

BOOTS AND SADDLES



**FROM
THE**



**DIRECTOR'S
CHAIR**

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The year 2009 has started with a bang! First up, as always, has been the National Western Stock Show where the Westernaires were in and out of the gate 54 times, counting grand entries and featured performances. One of the highlights this year was the performance of the Red Pony Charioteers. They were invited to participate in the Evening with Dancing Horses on two nights. That event featured some outstanding dressage by several nationally renowned performers, top-notch reining horse demonstrations by several top riders and some "Liberty" horse demonstrations (not Westernaires type of liberty, but horses turned loose in an arena and controlled by voice commands). The Pony Chariots simply stole the show with six chariots as they were presented at Annual Show. We have had nothing but rave reviews. Another highlight was the appearance by the Freedom Riders at the Boots 'n Business lunch on the Friday before Stock Show actually began. At that event, they had luncheon tables set up in the center of the arena floor of the Event Center. About 800 people attended the lunch and, when they were seated, the Freedom Riders rode their tricks around the outside of the tables all around the arena. The audience is still talking about it.

Of course, the lighted Grand Entry at the PRCA rodeo was the spectacular hit as usual and the riders performed this year with great precision and speed. Also, consistently good was the Red Team in their drills. One long time, expert observer told me that the

Westernaires looked better than he and ever seen them. That is really something to live up to in the future. The rodeo also featured performances by the Precisionettes, Freedom Riders, Liberty and Riders of the Steppes. Trick riders also performed in the Mexican Extravaganza and Precisionettes performed in the Wild West Show.

For the first time this year, Westernaires were charged with selling the programs at the PRCA rodeo, the PBR performances, the Evening with Dancing Horses, the Mexican Extravaganza, the Grand Prix jumping, the Gamblers' Choice jumping and the Free Reining competition. Westernaires gave more than 1700 hours of volunteer service and between Nighthorse Rangers, Crimson Rangers and Royal Rangers, we sold nearly 12,000 programs. On real advantage of this activity was that it put a great deal of money in the coffers for the purchase of a new bus. Thanks to all who volunteered to help make this project a success. I have little doubt that Westernaires will be asked to do this activity again next year.

2009 is special for another reason. This is the **Westernaires' 60th anniversary!** During the Easter Parade in 1949, E.E. Wyland, at the request of the Lakewood Youth Council, solicited a group of 26 young riders to participate in a new youth group involving horses. From this tiny seed, what you see as Westernaires today has grown. One very important tradition will occur on August 15 this summer. We will

be taking the picture of all Westernaires assembled in the rodeo arena of the Fairgrounds. **Mark the date on your calendar to be present.** We will give details later, but that is a very important tradition every 10 years, and the previous five pictures hang in the Museum where the new one will be positioned as well. We have a committee at work on other parts of the 60th anniversary celebration and we will be announcing other events that week as well. Look forward to celebrating with all the other Westernaires during that week.

One of the special events during the 60th Anniversary celebration will be an auction, both silent and live. We are in the process of assembling items for the auction. If you have something of note to be auctioned, we ask you to contact Debbie Koop at CouncilwomanKoop@msn.com. She will be coordinating the collection of items for the auction. Make it something special!

We recently had an event occur in the volunteer arena during a practice. A spectator suffered a seizure. Westernaires' First Aid crew was quickly on the spot until the paramedics arrived. At the hospital, the doctor attending in the emergency room told the family that it was lucky it happened at Westernaires because we have some of the best "first responders." We should all take time to thank the first aid crew for the largely unsung service they render week after week. Congratulations to them for the deserved reputation.

The Summer show season is starting to take shape. Keep watching the calendar in the weekly call. We have some exciting trips for some Red Division teams that are being discussed. We hope that something happens which will lead to a big announcement.

We have just acquired a new bus, for teams to travel in during the show season. It is a 1996 MCI, 47 passenger bus and is in really good condition. It will be great to have new wheels to go down the road. Buses are expensive and we are still trying to cover the cost so that we won't short any other part of the program.

Speaking of any other part of the program, I just had the opportunity to review our electric and gas bill. Lest you think it a small item, it averages over

\$5000 a month. We can all help by such simple things as shutting off the lights in the restroom when we leave (assuming no one is in there in the dark) and in the classrooms when they are not in use. I suspect we can save hundreds each month by each of us being a little more responsible for the organization. We will be glad to have you help. Thanks!

Glen E. Keller, Jr., Director

Also - on pages 4 and 5 of this publication you will find discount coupons for Hertz Rental Cars and Oxi-Fresh Carpet Cleaning. We are providing these as a service to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds as a fund-raising opportunity for them. Please support them in these efforts by utilizing these coupons if you have need of these services. Thank you.



