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2013 ATAA General Membership Conference

By Cathy Leddy

Minnesota

The 2013 General Membership Conference was October 4th, 5th and 6th in Minnesota. We started off with our second HorseFlicks filming at Spring Creek Farm in Forest Lake (see the article on the HorseFlicks filming below) and then went back to the hotel in

Otsego, MN. We had our Meet and Greet Friday night at the hotel and got to renew friendships and meet some new friends. We started the meeting around 9 am on Saturday morning and had some excellent suggestions and great discussions. Be sure to read the minutes of the meeting to see what *continued on page 3*

HorseFlicks Filming

By LaTisha Saare

The HorseFlicks Promo is well on its way...we have collected all of the funds, got great footage at all of the filmings, and submitted our best Akhal-Teke photographs. We have had excellent participation from Akhal-Teke owners and enthusiasts from across the U.S (and even Australia). Many of us donated funds to help pay for the cost of the promotion and many of us participated in the filmings. A big thank you to everyone that

donated time, money, and effort – we could not have done it without every single one of you!

The filmings went very well – we had excellent participation and were able to show Akhal-Tekes doing what they do best in several disciplines at three different locations across the U.S. The filmings took place at:

- The Washington Horse Park on August 10th, with 10 horses and riders participating.

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 ibold@rockisland.com or the Registration Secretary, Cathy Leddy at c.leddy@frontier.com for more info or to start registration proceedings.

- In Minnesota to start off the Annual Conference on October 4th,

- The Kentucky Horse Park on October 12th

There was a great turn out and participation at each of the filmings. Ten Akhal-Tekes and Akhal-Teke crosses *continued on page 4*

Promotions: The Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE)

By Betsy Wandler

On October 18 and 19th for the first time ever Akhal-Tekes were represented at the NILE. People come from far and wide (a 5 state region, and many come down from Canada) every year to see the animal exhibits, auctions, horse demonstrations, and rodeos. Billings, Montana is definitely a "western" town, and it is not uncommon for people to have only seen or ridden Quarter Horses/QH crosses/Arabians. The plan was for me to bring my young stallion "Salamdor" (Salam x MV Elfia), but at the last minute I was unable to do so. Luckily Kelsey Kempfert was able to bring her stallion "Tay Shael" (Karar x Aidja Shael) to Stallion Row to represent the breed. Sporting the



Akhal-Teke banner (loaned to us by Cathy Leddy), the HorseFlicks DVD, and ATAA brochures...the booth was a hit! Of course the star was Tay...he was a complete gentleman and comedian, and not to our surprise Tekes gained a lot more fans. This was a common conversation: "Wow! He is the most beautiful horse I have ever seen! Look at him move! I have never heard of this breed before, can you tell me more about them?" or "I have heard of the breed and never thought I would get to meet one in person, he exceeds all expectations I had!" The results? We ended up with

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several potential buyers and a few mares lined up to breed next season!

BOD Elections- We have 2 returning member on the BOD Catrina Quantrell and Betsy Wandler were both reelected for 3 year terms.

Membership Renewal-

Renew your membership before December 31st, 2013 and get a raffle ticket (2 tickets for family and Farm memberships) for an ATAA Logowear Sweatshirt.

ATAA 2012 Yearly Conference finances:

Income: \$2175

Expenses: Hotel-food and meeting rooms: \$2211.49.

Total for Conference: (36.49)

Terri Fender and Vicky Lacina donated food for lunch at the farm visit.

Awards Banquet: Betsy Wandler and Catrina Quantrell did a great job on ATAA Awards, with Discipline Awards in Endurance, Dressage, Eventing, Jumping and Open Shows. There were Achievement Awards in Junior, Publicity, Volunteer, Golden and Leadership categories. For a complete listing of awards recipients, go to page 3.

Registration: The \$40 fee has been renewed for another year. It is working well and we've issued 56 pure and partbred

registrations so far in 2013, along with 9 transfers of ownership.

Trademark Renewal: Our Logo trademark has been renewed and the World Mark (our actual name) will be renewed soon.

Finances: As of October 5th, ATAA finances are as follows: Income: 14,479.58, Expenses so far: 11,818.85. Transfers to savings: \$500. Money in checking as of 10/5/2013: \$383.67 Savings: \$6406.92 CD: 10,180.69 maturity on Feb 8, 2014. So far, overall in the black. This includes the HorseFlicks donations and filming. Total Assets of the ATAA as of 10/05/2013 = 16971.28

ATAA Logowear! Tish Saare

The ATAA will have sweatshirts and caps with an embroidered ATAA logo on them available for sale by early December. They will make great Christmas presents! Please keep an eye on the ATAA website for ordering, pricing, and product information. We hope that you will support the ATAA in style this Christmas!

