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EVENTS

AUGUST

5 AHANY Meeting & Seminar 6:30PM
@ The French Quarter Farm
4979 Schutt Rd, Akron NY 14001

SEPTEMBER

23 AHANY Trail Ride - 10am
TBD

OCTOBER

8 AHANY Tack Sale & Vendor Fair
Quillin Ltd

NOVEMBER

- TBD

DECEMBER

- TBD

JANUARY

TBD Annual Awards Banquet

If you have an idea or would like to host a meeting of seminar - please let us know.

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2023 EASTERN CLASSIC SHOW - JUNE 9 - 11



The 2023 AHANY Eastern Classic Arabian Horse Show took place once again at the Erie County Fair Grounds Showplex area. Even though it seemed to be lightly attended it turned out to be a fantastic event! We welcomed horses and exhibitors from all over the North East and Mid Atlantic states.

We would like to thank our sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers, and vendors as this show would not be possible without their support! Pictures can be found on our website (ahany.net) and facebook page (www.facebook.com/AHAofNY).

Some of the fun at this year's show included an exhibitor's dinner Thursday evening, an Ice Cream Social (Sponsored by Quillin LTD) and Pizza on Saturday (Sponsored by Creekside Saddlery).

Message from the President

Rebecca Holman



I want to touch on something that we all need to remember and keep aware of in our lives. Before I start, I want us to remember that I'm sharing this out of love, caring, and concern for our breed and our niche of the WNY horse industry; for our personal reputation; for the

reputation of Arabian people as a whole and how we're perceived; as well as the reputation of AHA and AHANY.

Our Region 16 Director, Cheryl Lane-Caron, brought up a good reminder for us at the spring Region 16 meeting. -Be Very aware of what we're saying and doing at all times! Everything is seen, recorded/videoed, in writing, etc. Remember, we are representing the breed, our clubs, and the industry.

That brought to my mind some situations that we've had here in WNY in recent years. One person was attacked on social media and through email over the changes to the E.C. Fair horseshow, and was ready to tell me and all the arabian people to go "pound salt" A few others were various forms of: "arabian people are pains, too demanding, high maintenance" in reference to horse shows.

I, and others, have apologized and worked to smooth things over, but I feel its time for the next step.

We each need to stay aware of how we're speaking and acting when we interact with people- in person, email, text, social media, every type of communication. A main goal of our is to attract others to our Arabian horse family I'm sure you can agree that our conduct and behavior are crucial in life.

Unfortunately we're all human and slip, yet we have the opportunity and capability each day to improve. That's why I share these examples with you, to let you consider the un-intended problems and possible fallout

that we could cause. I don't want us to be tip-toeing around, worried about offending others or acting fake. As a group, lets put some extra effort into being respectful and disciplined - Especially in our reactions and responses when there's something that we're upset about/angry over, and when we're aggravated or maybe feeling offended by someone /something; etc. After all, we are people of integrity!

I ask you to please read these words in the spirit that they're intended. I'm bringing this to you with confidence that you will join me in sharing in humility, love and caring for the breed that we are so passionate about. Lets bring that humble love, respect, and consideration to the people of our horse community and its supporters (arabian and non-arabian alike), that we may advocate and promote our breed together, as well as build the reputation of the Arabian horse and its people.

I hope everyone has a great summer and season, whatever it brings for you!

Your friend and colleague,
Becky

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APRIL MEETING & SADDLE FITTING DEMONSTRATION

Check out the full story and photos on our website. This has been shortened to fit in the newsletter.

Caroline North gave us an excellent explanation on the different dimensions and ways that our saddles need to fit. And then showed us on one of the horses. She is available as a saddle fitter, if you want to consult with her.

Dimension 1- Angle of the Tree needs to match the angle of their withers and back. Something to keep in mind with western saddles especially- If your tree is extra wide, it's going to be flat along their back and not sit correctly in the back half of the saddle

Dimension 2- Width. The width is measured between the angle of the bars at the front of the saddle. But the width from front to back of the saddle matters. Arabians also need width in the back half of the saddle. If it's not wide enough, their muscles atrophy, causing pain and behavior problems. Look at the distance between the panels (english) or tree frame (western). Do they give the horse's spine enough room to move?

