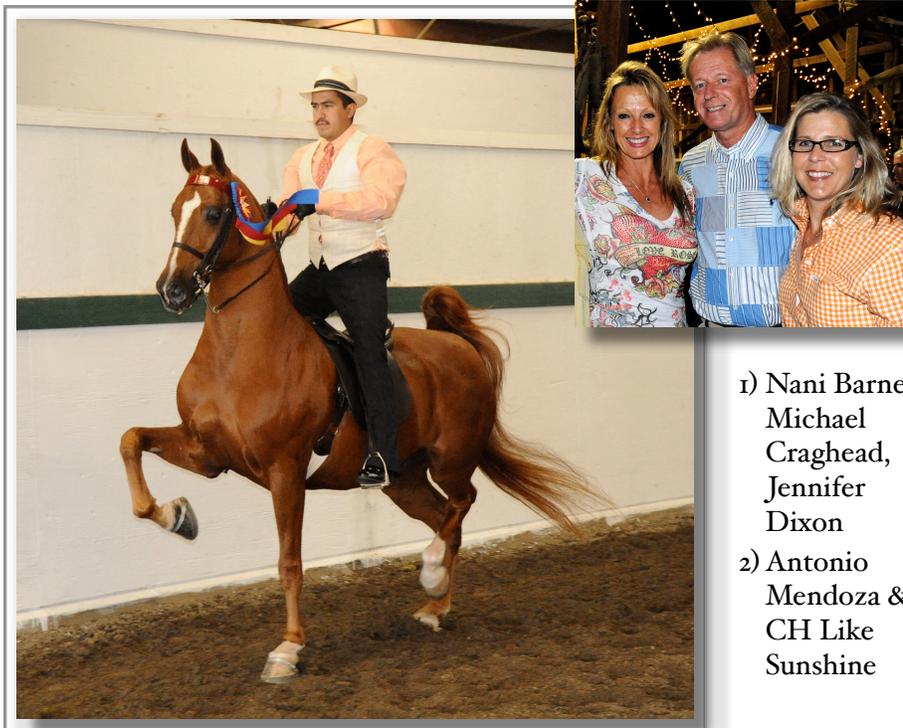


# EQUESTRIAN

*FALL SHOW AND BBQ - Fun and good competition at the Livermore International!*



- 1) Nani Barnes  
Michael Craghead,  
Jennifer Dixon
- 2) Antonio Mendoza &  
CH Like Sunshine

The 13th Annual Fall Fun Show, October 10 & 11 was a great event thanks to all the members who helped out so much! Many thanks to Janine Hill for making Diamond Hills available to us again. Nani

Barnes was our judge on Saturday and Matthew Roberts made the trip from Arizona to do the honors on Sunday. In addition to our Saddlebreds, we had a large range of breeds and disciplines. (continued page 2)

## SADDLEBREDS MAKE THEIR MARK AT DRESSAGE IN THE WINE COUNTRY

**Monarch Stables** headed up the Saddlebred Demonstration that took place at the annual Dressage in the Wine County, August 29th. Having the event on one of the hottest weekends in the summer provided a bit more of a challenge to woman and beast, but the hardy group pulled off a nice show.



Participants included: **Siri Hadland** riding Lynn Silva's *Magic of Oz*, **Lynn Silva** and *Paasche of Silver Oaks*, **Elizabeth Hemphill** on *Royal Crests Rockapella* and **Sue Valley** riding *Perfect Adventure*. **Brigitte Scholl** organized and coached the group along with **Johanna Brandiff**. (continued on page 17)

### BIT BITES FROM SUE

A new look for the newsletter! I changed computers and my new one doesn't quite recognize my old files, so here we go with a new format.

Thanks to all who helped make the Fall Show and BBQ a success! Our next event will be our annual meeting. This will be an important meeting - we need to really look at where we are headed as a club, is it time to make some changes. We need to see who is going to help lead us into these new ventures?! So come prepared to spend several hours (this won't be a quick meeting) - I hope we get a good turnout!



Sue Pheley and Charles Kennedy always have fun - read about their big adventure - page 10

## THE SHOW CONTINUES:

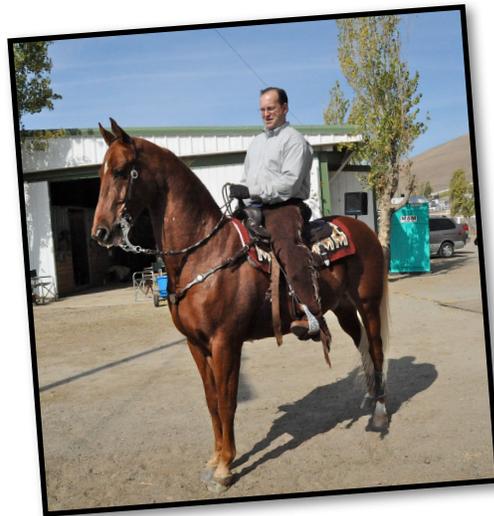
Participating Saddlebred barns included: Monarch Stables, Dixon Stables, Michael Craghead Stables, Golden Ridge Stables and The Back Bay Co-op. In addition to showing their horses, members helped out the effort in a number of ways. We really want to thank all of those who helped out:

**Cash donations/sponsorships:** Sue Valley, Ted & Sue Estes, Sally & Merwin Spalding, Edy Compton/Merchant Services of Lafayette, Michael Craghead, Jennifer Dixon, Kim Matoza, Lydio Lopez, Julie Barrow, Cathy Sauer, Shari Rainwater, Nani Barnes.

**Silent auction donations:** Western Saddlery, Helen Roy, Jeff Ramey/Ramard Inc, Nonnie's House, Terry Bennett's Tack, RaDon Inc, Monterey Springfest Horse Show, McAbee Feed, Lydio Lopez, Sally Nottage/Nottage Cottage, Beth Hageboeck, Julie Barrow, Jenny Blackburn, Michelle Ganci, Shari

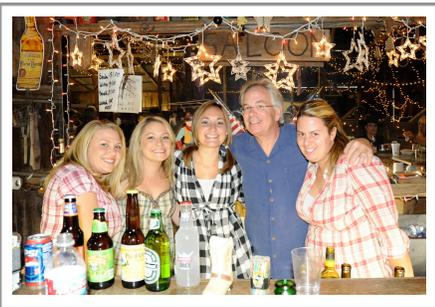
Rainwater, Kim Matoza, Sue Pheley, Livermore Feed and Farm Supply, Dr. Novac DVM.