Awards Betsy Wandler and Catrina Quantrell – Many lovely ATAA Awards given out during the recent Awards Banquet, but we still have



the Alphabet Org awards to go! Make sure your horse is eligible (re: registered) if you've been competing in the AERC or USEA. We'll be awarding beautiful coolers at the National Conferences.

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: 1/4 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.

ATAA Annual Conference, October 4th, 5th and 6th, 2013

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There was a fairly small group of people that came, although we did have Tom and Dawn Thompsen from Australia come, which was a treat. Everyone participated and there were some excellent suggestions.

Some of the big things we decided were: To have inspections of our horses, using our ATAA members and possibly some outside talent. We will need to figure out how to do this and have a committee to see what other breeds have done and figure out how to use it for us. The committee consists of Andrea Luschnath, Tiffany Deitchler, Cathy Leddy and Betsy Wandler .

We also discussed incentives to get more people registering their horses, especially foals in the year they are born. It was decided that each registration will get a raffle ticket for an ATAA Logowear sweatshirt.

Tish is working on getting ATAA logowear for sale by December. We voted on offering sweatshirts and baseball caps with the ATAA logo embroidered on them. Watch the website and your email for more information.

We had a break and then our awards banquet was that evening. Catrina Quantrell (who couldn't make it to the conference in the flesh) and Betsy Wandler did a great job

with the awards. They had some gorgeous plaques for Discipline Awards and the top achievement awards were coffee mugs with hand drawn pictures of the winner's horse.

Discipline Awards:

Long Distance: Jas Shearer-McMahon, Nicole Duarte and Shannon Mayfield

Dressage: Monica Bretherton

Eventing: Jenny Rice, Amrita Ibold, Susan Presson, Zoe Saccio and Marina Bienenstock.

Jumping: Catrina Quantrell

Open Shows: Shannon Mayfield

Achievement Awards:

Junior: Marina Bienenstock, Zoe Saccio

Publicity: Tish Saare, Jenny Rice, Jack Saare, Terri Fender, Cathy Leddy

Volunteer: Cathy Leddy, Betsy Wandler, Catrina Quantrell, Amrita Ibold, Jack Saare and Jas Shearer-McMahon

Golden: Jas Shearer-McMahon and Eloise King

Leadership: Cathy Leddy and Terri Fender

Then, I gave the Board a thank you gift from Terri and I. It was so wonderful working with such an enthusiastic, hard working group of people this past year. Terri and I decided on some beautiful photo frames for each BOD member. They were supposed to have a photo of

each Board member and their horse, but my printer has not been behaving. But, they were a perfect size for the hand drawn original pictures that were on our mugs.



*My mug and original drawing of Galen.
Betsy Wandler photo*

Amrita let us know who had won the Silent Auction items and we gathered up our spoils. The Silent Auction did very well this year, with some very generous donors. We ended up making right around \$1000. Lyn made up some lovely bidding sheets which we all bid on during the day. Several items were won by online bidders, so thank you to both Lyn and Amrita for an excellent outcome. We had voted earlier to use the Silent Auction proceeds for getting our Logowear shop started.

We all socialized some more and finally wrapped it up around 9 pm.

Sunday was our farm visit to Terri Fender's Shah'Zadeh Farm in Osakis. We did do quite a bit of driving during the 3 days we were there and got to see a lot of Minnesota. Unfortunately, the weather was not cooperating and we got rain, gloom and wind. Seemed a lot like home!

HorseFlicks continued from front page

(and their people) made an appearance at the Washington Horse Park. There was great weather (after a huge rain storm the night before!) and the horses were able to show what they could do in a variety of disciplines, including dressage, English, western, reining, trail, and obstacles. The horses did great and Jon May with HorseFlicks got some excellent footage and still shots.

Participants in Washington included: Shannon Mayfield and Asil Tumay in western tack and also in a gorgeous costume. Shannon and Octopelle in the Endurance and trail segment, Erin Heatherstone and Kuwwat in Endurance and costume, Sofie Wohllaib and Meshhurlyk in dressage and English.

Angela Davenport and Arzuw in English and Trail.

