

# Mustang and Burro Trails on Delmarva

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*Winter is almost gone and for those of us in the Mid Atlantic States, it has been a fairly good winter. Not too much snow, ice, or rain. Perhaps it is premature to say this as some of our worst storms have come in March or April (remember 1962?) Anyway, it is time to get out the saddles and saddle soap and begin working our horses again. Also, don't forget to get your animals vaccinated and coggins tested. Then you will be ready for whatever comes.*

## **SPRING FUN SHOW MAY 11**

Mark your calendar!

The Delmarva Chapter's informal fun show, billed as Savvy Day, will be held on May 11

at 9 AM at Dill's Auction facility on Hollering Hill Road, Felton, Delaware. Show Manager, Alycia Hovey, has scheduled 24 fun classes for this one day open show. There is a \$20.00 entry fee to ride all day if the fee is received before May 1. After May 1, the fee will be \$25. You can contact Alycia via e-mail at [speedwrk@magpage.com](mailto:speedwrk@magpage.com)

This open show has been a popular event in the past for both members and non members. This is a perfect time to get off the farm and for mustang/burro owners to prepare their animals for the Mid-Atlantic Show coming in August.

## **MID ATLANTIC WILD HORSE AND BURRO SHOW AUGUST 2-3, 2008**

The Mid-Atlantic show comes back to Delaware on August 2-3 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds. The show committee has been busy finalizing class listings, rules changes, etc. These will be posted on the web site shortly and are available now by either e-mailing or telephoning Mark.

For the first time the show will be open to any animal that has been registered by AMBA in addition to government freeze-marked animals. It should be noted that AMBA has traditionally registered ½ mustangs and mules. This change has occurred for two reasons. One, the Chapter is a part of AMBA we need to support the registry and encourage the registration of animals and, two, to increase participation in the show. Satellite adoptions in the Delmarva area have not been held since 2001. The result is, that there appear to be only a small number of freeze-marked animals whose owners wish to participate in the show.

The summer date for the show may make it easier for some folks to travel, especially those with children. Admittedly, it will probably be hot but there are fine reasonably priced motels nearby some with swimming pools. The fairgrounds have a wooded camping area complete with water and electric hookups, restroom and shower facilities and a dump station. Class fees will remain the same and there will be a slightly lower charge for stall rental.

Make your plans now to attend the Mid-Atlantic Show in a world class facility.

## **BLM ADOPTION**

A BLM adoption will be held in Lexington Virginia on March 29-30. Anyone interested in adopting is urged get pre-approval documentation from the BLM. Pre-approval enables a prospective adopter to have first choice in the bidding process.

## **Delaware Horse Expo**

The Delaware Expo is a one day event scheduled for March 15 from 10 to 5 PM at

the Delaware State Fairgrounds. There will be a parade of breeds, demonstrations, and clinics taking place in the Quillen Arena. At the same time an All Breed Riding Horse Sale will take place in the outdoor ring. In the show barn, visitors will find on exhibit a number of animals of different breeds. The Dover Building will feature vendors, food and snacks, breed and association information and a variety of presenters sharing their expertise taking place all day. Admission to the Expo is \$5.00 with children under 12 free. Mustangs will be on exhibit and the Chapter will have a booth in the Dover Building.

## **Other Local Events**

The Southern Delaware Therapeutic and Recreational Horseback Riding, Inc. (SDTRHR) is pleased to announce its spring beach ride at Cape Henlopen State Park on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, rain or shine. Minimum sponsorship for adults is \$25 and \$15 for youth under 13. All donations are applied to horse care costs for the animals used in therapeutic riding as well as scholarship funds that assist riders unable to pay for services.

There will be a Judged Pleasure Ride at Blackbird State Forest (DE) on Sunday, March 30. This ride is being sponsored by the Center for Therapeutic and Educational Riding and the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. Divisions include novice youth, open youth, novice adult and open adult. Food will be available on the premises. Riders must depart between 10:00 a.m and 1:00 p.m. and a \$20 donation is requested. Call 302-659-1103 or 302-222-2019 for information.

The Tuckahoe Murder Mystery Ride and Invitational Weekend at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center, Denton, MD is being held on Saturday and Sunday, April 19-20.