

ATAA Newsletter

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Akhal-Teke Booth at the 2018 World Equestrian Games

“Go with the Flo..rence”

by Cathy Leddy

In 2017, we (the ATAA) started planning, scheming and designing for an AT breed booth at the 2018 WEG. After quite a bit of behind the scenes planning, we started officially discussing it at the 2017 ATAA General Membership Meeting at Dressage at Devon.

Our first call to action went out on 11/20/2017 with the Christmas Silent Auction. That did quite well, thanks to a streamlined online system found by BOD member Gretta Teets.

We finally started getting some

West Coast Rare Breeds Show, May 9-12th, 2019, California

The ATAA is co-hosting a Rare Breeds show near Sacramento, CA from May 9-12th, 2019, with the Equus Survival Trust.

This is during the Western States Horse Expo, one of the largest horse expos in the West. They expect over 20,000 spectators, so it will be a great breed promotion.

This show will loosely follow the 2016 Rare Breeds Show that took place in Lexington, VA. There will be 4 days of education, competition and

information from the WEG organizers on what it would cost, dimensions of the booths, in early 2018. We had our first ‘official’ fundraising call to action on February 27th – we needed to have at least \$6000 pledged before March 9th to make this a reality. There wasn’t much time, as the dates of the event were September 11-23rd- 6 months to fundraise and prepare!

We got MORE than the necessary \$6000 in pledges in under a week. Wow! The Teke community is AWESOME! We put our down payment on a 9 x 10 booth and were told we ***continued on page 16***

fun. There will be open clinics and competition in jumping, dressage, obstacles (both ridden and in-hand). Also, there will be Akhal-Teke classes, both ridden and in-hand. We are welcoming judge Molly Nicodemus back for our breed classes.

There will also be a breed’s pavilion, where we will have information out for all attending breeds, along with a rotating live horse for the public to greet.

Run under SANA rules (Stewardship Awards of North America) – focusing on conservation through education. This competition ***continued on page 6***

West Coast Rare Breeds Show, May 9th-12th [here.](#)

Christmas Silent Auction! Page 7 [Here](#)

Early Renewal - [Renew](#) before December 31st and get a FREE Electronic Friends membership to gift!

[Akhal-Teke Association of America - ATAA](#)

Russian Studbook Registration: Education and Assistance Grant

In the fall of 2017 the ATAA Board of Directors sought to address the alarming number of ATAA registered purebred Akhal-Teke horses that are not registered in the closed mother studbook (VNIK) held in Russia.

Some of the North America active breeding horses are as many as three generations removed from VNIK registration and will be considered part bred horses as far as the closed Russian studbook is concerned. This would be a great loss for the North American Akhal-Teke population and devastating for breeders.

In order to help address this issue, the ATAA board secured a grant from the WWW Foundation through the Equus Survival Trust (EST) for VNIK registration related purposes — DNA collection and testing, obtaining identification photos, data collection to complete forms, and assistance with associated fees to help register pure-bred horses with the closed Russian Studbook. The grant funds will also be used for educational materials — creating and producing flyers, DVDs, banners, web articles and resources, exhibition/seminar support, and competition incentives for the ATAA and its members/horses.

To start the process of saving as many as possible actively breeding pure-bred horses from losing pure-bred status, the ATAA board has developed a survey to explore why Akhal-Teke horse owners have not registered their breeding stock with VNIK, the closed Russian Studbook. This survey will be distributed widely. Please complete the survey yourself and share it with other Akhal-Teke owners. It should take less than five minutes. The link to the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YWH3LFN>

In coming months, the ATAA will reach out to every Akhal-Teke

owner (ATAA member or not) in order to gain an accurate understanding of horses that need to be VNIK registered.

When the ATAA has an accurate count of horses that need to be registered in the Russian Studbook, and an understanding of the horses' circumstances, the ATAA Board will refine the plan for expenditure of the grant funds, while continuing to build awareness of the importance of VNIK registration, and prioritizing assistance to register purebred Akhal-Teke horses in the closed Russian Studbook.

Breeding Reports due by December 31st, see the ATAA Website for more information.

2018 General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 30th, 5 pm Pacific time
Conference call

Called to order: 5:04 pm

Roll call: Tish Saare, Pat Johnston, Cathy Leddy, Betsy Wandler, Gretta Teets, Laura Spear, Sabine Desper, Amrita Ibold, Dean Miller, Olwen Busch

Tish goes over protocol for conference calls.

Reading of unapproved meeting Minutes of the last GMM and taking any necessary action: Cathy Leddy

MOTION: Amrita motions to approve minutes from 2017 GMM. Dean seconds. Approved.

Presentation of Officer and Committee Report

1. Presidents Report- Tish Saare

Thank you to everyone that is able to attend. Your support is what will preserve the Akhal-Teke breed and bring the breed out of 'threatened' status in the future. The ATAA has had a busy year. Some of our major promotion accomplishments include representation at WEG, breed demos at Horse Expositions and fairs,

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representation at the Livestock Conservancy Summit, representation at Dressage at Devon, and an excellent silent auction at Christmas time. To further our preservation efforts, we have been successful in securing a grant to assist with aligning ATAA registered horses with the Russian Studbook. We also have members actively pursuing several ideas, including an Akhal-Teke database and Akhal-Teke semen bank, which could be key in preserving the breed for years to come. I believe that we have made great strides with breed awareness over the last few years. I have heard several reports and experienced myself that when we go out in public with our horses recently, we get much less 'Akhal-what?' and a whole lot more 'Hey, is that an Akhal-Teke?!'. I also know that several farms will have foals on the ground next year, so we are in a great position to keep moving the breed forward.

If you have any ideas on ways to promote, preserve, or perpetuate the breed, we would love to hear from you; better yet if you would like to take the lead on or participate in implementing an idea...we would really love to hear from you. ☺ Thank you again for your attendance and support. The horses are worth it!

Treasurers Report- Amrita Ibold – will work on this, balance sheet as of 9/6/2018, although it's out of date now.

ATAA Balance Sheet as of 9/8/2018
Income: **36703.44**

ATAA membership: 2948.13
Farm cert: 90.38
WEG Donations: 9609.29
Silent Auction: 225.59
Donations for AERC ad: 125.00
Horse Registration: 4684.42
Painted Pony: 20.62
WWW Grant #1: 19,000
Total: 36703.44

Expense: 16837.81

Insurance: 631
Printing and mailing: 332.03
Professional Services: 871.25
Supplies: 229.18
Web Hosting: 137.33
Bank Charge: 17
Incentive Awards (2017): 1999.56
WEG: 11748.46
Other: 872.00

DAD: 500
AERC: 272
EST booth: 100

Total: 16837.44

Savings: 18441.17 Jan 1, 2018 + 19800.00= 38241.17 as of 9/8/2018

Checking: 2526.49 as of Jan 1, 2018, 2366.53 as of 9/8/2018
Total Assets as of 9/8/2018: 2366.53 + 38241.17 = 40607.70

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Registrar's Report- Amrita, People are still taking lots of time to send registration in. Gretta suggests a census. Cathy will work on a proposal for rewarding registration/stallion reports, etc. based on the Suffolk Society article and will print that article in the October newsletter. Olwen questions, if a person has their horse VNIK registered and has USEF passport for that horse, is there a way to expedite the ATAA registration?