Jeremy Quantrell and Andymn in Western.

Dani Scott and Andymn in English and endurance.

Cathy Leddy and Astrachan in endurance. Monica Bretherton and Magdan in English and Endurance and a little Eventing. Catrina Quantrell and Mazaly in Eventing. Wendy Ford and Alpowa in Endurance.



9 of the 10 horses in Washington, Tom Wohllaib photo

We were able to show off seven horses at the filming in Minnesota. The weather was not super cooperative – it was gloomy and rainy all day, but Spring Creek Farm has a large indoor arena that allowed Jon to

get some great footage without anyone needing to be out in the weather. The horses looked great and showed off their skills in English, western, jumping, and some at liberty work. The filming was a great way to start off the conference!

Participants included: Staci Gust and Eramay in English. Jas Shearer -McMahon and Goblet in English. Staci Gust and Jack in English, Rebecca and Araghan in Western. Tiffany Deitchler and Ivan jumping, Brad Sherman and Thor at Liberty.



Jas Shearer-McMahon and Goblet, Cathy Leddy photo

The very next week we filmed at a Breeds Weekend at the Kentucky Horse Park. Eleven horses and their dedicated people attended the filming and performed in dressage, jumping, costume, western, and even search and rescue. The weather was great and Jon was thrilled at the footage he took. Participants included: Andrea Luschnath and Eramay in western. Eron Owens with Gidasp doing dressage (they also competed in a dressage show that was going on that weekend.) Eron Owens and Goklen in costume. Kevin Wallin and Grygy in western, Jessica Drake and Kazakistan jumping, Golden Winged Icarus and Jennifer Ramirez in English. Sabine Desper and Adamek in English and jumping

and she brought Karizma along for the exposure. Cindy Sither brought Marigold in costume and Garpun in his Search and Rescue gear. Cindy also spent time patrolling the Kentucky Horse Park with Garpun between shows. Jacque Munn and Gulkusi in English and costume.

I am sure that the folks attending the Horse Park enjoyed seeing Akhal-Tekes in action throughout the weekend!



Andrea Luschnath and Eramay and Kevin Wallin and Grygy at the KHP. Cathy Leddy photo

Cathy Leddy deserves a big thank you...she attended each filming in order to organize each event on the ground and make sure that things went off without a hitch. Thank you Cathy!!

In addition, several people that weren't able to attend the filmings submitted photographs of their Akhal-Tekes. We got some great photos and have submitted them for review and possible inclusion in the HorseFlicks film.

Jon estimates that he will have a rough draft of the film ready sometime in January, with a final to follow thereafter. This film will be used in the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC) Series titled 'Extinction is Forever' that highlights rare *continued on page 7*

BOD Meeting Minutes, October 4th, 2013 at the Riverwood Inn in Minnesota

Call to order at 6:10 pm

Roll call: BOD: Tish Saare, Amrita Ibold, Betsy Wandler, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Cathy Leddy, Terri Fender Absent: Catrina Quantrell. Also attending: Pat Johnston, Vickie Lacina

Reading of last year's minutes and approval:
Motion to approve, Amrita, Seconded by Tish

Old business:

Registered agent for Corporation in MO - WA registered agent-Brief explanation by Cathy, no longer necessary

Expo 'Case' – banners, brochures, etc: Tish has started a file and has a CD of fund raising idea, and this CD will soon have a slideshow of photos from the HorseFlicks shoot, will be available to anyone who asks. It was also suggested that we put as much of this on the ATAA website as possible for download and start a 'kid' page on website too.

New Business:

Agenda for General Membership Meeting

HorseFlicks report- Tish reported, will give complete details in General Membership Meeting.

Wording for use of Silent Auction fund – what it can be used for: **Motion to table, Cathy, Seconded by Amrita.**

How to get people to register foals in the year born.

Many good ideas, such as: Ticket for a raffle of some sort with each registration

Raffle ideas: Pencil drawing of their horse, foal a la ja, free registration.

How to get people to register their horses:

Ideas: Free Friends membership (PDF newsletter only) with registration for non members

How to get more members:

Idea to give us a story about your Teke for a free Friends Membership (PDF newsletter only)

Next Year's Conference (2014) will possibly be in CA, hosted by Jack and Tish Saare, more details to

follow.

