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Important Dates

- August 7th & 8th Summer Celebration to be held at the KY Equestrian Center in Winchester, KY
- August 21st KMSHA Show at Sosby Arena, Paris, KY
- Sept. 1st - 7th UMH World Show, KY Equestrian Center, Winchester, KY
- Sept. 8th - 12th RMH International KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY
- October 8th - 10th KMSHA International, KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY
- October 15th Show and clinic in St. Louis, MO

Welcome

We'd like to welcome Jim and Kathy Wilkerson to SRF. They came all the way from Missouri last week to bring their 3 year old stallion, Wrangler, a beautiful creamello. He has a unique color: a double cream gene with a black base. Many folks looking to add color to their herd and will love him. He'll be standing at stud here next season so check him out!



Stoner Ridge Farm News

Foundation First Mountain Horse Training™



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World Show 2009

Theme: World of Enchantment - September 1 - 7

With the theme: "World of Enchantment", the World Show will be an exciting one! Everyone is working hard to get horses ready to shine for one of the most important shows of the year. Information is available on the UMH web site in z-mag at (www.unitedmountainhorse.net). The showbill is there so you can see when the horses will be showing. Stoner Ridge Farm will once again have a Double Diamond sponsorship which will include two color pages in the magazine, parking passes, and box seats. We're also having T-shirts printed with our theme: It's not magic . . . It's Stoner Ridge. The package will average about \$200 per horse for these benefits. Everyone has

been enthusiastic about being part of it all. If you'd like to present a trophy for a class, let us know.

There's a new Breeder's Cup program. Merry Go Blue is participating this year and we'll be adding more stallions and mares next year. It will be a great opportunity to display outstanding horses.

You'll want to check out the many special awards that are available. Don and Nancy are sponsoring the Barb's Stormy Knight Award. You will also see the Amateur Versatility Award, Juvenile Versatility Award, and the Super Horse Award requirements in addition to the many World Grand Championship Awards. Over \$45,000 will be

awarded for the final 4 World Grand Championship classes. However, the Super Horse Award still needs contributions to reach the traditional \$2,000 level. If you have supplier for your farm who would like to contribute, let April (at the UMH office) know.

We're looking forward to the fellowship. Several folks have volunteered to help with everything from decorating to hauling horses. SRF won't be doing the exhibitor baskets this year. The regional clubs will be providing those. We'll be helping with the welcome party on Sept. 1 and the pot luck after the church service on Sunday. All ideas, labor, and food will be greatly appreciated. You all are simply the best!

Jr. League

July 6th found me cleaning up from the rain and mud of the Kentucky State Championship show - cleaning saddles, cleaning boots, two trips to the dry cleaners etc. all in preparation for Charlie and Mike to shine at the 75th annual Lexington Junior League Horse show. We had been contacted by the organizers to present the flags for the second time. It was an honor to see Charlie with RRF Gold Nugget presenting the American flag and for Mike to present the KY State flag on SRF's Silver Sundown. Both horses performed so well. It was really exciting. They



made several laps around the ring and looked awesome. Steve Heuslein got to see his horses on live streaming video thanks to modern technology and the internet. A local TV station also picked up the event and had clips of the fellas on the 11:00 news (WKYT). The

broadcast could also be viewed on the internet. Tim & Marcia Spencer and Mary Beth and Bob Hawkins were on hand to cheer us on. We had a great time and really enjoyed watching our Mountain Horses strut their stuff!



Grandbabies

Robert and I found out last week that our daughter, Eyvonne, is expecting another baby in March! We thoroughly enjoy our grandchildren - James, Rachel, and Ruby. It has been a real hoot listening to Rachel talk about becoming a big sister. Erin is really excited as well since Ruby will now have a playmate in the family.

