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New ATAA Awards!

The ATAA now has awards in several different places. We are co-sponsoring the FOTATA (Friends of the Akhal-Teke) awards with Shannon Mayfield. Shannon has been running the FOTATA awards for the past several years and will continue to present awards to non-ATAA Tekes, along with new awards specifically for ATAA members. The ATAA has signed up as

a participating organization with the USDF (United States Dressage Federation) and will offer breed awards at all levels in open competition. If we get enough interest, it is possible to offer awards in other divisions too. We will be offering awards through the AERC (American Endurance Rides Conference) for both Limited Distance and Endurance High points

earners. We are working on awards for eventers and jumpers; watch the website for more info.

RENEWAL TIME:

It is time to renew your membership! Make sure your membership is up to date so you can be part of the fun this year!

First it was Horses..Then Came the Akhal-Tekes

By Rod Hunt

At my Uncle Oscar's farm in Minnesota in summer, there was only one safe way to get from the barn to the house and that was on horseback. It wasn't that far, probably 75 yards, but when you are four years old, that great expanse inhabited by mammoth geese and turkeys seemed impassible.

I would be in what is now referred to as the milking parlor, helping my uncle by staying out of the way and giggling

at the cats waiting to have milk squirted at them. When the milking was done, the milk and cream were separated for the creamery and before Uncle Oscar did that, he would stick me on top of one of the Belgians and head them to the watering trough under the windmill and beside the garden gate. Hopalong Cassidy never rode more daringly toward the

endangered heroine's ranch than I did. Fortunately for me, the horses knew where they were to go and I could cleverly slip off Nell's or Babe's huge back and into the stockade they called the farmhouse. The geese and turkeys, thwarted by my daring ride, circled angrily. My father, a rural mail carrier, had used horses in the winter for years to get around his

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Registration Amnesty - \$40 per horse, passed by majority vote. We hope to get many more horses registered with the idea of publishing another issue of the Registry (North American Stud Book) later this year.

Registrar- Lucy Kester has resigned as ATAA registrar and Amrita Ibold will be taking over, with Cathy Leddy as registration secretary. Thanks to Lucy for her years of hard work!

Awards – Shannon Mayfield, who has done the FOTATA (Friends of the Akhal-Teke) awards for the past few years, has agreed to let the ATAA co-sponsor the awards. There will still be non-ATAA awards, but there will also be several FOTATA awards for ATAA members only.

USDF Awards- The ATAA is now a Participating Member of the USDF (United States Dressage Federation) and will be offering awards through them, to be presented at the national USDF conference. If this is your discipline, make sure you're eligible!

AERC Awards– we are now offering AERC (American Endurance Ride Conference) awards to be given for high point Limited Distance and Endurance, to be presented at the AERC national conference.

Our wonderful awards volunteer, Catrina Mettam, has facilitated the two awards above and is working on national awards in Eventing, Jumping and possibly some for Canadian horses. Watch the website for more information, including Board votes, items for the General Membership meeting and budgets. Make sure you check it out! www.akhal-teke.org

Treasury Audit, per our bylaws, is in the works.

Fidelity Bond, per our bylaws, paid for.

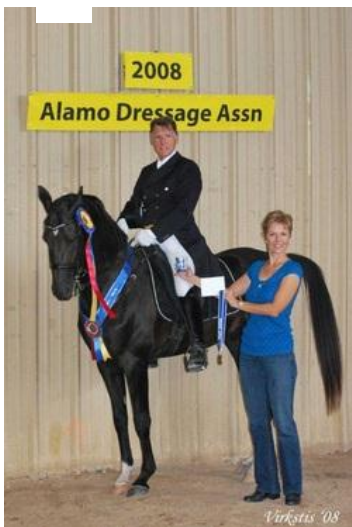
Clubs and Associations insurance is paid for.

ATAA yearly conference will be co-hosted by Cathy Leddy and Amrita Ibold in Washington State...it should be great! Watch the website and newsletter for updates, dates and venue.

Horse Illustrated Akhal-Teke Breed Profile- Horse Illustrated magazine is doing another article on the Akhal-Teke for their July 2012 issue. The writer contacted us for information, contacts and photos. It should be a great breed promotion!

Full page ad in the Akhal-Teke issue of Horse Illustrated! The ATAA has spearheaded an 'All Teke' full page ad in the July issue of Horse Illustrated.