Motion to adjourn, Tish, Seconded by Terri
Adjourned 7 pm

ATAA General Membership Meet, October 5th, 2013 at the Riverwood Inn, MN

Called to Order: 9:20 am, October 5th, 2013 by Terri Fender, president

Roll Call by Secretary: Vicky Lacina, Terri Fender, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Cathy Leddy, Betsy, Elizabeth, Tristan and Erin Wandler, Rod Hunt, Deanna Deitchler, Tiffany Deitchler, Tish and Jack Saare, Tom and Dawn Thompsen, Amrita Ibold and Pat Johnson. Andrea Luschnath arrived later.

Minutes of 2012 General Membership Meeting distributed and read by Cathy Leddy.

Motion: Amrita motions to approve 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes, Rod Hunt seconds. Approved

President's Report: Terri Fender. All is very positive, we just need to continue adding members

Treasurer's Report: Amrita Ibold. Amrita handed out up to date reports and gave Cathy the detailed report for inclusion into the Corporate Log Book.

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Secretary's Report: Cathy Leddy Items continue to get checked off: Trademark for ATAA logo was renewed, still need to renew Word Mark. Annual Report filed. All items go into Corporate Logbook for future reference. Members: as of October 5th, 2013: 59 total members; 7 Life time members, 26 Individual members, 11 Ranch members, 8 Friends members, 4 International members. Up from 38 members last year.

Registrar's Report: Amrita Ibold and Cathy Leddy, Registration is moving along, we have a good procedure now and are sending out registrations as soon as all necessary items are taken care of. So far in 2013 we've issued 56 pure and part bred registration certificates, along with 9 transfers of ownership. There are many more pending. All pending and finished registrations can be found on the ATAA website.

Website Report: Amrita Ibold Amrita asks for ideas – what do people want to see on the website?

Newsletter Report: Cathy Leddy 3 newsletters out so far this year, October one will probably slide to November to include Conference info and HorseFlicks info.

Awards Committee: Catrina Quantrell and Betsy Wandler. We are looking forward with the increase in membership and people competing to be giving out more coolers this year! For 2012 we handed out 5 coolers and would love to double that this year. As of right now we are only set up with AERC and USEA, we had been paying the very high rates to be part of the all breeds program with USDF, but at this time there are no horses to our knowledge that our competing, if this changes we will take another look at joining the USDF All-Breeds Award program.

Promotions Committee: Tish Saare. Our big promotion for 2013 has been the HorseFlicks video filming. It is going very well, with 2 of 3 film shoots done at this time. We got donations for most of the expense and several people went above and beyond. There were quite a few Expos done this year with at least some ATAA help – either monetary or use of banners. Remember, the ATAA can put in \$150 towards a member going to an expo, IF the request gets to us at least a month

before the event. Expos we know of that Akhal-Tekes were at: Sacramento Horse Expo, Minnesota Horse Expo, Heirloom Expo, CA, Minnesota State Fair and Montana Horse Expo. Also, Tish will work on Logowear for this next year, both as raffle items (renew your membership early) and for sale.

Nomination and Elections Committee: Jas Shearer-McMahon Betsy and Catrina were the only ones that were nominated for the 2 open BOD positions and were both elected for 3 more years until 2017. We had 24 people that could not make the Conference send in ballots (biggest mail vote ever!) . There was one Bylaw change on the ballot, as follows:

Article IV: Management 4.5E

Bylaws Change: We need to reword this bylaw again. We found that no professional bookkeeper or accountant will do a 'review', only the full audit which runs around \$2500 each time. As our financial records are all on the ATAA website, we propose the following change:

Article IV: Management 4.5E

As it reads now:
A review of the ATAA financial records shall be performed by a professional bookkeeper or accountant, not otherwise affiliated with the ATAA at the end of every year.

Proposed wording: ATAA finances will be published on the ATAA website at least quarterly and a full report will be available for any member to view at the yearly Conference.

Passed

Silent Auction: Lyn Busacca and Amrita Ibold We had a bunch of very nice items donated and most of them sold. We made around \$1000. The online bidding works very well, allowing people not at the Conference to bid and buy items. Thank you to all donors and bidders!

Old Business

Registered Agent in MO – working well, just need to pay our \$50 a year.

VNIUK Registration for all ATAA Horses – There are still problems with communications with VNIUK. Questions: Is there a list of VNIUK registered horses? We need a starting point to register horses. Suggestion: Put in newsletter something about 'Is your horse VNIUK registered? And, Should it be

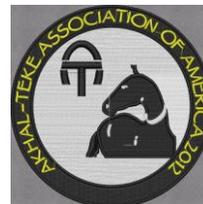
compulsory? Possibly ask Nadezhda Abramova about the problem.

