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Calendar

March 26 Annual Region V meeting at Kathy Caldwell's Duntan Farm in Middlefield, Ohio.
September ACPS Annual Meeting, Region 1, outside of Boston. Details will be coming

Annual Region V Meeting

The Annual Region meeting will be held at Kathy Caldwell's farm located at 15195 Georgia Road, Middlefield, OH 44062

March 26, 2011 – 11 AM start

The plan is to eat and hold our meeting at my house – tentative menu will be for BIG salad and soup if it's cold or?????

after the meeting *Kim Seng, founder of SREC, is a Certified - Centered Riding© Instructor, Natural Trainer, NARHA, Therapeutic Instructor, EAGALA, Specialist and Equine Behaviorist will present a short program on*

"How to return your broodmare to work" - *we will try to keep the program to 1 hour but there is a lot to say and it could go on longer!!!*

Please feel free to bring (or send in advance) questions and concerns you have for your broodmares – Linden, my 18 yr will be the "subject" of the program. (pray for good weather!!)

Kim will address physiological, muscular and emotional issues to be considered.

For people who want a place to stay over night there are 4 different choices 2-15 miles from my house

Red Maple Inn – 2 miles, 1-888-646-2753 – 440-834-8334

Punderson State Park – has room in the Lodge and cabins for several – 5 miles, 1-800-282-7275

Bass Lake Inn – 10 miles, 440-285-3100

Marigold B&B – Chesterland – 15 miles, 440-729-6666

Any one with questions on directions – contact me at kc7750@suddenlink.net or call 440-834-4043

See you in March – with REALLY good spring weather!!!

REGION V NEWS

Steph Burk writes - Hello to everyone from Strawberry Hill Farm - Steph, Paddy, Lily and Eddie are spending a lot of time in the mud! But the birds were singing this morning and February's over so better days ahead. Not a lot to report except we're looking forward to more saddle time when the weather improves. We hope to continue eventing with Paddy and Competitive Trail and Endurance with Lily, provided gas costs permit travel.

Oh, and getting into whatever trouble with the Slammers that I can! I'm writing quite a bit and have an article on Competitive Trail Riding coming up in the next American Connemara magazine - at least, it's been submitted and accepted, and I was told it'll be in the performance issue, so we'll see. If I can't ride - I write.

Still savoring memories of the WEG - hard to top that, and so happy we were able to participate!

Dori Zaidel writes - not much new news at New Heart Farm. New Heart's Dancing Winds (Cornerstone's indelible x Corner Oak Moonlight dancer) has a new home with Jessica Alaniz of Bristol, Indiana. Jessica plans to do competitive mounted team scavenger hunts with her friends. Perhaps Whinney's good looks and Connemara talent will win over more connemara converts! New Heart's Cindy Lou Who (Landsdowne Willow's Harbour Boy x New Heart's Morning Glory) not yet a year old is almost as tall as her mother and is quite the sweet little thing. I am starting to see some gold under the dirty cream colored winter coat. Glad she will not stay that color, though it is striking against her dark brown eyes. Cornerstone's Indelible a.k.a. Indy is adjusted to life as a gelding and has started back under saddle walk trot and ready to do more once the snow and ice is gone. Wildwych Silverheels has had a great time with our massive 2 foot at a time snow. Everyone else is depressed and she is out playing...must remind her of Colorado snow. We are GREATLY looking forward to spring and hoping to reduce the pony numbers down to four as Jeff is a full time over the road truck driver now. hope everyone else is having a happy spring.

News from the Dunton Farm - Well hasn't this been a winter!!! This could be one of the worst winters in my memory!! The old ladies have enjoyed a lazy winter, on NO work and LOTS of hay to eat!!

But I have learned a lot - how to talk to my horses, and the old ladies are easier to manage from what I have learned. Come to the March meeting (March 26th at my house) and glean some of this knowledge from my trainer Kim Seng who will be giving a demonstration after our meeting at my house (weather permitting - fingers are crossed and prayers are in the works!!) Demo topic is "how to help your brood mare back to work after foaling."

Dona is coming along in her training - but in reality, I am the one holding her back. Learning to ride a young horse has been a slow process for me - it's tough teaching old dog (me) new tricks!! But we are building a wonderful relationship that will go a long way down the road.