ATAA Web site is doing great. Webmistress Amrita Ibold is doing a fantastic job adding pertinent and interesting information to the website,



Bill Askins and Helm



Amrita getting a ribbon



Catrina Mettam and her mare Mazaly cleaned up at their first show

Classified Ads

Each ATAA member will receive a free ad in the ATAA Newsletter Classifieds each issue.

Individual membership: 30 free words per issue.
Family membership: 60 free words per issue.
Farm membership: ¼ page ad

If that amount just isn't enough, you can buy more ad space.

Full Page: \$75 per issue

Half Page: \$50 per issue

Quarter Page: \$35 per issue

1/6 Page: \$10 per issue

Business card: \$8 per issue

You can pay via check or on the ATAA website with the PayPal button on the membership page. Just make sure you add a note with your payment so we will know what it is for.

Send Ad copy to ATAA newsletter, 21314 129th Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296 or c.leddy@frontier.com

Ads due by the end of the month before publishing.

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route. When country roads were eventually improved to where a car could be used, our horses were retired to the farm of N.Z. Hanson, which just happened to be strategically located where my father could stop to eat his lunch and to visit his Percherons. My mother never did know he didn't sell the horses and they were more or less on loan forever. Once in a blue moon I got to get up on those great beasts and try to get them over Mach 1...the slow walk. It rarely, if ever, happened, but on something that big, it seemed like we were flying.

In World War II, my brother Carroll was in flight training school in Ft. Stockton, TX and I rode the Greyhound down to see him before I myself was inducted into the Navy. While on the visit, his girlfriend, Louise Schlaegle, invited us to their ranch for a ride.

That summer passed and I went into the Navy and I served on a landing ship in the Pacific Theater and was seldom anywhere near horses in the ocean. Later, after college, I was Entertainment and Recreation Director for the US Air Force in Spain. At Moron de la Frontera, we had a collection of 26 beautiful Arabian Andalusian horses for the use of Airmen and Officers. I had landed in Heaven.

After returning to the States and being married, we moved to Alaska and in Kotzebue, there are

dogs...lots and lots of sled dogs, but no horses. It was there, however, that I saw my first picture of a golden Akhal-Teke and it was true love at first sight. I was totally and completely captivated and I read as much as the local library could furnish. It was obvious to me that here was the superior horse of all horses.

We went to Ireland and bought a thoroughbred, Sally, and kept her at a variety of places. We got into blood lines and I learned how to handicap races. Still, there was this growing knowledge that I could never be satisfied with anything less than an Akhal-Teke.

Back in Minnesota, my job was as Area Director of Title I/Chapter I, eventually expected to supervise those programs in 318 school districts from the Canadian border to Iowa. No horse could do that, even an Akhal-Teke. My quest was put on hold for 9 years.

Upon retiring and moving back to Osage, MN, I finally had the courage to contact the man responsible for bringing the breed to the United States and if you haven't read that wonderful story, you should. Phil Case and his lovely wife, Margot, nursed me through the periods of indecision and eventually put me in touch with the wonderful breeder, Terri Fender, now President of the ATAA.

Terri was so very kind when I called and asked if she had any young Akhal-

Tekes for sale at the moment. She said she certainly did, though I detected that same cautious tone whenever anyone is asked if they have an Akhal-Teke for sale...a bit hesitant, slightly reserved and trying to pick up any sense of kindness in your voice. Terri had two colts and a filly and I made an appointment to see them. It was only a hundred miles and before Phil Case had made me aware of Terri, I had imagined travelling great distances to even see one. My heart was pounding when we first entered the barn. Terri, along with her son Jake and daughter Blaine, teased me along the line of stalls, introducing me to Pieter and then the colts, both trying to act frisky and falling all over themselves in the process...and finally to Miranda's stall where a three week old filly was doing her best to pretend she wasn't at all interested in the old guy standing at the door.

Eventually, she peeked around Miranda's rather imposing rump and quite literally, blinked at me. I was of course, hooked. I did call a couple of other breeders out West and one of them said "There's a breeder in Minnesota who has the best mares I've ever seen" and that did it. The next week I went back and now the filly actually showed some sort of interest, like, "Jeeze, he's back again! Now, what do I do?" I bought her on the spot.

