

# Region VII

**Time to Renew Your  
Membership**

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## **Region VII, American Connemara Pony Society. News!**

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### **Calendar**

**Feb 11-14—Kansas Equifest in  
Wichita**

**May 1—Deadline for paper-  
work, Chicago inspection**

**June 19-20—Celtic Heritage  
Festival in Stillwater, OK**

**July 10 & 11—Midwest Con-  
nemara Breeders' Show—  
Chicago area**

**July 11—Inspection**

**Sept 25—Oct 10 WEG, KY**

**Oct 23 –24 Annual Mtg , GA**

I have just returned from the annual meeting of the USEF and my second ACPS Board of Governor's meeting in Louisville, KY. Meetings galore and LOADS of good food! At the Board meeting our President, Sally Oxnard, appointed me to the Region VII Chair position.

Because our Region is so spread out, Gloria La Croix came up with an idea to help us communicate more easily. She suggested having a State Rep for each state in our region. The Rep would contact all folks in their state for news and activity development. The rep should contact their state folks at least every other month to get news to the Region Chair and newsletter editor in a timely fashion. The reps would be responsible to the Region Chair. Kay Wolfe has offered to be the Rep for Kansas. We need a rep from Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Texas, and Oklahoma.. This would not be an elected position. **Volunteers are needed!**

**Please contact me at [ohfastfriend@centurytel.net](mailto:ohfastfriend@centurytel.net) or (417)284-3088 if you are interested in becoming the Representative for your state.** Once the State Reps are in place, I'd like to meet with each of them and any members who could come—in their state. Yes, that means traveling, but I think it's important for me to connect with the members of our region since I'm relative new to this area..

**In the meantime there are a couple of opportunities to get together with other Connemara owners and enjoy your mutual obsession <VBG>—**

**From Marilee Tussing in Oklahoma—**This year the Celtic Heritage Festival in Stillwater Ok will have a Celtic Horse show. There will be classes for Connemaras. I will forward the prize list as soon as it is completed. The dates are June 19 & 20.

Some of us will be representing the Connemara breed at the Kansas Equifest in Wichita on Feb 11-14. There will be a

live Irish music session at the Connemara Booth.

**From Gloria LaCroix, Inspection Co-Chair— There will be an Inspection on July 11 in conjunction with the Midwest Connemara Breeders Show near Chicago. I need to make sure we have at least 10 ponies and only have about 5 so far. I will have to drop Chicago if there aren't enough ponies. The deadline for filing your paperwork is May 1. Please contact Gloria LaCroix ,ACPS Inspection Operations Chair at [folklore@att.net](mailto:folklore@att.net) or 636.675.0674 for further information.**

**World Equestrian Games — DO YOU AND/OR YOUR PONIES WANT TO BE PART OF SOMETHING EXCITING???**

**DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAVE A CONNEMARA, OR CONNEMARAS READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO BE PART OF A PERFORMANCE DEMONSTRATION AT THE WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES???**

**IF SO, READ ON.....**

You may know the ACPS is planning to have a real presence at the World Equestrian Games this year. The WEG will be held at the end of September and will run into the first week of October at the Kentucky Horse Park. This is the happening of a lifetime! The President and Board of Governors, with the support of the Membership, at our Annual meeting last October, voted to sponsor an information booth, plus produce a display of world class performance for an international audience of thousands!!! Seven stalls are available over at least five days (maybe more), with two volunteer entrance passes (rider and groom) per Connemara performing pony. If you have, or know of someone who has a Connemara, ready, willing and able to be part of this performance, please let us know! We are auditioning through

You may phone or email if you have any questions; [laurabalding@aol.com](mailto:laurabalding@aol.com) or (314)308-2330.

Remember it is important to get your information to us as quickly as possible. We will be choosing our representatives as soon as we can, and have set March 15<sup>th</sup> as the deadline. Please send your pony performance information, as well as your personal requests to volunteer by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are going to need many volunteers, Ambassadors! to help in the booth and to roam around the grounds promoting Connemaras!! This event promises to be the adventure of a lifetime. The WEG may never be scheduled in this country again... at least not in the foreseeable future.

Thank you in advance for your timely attention to this request.

Laura Balding

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