



PASS IN REVIEW

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Another exciting show season is about to begin for Westernaires. We wish them continued success while on the road this Summer!

If you'd like to assist the Westernaires Alumni Association

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The Alumni Association thoroughly enjoys supporting the Westernaires organization whenever possible. Recently, we've been asked to help support a few Westernaire families who were in need of some funds to pay for their nominal Westernaire-related fees and expenses. The Alumni Association has granted nearly \$2,000 to these riders in need as part of the "Sponsor a Rider" program.

"If a kid enjoys being a member of Westernaires, it's a real shame for them to have to quit because of a lack of funds."

in supporting young riders who are experiencing financial difficulties, please consider contributing to the "Sponsor a Rider" program!

If you live in the area, one way that you can support our mission is by attending our fundraising event on June 14th. We're hosting a Tack Swap, replete with raffle prizes, seminars, and more. Admission is free. If you have items to sell, contact us to rent a booth.

Thank you for your continued support!

TACK AND EQUINE EQUIPMENT SWAP MEET

The White Arena
Jeffco Fairgrounds
June 14th, 2014 10am—3pm



Please plan to attend Alumni Association's fourth annual Tack and Equine Equipment Swap Meet fundraising event. Looking for saddles, grooming tools, and other horse "stuff" at affordable prices? Or maybe you need to clean out that tack room or horse trailer? Whether you're looking to sell some items, or to shop for bargains, the Tack Swap is the place to be.

For those who wish to sell tack, booth rental space is \$30 for one and \$20 for each additional. Booths are rented on a "first come, first serve" basis. Contact us before the event to reserve your space. Sellers keep all profits made from sales, and may sell as much as they wish.

All disciplines, types, and sizes of tack will be here, new and used. Saddles, bridles, bits, halters, grooming supplies, blankets, books, videos, training equipment, art, riding apparel, clothing, books, and knick-knacks.

Last year's Tack Swap was a smash success! Over \$3,000 of goods and merchandise was sold by the vendors. Door prizes, raffle prizes, free entertainment, and educational seminars (including a fantastic presentation by alumna Jill Wolf) kept the crowd involved. This year's event is looking to be even bigger than the last.

For more information, or to reserve your booth, please contact Karen at 720-530-0603 or via email at info@westernairesalumni.org.

Admission is free to all shoppers and browsers.

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This newsletter is one of the primary ways that alumni can keep in touch with each other. Please also look for us on Linked In and Facebook, and check out our website: www.westernairesalumni.org.



Dedication of the **Katie Nielson Memorial Plaque**

July 2013 marked the 20-year anniversary of the loss of a dear member of the Westernaire community: Katie Nielson. Despite the fact that 20 years has passed, Katie remains in the hearts of thousands of the Westernaires community, including her teammates, instructors, volunteers and the riders who have come after her. Last year, at the 20-year mark since her passing, a group of Katie's closest teammates came together with an idea to honor her memory: they commissioned a beautiful bronze plaque, and hung it in the Westernaire Museum. Friends and family got together on March 21st, 2014 to officially dedicate this plaque to the Westernaire Museum, and to celebrate the life of Katie Nielson.

Close to 100 people gathered to remember Katie and reminisce about all the good times had together. We were honored to have Katie's parents, Doug and Joanie Nielson, and her siblings, Peter and Marie, as well as several other extended family members. Sheila Spampinato welcomed all the guests for coming, then Joanie Nielson addressed the group with an update on their family has been doing. Joanie also shared that Scottie, Katie's horse, played a role in their church's Easter Play for 10 years. Scottie was kind enough to never relieve himself while in the church!

Westernaires Director, Glen Keller Jr., said some lovely words. He also expressed how the sacrifice Doug and Joanie made in losing their daughter has since contributed to the added safety of all Westernaire Trick Riders who followed after her. Additional safety measures were instituted due to the lessons learned that tragic night.



A lovely reception followed, which included delicious cakes made by alumna Kim Hake Fear, as well as other tasty desserts and beverages provided by Katie's teammates. It was a very joyous night, as it reunited some of the alumni and volunteers from the 1993 -1995 time period.

The Westernaires Alumni Association made a \$1,000 donation to Westernaires in remembrance of Katie Nielson.

As the plaque states: Katie is Always and forever in our hearts!



- (Left)** Joanie and Doug Nielson, along with their daughter (Katie's sister), Marie.
- (Center)** Katie's beautiful bronze memorial plaque hangs in the Westernaire Museum.
- (Above)** Friends and family gathered to celebrate the life of Katie, and to view her plaque in the Westernaire Museum in situ.
- (Right)** Alumna Kim Fear prepared two gorgeous cakes for the occasion.





WESTERNAIRES to Perform in ESTES PARK June 27-28, 2014



What is the Westernaires Alumni Association?

In an effort to reconnect, to celebrate our common heritage, and to support the organization that was so influential on our early lives, a group of Westernaires Alumni was asked to band together and commence the formation of an Alumni Association. Structured similar to other fraternal alumni groups, the Westernaires Alumni Association exists solely for the benefit of the Westernaires organization and acts as a "pass-through" entity for Westernaires fundraising.

The Alumni Association neither condones nor sanctions any type of activity that does not compliment those of the Westernaires organization.