Back home, I tried to buy some land, rent some land

lease some land, build a barn, rent a barn, whatever I thought I needed to do. I looked up Russian names beginning with the letter 'M' in line with her dam, Miranda. I decided on Magda and that is the way she was registered. The barn and pasture was found, the pasture cleared of dead wood, the fences built, the stalls constructed, the alfalfa supply obtained and now we were ready...or so I thought.

Terri and her sister delivered Magda on October 21, 2006. Her companion horse was a seven month old quarter horse. I brought my electric blanket to the barn and slept on hay bales for the first two nights. They didn't even notice me, but they couldn't see each other in their adjoining stalls, so the next day I bored holes in the wall so they could peek at each other, which they did with alarming frequency. They got along famously and trotted around together, rolled in the sand, rolled later in the snow and ate like crazy.

There were 8 other horses in the adjoining pasture and one day Magda was standing by the separating fence, she was parallel to the fence when she decided it would be grand to be with the other horses. She took a few steps along the fence and then casually jumped over it...sideways. She then stood there looking at me as if to say, "That was easy, what's next." The fence was electrified shortly. She was my soul. She grew and grew to 17+ hands. She was my horse, for certain... that is, until I asked Tiffany Deitchler, age 15, to be her trainer. I became much less important.

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Eramay and handler at the Sporthorse Stallion Showcase



Eramay and handler Dean Graham photos courtesy of Alicia Frese



New Filly for the Thomsen's JBK Mukam x Gelmay

Absolute Akhal-Tekes

Zephyrhills, FL

Arim and Eramay, a son of Arim's, have settled into their new home here in Florida, nicely. Kenar, a 2yr old daughter of Eramay is being broke to ride and coming along nicely.

Eramay was shown in a sporthorse stallion showcase and was very well received. He will also be participating in a

parade of breeds at the Gene Mischief Invitational on April 7. This is a very prestigious event and will offer a lot of exposure in preparation for these shows. He has been started on a regular training schedule and has really impressed me.

I'm really very excited about him. We've had a fair bit of interest in breeding ranging from Akhal-Teke mares to pony crosses to thoroughbreds for endurance prospects. I will keep you updated on anything interesting that may come up.
Francine

Australian Tekes

Brisbane, Queensland

We have just had our second foal (filly) after all this time but she is a nice foal so was well worth the wait. She is out of our mare Gelmay from our stallion JBK Mukam so she is pure bred. Last year was a little hard for all horse owners here in our part of Australia we had Hendra Virus a new disease and everybody was running scared. It first appeared ten years ago then went away but really came back last year. Nobody knows very much about it except it may be transmitted by bats to horses and then on to humans it appears to be 100% fatal to horses and with treatment about 60% to humans. So we would not let our

horses off our place, nor let other horses come to our place.

There are two people in Australia with Akhal-Tekes; Dawn and myself with two mares, a two year old filly and a new filly born just before Christmas 2011 and we have JBK Mukam our stallion. Then there was Rosemary Swift in Sydney, who had four mares and two stallions. Rosemary has sold all of her horses to Denise Kay who lives about an hour's drive away, Denise already has an Arabian Stud, and she intends to breed her Akhal-Tekes as Akhal-Tekes and maybe cross breed and is looking at endurance. I feel with two people in the area promoting A-Ts we may get somewhere.

Tom Thomsen

The Akhal-Teke – A Horse of History...A Horse With Heart

HorseFlicksTV launches its award winning programming on HRTV beginning Wednesday, March 14th at 9:00 PM Eastern time, 6:00 pm Pacific time, **and the Akhal-Teke will be showcased in this three year broadcast run.**

This program was produced by The Breeder's Co-op. The initial schedule can be found on Facebook on the HorseFlicks page, or simply click the link <https://www.facebook.com/pages/HorseFlicks-Horseflicksphotosbyjojocm/139405276172037?sk=wall> and go to the posting "HorseFlicks Air Dates on HRTV." **If you Click "LIKE"** you will be kept apprised of all airings, dates and times during the three year broadcast run.

Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Tekes



Amrita and Penta



Jenny and Dagjeir

Friday Harbor, WA

There's been no time for winter doldrums this season at Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Teke! Aside from managing the farm, maintaining the horses (and keeping an eye out for foals!)... the dedicated students in our riding program have kept us on our toes by persisting through the worst of the weather and continuing to school with us nearly seven days a week. And with monthly jump clinics and bi-weekly conditioning rides... our three-day event horses are getting in shape for what we hope will be a successful upcoming competition

season. Sweet Water Farm currently has eight purebred Akhal-Tekes in training under saddle: three are newly-started green-beans, another three are entering their second seasons in Eventing, and two are seasoned athletes who we plan to campaign this year. And just to assure she never gets bored... farm owner Amrita Ibold has been utterly dedicated in her roles as Treasurer, Registry Staff, and Webmaster for the ATAA, and her hard work is clearly paying off! All of us here at Sweet Water Farm are very excited about the future of the association and the opportunities it's

offering for Akhal-Teke owners and enthusiasts around the globe.



Kegas and Sonja

Thank you to all ATAA members. We can't move forward without you!

4 Nomads Ranch and Akhal Texas



Nicole and Kugar at an endurance ride

Beginning in late 2011, 4 Nomads Ranch began an exciting and rewarding cooperation with Tito Pontecorvo and his Akhal Texas ranch. At the small ranch north of Austin, Texas, we are lucky enough to have Tito's three beautiful mares Doba, Katrin, and Toskana, Nicole's gelding Kugar, and three yearling fillies, Tamila (Arim-Toskana), Charisma (Arim-Chrysantema), and Keshi (Eramay-Katrin), all bred by Tito. Kugar is in training for endurance and completed his first season of slow limited distance rides this fall. He and Nicole will be moving up to 50-mile rides in the next

few weeks. All three mares are in foal to Eramay (also bred by Tito and currently at stud at Francine Anderson's Absolute Akhal-Teke in Florida), so we're eagerly anticipating the birth of the three little ones in the next month or so. And the three fillies – future endurance horses and the next generation of broodmares -- are busy learning their manners. All in all, it's an active, fun-filled time for all of us, and we are at work on a new website with more pictures and information on our

horses, activities, and goals. With Tito's guidance, we look forward to a long and productive future filled with Akhal Tekes!

For 4 Nomads and Akhal Texas, Nicole Duarte nicduarte@yahoo.com 512-968-7232



Charisma- Arim x Chrysantema

Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes



Merdan- Metman x Aishet

Snohomish, WA We've had our first foal of the year, a lovely buckskin colt by the late stallion Metman out of the Elite mare Aishet. While we were hoping for the elusive buckskin filly, Merdan is very nice and will do his parents proud. We have one more foal coming this year in June, Salam x Astra.

We're heading to our first endurance ride this weekend and expect to have a great time.

Cathy

Gods Cavalry Ranch



*Ribbons from Maizie's first
Show*

Centerville, WA

This past weekend was Maizie's (Mazaly – Astrachan x Mirija) first show and she was great! We did 10 rounds and all 10 clean. We started

the day at 12" and went up to 2'3". She ribboned in 9 of the classes and took home one coveted 1st place!!!! In the all at 2'. I backed her at 8am and we did not finish until 3. I was exhausted but I think Maizie could have gone another 10 rounds...She is a Teke after all. We had to be led into the arena every time, but she met a lot of people and I was asked by about 8 different people what her breed was and saw many others talking trying to figure it out. So she did some really good PR for the breed!!!!

Have some things to work on for sure, in 2 weeks I am taking her to an ODS league show and then at the end of the month I think we are heading to another jumper show.

Catrina

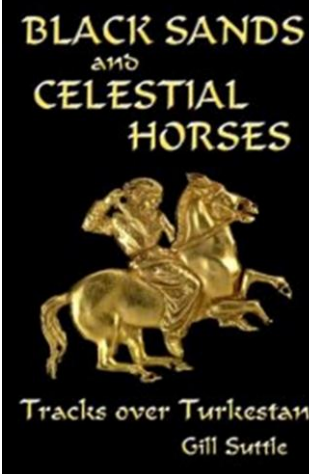
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Tiffany and Magda became as one. I built a half mile gallop in the field next to the barn and Tiffany, Magda, Tiffany's mother Deana and her horse just murdered that strip. The three of us were put to a test of a plague of deer ticks, knocking Magda to the ground and she was never alone until she recovered. She was an absolute joy and every day that I could be with her or just watch her progress in training

under Tiffany was a huge reward. She always noticed when I was in the yard and seemed to take pleasure in showing off for me.