Motion- Jas Motions to extend ATAA registration fee of \$40 for one more year. Put benefits of registration on the ATAA website and have a committee to do outreach. Tiffany seconds - approved.

Grading Tour- There was a lively discussion about grading our horses. We discussed if we should bring over another Russian grader, if we should start finding and training our own people to grade horses, how to do this.

The consensus was: For American Gradings we will start small – no more Russians, hire someone (or more than one person knowledgeable about grading in general, could be from another breed. Shagyas were mentioned.)
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ATAA LOGOWEAR



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Discussion of American horses vs Turkmen horses. A committee was set up to start this process and includes: Andrea Luschnath, Tiffany Dietchler, Betsy Wandler and Cathy Leddy. The committee will come up with guidelines and suggestions that will be published on the website and in the newsletter.

Motion – Terri motions to use existing scholarship fund (\$500) as the start of a ‘grading tour’ fund. Cathy seconds, approved.

Lunch

Reconvened at 1:45 pm

HorseFlicks – Tish and Cathy – Tish gave a rundown of how the HorseFlicks effort is going. Excellent donations with a few people going above and beyond to make it happen. During the first 2 shoots, we’ve had 17 horses participate with another 11 expected at the Kentucky Horse Park filming taking place the coming weekend. That will be 27 horses (one horse and rider went to both the Minnesota AND the Kentucky Horse Park filming) from all over the country (and their owners, riders and trainers) that came to be part of the HorseFlicks video. Jon thinks we should have a rough draft of the program by sometime in January, we will keep you updated. People that could not come to any of the filmings were invited to send in professional quality photos and film. Tish will send those on to Jon for

possible inclusion.

Regional Shows –Cathy and Jas distributed a rough proposal for regional shows. Discussion ensued and several good ideas were brought up, such as: have Teke classes in already established shows, instead of trying to put on Teke only shows at this time – need to find out where good places may be and go to show committees to see about including AT classes. Research is needed, input is welcome!

SANA Show in 2015 – several of our members were approached by the Equus Survival Trust about having Akhal-Teke breed classes in the planned 2015 Rare Breeds Show to take place at the Kentucky Horse Park. Much enthusiasm, the BOD will contact them and say yes.

Do anything with the ATAA CD maturing in 2004- A strategic plan was suggested by Pat Johnston to figure out where we’re been and where we should go. Pat offered to work with the BOD on forming a Strategic Plan for the ATAA. Ideas on the money: invest it in mutual funds – makes a better rate and is available if necessary. Amrita will get info on doing that when CD comes due. Other ideas: print new studbook.

Young Rider’s Packet- We need someone to come up with a Young Rider’s packet

that can be sent out to 4-H groups, Pony Clubs etc. At this point, the Breeder’s Co-op brochure is being sent to them, but it would be great to have a coloring page, maybe a poster or post cards. These could also go on the website for download. No takers.

How to get people to register foals the year they are born:

Negative doesn’t work, that has been tried. Ideas for incentives;

Motion- Betsy motions that everyone that registers a foal before December 31st of the year it is born will get a raffle ticket for an ATAA logowear Sweatshirt. Jas seconds. Approved.

Motion – Erin motions that we give a free Friends membership to non-members (PDF newsletter only) when they register their horses. Amrita seconds. Approved.

Registrations: Rod suggests we have an online database, have the studbook online. The form our database is in right now does not lend itself to being online for all members.

Amrita suggests a sale page on website for registered horses. Cathy can get a PDF of horses that are ATAA registered that can be put online. Not perfect, but at least information will be there.

Logowear – Would be nice to have it for Christmas, we voted on Sweatshirts and Caps with the ATAA logo as our first venture.

Motion- Betsy motions to use money from the Silent Auction to start up a Logowear Fund. Amrita seconds. Approved

Next year’s Conference will most likely be in CA hosted by Jack and Tish Saare, dates and location TBA

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

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threatened, and endangered breeds, produced by HorseFlicks TV. We will be sure to keep everyone posted on the status of the video and when it can be seen on TV. This will be a great promotion for the Akhal- Teke breed and is a great opportunity for the general public to get a glimpse at why we love these horses so much. Thank you again to everyone that participated and donated to make this happen!