Dimension 3- Rigging- how the saddle is held onto the horse's back. English saddles- point billets (at the front) can block the shoulder's movement, especially in short coupled horses. Using the rear billet can help hold the rear of the saddle down, or use the next hole up on the rear billet. Try the different billets to see what combination gives the best result. Western Saddles - Try using the different rings (if the saddle has both) or try a saddle with "y-rigging", it can give more balance to holding the saddle on. Using a rear billet strap will help keep the back of the saddle from popping up. Multiple ring options:

Dimension 4 - Length of Tree
PLEASE DON'T LET THE SADDLE INTERFERE WITH HIP BONES OR CROUP MUSCLES!!! Western saddles- "tunnel back skirting" has no lacing holding the two skirt pieces together, and provides more freedom for them. Es-

pecially on short backed horses, lacing makes a lump underneath and can ride on/rub their spine= pain, behavior probs, not using their body correctly.

English/Dressage saddles - Do the panels and flocking stick out behind the cantle? Or is there a straight line coming down the back of the saddle? Short backed ("short coupled") horses need the straight one. The longer panels are likely to run into the loin muscles and cause pain and problems.

Dimension 5- Rock- the shape of the saddle panels/tree from front to back. As you can imagine, can cause discomfort for the horse and an unbalanced seat and poor ride for you.

Dimension 6- Shape for the rider. The balance and fit need to be good for us, too. The saddle needs to put us on our seat bones in the middle of the seat. If we are tipped forward or back, we will crush the horse's back muscles, as well as cause problems and fatigue for ourselves by fighting to stay in balance.

Dimension 7- Stirrup position. Where the stirrups hang in comparison to our rear ends. This stirrup angle is critical to helping us and the horse be comfortable. On some english saddles, the stirrup bar is adjustable. There are some western saddles that you can adjust the stirrup fenders/leathers, too.

Other saddle option include Flex Trees and Treeless saddles.

*For proper fit of any saddle, you should be able to put your fingers between the front points of the saddle and behind their shoulder without extra airspace or getting pinched. Also check the middle and back of the saddle between the panels/tree and their skin. Are there air gaps? Is there extra pressure? Also check with someone in the seat.

*Sweaty or dry spots aren't necessarily a quality gauge of saddle fit, as they don't necessarily sweat evenly during work.

Be aware of your saddle pad. How is the spine sewn? If it is narrow, it could be rubbing your horse. If it is wide, it can distribute pressure better across the horse's spine.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

On **August 5th at 6:30 pm** Amy Boismenu will be hosting us at her farm "The French Quarter".

Before our meeting Katie O'Neill will give a presentation on **benefits of MagnaWave Therapy - Pulsed Electromagnetic Fields (PEMF)**

MagnaWave is said to have beneficial effects for humans, pets, equines and more... This meeting is open feel free to share with your horse friends!

RSVP to ahanyevents@gmail.com so we know how many refreshments to have on hand or Register online at www.ahany.net

We are looking to have a **Trail Ride on September 23rd**. We are discussing a couple of different options for a location. If you have an idea for an easy going location contact Becky.

October - Tack Sale & Vendor Fair
The October meeting will take place during our **Tack Sale & Vendor Fair** which will be held at **Quillin LTD**. The event will start at 11am with set up starting at 10 am. Tables for individuals will be \$10 and \$25 for businesses.

We are also looking for donation of some yummy crock pot food to sell at the event. The youth will have a raffle table if you would like to donate any items. Contact Amy Boismenu for donations.

For most current information check our website and facebook page.



MEET OUR NEW YOUTH LEADER - AMY BOISMENU

Amy Boismenu is our new youth leader. She has some fun plans and events for our youth and will be reaching out out soon.

Amy has been an owner of arabian horses for a number of years and owns a business called Snaffle a Little Bit. She married to Jesse and has 2 sons, Charles and Edward. Edward is currently showing and owns an arabian Hallie.

Out next in person event will be at her farm "The French Quarter".

For more information on youth program Contact Amy at 716-748-9100, snafflealittlebit@yahoo.com

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?

The board is trying to come up with ideas and events that we think will help our members and be beneficial to our club. With the changes that have happened in the world the club needs to adapt as well. That is why we need your input.

The newsletter look and website look and feel will change and adapt as we try finding the best way to communicate with our members.

What are your ideas? What would you like to do?

Would you like to see more seminars, in person meetings, trail rides? We look forward to hearing from you! Email ahanyevents@gmail.com or

contact one of our board members to let us know your thoughts.

Our Arabian Horse Association of New York board members are listed on the front page of the newsletter.

NEXT MEETING
Aug 5 - 6:30PM
 The French Quarter Farm
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DID YOU KNOW?

Have you visited our website lately?

Did you know our website **has a classifieds section?** If you would like to advertise on the website just reach out to us at ahanyevents@gmail.com.

We are in the process of updating the website with Club **meeting minutes and treasurer reports** at link ahany.net/club-information/clubnotes

The website also has informational pages such as our members farm and stallion pages as well as upcoming events and more.



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