Secretary's Report – Cathy- All reports filed on time, Membership as of 9/30/2018

7 Lifetime members, 1 inactive
20 Ranch memberships
30 Individual memberships
17 Friends memberships
3 10-year memberships, 1 International
4 International memberships (including 10 year one)
Total: 81 members, 20 new
Last year, 79 members
Betsy asks if Early Renewal Drive works, yes!

MOTION: Betsy motions to offer 5 electronic Friends Memberships for Early Renewal. Pat amends motion, EACH early renewal will get a free Electronic only Friends Membership to hand out. Dean and Gretta second. Approved.

Website Report- Amrita- We've been having some PayPal problems with buttons, mostly as we only work on it sporadically. We need volunteer help to add photos, Award info, etc. We don't have results up on the website in a timely manner. Laura Spear asks how hard this is, Betsy answers that it's quite easy. Amrita will give info to Laura and we'll talk via email about it.

Newsletter Report-Cathy- 2 Newsletters so far this year, as we tried an Annual Report instead of the January 2018 issue. Will go back to a January 2019 issue, there was a LOT of stuff that went on between October 2017 and April 2018! Laura Spear will send in her endurance article for

October 2018. Amrita suggests we have a "Meet your Horse" column each month on website/in newsletter. Dean suggests "Horse of the Month". Betsy volunteers to do this for newsletter.

Awards Committee Report- Betsy; ATAA Awards, Nominations still low, but we had enough to make awards. The \$250 budget is hard to keep to and get nice awards. Cathy congratulates Betsy on the lovely awards she has found each year. Pat remarks that the awards are beautiful. Betsy says that usually there are certificates for all nominees, but she didn't have a printer this year. Remember, each person can nominate as many people/horses as they would like for EACH category. Pat suggests adding an award for Breed Preservation, Dean asks for a definition. Would this be members only? Cathy suggests that we recognize outside people for this award. Amrita suggests we have a special thank you at the end of the year. This needs further work. Betsy offers to chair this award.

MOTION: Tish suggests we put together a Breed Preservation Award. Dean seconds. Approved.

Promotions Report- DAD, Sabine reports: It was very rainy, only two horses there (Adamek and Kurizma). They had a good time but did not participate in the Parade of Breeds – very wet and they would have Parade of Breeds – very wet and they would have had to stay another day. Having Breed classes on Tuesday is easier than on Thursday. Sabine recommends doing class again. We should have more horses go in 2019, as WEG won't be on the calendar. WEG: Cathy describes week one – very chaotic, demo people were fantastic even though demos were cancelled. Worthwhile even with the lessened foot traffic because of Hurricane Florence. Betsy describes week two- They moved food trucks, which decreased foot traffic. Betsy and Gretta rearranged booth to highlight sale/farm/stallion ads. Gave out most of the 3500 brochures, most of the DVDs and a lot of postcards. Tish thanks all volunteers

and donors. Distance Championship: This year probably only 1 or 2 Tekes there, should be more in 2019 in Oklahoma. Laura says we should show what a small club can do, will send a banner and some brochures for the ride. Betsy will send an ATAA membership list in case there are last minute entries.

WEG Balance Sheet:

Income:
\$11,059.29 (donations)
ATAA: \$ 4986.00 (from savings)
Total: \$16045.29

Expenses:
Booth Fee: \$6564
Travel/car for Cathy and Betsy: \$1607
Housing onsite: \$3283
Booth décor/Shipping/Misc.: \$2902.08
T-shirts for volunteers: \$468.95
Total: \$14825.03
Income – Expenses = \$1220.26

Nominations and Election Report- Cathy reports that new BOD is Tish Saare, Amrita Ibold, Gretta Teets, Cindy Sither, returning members Jas Shearer-McMahon and Pat Johnston and new BOD member Dean Miller. Congratulations and welcome to Dean Miller.

Old Business

VNIK registration and the ATAA Grant- the ATAA has received a grant of \$20,000 and we are working on the best way to maximize this money and reach our goals. Committee: Tish Saare, Chair, Pat, Betsy and Amrita members. Pat is working on a survey to identify horses that need to be ATAA and/or VNIK registered.

Breed Standard and Grading- Someone needs to take the lead on this. Pat mentions that we have a lot on our plates and we can work on this later. Laura is willing to help.

Trademark/Brand- Cathy, working on it now that WEG is done. Gretta suggests companies that make freeze brands, would cost between \$50 and \$200 to make a freeze brand.

Semen Bank/ Akhal-Teke Database- Pat reports: Lots of goals, possible to use some of Grant for database. Pat now on BOD of Livestock Breeds Conservancy. These are long-term projects. Having conversations with other rare breeds, look for opportunities. Database, will continue to explore possibility of DB to be a back-up
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to international db. She has spoken to develops, Phil Case and Adam Dixon about Buffalo Girls Database, they think asking price is good for VNIK info alone, what else would we want to include? Looking at open source sw also. Tish thanks Pat for the work.

New Business

Breeders Certificate Program- Tish will work on updating language so it reflects the original idea.

Christmas silent auction- Gretta will start working on this in October, will use same website as last year, look into only paying via PayPal. Would like some ATAA Logowear donated to sell.

Breed Show for 2019; Tish reports, Western States Horse Expo is in new venue and earlier in the year, so nicer and cooler. We are investigating a Rare Breeds Show, May 9-12th, 2019 near Sacramento, CA. Will work on Budget, Expo contacts of other breeds, is a 4-day expo. Betsy will look into having a camper onsite. Details will follow.

Conference for 2019- ideas: Hosting it at the WSHE – very early in the year. Pat suggests we do it on either the W. Coast or Midwest, as we've been on the East Coast for last several years. WSHE is only 7 months away, that seems very soon for another conference. Pat suggests we table for a while, possibility of having our conference in conjunction with Livestock Breeds Conservancy, along with other breeds. Pat will report on this.

Demos for 2019 – Dean suggests demo at Rolex (in NY city or at KHP?). Booth also suggested by Sabine and Katrina Ardiel. Dean volunteers.

Another grant received! Cathy reports that another \$20,000 has been received from the WWW Foundation. Discuss at N. BOD meeting. Cathy and Betsy will talk about thank you's for WEG donors and WWW Foundation.

MOTION: Tish motions to adjourn at 7:11, thanks everyone for dialing in. Gretta seconds. Adjourned 7:11 pm

New BOD: Tish Saare, president, Jas Shearer-McMahon, VP, Pat Johnston, secretary, Amrita Ibold, Treasurer, Gretta Teets, Dean Miller, Cindy Sither Directors at large.

2018 ATAA Awards

This year's volunteer awards were nice plaques and horse awards were lovely leather photo frames, embossed with the name of the winner. Horse of the Year received a frame and a hand drawn picture of the horse.