Farm and Competition Reports



Tazym and Maia VanDyke June 2013

Kopet-Dag Akhal-Teke LLC News

The three governors of Kopet-Dag Akhal-Teke LLC, Tiffany Deitchler, Deana Deitchler and Rod Hunt were fortunate to be able to attend the ATAA convention at the Riverwood Inn in Otsego, MN during the weekend of October 4-6, 2013. Rider/trainer Tiffany represented us on Ivan during the HorseFlicks filming at the Forest Lake arena. We were Sunday visitors along with others ATAA members to President Terri Fender's Shahzadeh Akhal-Teke LLC farm near Osakis, MN on Sunday.

To our great pleasure, Amrita Ibold of Sweetwater Farm Akhal-Teke LLC of Friday Harbor, WA traveled with us that afternoon to the home of governor Deana Deitchler's home. After lunch, Amrita rode our gelding, Ivan, along with Tiffany and Deana, on a trail ride through the beautiful fall colors of Smokey Hills State Park which adjoins Kopet-Dag's pine forest land where our new facilities are being built.

That evening Amrita was our guest at Vacationaire, a resort restaurant on Island Lake near Park Rapids, MN and

the subject of Kopet-Dag's purchasing of two fillies and a gelding from Amrita was first brought under discussion. Tiffany and Deana had visited Sweet Water Farm in March of 2013 and had the opportunity to ride with her and to take notice and admire all of Amrita's beautiful horses. We learned which ones might become available and we reviewed the bloodline of several as well as enjoying the many of her pictures.

Amrita stayed with the Deitchlers that night and over breakfast the next morning, Monday 7 October 2013 the subject of discussion was all about what we wanted and what Amrita could bear to sell. Rod made an offer to buy filly Hallygul, filly Annagul and gelding True Turk and the agreement was made for our acquisition of the three when the young filly Annagul is weaned and fit for travel to Minnesota in the spring of 2014. We are extremely happy that we could work with such a consummate professional as Amrita to build our herd and further enrich the Akhal-Teke stock in the United States. The addition of these three registered purebreds to our gelding Ivan, our filly Gella and the leased



Hallygul and friend

mare, Gabrielle greatly enhances our opportunity to begin again after our tragic loss of Magda and Faith in the horrific lightning strike at our Sexton barns in 2011. Gabrielle will continue on the present lease until live cover can be made certain.

The following morning we drove Amrita to Hector Field, the Fargo, ND airport where she was able to get her flight to Minneapolis and then continue on her way to visit with Phil Case AT Shenandoah Akhal-Teke and ride to the foxes before returning to Sweetwater Farm later in the week.

Early in January 2014 Tiffany will be

traveling to Ireland to stay in Kinsale, Co. Cork where Rod has been spending his winters and track betting money for the past 28 years. While Tiffany is there, Rod has arranged with his friend, the trainer for the Irish Olympic team, Agha Kahn boss and Grand Prix trainer Robert Splaine to give her jump lessons for an extended period of time. She is, as they say in Ireland, "over the moon" for this rare opportunity.

It has been a wondrous year and our hopes for its continuance into 2014 are optimistic.



Aeolus and Scott Sears competing in a Hunter Pace in the Northeast.



Scott and his son at the Hunter Pace in their Batman and Robin costumes

Tekes mentioned in USDF Connection

from Nancy Elzer-Blasgen: I'm not sure if any of you get the monthly USDF Connection magazine, but I wanted to let you know that Akhal-Teke's were mentioned in the September 2013 issue on page 4 of the "Inside USDF" article by Kenneth Levy (USDF Region 2 Director). The article talked about the diverse number of breeds competing in Dressage and winning!! I'm not sure if you have to get permission to post the article on the web site, but it was great to see Akhal-Teke's mentioned

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in the article!!

From the USDF Connection article "Fast-forward to today: A large number of non-warmbloods competed at the last dressage show I attended, with many winning big classes. Breeds such as Akhal-Tekes, Connemaras, draft crosses, Friesians, Quarter Horses, Welsh Cobs and others are becoming common sights at dressage shows. They are being shown successfully by professionals, adult amateurs, and junior/young riders alike."

Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes, WA Cathy Leddy

We had a busy last half of the summer. We went to a few schooling shows to get the horses ready for the HorseFlicks filming on August 10th. Magdan and Andy both did very well



Andymn and Keiko Young at a schooling show. Cathy Leddy photo

at their shows. We took 4 Tekes to the August 10th HorseFlicks filming at the Washington State Horse Park, along with several extra riders. We had Angela Davenport on Arzuw, Jeremy Quantrell and Dani Scott on Andymn, Monica Bretherton on Magdan and I brought Astrachan out of retirement for a cameo appearance. It was really neat that of the 10 horses that came to this filming, 5 were Astrachan offspring!