Michelle Ganci and Susan Foss Pheley organized the **Silent Auction.** Kim Matoza and Royalee Cleveland took on the **Swap Shop.** (see page 3)



Dean MacCracken & Spin the Top

## BBQ AND AWARDS:



Biff, Misty, Sarah, Ted and Teddi

Edy Compton worked hard to organize the BBQ and the Estes family really pulled out

the stops to make sure the event went off smoothly. Ted Estes and his "girls" are an institution behind the bar - they did such a good job, they were hired by another group for their party!

As usual the food was wonderful - the tri tip was amazing. It was a good time to relax a bit and catch up with friends.

The annual High Point Awards were presented after

dinner. Julie Streitfeld outdid herself this year with the trophies - wonderful coolers with the year and logo embroidered on them! Dana Leavitt was the popular choice for the Sportsmanship Award. He always has a good word for everyone and win or loose he always has a smile on his face. The results follow in the newsletter.



Beth Davis, Dana Leavitt, Julie Barrow

## 2010 CALENDARS ARE READY!!!

The 2010 Calendars are here and they would make a great holiday gift. \$5 each - contact Sue Pheley before they run out!



## THE SHOW STILL CONTINUES:

Kasey Ashley and Rhonda Gowa did a superb job running the Secretary Stand. Susan Estes organized the work force. Thanks to those who came and worked the ring: Doug Cason and Jeff Banks were announcers. Doug Cason, Candy Dowdy and Michelle Ganci worked back gate. Ring Masters: Johanna Brandiff, Jenny Blackburn, Dean MacCracken and Dana Leavitt Ribbon presentors: Judy and Lizzie Ferguson, Jeanie Bartoszek, Ken Pheley, Susan Estes

### Highlights of the show include:

**Western:** *Alfreda Sebasto* and Can't Talk Now came away with the Championship in the Country Pleasure division. *Royalee Cleveland* and the colorful Once in a Blue Moon were reserve. *Alfreda* also took the blue in the Shatner class on Sunday while Spin the Top and



Armando Perez & Santa Fe Spirit

*Dean MacCracken* took the top prize in the Saturday Shatner class. *Armando Perez* piloted *Edy Compton's Santa Fe Spirit* to the tri color in the Open Western division with Wit's Worth and *Suzan Foss Pheley* in reserve.

**English Pleasure:** The new team of Sierra Blue and *Beth Hageboeck* is certainly one to watch - the pair won the Show Pleasure Championship with Harvest Reward and *Catherine Whitcomb* in reserve. *Julia Roy* and Mr. Snapple were reserve in the qualifier. Callaway's Ike the Sixth and *Johanna Brandiff* have come a long way this year, the pair took home a handful of red and blue ribbons in a variety of pleasure classes. *Sue Valley* and Tucker made a pleasant ride for the Country Pleasure Championship. *Beth Davis's Dream Out Loud* made his debut under saddle and took home the blue in the Junior Horse class.

**5-Gaited:** *Lynn Silva* and her new mount - Paasche of Silver Oaks are really getting it together, the team took the Pleasure tricolor. *Charles Kennedy* and his Manhattan Valor took top honors in the open class.



Sami Streitfeld and Barbie in costume, Judy Ferguson and her daughter Lizzie present the awards.

### 3-Gaited/Park: *Cooper*

*Bartoszek* and The Harlem Kid made a great show to take the Saturday Park class. *Julie Barrow's Making the List* made some breath taking passes for reserve. Sunday the ring belonged to Ch Like Sunshine with *Antonio Mendoza* riding for *Sue Valley*

**Kids:** Ch Java Sea seems to be getting younger as the years pass - he and *Ethan Fieber* swept the 10 and under classes. *Anna Roy* and Mr. Snapple were reserve. There was a nice group of Lead Line riders - in the walk and trot class *Angelina Ragsdale* posted her way to the winners circle. *Sami Streitfeld* was reserve. Sami and *Rockapella* gave the crowd a great show in the costume class - she easily took the blue!

That is just a brief over view of the Saddlebred classes. Many thanks to all the breeds who came and participated!

## 2009 HIGH POINT STANDINGS:

Shows include: Fall Fun Show 2008 (2 days), MCC (2 days), Monterey, UPHA, Watsonville.

\*= that horse only showed in one show in the division - you need 2 to qualify for an award.

Champions pictured



### *Open 5-Gaited*

**Sky's Blue Angel Streitfeld 120**

Ch Walterways Remember Me Jarve 104

Opinionated Morrow 64\*

Spot My Excitement Gustafson 60\*



### *Jr. Exhibitor 5-Gaited*

**Callaway's HolyMoly**

**Ganci 160**



### *Park*

**The Harlem Kid Bartoszek 176**

The Georgia Peach Davis 120

Unchained Bergstrom 48\*

Lullaby Baby Blues Scholl 24\*

FF Russian River Estes 12\*



### *Open 3-Gaited*

**Ch Like Sunshine Chen 452**

Time Line Castillac 252

Supernatural Charm Morrow 192

### *Fine Harness*

**Ch No Jacket Required Spalding 192**

Kourageous Kat of Silver Oaks Gustafson 24\*



### *3-Gaited Show Pleasure*

<b>I'm A Kentuckian</b>	<b>Barrow</b>	<b>142</b>
Spin the Top	MacCracken	133
Ribbons and Love	Ganci	92
Callaway's Ike the 6th	Brandiff	84
Kookaburra	Wolfe	57
Magic of Oz	Silva	80*
Manhattan Valor	Kennedy	32*
Be Bop	Kahler	32*
BossMan's Carbon Copy	Zlokovich	12*
CH Mac the Knife	Estes	6*
The Georgia Peach	Davis	4*



### *Jr. Ex. 3-Gaited Show Pleasure*

<b>Wizard's Icon</b>	<b>Anderson</b>	<b>326</b>
Raising Havoc	Ganci	56*
Mr. Snapple	Roy	48*
Tammy Michelle	Estes	6*



### *5-Gaited Show Pleasure*

#### **Callaway's Editors Note Castaillac 264**

Sky's Blue Angel	Streitfeld	204
Callaway's Capitol Reporter	Jarve	84
Manhattan Valor	Kennedy	80
Global Scene	Cleveland	80*
Paasche of Silver Oaks	Silva	64*