Volunteer Awards:

1. **Community Involvement-** promotes the ATAA and the Akhal-Teke to those outside of the breed (example: local 4-H or Pony Club) Nominations: Dean Miller, Deb Bowler, Cindy Sither, Tish Saare

Award Recipient: Cindy Sither

2. **Event Attendance/Breed Promotion-** a member that actively helps the ATAA at one or more horse function(s) (example: exposition or show) Nominations: Amber Erickson, Betsy Wandler, Cathy Leddy, Deb Bowler, Cindy Sither, Gretta Teets, Katrina Ardiel, Laura Spears, Sabine Desper, Tish Saare

Award Recipient: Tish Saare

3. **Publicity-** contributes article(s) to one or more ATAA newsletters. Nominations: Patricia Johnston

Award Recipient: Patricia Johnston

Horse Awards:

1. **Endurance Award:** A registered horse that actively competes in recognized endurance or CTR rides. Nominations: Damascus, Diesel, Ged

Award Recipient: Damascus, owned by Dean Miller

2. **Dressage Award:** A registered horse that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USDF recognized shows. Nominations: Gerald, Hendrick

Award Recipient: Gerald, owned by Akhal Valley Farms

3. **Eventing Award:** A registered horse that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USEA recognized events. Nominations: Diesel, Hendrix

Award Recipient: Hendrix, owned by Mary Curran

4. **Jumping Award:** A registered horse that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USEF/USHJA recognized events. Nominations: Diesel, Hobella

Award Recipient: Diesel owned by Laura Spear

5. **Horse of the Year:** A registered horse that is a great ambassador to the breed and ATAA by actively competing in any discipline(s) and/or is producing offspring that are actively competing in any discipline(s). 5. **Horse of the Year:** A registered horse that is a great ambassador to the breed and ATAA by actively competing in any discipline(s) and/or is producing offspring that are actively competing in any discipline(s).

Nominations: Bavaria RDF, Diesel, Gerald, Hendrix

Award Recipient: Gerald owned by Akhal Valley Farms





DISTANCE HORSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOSTED BY THE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

October 25-27, 2019, Vinita, OK

The ATAA is happy to announce that we have partnered with the AHA to bring our members a National Distance Championship! You must be an ATAA member and your horse must be ATAA registered. This will make you eligible for this year's Incentive Fund Awards of \$5000!!!

Please let us know if you will be competing!



<https://www.arabianhorses.org/competition/national-events/distance-nationals/>

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Rare Breeds Show, continued from front page

is to help conserve endangered breeds by encouraging breeders to retain traditional type, movement and the inner qualities that historical use honed for centuries.

We will be looking for sponsors for all the classes, please watch the ATAA website and this newsletter for details.



ATAA/SANA West Rare Breed Show

May 9-12th 2019 at the Murieta Equestrian Center
7200 Lone Pine Drive, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683
<https://murietaequestriancenter.com/>

During the Western States Horse Expo
<https://horseexpo.com/>

Great breed exposure with well over 20,000 spectators expected to be in attendance!

Four Days of education, competition and fun!
Hosted by the Akhal-Teke Association of America and the Equus Survival Trust

Clinics: Dressage, Jumping, Obstacles (Subject to Clinician Availability)
Open Classes: Dressage, Jumping classes, Obstacles (ridden and in-hand)
Breed Specific Classes: Akhal-Teke in-hand and ridden classes
Additional classes based on interest
Daily Rare Breed Pavilion with booths and breed stalls

Run under SANA rules (Stewardship Awards of North America) – focusing on conservation through education. This competition is to help conserve endangered breeds by encouraging breeders to retain traditional type, movement and the inner qualities that historical use honed for centuries.

Tentative Schedule (Subject to change):

Wednesday, May 8

All day: Arrival and Set up
Evening: Meet and Greet

Thursday, May 9

Morning: dressage clinic
Afternoon: Jumping Clinic

Friday, May 10

Morning: Dressage classes
Afternoon: Jumping classes

Saturday, May 11

Morning: Obstacle Clinic
Morning/Afternoon: Ridden AT Classes
Afternoon: Akhal-Teke in-hand Classes
Evening: Get together

Sunday, May 12

Morning: Obstacle Competition
Afternoon: TBD

Monday, May 13

Tear down and head home

To volunteer or for more information, contact one of the people below.

Contact for participation or more information:

Tish Saare, Show Coordinator: saare@zetabb.com or (530) 400-9909
Cathy Leddy, Co-coordinator; Akhal-Teke Breed Captain: c.leddy@frontier.com or (425) 870-9789
Victoria Tollman, Breed Coordinator: equussurvivaltrust@yahoo.com or (336) 352-5520



ATAA Holiday Silent Auction

It's that time of year again! Our annual Holiday auction for 2018 is finally here! Help us raise funds to continue promoting the Akhal-Teke breed. We have big plans for 2019, so help us accomplish them by donating and bidding on our wonderful items! Bidding starts December 1st, ends December 15th.

Donate, Bid and Share Online at:

<https://www.32auctions.com/ATAA>



ATAA T-shirts, printed for WEG, yellow with black lettering. Lighter weight material. Sizes: 4 in XL, 5 in L

Some of the Items (so far!)



ATAA T-shirts, printed for WEG, Man and horse not included Black with gold lettering, sizes: 2 in XL, 2 in L



Tractor Supply gift bag, donated by Gretta Teets, items may differ from what is shown.



Handmade Goat Milk Soap Basket, donated by Betsy Wandler

Akhal-Teke Horse carousel accent pillow, donated by The Painting Pony



Custom graphite head study, 11 x 14 Donated by The Painting Pony



ATAA Rare Breeds 2016 T-shirts, heavy white with logo on front. 2 in M, 2 in S



Gold Foil coffee mug, donated by The Painting Pony



Old print issues of the Akhal-Teke Quarterly – incomplete set, 1995-2007 donated by Cathy Leddy

ANCESTOR OF AKHAL-TEKE FEATURED IN AWARD-WINNING VIDEO GAME The Turkoman Horse As Represented in Rockstar Games' Red Dead Redemption 2

By Yorke McGillivray



"Turkomans are multi-class with characteristics of both race and war horses. They can be identified by their slender but agile build, and also their sleek coat."

-Red Dead Base

Set in the American Old West, year 1899, Rockstar Games' newest hit release, Red Dead Redemption 2 (RDR2) for Xbox One and PlayStation 4, features 19 different horse breeds—one of the which is the rare Turkoman Horse, predecessor to the modern Akhal-Teke. Players take on the role of a Wild West gang member, fighting to survive and thrive outside the law, and can choose the Turkoman as their trusty mount. Horses of this breed, in game, have traits of both "war" and "race" horses with metallic coats and a lean body type. They are revered by RDR2 players for their great stamina, excellent health, and, above all, their bravery in the face of danger. The Turkoman is steadfast, with a tendency not to bolt on its rider, even amidst the game's countless gunfights; A loyalty which is affected by its bond with the player. All these in-game traits well represent characteristics

of the real Turkoman horse, who endured millennia as a treasured mount for war, racing, and nomadic life.

Like its real life early American counterparts would have been, Turkoman horses in RDR2 appear to be imported, as they can only be purchased at in-game stables. The breed comes in dark bay, gold, or silver, and once the player progresses far enough in the main storyline, the breed is available with in-game money for \$925 at Blackwater Stable, \$950 at Saint Denis Stable, and \$950 at Tumbleweed Stable, respectively. This would value the horses around \$28,000 if the game were set in 2018, arguably worth the price if you're an outlaw with bounty hunters on your heels. Plus, RDR2's CGI will make you feel right at home in the saddle, as the developers used motion capture technology on live horses to record real movement. So, these Turks are just as expressive as the real deal!