Sierra has healed her broken right front paw - it's a little deformed and there is an occasional limp, but she is running around enjoying herself. Kitties are lazy not interested in going outside with this lovely weather.

See you in March - RSVP to the meeting would be appreciated.

Kathy Caldwell



Elizabeth H. Henry, M.D. from Lowell, MI writes - Spring is almost here! And, along with it comes the very rich, very sugary, very lush and very yummy GRASS! As many of you know, “native” pony breeds are particularly susceptible to laminitis, metabolic syndrome, and founder.

Our wonderful hardy ponies are made to endure cold hard brutal winters, with little food. They then scour the sparse grass in the summer to fatten up in time to bear the winter again. If any of you have been to Connemara, Ireland, you would appreciate how harsh the climate can be and how much limestone and how little grass there is, in much of the area. Our ponies have bred to survive this with ease, conserve energy, and salvage themselves with limited food resources. They are remarkable.

Now we keep them in our warm barns in the winter, give them pastures abound during the summer, and spoil them as our darling pets. Enter set up for a very painful, potentially career ending and life threatening disease called laminitis. If your pony is overweight, or has a cresty neck, please consult your veterinarian for feeding guidance NOW! Please don't be in denial! Unless your pony is in foal, is lactating, is a growing youngster, or is being worked vigorously you would be surprised—no SHOCKED—as to how little they need to THRIVE! Believe it or not, they only need about 1.5% of their ideal body weight in feed per day. They will do WELL on 1st cut grass hay or worse.

Talk to your vet. Your vet will likely recommend you get your hay analyzed. You may need a feed balancer so they get all the vitamins and minerals they need. Your vet likely will also recommend a mineral block that contains selenium and vitamin E. You probably will be surprised as to how “good” the “bad” hay is! I was. In fact, my “bad” 1st cut hay is actually quite “good”! Surprise to me! No wonder my pony was doing more than keeping her weight! And, another surprise to me, limiting grazing to 4hrs/day was not limited enough! All that sugar, even if limited, causes blood sugar spikes that can initiate a turn of events you don't want to experience.

I apologize if I am stating the obvious to many of you. But, I think it can't be emphasized enough to carefully manage your pony's feed, particularly in the spring and fall, when grass is highest in carbohydrates, to avoid a devastating problem.

Someone once told me there are 3 kinds of ponies: ones who have foundered, ones who are foundering, and ones who are going to founder. There may be some sad truth to this, but perhaps it could become a non-issue if ponies are carefully managed.

Remember: “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”—Benjamin Franklin

Good luck and take less “good” care of your wonderful ponies!

Greetings from the Slamers at Onalark farm - Busy winter with vetting two injured ponies who have had slow but apparently complete recoveries, getting rides and fox hunts in as we have been able with all that Mother Nature has thrown at us. I said after last summer's dry spell I would welcome mud but am having to bite my tongue with the abundance of goo we are having! A friend said to me the ponies must feel they are back in Ireland these days! My 2 training projects, Robyn Fillman's Marshwood Rock Star and Art and Judy Richardson's Woodchuck Ridge's Tolan McCool have been great fun, Stone (Rock Star) learned how much fun fox hunting is and Tolan let us know how happy that activity makes him. He will go to Art and Judy's 9 year old grand daughter so we are working on Pony Club etiquette!

Looking to have a full spring and summer with training projects and sales ponies to attend to. My boy Journey has spent the winter in Kentucky where he has been ridden by a very good friend who was Sarah's first serious event trainer and her daughter. They are pretty smitten with the boy, good ambassador! So far he has not worn out his welcome!

Hope to have our 1/2 bred mare Gamin and purebred gelding Prairie Dublin out and about this season along

with Pat Reichle's mare Aimee (for sale) who has been loafing this winter but will be back to work. Pat has 2 youngsters that will get some attention also, a 2 yo 1/2 bred filly and yearling purebred colt (Journey's 1/2 brother already a favorite of mine!) . Trail riding with the Kentucky Team Connemara may happen once the weather allows, we seem to be kindred spirits. Always looking for folks interested in that type of activity, cross country schooling, fun and education on the ponies! Hope to see a bunch of folks at the meeting the end of March, always so good to connect in person.

THE MIDWEST CONNEMARA SHOW

We would like to announce that The Midwest Connemara Breeders Show will be held on July 23, 2011 at Windy Isles Farm, Peotone, IL.