### *5-Gaited Country Pleasure*

<b>Manhattan Valor</b>	<b>Kennedy</b>	<b>80</b>
Paasche of Silver Oaks	Silva	96*

## *Show Pleasure Driving*

<b>Dream Out Loud</b>	<b>Davis</b>	<b>108</b>
I'm Having a Party	Rainwater	96*
A Day on the Town	Chapman	64*
Raising Havoc	Ganci	64*

SantaFe Spirit	Compton	32*
A Spot for Tea	Gustafson	32*
Be Bop	Kahler	32*
Spin the Top	MacCracken	32*



## *Country Pleasure Driving*

<b>The Flame of Highpoint</b>	<b>Rainwater</b>	<b>92</b>
A Spot for Tea	Gustafson	24*



## *3-Gaited Country Pleasure*

<b>Shamrock's Jessica</b>	<b>Streitfeld</b>	<b>408</b>
Ch Grande Dam	Bergstrom	86
Royalcrests Rock Island	Chen	72
Ceremony	Glick	68

## *Western Country Pleasure*

<b>Wit's Worth</b>	<b>Pheley</b>	<b>264</b>
Ch Fiasco	Glick	192
Santa Fe Spirit	Compton	132
Highpoints Tip Top	Rainwater	112
Today'smyluckyday	Hess	73
Spin the Top	MacCracken	72*
Once in a Blue Moon	Cleveland	64*



**Open English Pleasure**

<b>Spin the Top</b>	<b>MacCracken</b>	<b>98</b>
Kookaburra	Wolfe	92
CH Mac the Knife	Estes	24
Attache's Major Magic	Sivara	60*
Callaway's Ike the 6th	Brandiff	60*
Magic of Oz	Silva	56*
Mr. Snapple	Roy	56*
Be Bob	Kahler	32*
Glor Van de Bist	Leavitt	32*
Boss Man's Carbon Copy	Zlokovich	6*



**Saddleseat Equitation**

<b>Cara Sivara</b>	<b>252</b>
Kendall Anderson	144

**Lead Line**

**Sami Streitfeld**  
Maya Roy



**10 and under Equitation**

<b>Anna Roy</b>	<b>112</b>
Ethan Fieber	104
Allison Freeman	28

**Pleasure Riding**

**Rhonda Gowa**  
Susan Valley



**Open Competition**

**The Garden Party** **Gowa**

**Sportmanship**

**Dana Leavitt**



## BOB LEWIS'S 95TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

BY DEBBIE VALLNER & CANDY DOWDY

It has been a Birthday Celebration for **Bob Lewis** who has reached the Young age of 95! Many Friends and Customers from the Past came to Celebrate and "Walk Down Memory Lane" with Bob as we dined at The Madera restaurant located in Menlo Park . This Restaurant overlooks the rolling hills of Portola Valley and it is also equidistant to many of the landmark locations where Bob trained many Famous Saddlebred Horses. **Calista Schwerin , Catherine Whitcombe** and **Candy Dowdy** came from the north and **Julie and Larry Witter** came from the south and **Debbie Vallner** from Los Altos came to join Bob for his Birthday Luncheon. Stories from the past decades surfaced--horses-events==wins==losses==all were shared and we all felt blessed that we had the Great Experiences showing and owning our favorite Saddlebreds with Bob at the Helm.

As we left the Madera Restaurant we headed over to the **Red Barn at Stanford**--Bob reminisced with little prompting about his Glory days at Stanford --He trained horses at Stanford from the 50's to the late 60's and it was here that some of the Best were made--"Touch of Spring", "The Freebooter", "Corsica Lad", "Mr. Bounce", "Fifi Genius", "Tickled Pink", "Ablaze"--As we drove around the facility Bob remembered which ring he would work each horse--and we laughed as Candy remembered at 12 years old riding her first real 5-gaited horse--Ablaze--she recalls the first time she ever raked a horse-- even with Bob yelling at her to do something that she had no idea what he was talking about--she just knew that this was what she wanted own- ride and show -a gaited horse! It was at Stanford that a young teenage boy started working for Bob-- as Bob speaks about **Lydio Lopez** he does so with tremendous Caring and Admiration----Bob always knew that Lydio had the same work ethic- he knew that things would

be taken care of the way he wanted it done--to Perfection--Lydio now manages a Mega Ranch--**Stone Canyon** in Hollister.

As we drove on we went to the location where **BerryHill Farm** used to be--it is now homes--but in the 70's Berryhill was a haven for a list of Greats -"Monti Scott", "Makers Mark", "Snow Flurry", "Shannon O'Shea", "Symbols Lady"--Calistas' Great Mare Finisteres Carillon--who was a full sister to Finisteres Gift of Love--Calista had pictures of her gaited mare--and again a fun filled discussion about how thrilling showing was at this time in her life-- Then there was "Firefly's Supreme Commander" AKA "Sweetie Boy" who was raised by **Ann Reiner**-- Catherine Whitcombe bought Sweetie Boy-- and loved him and showed him and we again recalled fun events surrounding all of this history of the past! **Kim Matoza** had a great mare "Best of Both"

Kim showed this mare and then retired her for breeding--"Minna" produced some of the best of the best in the pleasure divisions-- **Dana Raisch** had the famous "Dare you All" who stayed with Bob for 20 years in training-- Dare You All was purchased from **Don Deardorff** after Bob saw Don showing Dare at the Cow Palace--Dare won everything up and down the California coast--5 times Grand National Champion--and finally retired at the Cow Palace in the late 80's. It was at **BerryHill** that a young farrier started to work for Bob--**Dave Fraser**-- the two of them would work together for decades -Bob helped Dave understand how to shoe a Saddlebred-- and we laughed at the fact that no one can imitate Bob's voice better than Dave can--maybe because Bob had lots of "caliper and measurement" discussions in an effort to get everything just right for the horse. Dave is still a farrier working with Saddlebred barns in California--he is helping train other young farriers the craft!

Then off to **San Antonio Farm**--in the late 70's--Here is where **Larry and Julie Witter** had "Stonewall's High Noon"--a horse that was found in a small barn in Vallejo--High Noon became a champion gaited horse in California and on the East Coast-- High Noon also began the love affair with the saddlebred for the Witter family--Larry is now and has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the California futurity--Larry owned Chiquita Banana the dam of Harvest Commander-- and Larry is stilling showing Saddlebreds! Some of the Greats at San Antonio were "Thought Maker", "Tara", "Danish Wine", "Lucky Commander". In the 80's **Cathy Carey Sauer** had BobbieDidn'tMeanIt at the farm, this mare was the dam of Bobbie's Gambling Streak who was the dam of Cathy's good show horse Doubletree's Doubletake (aka George). A young man started working for Bob at this time--**Terry Konkle**-- Terry and Lydio worked hand in hand--with Bob giving directions--Terry

went on to start a Horse Transportation Co. which today is renowned for excellence in Care and Safety while horses are being transported Coast to Coast.