Tom Wohllaib photo

Then, a week or so later, we headed to the Northwest Equestrian Center, where we met up with Catrina Quantrell and Amrita Ibold with several of her students. They rode and I took video and photos, which

were sent off for possible inclusion into the HorseFlicks video.



Amrita and Paktaly Cathy Leddy photo

We only had one foal this year, a colt by Salam out of Aishet. Sabyr is big and bold and for sale. We have two mares bred for next year and we're hoping we finally get a filly or two!

Magic Valley Ranch, CO

Jas Shearer-McMahon

Another Endurance season has ended and here are our results for the 2013 season:

Shamrock Rides, Day 1 & 2 110 miles: 14th place day 1, 12th place day 2

Happy Jack, Day 1 50 miles 6th place

I Know You Rider, Day 1&2 100 miles 4th place day 1, 5th place day 2

Moab Ride, Day 1 & 2 105 miles 14th place day 1, 10th place day 2



Jas and Patrick on Day 2 of Moab, Vicky Grabe photo

We were not able to make it to as many rides as originally planned, but the ones we did get to, "Patrick" did his usual efficient and competitive rides. I was the weak link; once again, having issues with first a knee and then a back "twang" which prevented competing on the third days of

IKYR & Moab. At the IKYR ride in August, "Patrick" passed his 2000 mile mark in AERC rides and in October he received his medallion and certificate for that accomplishment. We hope to achieve the decade team and the 10,000 miles award before our endurance career is over!

Our final ride in the Mountain region was the Moab Ride, October 22-24, and this is one of our favorite rides to attend. There have been rumors floating around that 2013 was to be the last one. The ride manager has put this ride on for 7 years and she is wanting to move on to the next chapter in her life. Because of this, the turnout this year was quite good, over 40 riders in both distances and the weather was the best that I have experienced there. No snow, no wind and mostly clear and sunny skies! The one downside to that was that the afternoons got quite warm and poor "Patrick" with his early to arrive winter coat, had to pant to help dissipate all that heat. All other veterinary parameters were good, so we didn't get too concerned. Normally, I would wet him down at the water stops, but all of the water is hauled in for this ride, so ride management requested that we not use any of that hauled water on our horses except for the tanks at the finish/basecamp. I did use any extra water in my water bottles to wet his neck down in the heat of the day so we were able to maintain our normal pace. This ride has everything, slick rock, deep sand, gorgeous scenery and this year even a little grass to munch. The drive over is one of the longest that I do, about 8 hours, but it is also one of the prettiest, up and over the mountain passes on I-70 and through the high plateaus of western Colorado where they were still putting up hay due to those heavy rains in September.

"Patrick" now gets a well-deserved rest for a few more weeks and

then we plan to resume our dressage lessons at Phantom Hill Farm where we have been asked to participate in her annual Christmas Program on Dec 27th. That means we had better get a lot of practicing in over the next month!

Happy Trails,

Jas

Sweet Water Farm, WA

Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Teke is heading into winter with some exciting prospects going under saddle and event horses progressing in training for the 2014 show season. We are particularly excited about our 2005 purebred gelding, Paktaly, who has been competing successfully at Training level eventing and will be ready to advance to Preliminary level, as well as our other 2005 purebred gelding, Kegas, who has been competing at Beginner Novice and Novice level eventing and will be ready to advance to Training level. Although the 2013 show season has come to a close here in the Pacific Northwest, the weather has been incredibly cooperative and there has been many opportunities for advanced schooling both at the farm and beyond. Paktaly (ridden by



Amrita Ibold) and Kegas (ridden by Jenny Rice), recently attended an



event clinic at Tulip Springs Farm in Kennewick, WA, with Olympic rider Eric Smiley of Ireland, schooling Training and Preliminary level cross-country jumping. Horses going into training this winter are 2010 purebred gelding, The Desert Prophet, 2008 purebred mare, Ahli Rhatan, and 2004 purebred mare, Shirin Giz. And aside from training and riding... we are pleased report the recent sales of four horses: Paelka (2004 purebred gelding), Hallygul (2012 purebred filly), True Turk (2011 purebred gelding), and Annagul (2013 purebred filly). And we are very excited to announce that our 2003 purebred mare, Pipi (Mazan x Guldesse), is confirmed in-foal via A.I. to the purebred stallion, Arim, bred by Tito Pontecorvo and managed by Francine Anderson of Absolute Akhal-Tekes in Florida. There's also been a flourish of development activity at our new equestrian property with roads going in and land being cleared for building... and sheds and tack rooms and fencing going up literally as I type this report! To follow along with all the *haps* at Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Teke, be sure to check out our Facebook page, blogs, and website!! You can find all the links at www.akhalteke.cc