The 2011 Committe Selected!

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We will have The Show Bill for the next Issue,

Thank you,

Maggie.

CONNEMARA PONIES FOR SALE - REGION V

Purebreds

To add a pony for sale or let us know if a pony can be removed from the list of For Sale ponies please contact Martha Slamer at marthas@gtownonline.com or phone her at 937-855-6063.

Blue Ridge Contessa (10yrs old) is out of Blue Ridge Arabel and sired by Kerymore Madison. Tess is 14.1 bay mare and is very good looking mare, sweet and very smart. Easy to breed, and she has had no issues giving birth. Because she is not 100% sound I am asking \$5,400, Tess is broke to ride, but I have used her primarily for breeding. She has produced two gorgeous colts for me, very intelligent, athletic, and most important they grew to 14.2. If anyone is interested in learning more, I am happy to produce video or send pictures to anyone who is interested. blfnaf71@frontier.com Stay warm :) Nicole Fiedler

Willow's Lord of the Dance: 3 year old gelding ready to start under saddle (grey and very substantial). Leads, lounges, halts, bathes, stands--overall gem of a pony. (Willow Boy x Tre Awain Miss Muffet) willowrun@bluemarble.net prices NEGOTIABLE

Willow's W.B. Yeats: *stallion prospect* coming yearling colt (bay to grey, will be large pony). Very handsome with power behind, straight limbs and friendly. (Willow Boy x Tre Awain Miss Muffet) willowrun@bluemarble.net prices NEGOTIABLE

Willow's Killydeere: coming yearling gelding (bright bay to stay), will mature around 13-13.2H. Absolutely adorable pony, kind as can be, perfect child or small adult first pony. willowrun@bluemarble.net prices NEGOTIABLE

I have a 6-year-old ACPS-registered bay gelding for sale, no white markings, 14 hands, very athletic, started under saddle, ready for next step into jumping and dressage and anything else asked of him. THF Liam Aodh Owain (Tre Awain Dobh

McDuff x Maumturk Heather - x Abbeyleix Owen). Contact Linda Ashar, Thornapple Farms, Vermilion, Ohio, 440-967-2680 or ashar@hbr.net.

Woodchuck Ridge's Karlene a 12 year old mare who loves to jump is looking for a new loving home. She is 14'1 and has her ACPS bronze and silver mallidions in Hunters and points toward jumpers and combined training (she is doing Dressage good now too although she hasn't competed in it yet.) She has done a hunter pace that she loved - run, jump and play - her favorite things. She has had one foal and is a good mom. She would be perfect for an intermediate rider. She is also very willing to pony kids around too. Please contact Janice Meyer at (513)683-7867 or email janicemeyer1@live.com.

CS Independence rising 4 yo colt (still intact) by Balius Drumcolligan out of Rosland's Tollitche. "TJ" is dark bay, a really nice mover and built like a sport pony. Is very green at present. He is cryptorchid and will be gelded prior to being sold. He will go to the trainer's soon and price will go up with training but negotiable now at \$2,500. Should mature to 14.1 He should make a very nice sport or dressage pony Jill McNichol CSEquine@aol.com

Elk Creek Farm ponies has several youngsters by Elphin Song Sparrow, purebreds, Welsh and Tb crosses. www.elkcreek-farmponies.com.

Serious inquiries only: April 2008 foal by Willow Boy (*Chiltern Colm x Sillbridge Miranda by Thunderbolt) and out of Tre Awain Miss Muffet (Tre Awain Donaghoo x *Maggy of Abbyleix by Carna Dun). The foal will be one of the following coat colors: buckskin, bay, smoky black or black with a high probability of going grey and absolutely NO chance for a blue eyed cream as Willow Boy is non dilute. Erin at willowrun@bluemarble.net

Prairie Caeli 4 yo filly by Blue Ridge Jefferson out of Glynmarie Guinevere (Loughmor Aran-Sweet May du Langwater), both sire and dam ACPS inspected and approved. She is gray dun, athletic, a beautiful mover and has a great disposition. Please call 765 404 0515 or email cgsponies@aol.com for more information Carole Seibecker