The significance? As one of the most popular, and powerful breeds in the game, RDR2's Turkoman Horse gives its modern descendant, the Akhal-Teke, presence among gamers. The award-winning game, which sold over 17 million copies worldwide in its first two weeks, lends unprecedented exposure for the breed that will hopefully inspire more interest in Turks and Tekes alike. It is the equivalent to having an Akhal-Teke featured in a blockbuster film. Given the threatened status of Akhal-Tekes today, this could be a major step in their long-term conservation. With Red Dead Redemption 2 and other games, including Horse Reality and Howrse, showing the beauty and versatility of the Akhal-Teke, we have a clear path forward to nurturing another generation of Akhal-Teke enthusiasts.

"Equivalent to having an Akhal-Teke featured in a blockbuster film!"



Content and pictures from Red Dead Redemption 2 under fair use.

DRESSAGE AT DEVON 2018

The ATAA sponsored the AT In-Hand class again at Dressage at Devon, the PREMIER horse show in N. America. This year the ATAA gave out cash prizes to the 1st and 2nd place horses!

1st place



Sabine Desper and Adamek, Shenandoah Farms

2nd place



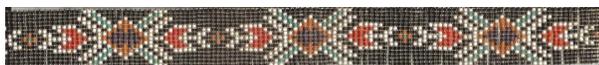
Sabine Desper and Kurizma, Shenandoah Farms

This is excellent exposure for our breed to the equine world at large. In previous years, ATs have competed in many under saddle classes besides the in-hand class, alongside warmbloods, Friesians, and other breeds and have done well! Let's keep the trend going!

Date: September 25-30th, 2018, Devon PA

Next Year's DAD: Late September, Dates TBA

**Plan now to bring your Tekes to DEVON
in 2019!**



The 11th Russian studbook is now for sale!



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Horses registered from the year 2000 to 2013.
All in Russian, it has more color pictures than ever before.

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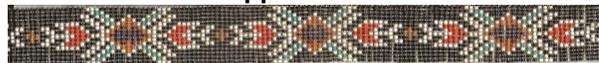
Contact Amrita Ibold if you would like to order a set.

ibolds@rockisland.com

The ATAA has received a monetary grant from the WWW Foundation to:

- **Educate** owners and breeders as to WHY it is important to register your Akhal-Tekes horses with both the Russians and the ATAA, not only for awards, promotions and community, but to save the critically endangered Akhal-Teke horse breed from possible extinction.
- **Facilitate** registration of all North American purebred Akhal-Tekes in the closed Russian studbook, before their genetics are lost to the world.
- **Work** with owners to get all purebred Akhal-Tekes horses into the closed Russian Studbook and preserve and protect the genetic stock of the Akhal-Teke.
- **Travel** to collect DNA samples, photos and information from purebred horses for registration in worst-case scenarios.
- **THANK YOU to Equus Survival Trust for facilitating this!**

We are still working on a plan on the best way to use these funds. Keep watching the newsletter and the website. Member input would be appreciated!



Farm and Competition Reports

Die Kinder Stud, Denise Kaye, Australia

Here are some pics of our new foals. Mancini, bay colt by JBK Mukam from thoroughbred mare Terrific Tess. Zina, cremello filly from Gubilee by Die Kinder Zolotoy. We still have one more mare due to Mukam.



We took Gemma and her colt, Die Kinder Zenya to the Baroque and Distinctive Breeds Show. This was their first time to a show and it was very exciting including vintage motorbikes zooming around on arrival. It was raining so we didn't get photographs with their ribbons. I still haven't been able to get copies of the photographs that were taken prior to the rain. The show is being held again next June so we will be much more prepared.



Cheers,
Denise

Oasis Akhal-Tekes, Jacque Munn, NC

We've had an eventful eighteen months here at Oasis Akhal-Tekes. Starting in July of 2017, Magaryf & JBK Gulkusi were at a breeding station in Aiken, SC with goals of breeding Guli to Ryf and banking 100 doses of frozen semen before gelding Ryf so he could live a normal life. There were several bumps along the way but both goals were finally accomplished when Guli came home safely in foal on December 21st and Ryf came home gelded on January 15, 2018.

2012 mare, Gala (Galadielle [Miril X JBK Gulkusi]) left for her new home with Cathy Leddy at Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes on March 24th and 2004 mare, Dari (Dar Khanum [Gindarkh 13 X Dushka]), left for her new home with Darlene Rosthauser in Erie, PA on June 28th.

Our web hosting company went out of business taking of all the files for the website with it on June 30th and I haven't been able to find the time to redevelop a new one yet, in case anyone has been wondering what happened to it.

Guli presented us with another beautiful filly eight days early on September 9th. Of course, she waited until I was away helping set up the ATAA booth at the WEG. This girl appears to be the same highly metallic light bay color as her sire. She was born just a few days before Hurricane Florence spent nearly a week dumping around ten inches of rain on us so I guess it's not that surprising that the poor little thing ended up in the hospital for three days from the 25th to the 28th with pneumonia (and phsytitis) and had to be given antibiotics by mouth twice a day for a month. That was an adventure in itself, since the stronger she grew, the harder it became to get the antibiotics into her. Fortunately, I was able to get them into her and they appear to have done the trick since she's been off of them for over a week now and seems to be fine.



2018 filly,
Magaryf
x Gulkusi

Farm and Competition Reports

Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Teke, Amrita Ibold, WA

Since our purchase 3 years ago of our neighbor's farm, we finally have almost all infrastructure in place on the additional 44 acres! First on the list was taking all the cow fencing (barb wire) and junk away and replace with wood fencing and cross fencing. Shelters in every pasture are almost complete, indoor arena is complete, round pen and breeding phantom.

On the wish list is a large outdoor arena in addition to the small one with all-weather footing. As a result, we now have 27 horses on the property, 17 pure bred AT belonging to SWF, and 10 boarders, 2 of those are AT's as well.

Next year we will have been 20 years in business! We are expecting 5 foals next year, one from our home bred Komisar Hyrdar, 2 to Kiergen standing at Shenandoah Farm Virginia and 2 by Pan Tau.

In August I took Desert Prophet and Edeelen to an Eventing clinic and both horses did very well. Our 5-year-old Edeelen Jady went to his first 3-day Eventing schooling show in September and behaved like he had done this all his life!

We had Irina Beletskaya from Vancouver BC visit, she is a professional photographer and to make our annual photo shoot different we painted the horses...we have some very creative people at our barn, it was so much fun, and the horses looked spectacular.



We are looking forward to our monthly winter jump clinics at our barn and Masterson clinic.

Janine Esler, CA

2018 was another great year for Ged. He began the year by completing all 3 days of the highly competitive New Cuyama 2 pioneer ride. On day 3 of the 155-mile 3-day ride, he placed 5th against fresh horses! He then went on to win the 80-mile ride at Bandit Springs and take Best Condition. His final ride was the Oregon 100 where he finished 3rd. This was his 2nd 100. Last year he finished 29th on the tough Virginia City 100.



Janine and Ged at Cuyama, Ged is owned by Emery Rhodes, WA

Dean Miller and Damascus, FL

Damascus
AERC Autumn Gallop Benefit Endurance at Camp Boggy Creek Florida. 30 Mile Limited Distance Ride. Official time 3.18 hr. 10 mph (16km) ride time, 2nd place and just few seconds from getting 1st place, After 5 months summer break and only 3 training rides since our last event in May I'm so proud of him!!