The mission of the Westernaires Alumni Association is to promote involvement in and advancement of the Westernaires organization. Alumni Association programs support and strengthen partnerships among the Westernaires organization, Westernaires alumni, and future Westernaires.

Would you like to share your story with us? Is there an alumnus who you'd like us to interview? Contact us at:

info@westernairesalumni.org

Come see the Westernaires perform precision drills at speed along with thrilling horse acrobatics, daring trick riding, trick and fancy roping, a Calvary and Indian battle, liberty riding, dressage exhibition and much more. This is a fantastic show setting, right in the heart of legendary Estes Park setting — make it a family vacation!

Westernaires will perform Friday & Saturday, June 27-28, 2014 at the Estes Park Fairgrounds (Stanley Park).

Tickets are available through Westernaires, at the Estes Park Visitor Center, or through their Thundertix online portal.

General Admission and Box Seating tickets are available (\$8 and \$12, respectively) and can be purchased on the Thundertix website: <https://estes.thundertix.com/events/>

Children under the age of 3 do not require a ticket.

To reserve RV parking at the Fairgrounds (affiliated with the show only), visit the Thundertix website here: https://estes.thundertix.com/orders/new?performance_id=1214283

Directions to Estes Park from Denver and the East:

- Take U.S. 34 from Loveland, CO or U.S. 36 from Boulder.

From West or South:

- Take Interstate 70 to U.S. 40 between Georgetown and Idaho Springs, then to U.S. 34 in Granby, Colorado through Grand Lake, Colorado.

HISTORIC PICTURES



(Left) Have musical instruments, will travel. The Westernaires mounted band, circa 1970.



(Right) The Bedouins team wear their super-flashy costumes as they walk down the newly-created 16th Street Mall in the 1984 parade to commemorate the opening of the Tabor Center in Downtown Denver.

Are you in these pictures? Write us and tell us about your memories.

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2014 Events Calendar

(subject to change)

Date	Event	Location	For more information
APRIL			
April 24 th - 26 th	Wild, Wild West Fest (Red Team, Cavalry, Indian Warriors)	Ace Arena 1441 E. Highway 176 Andrews, TX 81647	http://business.andrewstx.com/events/
JUNE			
June 14 th	Tack and Equine Equipment Swap Meet hosted by the Westernaires Alumni Association	Jefferson County Fairgrounds—White Arena 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	http://westernairesalumni.org/upcoming_events.html or phone 720.530.0603
June 21 st & 22 nd	White Division Show (White Division teams and specialties)	Fort Westernaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
June 20 th	Colorado Horse Park Show	Colorado Horse Park 7522 South Pinery Drive Parker, CO 80134	http://coloradohorsepark.com/events
June 27 th & 28 th	Estes Park Show (Red Division and specialties)	Fairgrounds at Stanley Park 1209 Manford Avenue Estes Park, CO 80517	www.estesnet.com/Events/
JULY			
Date TBD	Easter Seals Show (Precisionettes)	Easter Seals Camp 2644 County Road 306 Empire, CO 80438	http://co.easterseals.com
July 4 th - 6 th	Flying Heels Rodeo (Red Team)	Flying Heels Arena Grand County Fairgrounds Grand County, CO 80446	www.granbyrodeo.com
July 23 rd	Western Heritage Show (Red Division and specialties)	Fort Westernaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
July 25 th - 27 th	National Day of the Cowboy (Red Team)	Clarence Allison Memorial Rodeo Arena Dubois, WY 82513	www.duboiscowboyday.com
July 30 th - August 3 rd	Sandoval County Fair (Red Team)	Sandoval County Fairgrounds 37 Rodeo Road Cuba, NM 87013	http://sandovalfair.org/
AUGUST			
August 1 st - 2 nd	Cheyenne Wells, CO (Precisionettes)	Cheyenne County Fairgrounds 25 South 7th West Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810	www.townofcheyennewells.com/upcomingevents.htm
August 5 th	Boulder County Fair (Red Team)	Boulder County Fairgrounds 9595 Nelson Road Longmont, CO 80501	
August 8 th - 10 th	Jefferson County Fair & Rodeo	Jefferson County Fairgrounds 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.jeffcofairinc.org
August 11 th - 16 th	Alumni Week	Fort Westernaire	www.westernairesalumni.org
August 16 th & 17 th	White Olympics (White Division teams and specialties)	Fort Westernaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
August 22 nd	Tenderfoot Induction	Fort Westernaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
August 29 th - 31 st	Trinidad Roundup Rodeo (Red Team)	Las Animas County Fairgrounds Trinidad, CO 81082	www.historictrinidad.com & www.trinidadroundup.homestead.com
SEPTEMBER			
Sept 13 th	Standard Drill Show (White Division teams)	Fort Westernaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
OCTOBER			
Oct 25 th & 26 th	Annual Show and Alumni Homecoming	National Western Stock Show Events Center 1515 East 47th Avenue Denver, CO 80216	www.westernaires.org
DECEMBER			
Date TBD	Parade of Lights (Red Team)	Denver City and County Building Civic Center Park Denver, CO	http://denverparadeoflights.com
JANUARY 2015			
Jan 10 th - 25 th , 2015	National Western Stock Show & Rodeo	National Western Stock Show Complex 4655 Humboldt Denver, CO 80216	www.nationalwestern.com