**Jill Bachman** a long time customer of Bobs' went on to purchase **WhyWorry Farm** in association with Mrs. William P. Roths grand daughter **Brennie Brackett**--Bob worked at this location until WhyWorry was sold-- Jill went on to establish **El Milagro Stables** continuing on her love for the Saddlebreds. Then on to Portola Valley stables--

At Portola stables some other Greats were trained--**Royalee and Dave Clevelands Gazpacho**--a great gaited horse that Royalee showed through the 90's--Attache Foxfire-- Fox to all of us--**Kathy Dunn** owned and loved Fox--Bob and Kathy showed Fox through the years --thrilling all of us--**Debbie Vallner** owned Breezy Sky a gaited horse that helped Debbie get established within the Saddlebred family here in California-- Debbie recalls that Bob

judged her in her 1st horse show while she was growing up in Pennsylvania--Debbie won the class! "Superfine Hobo" and "Trefethen" which were owned by **Alan Balch** and who is now an executive director of the ASHA--are just to name a few-- Dare You All was still at Portola in training at 26 years.

## Well It has been a ""Walk Down Memory Lane"

Bob is living in Los Altos at an Assisted Living Facility == Los Altos Sub Acute Rehab= 809 Fremont Ave.= Los Altos, CA 94024

**Bob enjoys having visitors to share more stories!**



- 1) Julie Whitter, Bob Lewis, Candy Dowdy, Larry Whitter
- 2) Calista Sherwin, Bob Lewis and Catherine Whitcomb
- 3) Bob Lewis and Maker's Mark
- 4) Bob & the Whitters at Red Barn
- 5) You will have to ask Bob about this one! I'm sure you will get a story!

## ON THE TRAIL WITH SUSAN AND CHARLES

Charles, Mikey, Matt and I went on a ride Sunday out in our back pasture with the cows. We had our own RODEO. Matt wanted to run; I thought Charles asked him to canter, alas that was not the case; Matt probably bucked 8 times. Mikey was in shock and awe and tried to follow suit.



## BARN NEWS

### Monarch Stables

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Recent sales include **Accelerate** to Dr. Amanda Apesos as her new dressage mount. Amanda is an amazing rider and is hoping to go through Grand Pre Level with **Accelerate** and to help promote the world's best breed of horse in the process! Lynn's Silva's gelding, **The Magic Of Oz** is now owned by Linnea Wallendorf of Tucson, Arizona - Sarabande Stables. Gary Gustafson's darling mare, **Time for Tea**, was sold to Diane VandeGrift of Paso Robles, CA as her personal pleasure mount, Monarch Stables as agent. Cathy Anderson's handsome Friesian gelding, **JELT**, or 'Nessy' as we call him, will be staying in the barn and is now under the new ownership of Dana Leavitt. We can't wait to see Dana and Nessy out there in the show ring.

On August 30th, Monarch Stables presented a Saddlebred performance at Dressage in The Wine Country. It was challenging this year as multi-breed expo events can be. We had great

participation and support from everyone at the barn and Susan Valley graciously provided the ASB promotion booth. But, due to our placing in the schedule, the extreme heat of the day and our stall location, we did not get the amount of traffic or interest in the breed we had in the past. Thanks to our riders: Lynn Silva, Elizabeth Beely Hemphill, Siri Hadland, and Susan Valley and to everyone who helped out.

Congratulations to Julie Streitfeld and her exciting mare, **Sky's Blue Angel**. At the Northwest Fall Classic, Sky earned her final point and is now, **CHAMPION Sky's Blue Angel!**

We welcome new clients Calista and Jerry Schwerin and their beautiful mare, **Harvest Reward** and their exciting three year old, **Kiss A Roo** by Dorian's Warrior Song.

Everyone had a great time at the NCASHA Fall Fun show and Awards dinner. We were all pleased to see Dana Leavitt be awarded the Sportsmanship Award and he has hence been named, Miss Congeniality.



The Monarch Group at Dressage in the Wine Country



Miss Congeniality?! aka Dana Leavitt



Our last two events of the season are the Jingle Bell Show in Del Mar and a Saddlebred introduction clinic for the Sonoma State University Equestrian Team at Monarch Stables in December.

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We have a large selection of show horses for sale at this time, please visit [www.monarchstables.com](http://www.monarchstables.com) for a complete list of sale horses or email for additional information.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Johanna Brandiff & Ike the 6th  
Beth Davis & Dream out Loud



Sami Streitfeld and RoyalCrest's Rockapella in the Costume class.

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## SWEETHEART SADDLEBRED FARM NEWS



Our black stallion **L.A. Midnight Times** will have his debut at the Jingle Bell Horse Show.

Almond harvest is over for this year, now it's time to prune, work the ground, fertilize and weed, the work never ends.

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## MONTEREY SPRINGFEST - THE SHOW WILL GO ON!!!!!!

Yes it is true - The Monterey Springfest Show will be held April 14 - 17 2010. Please do all you can to support this show - it is one of the few left in Northern California - we need everyone's help to keep it going! Congratulations to Gary Gustafson - winner of the Springfest drawing!!!!

## Golden Ridge Stables

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SNIP

Golden Ridge Stables just celebrated their second anniversary and is continuing to work in developing interest in the American Saddlebred and saddle seat riding in the South Bay. Through advertising and trail riding several people have inquired about the breed and the possibility of taking riding lessons!

Teddi took two students to the NCASHA Fall Fun Show in October and all came away with big smiles, accomplishments, and new goals to work toward during the winter. The talented 5 year old *Angelina Ragsdale* earned herself two blue ribbons. Riding in the Lead Line Class and showing back on Sunday in the Lead Line Walk and Trot class. She was a star and had a wonderful time at the show.

*Cooper Bartoszek* continues to improve with his exciting mount Harlem Kid. He won the Park class and showed back in the Pleasure class on Sunday doing well in a nice size class. Also congratulations to Cooper and Harlem Kid for winning the NCASHA High Point Award in the Park Division.