Recent Donations to the Kentucky Horse Park

Anne-Marie Rasch donated the stunning stallion Magnatli to the Kentucky Horse Park.

Cathy Leddy donated a Turkmen wedding headdress to the Horse Park, which will be used in their Parade of Breeds.

They are very excited for next year's Breed presentations !

National Akhal-Teke Show!

NEWSFLASH!! The ATAA is partnering with the Equus Survival Trust to bring everyone the 2015 Festival of Rare Breeds on May 25th-28th, 2015 at the Kentucky Horse Park. This is for ALL Tekes and Teke crosses, registered or not, ATAA member or not. There will be many other rare breeds there. We'd like to get a very informal idea of who would come and what sorts of classes you'd be interested in.

At this time, we have been offered a full day of Teke only classes, along with the All-breed classes (for all the Rare Breeds that are there) including jumping, dressage and costume. There will also be clinics to attend with national judges for all the breeds.

There will be top judges for the All-Breed portion (details to come later). We will provide our own judge(s) for the Teke portion, so please give us ideas of who you might like to see invited.

It is possible we can offer grading and/or grading clinics specifically for ATs too. Please let us know your interests so we can proceed.

Contact one of your Board members!

ATAA Christmas Gifts!

For that special Teke loving someone in your life – give them an ATAA Friends membership! \$25 by check and \$27 on the ATAA website via PayPal. They will get all the newsletters, mailings and emails. Buy before December 31st and they get a raffle ticket for an ATAA Logowear Sweatshirt too! www.akhal-teke.org

Classified Ads

Horses For Sale

Andymn: 15.3hh Akhal-Teke Sport-horse gelding, 1997. Super sweet, good ground manners, w/t/c, in regular work regimen. Started jumping. Pleasant to ride, responsive to aids and very light. Trailers. Sound. \$2500 obo.

c.leddy@frontier.com or 425-485-4970

Midnight Sky 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

For Sale: Miril, 5 year old purebred bay 15.2 gelding 90 days under saddle training. Galadrielle, 9 mo. old purebred buckskin filly already 13.3hh. Also, 3 Arab/Paint/AT cross fillies (2

Horses For Sale

coming two-year-olds; 1 ten mo. old) and one very flashy frame overo pinto Arab/Paint/AT cross 9 mo. old colt. All Ak Sakal line. Details & photos at: www.oasisakhal-tekcs.com email: jacquemunn@aol.com

Other for Sale

"Endurance 101: a gentle guide to the sport of long-distance riding" by Aarene Storms, photos by Monica Bretherton - fully-featured but entertaining - e-book and full-color print edition available at www.endurance-101.com

Stallions at Stud

Arim is standing at ABSOLUTE AKHAL TEKE and is available for cooled, frozen or live cover. Arim is offered for \$1100.00 to the first mare booked. For more info: Favjockey@aol.com or (813)469-1089 cell

Aliger – Amelit 12 x Gumsara, 1995 Perlino stallion, will stand Live Cover to a limited number of mares in 2013. Located in Colorado, contact Kris Ahlberg DVM at 303.929.6677

AWARDS

Make sure you and your horses are eligible for awards this year! Check out the ATAA website under awards <http://www.akhal-teke.org/awards-programs.html> to be presented at the Yearly Conference In September and USEA and AERC awards to be presented at their yearly conferences.

Silver Hill Akhal Tekes



For sale (or trade): SH Karanlik Sovalye ("Batman") AAKT380 dark buckskin colt Salamdor (Salam x MV Elfia) X Amerka (Aliger x Krosna) Fakirpelvan line dob 4/9/2013

See Website for updates and details!
406-846-8431 betsysee@gmail.com
www.silverhill-tekcs.com





Pleasant Grove Akhal-Tekes

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

Gallo (photo right) is a metallic bay stallion from the Skak line.

Arin (photo below) is a shiny cremello stallion from the Gelishikli line.



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