Dean and Damascus

Laura Spear and Diesel, OR

Oregon Horse Center Spooktacular jumper show- first place 2'6"-2'9" seniors and fourth place 2'6"-2'9" costume.



Costume Class, Steve Storm photo/ Jumper Show

OSU Event Team Halloween Jumper show

1st place Gamblers Choice 2'3"-2'6"

1st place 2'6"

1st Place 2'9"

3rd place 3ft

Swan Farm Akhal-Tekes



It has been a busy and productive year on Swan Farm. Palomino colt Swan Altyn Kamat was born in June to Pallas Athena, sired by Kuwwat. He will be available as a weanling later this winter, registered through the ATAA, the closed Russian Studbook (VNIK) and with USEF.

We're thrilled to have purebred Sarka (2007 dark bay) out of Samira by Aryk (Arik) added to our breeding mares. She brings further diversity to our genetic pool, as well as the athleticism of a tall, strongly built Akhal-Teke, reminiscent of her great grandfather, the famous Absent. Sarka is now in foal to purebred cremello stud Kiergen.

After a summer-long effort, we have four mares in foal for 2019, bred to four separate studs. Retired endurance mare Annuschka is in foal to our own Ehyr Atlaz; maiden Arima is in foal to retired dressage stud Gidasp; and Pallas Athena is in foal to endurance stallion Kuwwat. Likely these foals will also be available for sale, as we have reached our farm goal of six purebred breeding mares. All offspring sold will be registered ATAA, VNIK, and USEF. All will be confirmed N/N for naked foal syndrome.

Ehyr Atlaz (ATAA and VNIK registered) will be standing at stud this year. He is out of Pallas Athena by Pan Tau, a successful three-day eventer. Cooled semen will be available to outside mares, both purebreds and crossbreds. Mares that book with a signed breeding contract and \$250 deposit before January 1, 2019 will be discounted 20%. Full stud fee for 2019 will be \$1000 which includes first collection and shipping fee.

Amber Erickson and Ophelia Kkan

Ophelia Kkan (Durkkhal X Otez's Windstar (Arabic)) and I have completed 405 endurance miles and 25 Limited Distance miles this season. Lia is a consistent competitor, and a great example of her breed. She has fantastic recoveries and a great attitude. Her huge, ground covering stride makes the miles go by easy!!

I attached a few pictures of us at rides this year too.



Mary Curran and Hendrix, IA

Hendrix and I finished 2nd in the Training Rider division at the Windermere Run Horse Trials - October 28, 2018 at Longview Horse Park, Grandview MO. This year, Hendrix also earned the United States Eventing Association's Blue-Ribbon Award at Training Level for completing 3 horse trials with a score of 35 or less.

Also, he is ranked 9th in total points earned at Training level in USEA Area IV for 2018.



Mary and Hendrix at Windemere Run Horse Trials.

We can't do it without you! Thank you to all members, volunteers, donors and AT friends!

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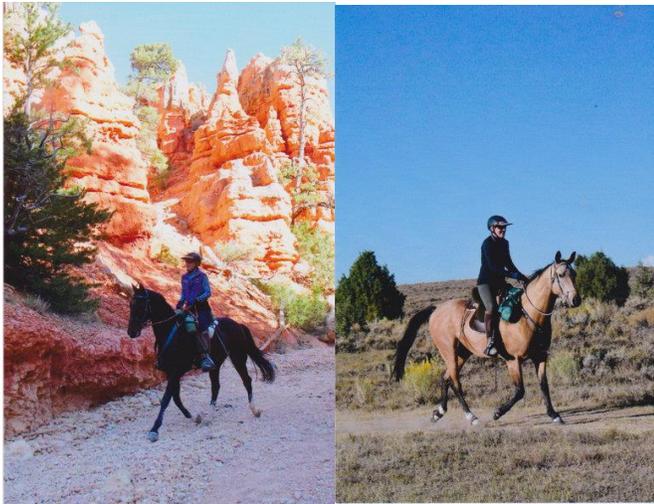
Farm and Competition Reports

Magic Valley Ranch, Jas Shearer-McMahon, CO

**Competition Results for MV Patrickhan, 2001 gelding –
Astrachan x Minorka II
Merdan, 2012 gelding – Metman x Aishet**

MV Patrickhan: Buffalo Creek Hightail, 50 miles, 7th place
Grand Canyon I Pioneer XP, 55 miles, 10th place
Grand Canyon I Pioneer XP 25 miles, 5th place
Grand Canyon II Pioneer XP, 50 miles, 14th place
Outlaw and the Virgin Pioneer 1 XP, 55 miles, 7th place
Outlaw and the Virgin Pioneer I XP, 50 miles, 23rd place
Outlaw and the Virgin Pioneer II XP, 55 miles, 9th place
Total Miles: 315 endurance miles, 25 LD miles

Merdan: Grand Canyon Pioneer I XP 25 miles, 11th place
Outlaw and the Virgin Pioneer II, XP 30 miles, 2nd place
Total Miles: 55 LD miles



MV Patrickhan

Merdan

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ATAA Logowear at The Painting Pony

Over the years, the ATAA has tried a few different versions of Teke Logowear. We did up a bunch of sweatshirts (and there were supposed to be ball caps too) which sold ok, but not great. Also, our poor 'Logowear Chair' Tish Saare ended up with boxes of items she had to ship out.

So, we hemmed and hawed and tried to figure out a way to offer ATAA Logowear to members without us having to:

- Do the design work
- Find the best prices
- Keep items in stock
- Ship them out and take care of any returns.

After a lot of looking at different websites, online stores and talking to people, we came up with a simple solution: Let someone who ALREADY has an online store do the work!

The ATAA now has a line of Logowear at the online store "The Painting Pony"! run by one of our own Teke people, Jessica Drake.

The Painting Pony offers all sorts of equestrian (and other) themed items, from clothing to household items and a line of ATAA Logowear designed just for us!

Another great benefit of this store is that the ATAA receives a percentage of every sale made where the customer enters the ATAA coupon code, 'ATAA' at checkout! We have already received several checks for our portion.

So, when you are thinking about doing a little bit of shopping or when you just have to have some ATAA logo stuff, please check it out!

One of the AT themed items for sale at [The Painting Pony](http://ThePaintingPony.com)





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Incentive Awards Program 2019 - \$5000 to share! EVEN MORE MONEY IN 2019

The incentive program will only be available for people competing in recognized events (we have been discussing this and look forward to comments from our members regarding schooling and or open shows) If you have comments, please send them to Catrina, email address below.

To participate:

- 1) Must be a member in good standing with the ATAA by March 31st of that year.
- 2) Horse competing must be registered (not pending) with the ATAA either as a pure or part bred.
- 3) Send in 2 or more pictures from the event (must be 375kb or bigger) (if you placed please send a picture with your ribbon and/or prize)
- 4) Sign a release that the ATAA may post photos and results to our website and use photos in promotions for the ATAA
- 5) Email the link to the results page for the event
- 6) ***Just sending photos in for the newsletter and/or website is NOT enough (but we appreciate it)***

At the end of the year the ATAA will send you a check, so the more you compete the larger your share of the "jackpot" will be. The amount you receive will be divided out of the set amount in the awards fund and therefore will depend on how many people participate in the Incentive Program. The Incentive Program does not depend on you placing or earning points, it is completely about competing in recognized events in all disciplines and sending in the above listed information to the association.