Cooper and Jeanie went right from the Fun Show to preparing for Halloween. Of course they had to include Harlem Kid in the Halloween festivities. Cooper decided to dress up like a gangster and Harlem was his get away mount. They stood on the Bartoszek's front lawn in Willow Glen and handed out candy to several hundred children that visited the neighborhood. Harlem was a good

sport for over four hours as kids wanted to pet on him but he drew the line when a little girl with a chair and balloons approached. Obviously that was enough for the night. All in all it was a great evening and another huge success in promoting our breed.

GRS would like to welcome one of our new students *Stephany Dame* from Gilroy. She has been riding Mac the Knife and loving it!

*Marc Lambert* is continuing his learning experiences on GiGi and doing very well. *Briana Yamagata* has been busy with school and band but is back at riding and hopefully she'll be back in the show ring next year.

Long time member and contributor of the CA Saddlebred world have recently moved to the farm. *Jane Singleton* and *Americat* are settling in nicely. *Americat* is offered for an in barn lease and could be shared between two people. In the mean time Jane is having a great time riding and racking on with her boy.



Marc and Gigi



1) Cooper and Harlem  
 2) Angelina Ragsdale



## JL Dixon Stable News

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Congratulations to **Helen Roy** on her purchase of show pleasure horse **CH Tommy James!** Helen and Jennifer traveled to the All American Classic in Indianapolis in September and chose Tommy after trying several horses. Helen is looking forward to her first show with him at Jingle Bell in December. **Julia and Anna Roy** showed **Mister Snapple** to winning ribbons at the NCASHA Fall Fun show and are planning on showing him at Jingle Bell as well.

**Ethan Feiber** teamed with his old buddy **CH Java Sea** was two for two at the North West Fall Classic. Ethan and Java turned back all competitors in the Walk and Trot equitation and Pleasure. Since the NWSA show Ethan has been practicing his driving skills with Java. Ethan also races go karts so an equine driving career seemed quite fitting.

**CH Like Sunshine** and **Sue Valley** turned in great performances at the Fall Classic as well winning the Reserve Championship in the Amateur Three Gaited. Sue graciously turned over the reins to **Antonio Mendoza** to show Sunshine back in the Open Three Gaited stake.

Antonio and Sunshine were the crowd favorite winning the Reserve Championship in the Open Three Gaited Stake.

**Kendall Anderson** has been a busy girl working at Nordstrom's on the weekend in a working student program and fitting in rides on **Wizard's Icon**. Kendall will be giving up the fashion business for the first weekend in December and heading to Jingle Bell.

Both **Katie Jarve and Cara Sivara** are busy with their Junior year in high school studying, taking tests and doing all the things Junior's do! Both girls are still managing to find time to come to the barn and practice their equestrian skills weekly.

**Judy Castaillac** is busily harvesting olives and making oil at their B&B in France. With Judy out of the saddle Lexie has has both her "boys" Calvin and Jax to herself until almost Christmas!

**The Brown and Karma** are busy at the barn daily and would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season!



- 1) Ethan Feiber
- 2) Antonio Mendoza & CH Like Sunshine



- 1) Julia & Helen Roy with Mr. Snapple
- 2) The Brown and Karma wishing you the best

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday January 24th at the home of Judy Ferguson in San Rafael. We have a big agenda - so plan to spend the afternoon. The meeting will start at 1pm - come a bit early if you want to socialize.

The agenda will include:

- Elections - A nominating committee is being set up - you may be contacted about being nominated for an office - OR if you are interested, contact a current officer. Everyone elected to be an officer or board member will have at least one club activity to be in charge of. We would like get some new faces on the board and have representation from a variety of interests and locations.

- Fall Show - do we need to change things?
- Breed Promotion - ideas for next year
- Ideas to improve the club
- Review of the By-Laws

- Please plan to come - if you can't and have some ideas, please E-mail me. If you are interested in being on the board or being a new officer you can contact me or any of the current officers.

- Judy's address is: 222 H Street, San Rafael 94901. Phone: 415-454-1224. Dana Leavitt and Johanna Brandiff will provide snacks/appetizers. We will potluck the beverages.

- Look for an E-mail in early January to get a head count!



## 2010 NCASHA BOARD

By Susan Estes

As a member of the current NCASHA board I want to make the membership aware of the upcoming 2010 elections that will be held at our January 24 meeting. As many of you know and some of you may not our President Susan Valley Chen is long overdue for a break. I can't tell you the exact year that Susan so graciously stepped up to the plate and took

on this job without missing a step. And she has done a remarkable job. So remarkable that it is my opinion that no one has wanted to mess with a good thing. But she has said it is time to take a break. So I for one think we should now step up and let her do that without making her feel like the club cannot continue without her at the helm. Not only is Susan's position important but the supporting staff is equally important. So what we need to do is NOMINATE! Yes,

nominate people that we feel will be qualified and willing to take on a position on the board. We also need to know if any of our existing board would like to remain. This club is only as good as we make it. So I encourage you to talk to members you know and nominate members that have agreed to work on the board and we can move forward with the same enthusiasm that Susan created many many moons ago. Thank you.



## NOT GETTING E-MAILS??

If you are NOT getting periodic E-mails from NCASHA - that means we don't have your correct address. We do send out updates and information that can't wait for the next newsletter - contact Sue Valley if you don't want to miss out on the latest information!

## MICHAEL CRAGHEAD STABLES AT RAINWATER FARMS

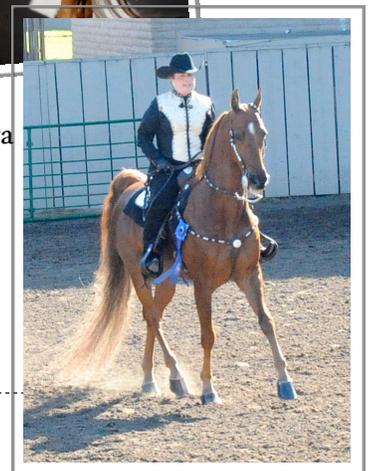
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**Beth Hageboeck** of Fresno has purchased Sierra Blue from Shari Rainwater. Their first show together was the NCASHA show in Livermore where they won four out of four classes. **Mark Shipley** of Bellingham, WA has purchased the Hackney road pony, Heartland Handsome Heir from Michael Craghead.

**Shari Rainwater** and her pony Lady Juliet will make the trek to Kansas City - after The Royal, we hope to see this pretty pony on the West Coast circuit!



