

# ATAA Newsletter

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## 2012 ATAA General Membership Conference

By Cathy Leddy

### Snohomish, WA and Friday Harbor, WA

This past weekend was the 2012 Yearly Conference. Amrita Ibold and I were co-hosts. People started coming into town on Thursday morning, (thank you for all your help Jas!). Friday evening was the Meet and Greet at the Country

Inn and Suites in Bothell, WA. We had some great nibbles, including chicken skewers, fruit, phyllo/spinach bites and cheese. In fact, cheese seemed to be featured at every single meal or snack, so much so that we started calling this conference "Eat more cheese". We had some people that came to all  
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## Remembering Zarov

By Debi Gilbert

How often does one get to ride a horse that is such a "Good Packer?"

I was given just such an opportunity when I was able to ride a horse named Zarov. In April of 1996 we were newly transferred here to Huntsville via the Army. That is when I met my soon to be friend Karen Yates. We met thru the man who installed both of our fences. After a phone call we decided to meet one evening and ride at her farm.

That is where I first saw and heard of a very rare breed of horses called the Akhal-Teke. I got to meet Kandar, the glittering golden one, Zang, her Rolex wonder, Zarov, the gentle gray giant and Dang the baby of the bunch. I had never seen this breed and I was in awe of these horses. They were so athletic and friendly. Karen offered Zarov for me to ride and she rode Kandar. Off we went riding on her

## Blood typing is going away!

If you have unregistered horses whose parents were not DNAd, get them registered NOW. University of Kentucky has notified us that they will be discontinuing blood typing within a year. They will do it this year and one more time next April (2013). This means that if your unregistered horse has parents that were only blood typed and you try to register that horse after there is no more blood typing, you are out of luck. Contact the Registrar, Amrita Ibold at

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for more info or to start registration proceedings.

farm. We crossed the river to the Island and then back again to another part of the farm where we came upon the cows. I just knew that my steed was going to spook, but I was so wrong. After about a two hour ride and helping feed Karen offered me a chance of a life time. She asked if I would

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