**Contact Catrina Quantrell for more information and send your results to her at:
godscavalry@gmail.com**

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For each renewal that is made between December 1 and December 31st, 2018 for 2019, you will receive a **FREE Electronic Friends Membership** to give to the person of your choice!

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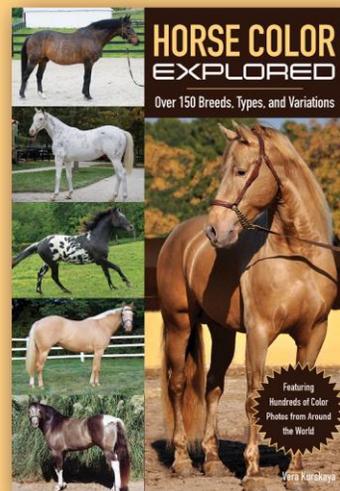
Mele-Chus, 2015 colt
out of Manlayli

Menze Khan, 2016
colt out of Asalari



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Would be in a large air-conditioned building with all the other vendors. We picked out a really nice spot near the waterfall.

We started working on volunteers, thanks to Gretta Teets for setting up the online sign-up sheet, housing was handled by Betsy Wandler. The largest different this time was that I was not going to drive out to N.C. with all the booth stuff, like I did in 2010. That took me 29 days and 6500 miles of driving.

I'm afraid that just wasn't in the cards this time. Not only is my husband starting a new business, but my business keeps me very busy as well. And, that is a LONG way to drive, even with my upgraded digs (if you are interested, a longer story is on my farm website at: <http://www.cgakhaltekes.org/?p=1703>).

So, between my lack of time and funds, the ATAA voted to pay for Betsy and my airfare, housing and a car as we were the main volunteers. Betsy found a camper that was to be set up at an onsite campsite, not only for me and her, but also for any other volunteers that needed a place to sleep.

I spent the next several months fundraising, with our generous donors giving over \$11,000 to make this a reality. A special shout out goes to the Equus Survival Trust, who took tax deductible donations for us. We really could not have done it without everyone. At the same time, I was trying to figure out what our booth would look like. 2010's worked quite well, but I had all the parts with me in my trailer. That wouldn't be an option this time, as only so much can fit in a suitcase. So, Sabine Desper agreed to be 'box central' as I shipped boxes of brochures (from 2010), banners, costumes, jewelry, IKEA furniture and more for the booth.



While this was going on, we had been trying to get an Akhal-Teke ridden demo at the WEG also. On August 11th, 2018 (yes, ONE MONTH from the opening day of the WEG), we were offered a spot for a ridden demo of Akhal-Teke horses. Our fantastic community got together to make it happen. 3 separate owners with 6 horses made the financial commitment (and it was hefty, let me tell you, just vet stuff alone was a monster) to bring their horses to the WEG and

do a ridden demonstration in Ring 1 on September 12th at 5 pm. A huge thanks to Sabine Desper/Phil Case with Kurizma, Adamek and Kiergen, Katrina and Giles Ardiel with Gerald and Hendrick and Olwen Busch with Gulkana.

On September 5th, we heard that Backyard Green Films was coming to WEG specifically to film our demo. WOW!

Fast forward to September 9th, Sunday, when I flew on a red eye (not recommended btw) and arrived in North Carolina (or S. Carolina?) early in the morning.

While I tried to sort out my pass and passes for our volunteers, I got an inkling of what this week would be like...not terribly organized. Volunteer Jacque Munn met me there and we headed down to our booth, where Billy Pope had delivered most of the boxes I had sent to Sabine in Virginia.

By then, the camper had been delivered and set up on site. I couldn't figure out how to charge my phone (sleep deprived), so I only caught snatches of the message about where it was. I caught, "white with burgundy stripes, key inside the door". OK. So, Jacque and I drove up to the quite nice RV park onsite and looked for an unoccupied white and burgundy camper. Found it and wandered around inside looking for the key (might be in front of an interior door, right?). I marveled at the fabulous accommodations that Betsy had found for us. Still couldn't find the key...so I'm looking for paperwork and find..clothes in the closet. Hmmm, that seemed a bit strange.

I was able to charge my phone a bit and called the guy who had dropped the camper off. We were in the wrong camper at the wrong campsite. So, with directions in hand, we quietly snuck out of that really fab camper and drove back to the empty gravel parking lot with trailers parked here and there. We found the white with burgundy striped one and when I opened the door, there was the key. This camper was more like what I had expected. Clean, but very definitely worn and a bit tattered. The front stabilizers were broken, so walking into the bathroom was a rollicking experience. Also, it was to sleep 7, but they would be a VERY cozy 7. Not a problem, it was there, it was close, it was paid for. Jacque headed home. Morlin Jochimsen had flown in from Germany to help us and ride one of the demo horses for Shenandoah Farms. She and I worked on the booth Sunday night and then got to know each other a bit.

Our demo horses were in route Sunday afternoon and were supposed to vet in Monday at 1 pm. Sunday, we were told that on site stabling might not be available if the hurricane touched down, as it would be needed for quarantined horses that were currently stabled in tents. Demo riders/owners decided to come anyway, as the demo was still on. I networked and found local stabling for the 4 stallions that were only hours outside the venue at this time. The locals were FABULOUS! We ended up taking the boys to a local farm, where the owner had just signed the paperwork the week before on it. She apologized up and down, but it was lovely. Several separate barns, big turnouts, GORGEOUS views. There was no bedding, so I ordered a pallet of shavings, as we had no idea how long they would be there.

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Kurizma looking out his temp housing at a local farm, the locals were FANTASTIC in every way.

When we first paid for our booth, we were told we would be inside a huge arena type building, with air-conditioning, next to a water fall. Well, we ended up outside in a tent, along with all the other vendors. The rumor I heard was that an Arab Sheik had paid a million a day for the covered area we were all supposed to be in. No idea if it's true, but there were definitely some unhappy vendors. I was fine with it (except for lack of air conditioning), as I knew how to do a booth in a tent, not so much without any infrastructure.

Monday was a bear of a day. The venue continued to build while we were setting up and kept bringing in more gravel to fill in low spots. It was rather amazing how much they accomplished in just a few days.

Besides building the booth, we got news. As Hurricane Florence was still barreling down on us and there were definite fears of unsafe conditions, they cancelled all the week one demos. We had our 4 stallions at a local barn, another mare at a different location and one more horse to come. I think I can safely say, the people who had spent a month scrambling to get their horses qualified, spent a LOT of money on vets and drove up to 2 days to get there, were a bit disappointed. Both Sabine and Katrina confessed that they had sent 'A rather sternly worded email' to the organizers. The film crew had decided not to come already, as the airport they would fly out of was under a hurricane watch. Sabine, Olwen and Katrina figured they would spend the night and then head back the next day.

I did some major arm-twisting and horse trading and got them VIP tickets for Wednesday and Thursday. We also got stabling for the boys at Spy Coast Farms for the rest of their stay.



Three of the four 'boys' at Spy Coast Farms.

Things at the booth were starting to really come together. We had our basic set up figured out, had built all the Ikea bookcases, hung the lattices, figured out where to put stuff, etc. One of our biggest draws was the original sculpture, 'Nadi', by Monica Bretherton. It got a LOT of interest. By Wednesday afternoon we were ready! We started talking to people, handing out brochures and DVDs. We also took lots of photos of people with "Nadi".



