

Miniature Mouthpiece

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Next Meeting February 18, 2017

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

When: February 18, 2017

Where: The Chili Parlor

5640 S. Tacoma Way

Tacoma, WA 98409

253-472-6829

Time: 1:00 PM

Directions:

From the North: take the 56th St Exit; turn right on S. 56th St to South Tacoma Way, turn left, The Chili Parlor is on the right about midway on the block. Additional parking is available the Auto Zone.

From the South: Take the 56th St. exit, go over the freeway on 56th St. Stay on 56th St to South Tacoma Way, turn left, The Chili Parlor is midway on the block. Some parking available in front with additional parking at the Auto Zone.

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President's Message

A Note
from the
President

Hello Everyone,

It's just a few months before our 12th Miniature Horse Show and we are hard at work to make this show super fun for all of you. At our last meeting a comment was made that the costs of putting on a show was super surprising. That this member had no idea of how much a show actually cost. She was right, it isn't common knowledge and not a secret so let's go over some of what we are

looking at. These are generalized numbers and always there are pluses and minuses. So here is a breakdown. Ready?

1. Venue: Arenas on average cost: \$650 - \$700 per day	\$1950 - \$2100
2. Stalls: \$18 - \$25 each if unlocked. We are charged for 3 days because they are nice and don't charge us for Thursday but minimum of 50 stalls	\$2700 - \$3750
3. RV Parking: \$20 - \$25 per night for electric hookup. A count is taken every day. We average 20 hookups. This equals	\$1200 - \$1500
4. Judges: average \$300 per day. We usually have 2 judges	\$1800
5. Show Steward: Average is \$200 per day plus half day on Thursday	\$700
6. Airfare: for 3 officials	\$3000
7. Hotel: for 3 officials average is	\$1500
8. Show Manager: for year long duties on hiring officials, liason with registry, taking all entries and finances - Priceless!	
9. Other show staff: Announcer, Ring Steward, Gate Manager	\$1125
10. Ribbons: vary because you make par for each show. We take inventory and order for each show, Neck ribbons, Championship, etc.	\$100 - \$2000
11. Hospitality: pot luck dinner, doughnuts, anything that isn't donated or sponsored.	\$200.00
12. Insurance: for this event or any other activity, workshops, etc.	\$365 - \$400
Total	\$16430.00

We are looking for at least \$16,000 on average. The numbers will go up as this was an estimate of 50 stalls.. Last year we had 86 stalls. These are very large numbers. How much is your yearly membership? How much do you average in show fees?

Sometimes I don't sleep well at night. As a board member, I can speak for ALL board members in all clubs.. The worry of success is a heavy burden. You plan the party and pray for they come. The margin of staying afloat in today's dwindling memberships, increased cost of living in our economy keeping people from participating in the show. Remember when we had multiple trainers in the NW bringing show strings of 20 horses or more are gone. The idea of I don't have to do anything but have fun; Not help by bringing in sponsors, sponsoring a class yourself; Not volunteering time, because it always gets done.

We are a family club and I wanted you to understand what it takes to put on a family friendly show. It really is a year long endeavor. A costly one but oh so worth it when the exhibitor comes out of the show ring with that ear to ear smile. When we all sing to the liberty songs. Cheer each other thru fun obstacle classes and hold our breath as these little horses jump huge jumps.. It all is worth it in the end. Help us.. Bring in those new members, go out and ask for sponsorships; gather those auction items. Prepare for a fun, successful show that will sustain itself to continue in future years. I hope this helped in your understanding in what we face in planning a show..

Your President,
Gwen Rinkel

**MEMBERSHIP
DUES**

Jan 1 - Dec 31

\$25 - Family

\$15 - Individual

*\$5 - Sponsored
Youth*

**ON THE ROAD
CALLED LIFE**

You have to take the good with bad, smile with the sad, love what you got, and remember what you had. Always forgive, but never forget, learn from your mistakes, but never forget. People change. Things go wrong. But just remember, the ride goes on.
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COMBINED DRIVING

Safety Welfare Caring

As we look forward with happy anticipation to the event season coming up, I hope we can all resolve to be each other's keepers. Just a gentle reminder to a friend to watch that knot, to be sure a rein is not caught under a strap, to pay extra attention in new or novel situations can make all the difference in the world. Here are some of the situations we've all noticed somewhere along the line:

- Wearing thong sandals around horses
- Leaving horse tied to trailer unaccompanied
- Not anticipating a "spook" when something in the environment had obviously changed
- Cart harnessed to pony while pony tied to trailer
- No bridle on pony while pony hitched to cart
- Shrilly yelling "whoa" to calm a frightened horse

There are many, many instances of many of us having just a moment's inattention, just a one-time shortcut, just an instance of "this is how I do it at home." We all know the recommended "best practices," but we all get a bit complacent, and we may be helped by reminders now and then. So let's help each other, not to be critical, but to be thoughtful. And let's take friendly reminders in the spirit in which they are meant - out of caring.

Here's something I learned in the course of doing my CAA Driver Proficiency program. Once you've followed all the safety practices and you're headed out on your carriage, helmet on your noggin, for your neighborhood training drive with your horse, the best item of safety to take along on a schooling drive - your cell phone.

Drive long and prosper,

Merridy Hance



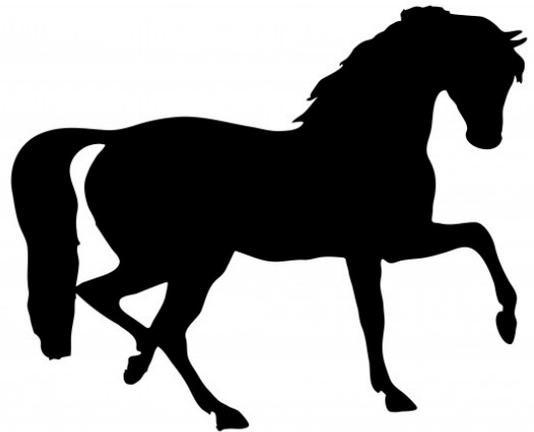
Evergreen Spectacular - THE 12TH MINIATURE HORSE

Evergreen Miniature Horse Club will be hosting the Evergreen Spectacular Show - The 12th Miniature Horse. Sponsors and Volunteers will be needed for the show as this is what makes the shows possible. Our Sponsors help with the finances of our shows. Our volunteers help to make the show run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer for any of the many areas that help, please contact one of the board members. You can take a Sponsor form to your tack store or feed store to see if they will give you a bag of feed, tack or sponsor a class. Their name/store will be mentioned on the EMHC website, be listed in the newsletter and displayed as a sponsor at the show.

Sponsorship forms will be on the Evergreen MHC website at www.evergreenmhc.com

Volunteers are needed for the following areas:

RV Parking	Open
Hospitality	Shyrle and Greg Swartz
Barns	Judy Oliver
Gate	Gwen Rinkel
Decorations	Marcia Chinick
Awards/Ribbons	Open
Publicity	Open
Sponsorships	Open
Silent Auction	Open



CDE NEWS

Contact Diana Axness or Merridy Hance for information about CDE - Combined Driving Events or if you would like to find out more about getting into Combined Driving. This is a fun way for getting your horses or ponies doing something different.

Feb 25, 2017 - American Driving Society, NW Region annual meeting. Held at Holiday Inn Express in Chehalis. Details coming soon from American Driving Society NW Region via Facebook.

Feb 25, 2017 - ADT clinic at Ron and Dorothy Whiteman's, Elma, WA

Feb 26, 2017 - Arena Driving Trial, Dorothy Whiteman's, Elma, WA

More information to come.

For more information contact:

Merridy Hance merridy@einw.org

Equestrian Institute NW website:

Einw.org/pageDriving



**Evergreen Miniature Horse Club
Early Spring Driving Clinic
And Arena Driving Trial**

**Driving Clinic with Dorothy Whiteman
Driving Clinic - Saturday, February 25, 2017**

Show Secretary: Dorothy Whiteman

Entry: \$45.00 Audit: \$10.00

Arena Driving Trial (ADT) - Sunday, February 26, 2017

ADT to consist of: Dressage test in 60 x 120 covered arena

Two hazards with 3 or 4 gates

Cones course outside with 10 marked gates

Awards to Fifth Place

\$45.00 per Entry

Training and Preliminary Levels VSE (Very Small Equine)

Training and Preliminary Levels VSP (Very Small Pony)

ADT Training Level Test 1

ADT Preliminary Level Test 1

Tests can be found on American Driving Society website

Judge: Trena Atkins FEI/USDF "S" Coupeville, WA

**Clinic and ADT held at Sonnybrier
(Ron and Dorothy Whiteman's)**

177 Newman Creek Road

Elma, Washington 98541

Please send Entries to:

Judy Cates

27717 114th Ave E.

