

Mustang and Burro Trails on Delmarva

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In Memoriam George Waldo Berrier, Jr. November 27, 1929 - September 3, 2007



It is with sadness that we report that AMBA President and CEO passed away unexpectedly on Labor Day. Chapter members met with George whenever they went to Reno for either the National Wild Horse and Burro Show or the Western States Wild Horse and Burro Expo. He loved his horses and at one time had 30 or so animals from the Virginia Range at his ranch in California. He allowed visitors to ride his mustangs and took great pleasure in riding into the "back country" to do wild horse census surveys. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

NEWS AND NOTES

As a member of the AMBA Advisory Board and the AMBA Eastern States Coordinator, CEO responsibilities for AMBA have somehow been passed to Mark (on a temporary basis). He has been in contact with the other members of the Advisory Board

as well as George's son and daughter and has received some of the AMBA records from them. However, there are still missing pieces. Chapter member Debbie Edwards has helped establish a data base for new animal registrations and memberships. As of December 1, we have registered 63 animals and recorded 27 new memberships. The membership list as well as registration list have not been forwarded to Mark. These, as well as other items on George's computer have not been retrieved as of this writing.

Meanwhile, a new headquarters AMBA bank account has been set up (separate from the local chapter) and memberships, dues and registrations should be sent to Mark at his home address where they will be processed.

Much work remains. All records must be consolidated and new By-Laws written as the current By-Laws specify George as the sole President and CEO of the organization. Mark is doing as much as he can to get this done. You will receive more information as to the progress being made with the Winter Edition of the Journal, which should be out shortly.

The Mid-Atlantic Wild Horse and Burro Show

The Mid-Atlantic show went off as planned on September 15-16 at Tailwinds Farm in North East, Maryland.

Winners were:

Grand Champion Halter Mustang – Thomas
Handled by Judy Flynn and owned by Ellie Miller
Reserve Champion Halter Mustang – J.B. Curley
A stallion handled by owner, Kurt Comisky
Grand Champion Halter Burro – E'yore
Handled by Corinne Rudell Deans
Reserve Champion Halter Burro – Fred

Handled by Debbie Edwards
English Classes - Sweet Brandy and Alycia Hovey
Western Classes – Barabbas and Vicky Roark
In Hand Classes – Thomas and Judy Flynn
Youth Classes – Whimsical Melody and Ashton Rudell
Open Classes – Mission Impossible and Corinne Rudell Deans
Games Classes – Barabbas and Vicky Roark
High Point Mustang – Mission Impossible and Corinne Rudell Deans
Hiigh Point Burro – Buttercup and Rylee Powers

NOTICE

New Date and Location for the 2008 show

A change in facilities management has enabled the Chapter to secure the Delaware State Fairgrounds, Quillen Arena for the 2008 show to be held on August 2-3. Mark your calendars.

Karen Kershaw of "The Horse Experience, Inc. in Milton, Delaware (formerly Milton Equestrian Center) will be offering indoor schooling shows in English, Western, Trail and Games. Show dates are January 12, February 9 and March 8. This may be just the thing to help our members prepare for our 2008 show. Karen's phone number is 302-684-1818 and the shows are from 10 AM to 4 PM.

On October 7, the Delmarva Chapter sponsored a well attended Trail Ride at Redden State Forest Headquarters, in Redden, Delaware. Alycia Hovey was in charge of this event. In spite of other trail rides taking place the same day, this ride attracted 25 riders. Lunch was catered by Park Place Restaurant and a variety of prizes were given to participants. Congratulations, Alycia, for a well planned event. Alycia had T-shirts made for the ride. There are some still available at \$10 each. Contact Alycia if you would like to have one.

BLM Satellite Adoptions were held at Storrs, CT, Harrisburg, PA and Lorton VA. AMBA members from Connecticut along with some members from New Jersey assisted BLM at Storrs. Mark & Marge attended the Harrisburg adoption where they had an opportunity to see Art DeGrazia, whom many of you remember from the Delaware adoptions some years ago. The Lorton adoption was held in October. While Mark & Marge attended this adoption also, the helpers

assisting the BLM came from the newly formed Living Legends Chapter in Virginia.

The New England Chapter of AMBA had a booth in the Breed Barn at the Massachusetts Equine Affaire in West Springfield held on November 8-11. Mark and Marge attended this event in order to support the New England members of AMBA in their effort to publicize the beauty and versatility of the American Mustang. Karen Malloy and Steve Meyer from BLM were in attendance as well. The booth was one of the best in the barn and certainly one of the busiest. Several members took turns exhibiting mustangs in the stall adjacent to the booth. There were also several riders that gave demonstrations in one of the arenas.

On December 3 the Delmarva Chapter had their annual Dinner at the Georgia House Restaurant in Milford, Delaware. Debbie Edwards made the arrangements for the dinner and provided the awards and prizes. There were approximately 20 people in attendance. Awards were given to participants for points earned in working with their animals. This was a fun evening and a fitting end to a successful year.

The award system involves points given to adopters for working with their animals, participating in shows and other educational activities, parades, sponsoring events, etc. This is a new activity for the Chapter and began on a trial basis in March. Debbie will evaluate its effectiveness and make adjustments if necessary for 2008. This appears to become a popular activity. If any Delmarva Chapter member not already enrolled is interested in participating, please contact Debbie for details.

❖ Don't forget AMBA dues are due on January 1, 2008. Dues must be paid prior to March 1 to remain in Active Membership Status. Please send dues to Mark at 18655 Piper Lane, Ellendale, DE. Make checks payable to AMBA and please indicate that it is for dues along with the category (Individual, Family, Junior, or Life.)

The next meeting of the Delmarva Chapter will be held January 28 at the Old Country Buffet in Rodney Village. (Rt. 13, just south of Dover). Sally Hanshew, an Equine Dental Technician will be the guest speaker.