Prayers Needed

We continue to remember Wilda Derickson who was hurt in a trail riding accident about 3 weeks ago. After breaking 7 ribs, having a collapsed lung, vertebrae damage, and bleeding on the brain, she is at home recovering. It looks like she will make a full recovery but she is still uncomfortable. John Haddix also had a severe riding accident when a horse bucked with him. His pelvis was broken and he had to have a plate inserted to stabilize the area. After spending several days in the hospital, he is home recovering. Robert's niece, 32 year old Cynthia Gullett, learned last week that she has breast cancer. We are so concerned. She is facing chemo and radiation. Her youngest child is 5. Please remember these folks in your prayers.

Emma's Dreams Come True

The last week of July Stoner Ridge Farm hosted thirteen year old Emma DeWeese through the make a Wish Foundation®. Her mom, Chris, stayed the first part of the week. Emma brought her 10 year old RMH mare, Shannon, who was also provided by the Foundation. It has been Emma's dream to have a horse that is all her own and to train with Robert

here at SRF. She wants to ride in the RMH Rated Trail Program and to be able to show her mare in the RMH sanctioned shows. Shannon had been ridden on trails but she has also been a brood mare. Robert had to help her regain some of her sensitivity and focus. They began in the round pen with Emma an active participant every step of the way. She practiced helping her mare

become flexible and responsive. The back was especially difficult for Shannon but by the end of the week, Emma had her breaking at the poll, relaxed, flexible, and backing. On Friday, we had a get-together with friends and clients to celebrate all Emma and Shannon learned during the week. They did a great job! Next week, Emma and Shannon will be competing together. They'll be great!

July Shows



The month began with the **UMH KY State Championship**. There was lots of rain over the course of the weekend but it didn't delay the show. One highlight was Baby Ruby's first lead line class. What a ham! We also enjoyed Ella, Don and Nancy's granddaughter showing in lead line. What cuties! Congratulations

to Gaitway's Jasmine Joy owned by Steve Heuslein for her outstanding show winning the Adult Versatility Award. Squirrel received another unanimous 1st place in the Open 4 Gait class. It was great to have Randy Jones from AR with us for the show. Lauren and J.T. Hickey placed well in their classes and in the Juvenile Versatility. We were proud of



their effort and accomplishments. The next week found us in Lawrenceburg at the **KMSHA KY State Championship**. Congratulations to Mojo, owned by Tim and Marcia Spencer for winning the Open 4 Gait class. Marcia also won the Novice Trail class. Woo Hoo! We were glad to see Marty Morris and her sisters all the way from PA. They had a great time traveling together. What a road trip! Our final show of the month was in **White Pine, TN** which counted as two AAA shows. Silver did especially well winning the Stallions Trail and the Western class. On the second day he placed 2nd in the Trail Pleasure Championship. Squirrel won the Open 4 Gait and Sandman's Taking Chances was reserve. Squirrel also placed 2nd in Conformation and 1st in the 2 & 3 yo Open Trail. Capital Venture placed 2nd in the 3 yo Classic Geld/Stallions. Jazzy placed 2nd in the Mares CTP class. It was Nugget, however, who was the star of the show. He placed 2nd in the 4 + Conformation, 1st in the Non-Pro, Pro-Am, Geldings, and he went on to win the Classic Championship and the Adult Versatility Award — Wow! He was really awesome.

Great Hospitality



We had a great visit with Bob and Marty Morris, New Bloomfield, PA last week. They had invited us up to see their place and to look at their horses. Bob and Marty have three two year old that are ready to start. One is a black 2 year old colt that is a full brother to

Thunder. They also have two fillies - Addie and Heidi. Robert worked them all three in the round pen and actually rode Heidi. After working in the round pen, Bob and Robert went for a trail ride in the PA countryside. We had a great visit with Bob and Marty. They live in a wonderfully secluded place where it is quiet and peaceful. They have a fairly new facility that is handy and very well designed. We really want to thank them for their hospitality and fine home cooking. It was great!

We did have a little truck trouble on the way home (see www.stonerridge.blogspot.com) but everyone helped haul horses and we made it home just fine.