

BOOTS AND SADDLES



56th Annual HORSECAPADES Nov 7 & 8!



**FROM
THE
DIRECTOR'S
CHAIR**



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As we approach the Annual Show, I want to encourage just a little extra effort by each rider selling tickets to this year's HORSECAPADES! I am sure that I sound like the oldest of broken records. However...

Have you seen the outstanding performances by our Red Division teams and specialties? They have wowed audiences this year where ever they have performed. Our **Chariots** stole the "Evening with Dancing Horses" at Stock Show in January. **Red Team, Cavalry and Indians** did the best show yet in Sheridan Wyoming to the praise of a limited audience. Our **Freedom Riders and Roman Riders** in that show literally knocked the socks off the crowd. **Precisionettes** were outstanding at the Rodeo at the Ranch and at the Polo for the Cure and even won an award to be presented at the Governor's Mansion later this month for their work at the Easter Seal Camp. We also had a great deal of

success in Granby and Trinidad with Red Team this year.

Crimson Rangers, Royal Rangers and Nighthorse Rangers did a truly spectacular job on the National Day of the Cowboy at our very own Western Heritage Show. The crowds were the biggest yet. These are special reasons for people to want to buy tickets and see our show or send some disadvantaged people to be truly entertained. But, in this economy, several things have happened which make our annual show even more important.

First, the cost of fuel did not fall as we had hoped and, therefore, the farmer's costs for producing hay did not fall either. We feed more than 800 tons of hay each year and this past year, even though we held rental fees down, the costs for our horses did not go down. Basically, this means that we had to take money generally used for operations and capital improvements in use it to keep the horses healthy and fed.

Second, the cost of fuel has made some of our travel less frequent and less far away, meaning simply that we need to show as many people as we can the skills that we have worked so hard to develop this year. I know, for example, that a drill team from Nebraska is coming to see our show. Years ago, they helped get us some shows in Nebraska and, just maybe, they could do so again. We also hope to have others interested in our performances for their shows coming up next year.

All sounds pretty dry, doesn't it? In any event, that is the way that our program continues to prosper . . . shows and making the program available to all of the Jefferson County youth that we can. Your Board of



Directors and I all try to keep the cost of our program low, and that takes a great Annual Show. Let's all work together to keep the growth of Westernaires a constant.

The next thing I want to discuss with you is our caretaker, Thom Nicely. Five weeks ago at this writing, Thom was severely injured when some of our 800 pound bales of hay fell on him as he was feeding the horses. I am happy to say that yesterday, they took off his cast and he is walking around, with the aid of a walker, and slowly moving toward the day when he can return to work. I want to thank all of the riders and families who expressed their support for Thom and their concern. I am certain that Thom appreciates it as well.

There is a lesson to be learned from Thom's accident, however. No matter how hard we try, it seems nearly impossible to

convince young Westernaires, and even younger siblings, that playing around at Westernaires is both dangerous and unacceptable. Please, stay at Westernaires for the things we are here for, and avoid the climbing on the hay, the buildings, the hill sides etc. With winter coming, I should point out that snowball fights are not permitted either. There is just too much chance for injury at Westernaires without adding to the danger with unauthorized activity. Thanks for understanding.

Finally, I want to tell those of you who missed it, that the 60th Anniversary Party was truly special. I am sure that the word is out that it was a great time. The committee, which consisted of Jean Mensendick,

Chair, Chris and Paul Gortzig, John Pontious, Patty Helberg and Debbie Koop worked very hard to make the event special and they are to be congratulated. The new alumni board also made many contacts and renewed old friendships at our event. We had great music, wonderful food and lots of time to just relax together without horses for a change. The next time we have a party, I will bet a lot of you who missed it won't this time.

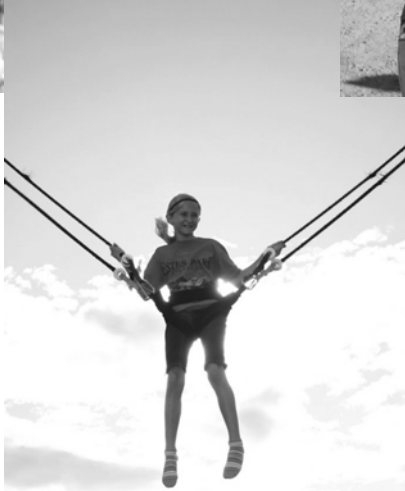
See you all at Annual Show. Don't forget the all Westernaire meeting on Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Event Center. We will announce the winner of the give-away horse and the saddle at that time as well as the ticket and ad sales trophy winners.

Glen E. Keller, Jr. Director

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION A HUGE SUCCESS!



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Congratulations to all of the participants in the 2009 White Olympics

AAA BASE TEAMS

1. SHADOW RIDERS
2. GLORY RIDERS
3. INDIAN BRAVES

AA BASE TEAMS

1. GAUCHOS
2. LANCERS
3. (TIE) SAGE AND VAQUEROS

A BASE TEAMS

1. WHITE KNIGHTS
2. COWBOYS
3. HOEDOWNERS

RIDING SPECIALTIES

1. WHITE HARNESS 1
2. WHITE LIBERTY 1
3. WHITE DRESSAGE 1

GROUND SPECIALTIES

1. WHITE BELLE STARR
2. WHITE BULL WHIPS
3. WHITE BATONS 1



UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

2009

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Comments?*

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***Ride with
Pride!***

November 5

Ticket Turn-In

November 7 - 8

Annual Show

November 8

All Westernaire Meeting 11:00 am

December 4

Parade of Lights

December 5

Parade of Lights

We're on the Web!

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