Mtn Prospect's Irish Rogue 2006 filly dark dun Out of Afternoon Delight and by Blue Ridge Jefferson. Beautiful, smart and very talented. Won Best of Day for the youngsters at the 2007 Region V Connemara show at Hoosier Horse Park. She has been started over fences at Robert Murphy Stables in Lexington. She walks trots canter (knows her leads) quite under saddle. Has been ridden by both small children and adults. Irish Rogue walks calmly on trails, trailers quietly, loads, ties, bathes stands well for clipping, mane pulling the farrier and the vet. She is truly a gem. Rogue will be competing at the Robert Murphy B show July 2-5 at the KY Horse Prk in the Beginner Horse division 2 ft. \$7,000. Susan Burke Mt Prospect Farm Lexington, KY Susan.Burke@uky.edu 859 361 7159

Ridgetop Thule Mist (Aladdin's Denver x Blue Hill's Egan) 15 yo bay mare Inspected and approved. Broke to ride and drive. Has been Region 5 Show Champ twice and a reserve champ driving champ as well Had 3 foals. Serious inquiries only Kathy Sparks Elmshoot@aol.com 812 988 2377

Kent's Tortellini (*Hayselden Perseus x Aluinn Torrance) 11 yo roan mare Inspected and approved. Broke to ride and drive. Serious inquiries only. Had 2 foals. Kathy Sparks Elmshoot@aol.com 812 988 2377

For Lease: Heaven's Ridge Treasa (Balius Rhydspence x Gately's Ana Moira) available immediately for free lease for breeding season. Tess has produced many athletic, typey offspring and is easy to breed. She has performance bloodlines and can produce your next champion. She is currently living in Franklin, TN. Contact Sally Eyles-Goldfarb tanyderi@bellsouth.net

Marshwood's Summer Keavey (Kerrymor Madison x Serendipity's Irish Spring) 2000, bay mare, 14 2, inspected and approved. She has an easy going disposition and would make a wonderful partner for pony club or adult. I am 5'6" and feel very comfortable on her. She has been shown lightly in training level dressage and has done a little jumping. She has won first in several trail classes. She has very nice gaits and is easy to ride, she is just a great pony and really deserves to have her own person. Soundness issue \$3500 Please call Janet Baughman 616 897 0801 or email janet@marshwoodfarm.com

Woodchuck Ridge's Nainsi 7yo 14' 2 dun mare, has had a foal and lots of natural horsemanship work and is now beginning her performance career. No question of whether she will jump or go, very willing partner, good mind, easy to deal with on the ground. Done combined tests and events at beginner novice, under 3 ' hunter classes and a hunter pace. Marcia Rood 513 479 5843 mrood@roadrunner.com

Woodchuck Ridge's Aimee Brown by Rattlen'Snap Laddie Boy and out of Prospect's Bonnie (by Bobby Brown*) 4 yo

filly 13 3 hands, dark solid gray, Local hunter show mileage, hunter pace. Loves to jump, fun on trails. Smart gal with tons of personality and potential. Ground manners are fine, loads etc. \$12,000 Owner Pat Reichle 513 313 8401 or reichlep@earthlink.net or trainer Martha Slamer 937 855 6063 or marthas@gtownonline.com

Tommy Malloy 4 yo gelding by Aladdin's Denver and out of an imported New Beginning mare. Lots of trail mileage, just started showing, won best gelding in hand at Midwest Connemara Breeders Show, July 2010. Lovely mover, nice jump, will go over pony size. \$8500 Terry Kropp marykropp@fuse.net. 513 831 1739

Tommy's mom New Beginning mare 15 yo, has had 4 nice foals, rideable, pony size same info as above.

The following ponies are offered by Dori Zaidel, DZaidel@egh.org

Cornerstone's Indelible: Black 1999 gelding 14.1 hands, started under saddle while still a stallion. Progressed to walk trot before our trainer bought her own stallion. Was gelded beginning of July so getting ready to restart his training. Excellent disposition when a stallion. Will make a great hunter has jumped on the longe line and has good form. Not a spooky type, will stand and look at something to check it out. Asking 4,000 price to increase as I get him going and out to shows.

New Heart's Morning Joy: Smokey black 4 yr old mare. Not started, nice mover, Cornerstone's indelible x tullymor's tiger Nelly A sweet mare that needs her own person. We have too many here to give her the time she needs. 13.3 hands asking 2,000.