Suddenly, in 2011, I was on my way to my gold mining claims in the Yukon Territory and at 3:00 am on the morning of July 23, my mobile phone rang. It was Kevin, the huge former all-state football player who was caring for Magda, my new one year old Akhal- Teke filly Faith and Mara, also from Terri. He was sobbing. He said, "Lightening hit the barn and killed all your horses. I tried to save them but I got burned...we couldn't even get close. The fire department got there in 8 minutes but there was nothing they could do."

It was ten days before I could get back and I had horrible visions of them dying in the ensuing fire. That, praise God, is not what happened and if there is ever anything to be thankful for when you lose a horse, it is that they didn't burn to death. Magda, Faith and Mara were killed instantly by the bolt that struck the barn, blew through the lightning rods, struck the concrete floor putting a two foot round hole in six inches of that flooring, traversed the length of the barn and blew out the concrete block wall. The lady living 400 yards away was knocked from her bed,



Scimitar Press

<http://www.scimitarpress.co>

The story of Gill's Turkmenistan trip has history, adventure and of course, Akhal-Teke horses. It is an excellent read. For more information, search on Facebook or go to the website above.

and outlets along her walls lighted up and the transformer exploded. Conferring with Tiffany and Deana, we decided to start over and went to see Terri Fender again. She was willing to do anything to help. We tried inseminating one of her mares with frozen semen from Magda's sire, Peiter, but it didn't take. Phil Case sent his stallion Goblet all the way from Staunton, VA to Terri, and Ginny and Gabby became pregnant. The new barn is built, the pasture will be plowed and seeded this spring, but before that we will bring Ginny and Gabby to their new home for the birthing. The Irish have a great saying; "We live in hope". And as Tiffany, now a freshman at UM Duluth savs. "Life goes on."

Classified Ads

Horses For Sale

Pure and non-purebred Akhal-Tekes of all ages for sale. Endurance, dressage, jumping. Breeding, training and competing Tekes in the Pacific Northwest for 25 years.

www.cgakhaltekes.com or 425-870-9789

MidnightSky Farm has numerous Akhal-Teke Sport horses available out of ATAA Stallions Madras and Fakir. 4, 4yr old geldings, 3 4yr old fillies. All crossed with Arab mares.

541-686-1240

Akhal-Teke Stallion for Sale from Russia: Sabur-Dan (1033 Beduin 1987 - Soria 23 1991) Gelishikli Line Year of birth: 2005 Color: Light-bay (golden) Height: 162cm Nika Krutova

rodenhorseclub@gmail.com

Purebred 4 year old gelding, 15.2 and growing and 3 young Arab cross fillies. 1 Arab cross & 1 purebred still to come this year. All Ak Sakal line & all for sale. Details on website; www.oasisakhaltekes.com or jacquemunn@aol.com

Stallions at Stud

Arim and Eramay are standing at ABSOLUTE AKHAL TEKE and are available for cooled, frozen or live cover.

Arim is offered for \$200.00 to the first mare booked Eramay can be booked for \$300.00 to the first mare.

For more info:

Favjockey@aol.com or (813)469-1089 cell (352)567-9885 house



Pleasant Grove Akhal-Tekes

Pleasant Grove Akhal-Tekes is proud to stand two excellent pure bred stallions.

Gallo (photo right) and Arin (photo below).

We look forward to Arin's first foal (Arin x Kamiah) to arrive in late March!



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Please see our website for more photos and information.

2012 ATAA Membership Form

Name _____

Farm Name _____

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Phone number _____ Email _____

Type of membership: Active(owns a Teke or Teke cross) Individual (\$48) _____ Farm or Ranch(\$100) _____ Family (\$80) _____ Ten year (\$432) _____

Category II (don't own a Teke or Teke cross): Friends (\$25) _____ Junior(\$25) _____ International(\$48) _____

Newsletter: Electronic? Paper via snail mail?

Annual membership dues are payable from January 1st to December 31st of the year. The annual membership dues must be paid by March 31 of each year (or six (6) months prior to the annual membership meeting whichever occurs first) to be eligible to vote at the annual membership meeting that year. Please send this completed form and a check or money order to: ATAA Secretary, 21314 129th Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296



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