Dean and Morlin say "We're open for business!"

Several other volunteers had shown up by now, including Jas Shearer-McMahon, Yorke McGillivray and Victoria Tollman. We did have several volunteers decide not to come because of the hurricane, but there were enough people that we all got time to eat and use the restrooms. I think we were passing the VIP armband around, so everyone could get in the air-conditioning for a bit and have a fancy lunch. I will admit, the entire week flew by, not only because of the hurricane, but also because it was jam-packed!



Some of the people posing with 'Nadi' and a closer view of the inside of the ATAA booth.

We ended up not having the planned ATAA General Membership Meeting on Wednesday night, as we were all just too dang fried. Jas and Yorke ended up getting earlier flights out (they had planned on leaving Sunday), but were worried the hurricane would strand them. They left on Friday. I don't recall now if the photoshoot for the boys was on Thursday or Friday...I think maybe Thursday, but not 100% sure. The boys were at Spy Coast Farms, which, by the way, is FABULOUS. The owners? of TIEC also owned (or knew the owner?) of Spy Coast and set our horses up in splendor for at least a day or so. Dean Miller had come all the way from Florida to take photos of our demo, which of

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course, didn't happen, so he took photos at Spy Coast instead. Here are a few of my favorites:



Friday, people started heading out, hoping to beat the weather, which was supposed to be really bad on Saturday night. In fact, we were instructed to batten down the hatches, put all delicate items up on pallets Saturday and that the entire venue would be closed on Sunday. Saturday night, Betsy and I headed off to our favorite Mexican restaurant. Sunday, she took me to the airport to fly home. She reported that there was quite a bit of water on the floor (squeegees were very popular, btw) but she got it set

All in all, it was quite the whirlwind. We did see quite a few T-shirts reading "Go with the Flo...rence. WEG 2018". Quite apt. While this WEG wasn't nearly as well put together as 2010s (and I thought THAT one was chaotic), they will end up with a gorgeous venue for upcoming events. We didn't get our demo, but we did hand out thousands of AT brochures, hundreds of DVDs and talked with many, many people. One thing both Betsy and I noticed was that almost no one had NOT heard of Akhal-Tekes, and many people had come specifically to see them at the demo. Even those that weren't quite sure just needed to be reminded about the viral video on social media "The most beautiful horse in the world". Then they knew what Tekes were. That is a huge increase in knowledge since 2010 and a big shift in how Tekes are viewed in general by the public. Our hard work is paying off!

The WEG 2018

By Betsy Wandler

Well, where to start? What an experience...

I was lucky enough to not have to deal with the extreme chaos of the first few days (which you will read about from Cathy).

I arrived into Charlotte, NC late Wed night the 12th of Sept. From what I heard, it was a "Wait a minute, who is picking up Betsy?", thanks to Dean Miller for making the hour and a half drive and back in the middle of the night after a long few days! It was a big blur, but as we were winding around on a red clay unimproved road I thought "Is Dean lost?" Then we went thru a 1-lane tunnel and came out in a huge red-clay parking lot about the size of 3 football fields...across the lot, past some "plywood cabins" and the camper was on the other side. At least the camper was on gravel.

True to the whole theme of the WEG, woke up the next morning and the entire lot had road base on it. How the heck did that get done in 6 hours?!?! It was a pleasant walk to the booth (thank goodness we got to stay at the sight, thanks to all the donors that helped make that happen!), and my 1st impression was "This will be an absolute gorgeous facility...when it is finished!"

Part of the day was spent catching up with all our fellow-Teke enthusiasts that were volunteering and had come down for the demonstration that did not happen. I was able to take a ride out to the gorgeous barn that had kindly stabled the demonstration horses (Spy Coast Farms) and see all the "boys" in person. I felt bad just hand walking Adamek around to graze while Sabine worked so hard cleaning out stalls! Afterwards spent the remainder of the day at the booth talking to spectators that were walking thru the vendor village. Which, as Cathy has probably already explained, ended up being outside tents instead of in an indoor air-conditioned building. It was hot, and a few of us managed to get into the VIP section above the main arena to watch some competition and snack on some appetizers (and enjoy the air conditioning!).



With the upcoming Hurricane Florence heading inland, Jas and Yorke ended up having to change their flights to leave Friday instead of Sunday in preparation for possible cancelled flights. I had a ticket to see the dressage competition that day, so I got in some good viewing time in the morning before it got too hot (most of the stands were uncovered) and before Jas and Yorke left.

Saturday began the preparation for The Hurricane. Spectator traffic was very light, as to be expected. "Closed shop" late afternoon...everything that was too big to move was stacked on pallets in the middle of the booth (fingers crossed tents didn't blow away!), everything else was packed and stacked in the car. Cathy and I, the "last ones standing", tried to get tickets to watch vaulting (it was indoors) but it was sold out. So instead we went out for a nice leisurely dinner and drink and got to spend a lot of time talking about Tekes!

The whole facility was shut down Sunday, so the day was spent hunkered down in the camper listening to the rain except for the mid-morning jaunt to take Cathy to the airport. Roads were empty, we were extremely lucky to only get rain (lots!) and a little wind. I was able to catch up on reading...haven't done that since before my kids were born!



The threatening skies before shutting down on Sunday.

View from the ATAA booth.

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Monday morning arrived too early and was quite hectic. As I drove up to the tent, I wasn't sure what I would find with the amount of rain we had got the prior day (approximately 6-8 inches). Everything was surprisingly okay. There was standing water, but with everything we had up on pallets we were okay. I squeegeed (is that a word?) and dried out the booth,



Ready for the hurricane!

moved everything off the pallets and reassembled everything. Vendor Village was opened at 11, but even with it being "community day" (free spectator day), traffic was light. I packed my lunch (both because the cost of food was ridiculous...\$18 for a small lunch) and it was just me to watch the booth. It was a long day and humid day.



Close up of 'Nadi' and one wall of the booth.

Tuesday was uneventful except for 2 things: 1) When I went to walk to the vendor village in morning there was a new road that had been put in overnight (typical WEG!) and 2) The Food Trucks had all been moved. That ended up causing a HUGE commotion among the vendors in our area because where they had been located before was on the far side of us (so spectators had to walk by our booths). Now that all the food was by the main arena, foot traffic dropped dramatically down our aisle. Some of the

vendors around us were (are?) suing the WEG...that is part of the reason.



Sunny, hot, humid morning, we are the first to open!

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday all very hot and humid. Gretta arrived Wednesday night, so wasn't on my own anymore and got to have a little time to actually walk around the vendor village and buy a few things. The frustrating thing was the one thing that I had planned on buying from the get-go was a WEG 2018 sticker to put on my new "fancy" coffee mug. Never did find one. Friday the traffic picked up some, so that was nice to have more visitors to talk horses with.

The weather forecasted to be cooler and cloudy for the weekend. I was very disappointed when they got that wrong. Saturday night after dinner Gretta convinced me to go to "The Silo" for her last night, which was the one bar at the facility that stayed open late. It did not disappoint. There were equestrians hanging out from all around the world, including (but not limited to) the Australians, the French, the Germans, the Swedish, the Brazilians, the Swiss, and (of course) the USA. I must say, it was very entertaining watching karaoke! I don't know if I will ever have the opportunity again to be in the same room with such a mix of so many genuinely happy people. The French won hands-down in the dancing department. Lots of laughter ensued.