Congratulations

To our 2009 graduates!

RED TEAM

1. Amanda Beecher
2. Maddie DeCook
3. Felicia Fast
4. Mackenzie Fen
5. Julia Foss
6. Diane Gortzig
7. Laura Kapke
8. Danielle Keating
9. Amber Kennedy
10. Libby Lindel
11. Rachel Milne
12. Carrie Moya
13. Brooke Palmer
14. Leesa Pelletier
15. Mimi Pfaff
16. Ariel Roselle
17. Jessica Rosette
18. Jaden Schupp
19. Kayla Scolman
20. Jennifer Trask
21. Leah Wasil
22. Tanya Zimmerman

CAVALRY

1. Buck Borden
2. Brian Davis
3. Landon Gallegos
4. Michael Krebs
5. Sean Mergl
6. Geoff Pelletier
7. Sean Peters
8. Levi Portenier
9. Brandon Rathbone

PRECISIONETTES

1. Amanda Brown
2. Cassie Buchanan
3. Katherine Carter
4. Laurel Casey
5. Hannah Clark
6. Hillary Feierstein
7. Bryn Heil
8. Ashlee Hoppe
9. Alejandra Jimenez
10. Maegan Kelly
11. Katy Kuettel
12. Chelsea Mata
13. Annie Mayer
14. Rachel Rabideau
15. Lorrena Rael
16. Danielle Shriver

ROYAL RANGERS

1. Isabel Ciaptacz
2. Kate Cummings
3. Janessa Haskett
4. Liz Jones
5. Nancy Route
6. Brittany Stegall
7. Jasmine Wieger

CRIMSON RANGERS

1. Christina Fehr
2. Ashley Mount

NIGHTHORSE RANGERS

1. Christie Pace

Special Congratulations to Jaden Schupp for being selected as a National Merit Scholarship recipient – awarded to only the top 1% of high school seniors in the nation!

A FEW FRIENDLY REMINDERS!!

NO SMOKING IN WESTERNAIRES BUILDINGS

It seems strange to have to write a piece which says No Smoking in Westernaires buildings. It has been the rule forever at Westernaires. However, some women are violating the rule in the ladies room in the Equestrian Center. Because the issue does not seem to get resolved, it will be necessary to CLOSE THE LADIES ROOM if the violations continue. Of course, that prejudices everyone, not just the violators. It is hard to understand the lack of respect for our hard-won facilities, let alone the thumbing of the nose at the rules. It would be hoped that those of you who want to continue to use the ladies room would let management know who the violators are so that they could be dealt with individually. Hint! Hint!

PASSENGER DROP-OFF ZONE

Westernaires has designated the area in front of the Equestrian Center as the passenger drop-off zone. We ask that you avoid dropping anyone off in any other area of the Fort premises so as not to create traffic hazards and safety concerns. Please cooperate with us on this important safety matter. Thanks.

MORE YOU KNOW YOU'RE A TRUE WESTERNAIRE IF ...

1. Your horse gets new shoes more often than you do.
2. Your boyfriend complains that you love your horse more than him.
3. Your answer? "And your point is??"
4. You tell your dog to "Halt Ho" instead of "Stay".
5. A 1950's red cardigan letter sweater is suddenly very important to you.
6. Your cell phone ring tone is set to John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever".
7. Long after you graduate from Westernaires, and you're planning your wedding, you considerate choosing a red and white color scheme.



UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

2009

*Ideas? Questions?
Comments?*

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www.westernaires.org



March 6	Wild West Show in the Volunteer Arena – RT, CAV, WAR, Full Teams of Red Steppes, Red Bull Whips, Red and Glow Ropes, Red Liberty, Red Trick and Red Roman.
April 3	Heels & Stocking Banquet
April 12	Easter Parade
May 2	Picture Day
May 9	Picture Day Breed Show
May 15 & 16	Pueblo Show – Precisionettes
May 23-25	Granby
June 6	Pleasant View – Pony Rides 11-4
June 7	Interclub
June 8	Summer Schedule Begins
June 12	Golden 150 Anniversary Parade
June 20 & 21	White Division Shows
June 25-28	Buffalo Bill Days – Sheridan, WY
July 4-5	Granby – 4 th of July
July 11	Standard Drill Show – White Division
July 11 & 12	Rodeo at the Ranch
July 24	Western Heritage Show
August 15 & 16	White Olympics
August 15	Western Welcome Week Parade
August 17	Summer Schedule Ends
Sept 5-7	Trinidad – Red Team