Beth Hageboeck & Sierra Blue



Alfresa Sebasto & Can't Talk Now

## ASHA CALIFORNIA STATE PLEASURE HORSE AWARDS



Ribbons & Love and Michelle Ganci

As in years past - NCASHA is sponsoring the ASHA State Pleasure Horse Awards.

(Hopefully) the presentations will be made at the Jingle Bell Show, otherwise awards will be sent to the winners.

### NCASHA Member Winners include:

**Adult 3-Gaited Show Pleasure:** (tie) Ribbons and Love - Michelle Ganci

**Adult Country Pleasure:**  
 Shamrock's Jessica - Julie Streitfeld

**Country Western Pleasure:**  
 CH Fiasco - Carolyn Glick

**Hunter Pleasure:**  
 She Be Fine - Nellie Slack

## CONDONENCES

Janet Homberg lost her beloved Lady to colic. Lady was Janet's half Arab/half Saddlebred - she had her for many years predating her 2 Saddlebreds. Janet was an active member until a few years ago, we miss her and wish her the best.

## DRESSAGE IN THE WINE COUNTRY CONTINUED :



1) Sue Valley & Perfect Adventure - sidesaddle 2) Siri Hadland and The Magic of Oz

**Catherine Whitcomb** came as photographer and **Dana Leavitt** brought some refreshments and moral support. Brigitte had planned a pattern for us to follow, we had to dig out our equitation skills but managed to put together a respectable presentation considering the limited practice time we had.

The horses were bright and animated and did attract attention. One of them wasn't a fan of the (very) loud speakers that blared right at ear level as we entered the arena, but all in all the group put on a good show.

We attracted a number of people by the booth and the horses were wonderful and friendly in their stalls, so the crowd could pet them. In addition to our horses, there was a young palomino Saddlebred being presented by Light Horse Dressage in a training level demonstration - he put on a beautiful performance.

Many thanks to Brigitte Scholl and her group for doing their part to get the Saddlebreds out in front of the public!



Lynn Silva with Paasche of Silver Oaks - Perfect Adventure in the back round

Congratulations to NCASHA members who are winners of the **2009 PACIFIC COAST AWARDS:**

### CHAMPIONS:

Amateur 3-Gaited	CH Like Sunshine Sue Valley
Amateur Fine Harness	CH No Jacket Required Sally Spalding
3-Gait Country Pleasure	Shamrock's Jessica Julie Streitfeld
Western Country Pleasure	CH Fiasco Carolyn Glick
10 & Under Pleasure	CH Java Sea Ethan Fieber
Road Horse	Main Man Bob Facciola

### RESERVE CHAMPIONS:

Open 5-Gaited	CH Walterways Remember Me Jarve family
5-Gaited Show Pl.	Global Scene Royalee Cleveland
5-Gaited Country Pl.	Paasche of Silver Oaks Lynn Silva
Country Pleasure Driving	Callaway's Cassandra Jan Darden
Hackney Pleasure Driving	Seamir Winterfest Jane Overstreet

### SEND IN NEWS!!!!

The newsletter is only as good as you make it - we would love to have input from all members, no matter how you enjoy your Saddlebred - pictures, sale items, articles - what ever you like (in good taste only please). Send them to Sue Valley.



## FAR FIELD FARM NEWS

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After a busy spring and summer, October and November are such welcome months.....especially in California where the first rains we get each year turn the hills and fields once again emerald green, and the frosty mornings magically drive the flies away for another season.

Our five month old **Phlags Phlying** colt romps beside his mother and adopted gelding father, **Destry**, and as my husband and I stroll through the pastures, Michael refers to the threesome as the "Holy Family". That gets a laugh from me.. This colt looks so much like Destry, it's not a stretch to think they are related. We have named him Messenger, and it's a good name for a handsome guy with a worthy heritage going back to that once famous horse. **Little Messenger** has decided that Destry, his adopted father, is a lot more interesting than his mother so chooses to spend the majority of his time with "Dad", occasionally getting a nip or a threatening expression when his rambunctious behavior irritates the old gelding. Like a lot of mothers, the

colt's dam is happy for a few moments of peace dozing in the afternoon setting sun. Foster fathers are high on her list of desirable companions.

Unknown to the Holy Family, it's been a tough year for anyone in the horse business. The trainers worry about disappearing clients, the breeders concern themselves with continuing to breed more horses when the ones in the field aren't selling, and the owner/exhibitors wonder how long they can continue to fund their expensive show ring habit. In the end, though, people who love horses will give up a lot to keep doing the same old thing. The barn might not get painted every year, the grass might not get mowed quite as religiously as it has in the past, but there will always be colts in the spring and hope will always spring eternal.



Destry and Little Messenger

That's the big advantage of raising horses rather than selling widgets: they breathe on your hands and cavort to entertain you, they snort and blow on a frosty morning while the widget just sits there on the table. Of course, unlike the widgets, they also get sick, get old, go lame, and finally break your heart with their final act: they die. Once when Dr. Raun was consoling me for the death of a broodmare, he told me a phrase told to him when he was in vet school. He said, "Barbara, there is one absolute truth about raising horses." I said, "What is that?" He said, "When you have livestock, you will always have dead stock!" Then we both laughed. Sometimes you need to have reality smack you in the face.

And, we're all getting smacked in the face this year. But, it's going to be OK.



Far Field Farm's new addition - a Palomino Saddlebred mare - Barbara's first horse was a palomino - you never forget the first one.