Graham, WA 98338-8702

253-906-0471

NO STABLING Will BE AVAILABLE

Parking for overnight will be available at Dorothy's neighbors.
Horses/ponies may be kept in trailers or approved pens overnight.

You must pick up after yourselves and your horses.

MEMBERS CLASSIFIED ADS

Linda and Pat McGinnis, (360) 675-0876, Lunewalker@aol.com
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MARK BULLINGTON MEMORIAL

To those of us who knew and miss Mark:

Pat and I started a memorial for Mark right after his death. Each year we take items to the homeless, needy and the left behind by society. Items that are needed and often not provided at shelters are shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, combs, lotions, etc. If you would like to donate even partial bottles, they would be appreciated. Please bring them to the next meeting. We also take donations all year long. They can be dropped off at any AMHA or AMHR show at our stalls or where we are camping. Thank you all.

> **Cart Guards** - These are a guard that can be placed on carts with open wheels making them a closed wheel cart. Go to lymricksfarms.com and click on 'Products' to find the cart guards.

> **Ramps** - The ramps are in a variety of sizes for putting your carts in the back of a pickup or longer for putting the carts on top of your trailers. We also make ramps for dogs to walk up into a van. Need a specialty ramp, give a call. Go to lymricksfarms.com and click on 'Ramps' for more information or contact by the above email.

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> **Miss Tough and Ready: ASPC, Foundation Certified**; filly, Dob: May 14, 2014; Grey; VERY NICE filly, VERY nice conformation as she is better than both parents and both parents have their HOF in Halter. Sire: Cheg-Kims Golden Ranger (HOF); Dam: JC's Katydid (HOF). This could be your next halter winner. Asking \$1000 for this gorgeous filly.



> **Carpe Diem Farms Tatonka: AMHR/AMHA**; 34" gelding, DOB: 05/29/03; Seal brown near leopard Appaloosa; Tonka is a very talented mini as he does halter, jumps, obstacle in hand, liberty and has been well started in driving. He does need finishing in driving. He has a great personality and would be a great youth horse. Only reason that I am parting with Tonka is that I am having health problems and need to cut back on my mini's and ponies. Asking \$2000 OBO



Classified Ads

Notice

To give all EMHC members access to post in the classified section of the newsletter and on the web pages we are going to limit the time an ad will be published.

Ads will be limited to 3 months (3 newsletter issues) if not updated in that time period.

But, if you keep me informed monthly of your sales and/or no sales an ad can run, space permitting, until all items are gone.

Thanks for your understanding



EVERGREEN MINIATURE HORSE CLUB

Open to all Miniature Horses 38" and Under

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Mary Ann Fowler, Treasurer, (425) 228-4504
mafbarnone@earthlink.net

Date: _____

Single

Renewal

Family

New

NAME(S): _____

Youth under 18: _____

FARM NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

WEBSITE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ CELL: _____

INTERESTS: (ie: Driving, Showing, Pleasure): _____

*This application must be signed by those over age 18
who are applying (or sponsoring youth) for membership.*

Signature(s)

Dues: \$15 Single, \$25 Family, \$5 Youth (sponsored) per year – Jan 1 – Dec 31
Membership must be received by April 1st to be eligible for Year End Awards

Please make check payable to Evergreen Miniature Horse Club - Thanks!

Mail to: *Judy Cates, Secretary, 27717 114th Ave E, Graham, WA 98339*

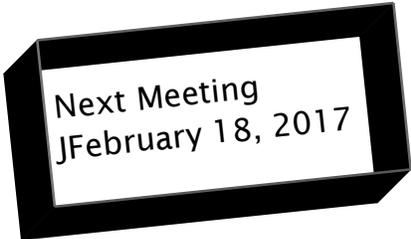


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