Finally, the last day arrived! Gretta had to catch her flight out earlier in the day, but Jacque and Jennifer came to help with the last day and closing up shop. The WEG gave free tickets to vendors for the team showjumping finals, so with a few more volunteers manning the booth I was able to sneak away for a while to go watch some fantastic competition! As the afternoon unwound, it became very apparent that vendors were ready to throw in the hat and call it quits. Instead of continuing re-writing this part of the story, I will copy and paste my last WEG Facebook post:

"WEG 2018 has come to a close. More like a slam in the butt. Literally.

Another hot and humid day, of course. We had been told the previous two days that we could start packing up booths Sun evening...that we could bring in cars about 5:15. So 5:00 I hike up to the car that I had parked in Lot B this morning (have to come in to the vendors from that direction) and no shuttles were heading up there so had to hoof-it up the hill. Find the car, pull up to the big hill on the far side (there is already a line waiting) and get told that cars will not be allowed down until 6:30. Ho-hum. Leave the car in the line and get a ride down the hill. Do some more packing. At 6:15 see cars coming down so hike back up
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again (no one going up the hill). Fast forward, everything packed, Jacque has left, I get to the camper at 7:20pm. The door is wide open...latch must not have caught earlier in the day. It was not broken in to, nothing is missing. It's just hot. And humid. Go out to the car, shutting camper door behind me. S#*t. Door is locked. My purse (with the camper keys) is in the camper. Few choice words running thru my head. Okay, I will just go out to dinner and figure out what to do later. Oh, nope. Can't do that...even though I have the car keys, don't have much wallet (in my purse). Call the owner of the camper. He doesn't have extra keys, but says the other part-owner might, he'll call me back. Meanwhile a wonderful volunteer (there really were FANTASTIC volunteers throughout the entire WEG) drives by with a golf cart and I wave him down. He says: "If it was a car, I could get in!". But doesn't know how to get into a camper (lol!!). So, he drives me 1/2 mile away to the security office to track down a locksmith number. Meanwhile, the owner calls back. No extra keys, they are in a different state. BUT he tells me "if you are agile enough, or can find someone agile enough, there is a back compartment on the camper that if you can crawl into the back bunkbed, the whole bed frame and mattress can be pushed up to crawl thru the hole." Oh yes. The volunteer offered to do the "crawling", but he is kind of a big fellow (bigger than me, anyhow) so I sincerely thank him but instead recruit him to hold the flashlight as it is now dark. Well, it worked. And I am now peacefully sipping my margarita and eating my shrimp cocktail in the neighboring town, reflecting upon this.. interesting... adventure. Met some wonderful people, got to introduce many people to the Akhal-Teke breed, watched some amazing horses and riders, and somehow survived the heat and humidity (I am not ashamed to say that I am elated tomorrow I don't have to make that walk to the booth to bake). Bye, N. Carolina. Can't say I'll miss you #WEG2018: Going with the Flo...rence. (Lol, Florence was the easy part.)"

I will depart by emphasizing that Akhal-Teke are definitely on the radar in competitive circles. Out of the thousands of people that came by the booth, there was only 2 (yes, TWO) that had never heard of the breed before. I feel like that is a big step forward! No more "Aka-what?!"



Thank you so much to all those that have donated both time and finances to help make the WEG happen for ATAA, and to those that sent ads for stud and sale horses I hope you have received lots of bites!

Betsy Wandler
Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes
Billings, Montana



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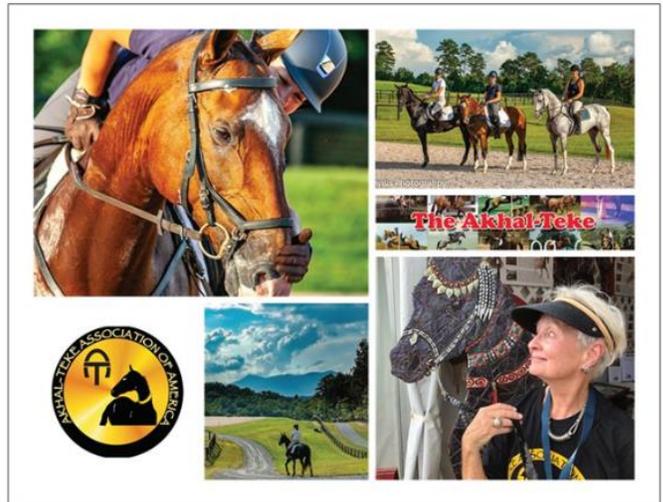
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The WEG Experience 2018.

By Katrina Ardiel

Well it seems we were only there for a very brief time compared to the total adventure that was WEG 2018, but it was certainly a long journey.

Most people already know the general outcome of the ATAA versus WEG. But I will try adding a small point of view to the big picture.

Although we knew far off that we might have the opportunity to have our horses on the world demo stage there is nothing like receiving the email telling you that it has come true! We received that email in mid-August; with a little over a month to prepare a plan, organize accommodation and travel for humans and horses, and to jump through all the necessary health and security protocol hoops.

After lots of phone calls emails, and emails, and more emails, practice rides with Gerald and Hendrick, imagining the horses beside you, we were ready, with very little time to spare!

We began the 16-hour 2-day journey south with great excitement and anticipation of meeting the all the dedicated people and horses you hear so much about!

An hour from our destination on day 3 of our adventure in the middle of the interstate we discover that we have nowhere to go with our two boys Gerald and Hendrick in tow and 30 plus degrees outside. What now?? We were left with very few answers, a lot of questions but most importantly nowhere to go!! However, our wonderful Team Teke jumped into action. Before we reached our destination, we had accommodation for the horses, bedding on the way and plans are already under way to turn this less than ideal situation into a great one.



The boy's temporary barn outside of WEG – the locals were wonderful!!

I mean we were there right? They had to let us into WEG at some point. Well that evening brought a whisper of Florence the storm to top all storms, and she was apparently heading right for us! That evening also brought the heartbreaking news that WEG had cancelled all demos for the first week. That means despite the preparations, the hoops, and the 16-hr. trip the boys would not get to set foot on the WEG grounds!

This was devastating news for all team Teke both those who attended WEG and those at home. But Team Teke banded together again despite the disappointment they put out an over the top booth allowing for the interaction with many Teke lovers old and new. Thanks to the kindness of Spy Coast Farm the four Teke stallions were put up in their own lovely barn with a view topped by none!!



Katrina riding Gerald (top) and Hendrick (bottom) at Spy Coast Farms.

The day before leaving South Carolina was the highlight of the trip! Four Teke's together in the same ring as close to the demo as we could have gotten. The most beautiful backdrop, the most perfect weather. Surrounded by Teke lovers and riding with beautiful Akhal Tekes!! To top the day off our special boy Gerald received Horse of the Year Award and the most lovely hand drawn likeness. Thank you so much to Betsy for coming up with the idea for the amazing artwork.

Turns out that I did not have to ride on the world demo stage to get the thrill of a lifetime. But the trip to South Carolina was full of ups and downs and is not a trip I am soon to forget!!

Thank you so much to all the people who donated their time, efforts, and monetary donations to make WEG 2018 happen. Despite its short comings, I am so grateful for the experience.



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