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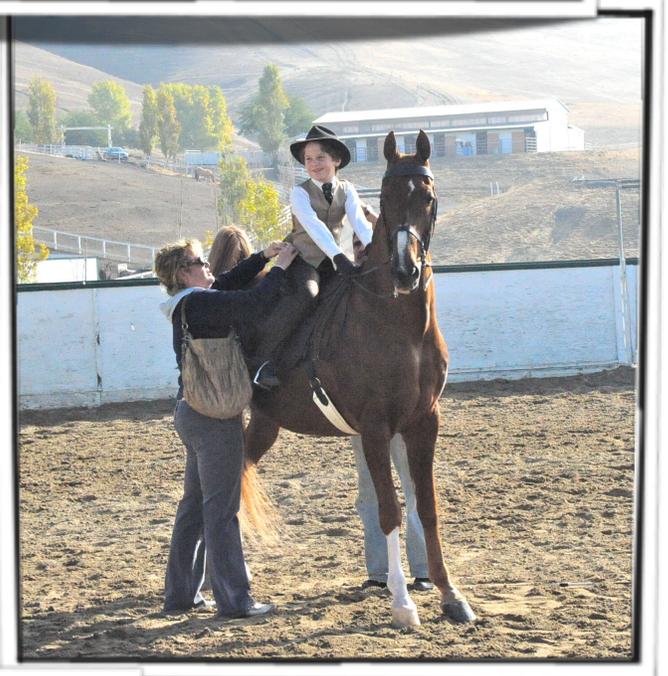
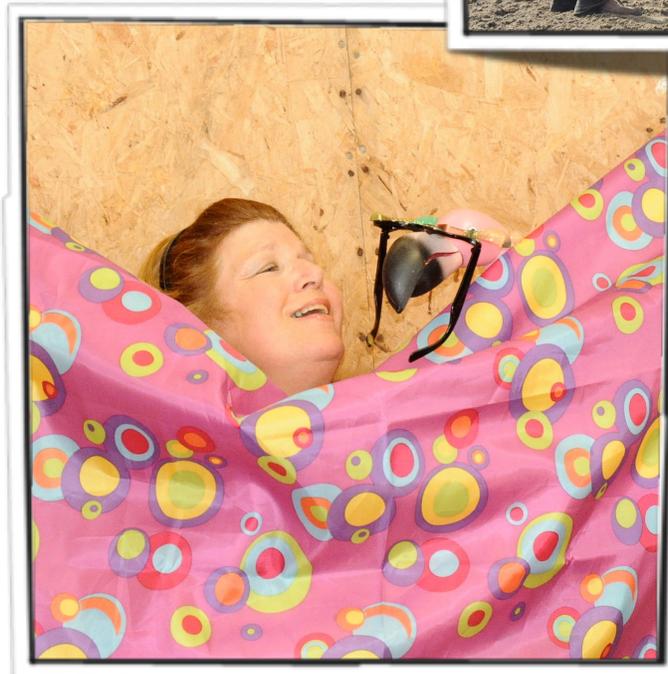
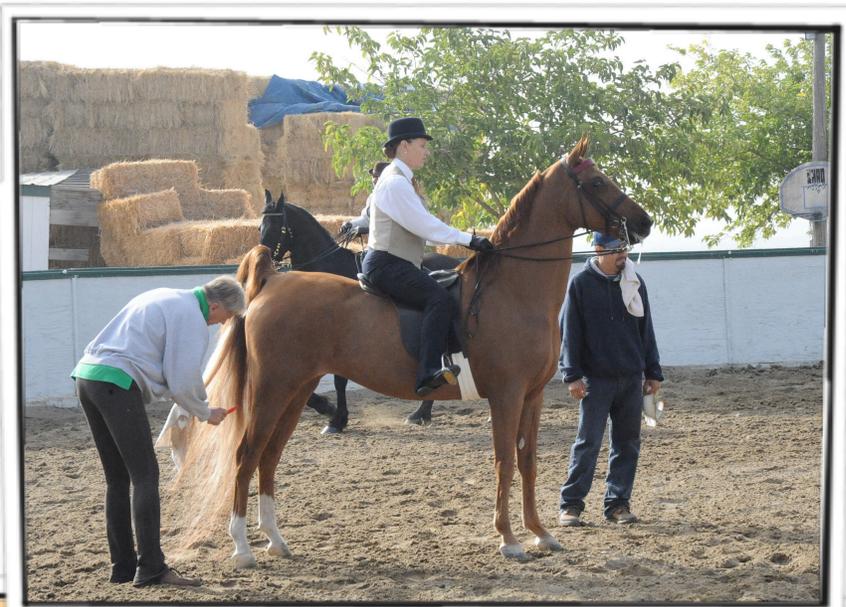
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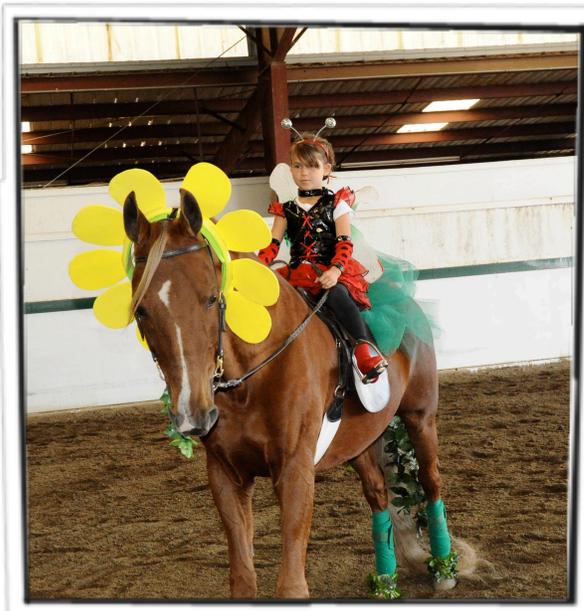
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# FALL FUN SHOW

Everyone gets ready for their class in their own special way.....