Ledgewood's Greystone Keely Mor: Bay 1999 mare ACPS inspected and approved great mover, Keely was trained WTC by her breeder but has not been ridden for a couple years. We had planned to breed her to an outside stallion, but never had the \$\$\$. She would be a nice performance mare or a great broodmare. Is possibly in foal to Cornerstone's Indelible due to a fence failure 2 days before he was gelded. Asking \$4,500 Dori Zaidel Dzaidel@egh.org

New Heart's Patriot Games: Bay stallion prospect 2 yrs old Cornerstone's Indelible x New Heart's Morning Glory. Had injury to his left eye at 7 days old, does not affect his vision. Great mover good bone good conformation. Needs to be worked with more. Asking \$1,500.

Connemara Crosses

9 yo 13 3 black mare 3/4 Connemara, 1/4 Welsh. Has been shown intro dressage. Hasn't been seriously worked for a couple of years. Loves to jump. Grand daughter of Prospect's Callahan, by Chip O'Perseus. Patty Todd 740-427-4736.

2009 halfbred filly by Landgate Bluebeard out of TB mare Stormy's Sister. Born 5/1/09 a bay. Very nice filly, bold and easy to work with. She learns quickly and likes going for walks around the farm. She has no problem leaving her buddies behind to go and explore. Her Irish Sport Horse half sister has started eventing and showing lots of promise. Dam stands 16.1 Contact: Beth Blankenship 859-873-3768 bethb@iglou.com

New Heart's HotShot: 3 yr old full brother to Nightwing bay, 14 hands gelding has done some ground work but needs more work (again too many ponies not enough time), beautiful conformation and movement asking \$1500 Dori Zaidel Dzaidel@egh.org

Formula One filly born 2010 out of New Beginnings mare \$6500. Terry Kropp marykropp@fuse.net 513 831 1739

2004 chestnut mare, Cross Fire Dew Drop by Snowford Bellman RID, out of TB mare. Didi went beg novice last year and truly loves jumping and going cross country. Huge stride, amazing temperament, lovely mover. She would be a great horse for a lower level rider to move up on. Inspected and approved by Irish Draught Horse Society (NA) for the Sport-horse studbook Videos on YouTube, search under Cross Fox Dew Drop. Contact Beth Blankenship 859 873 3768 bethb@iglou.com

Connemara TB Gelding. These pictures are from late fall. I have way to many horses and 2 children under 2 so some of the horses must go. His registered name is Aayden as a half bred. He is out of a 16hh Thoroughbred mare polo pony. His sire is Wildwych Eclipse. He stands almost 15hh now. His conformation is very correct. He has a Thoroughbred neck and a connemara butt. The best of both worlds! I have not been able to work with him as much as he deserves and I want to see him go into an eventing home as he deserves. He will be a great deal. Make offers. I also have some TB mares that would make good broodmares for half bred. I get horses off the

track alot so people can contact me if looking for something in Thoroughbred land. Sloane 502 415 0696 sloanealexandra@aol.com



2003 ISR/Old mare by Manhattan, 16.1. Great broodmare prospect for Connemara halfbred/sport ponies. Mee Na has an incredible warmblood pedigree. She is not an alpha mare. Her pasture mate was our 27 year old connemara broodmare, Serindipidy's Irish Spring, and Irish ran the show. Sadly, we lost Irish last summer. Mee Na has great ground manners, and is a "looker". She is friendly, loves attention and has substance. She does toe in slightly on her front right. She has had a little professional training, but I have really only been doing walk/trot with her. We can't afford to do anymore training or breeding at this point. A great opportunity for the right person, get a beautiful warmblood mare to put some training into or to breed.

Would love to see her go to a "Connemara" home. \$3000 janet@marshwoodfarm.com 616-617-1401

Trailer for Sale

I have a 2006 featherlite 2 horse trailer for sale. It is in very good condition, and has always been stored indoors. It is model number 9405 and is 7'6" tall with extra length and width. It was bought new from a dealer and fit my tall warmblood with room to spare (will fit a draft). Its empty weight is #2450. It is all aluminum with a wood floor (will not transfer heat up through the horses legs like non wood) thick rubber floor mats, rubber walls, drop down front windows, and a front exit door. No steele on this one. It has been lightly used, and not abused. Asking \$8900.00 obo please call 574-612-3128 Amanda Pierce.



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dlefield, Ohio.



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