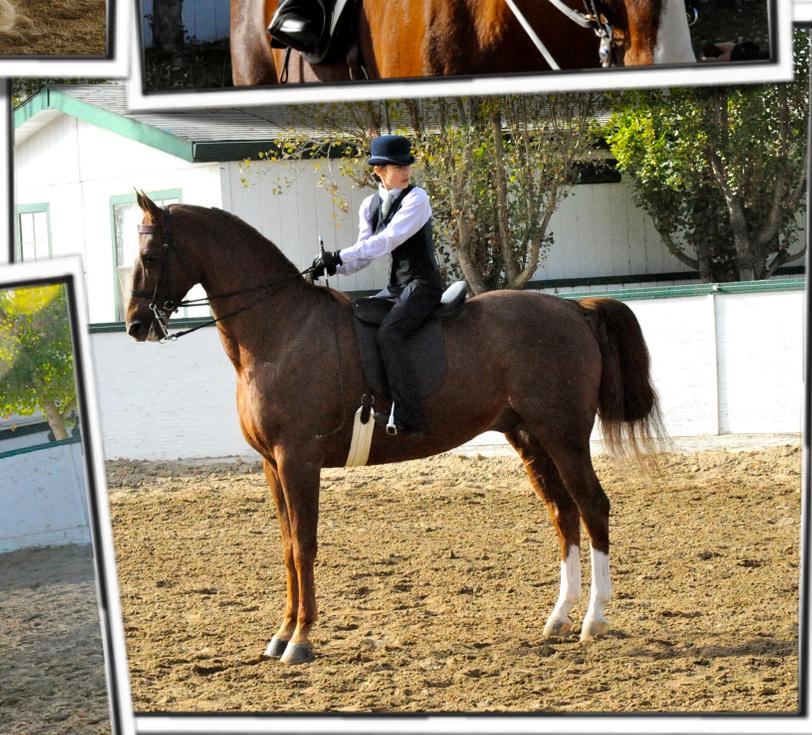
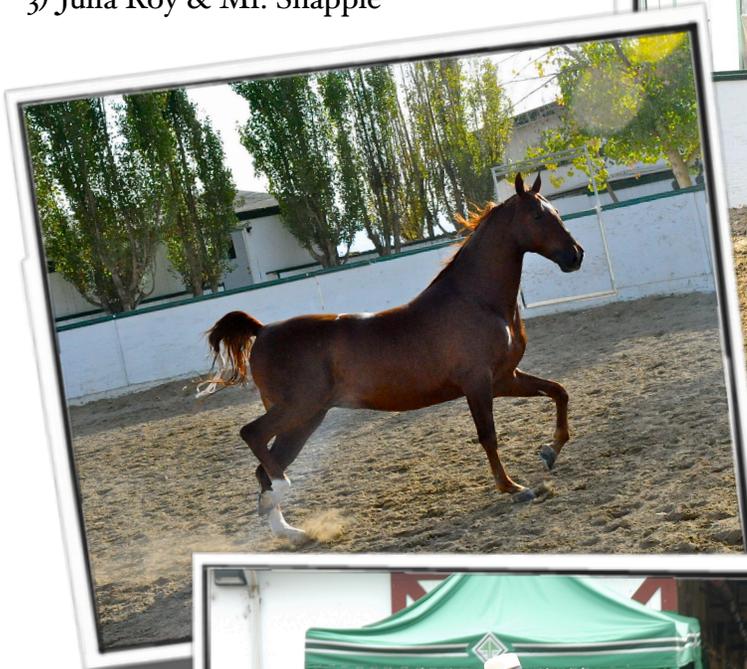


- 1) Beth Hageboeck & Sierra Blue  
with Michael Craghead
- 2) Sue Pheley & her Flamingo
- 3) Ethan Fieber & Java Sea
- 4) Shannon Pheley & Wit's  
Worth with Nev Devine



**Showing:**

- 1) Sami Streitfeld & Rockapella
- 2) Angelina Ragsdale & GiGi
- 3) Julia Roy & Mr. Snapple

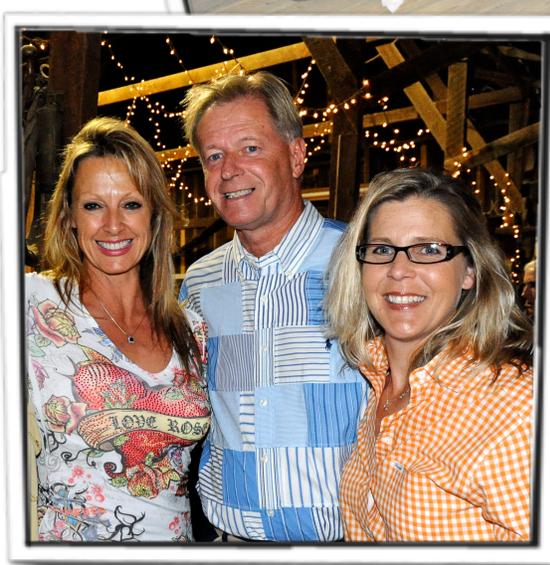


**Relaxing:**

- 1) Tucker after the show
- 2) oops wrong show - Antonio & Java Sea at NWSA show in Oregon
- 3) My Hamster



# On to the PARTY!!!!

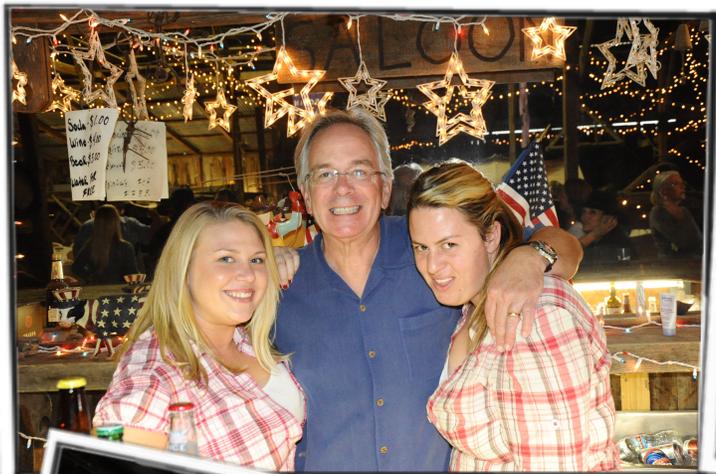


- 1) You will have to ask Dana Leavitt and Michelle Ganci just what is going on here.
- 2) Beth Davis, Dana Leavitt, Julie Barrow
- 3) Nani Barnes, Michael Craghead, Jennifer Dixon
- 4) Cooper Bartoszek and his fan club



The party got hotter as the night wore on - aren't you sorry you left so early?!

## THE PARTY CONTINUES...



- 1) Ted Estes with Stephanie (aka Biff) and Teddi
- 2) Susan Estes & Jenny Blackburn
- 3) Kevin Michael, Theresa Sabasto , Michael Craghead, Alfreda Sebasto, Beth Hageboeck
- 4) Susan Foss Pheley and Nev Devine
- 5) Rhonda Gowa
- 6) Beth Davis, Julie Barrow, Dana Leavitt, Susan Pheley, Michelle Ganci

## ASHA Update



The ASHA Charter Club Council has been active in exploring ideas to increase club

membership and Saddlebred involvement. Some of these ideas include developing an award system to recognize not only show horses, but also

those who enjoy their horses in other ways. Ideas are in the planning stages and the Council is open to ideas. Barbara Molland is our liason to the Council - feel free to drop her a line if you have any ideas or suggestions.

The ASHA convention is planned for February 18 - 20 in Lexington, Ky. If anyone is interested in attending, let Barbara or Sue Valley know.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
SEE YOU IN JANUARY**

### Calendar

**January 24, 2010**

Annual Meeting

**March 2010**

MCC Spring Show

**April 14 - 17 2010**

Monterey Springfest Show

Roy Tuttle's grandson Travis is running a horse program to rehabilitate troubled youth. They desperately need equipment - if you are cleaning out your tack room and want to donate equipment and even horses they will take them - tax deductible too! Contact him at:  
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