



PASS IN REVIEW

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

We're wishing a very happy spring to everyone – we hope you're enjoying the warmer weather. And while we're at it, we'd like to wish a happy autumn to those alumni who reside south of the Equator (there are at least a few of you out there who we know of).

As the busy summer show season approaches for Westernaires, it's easy to be reminded of all of the volunteerism, effort, and capital it takes to keep Westernaires functioning.

The Alumni Association recently donated some funds to the Westernaires. In their well-worded response letter, they expressed how much the donations have been both needed and appreciated.

The price of hay has jumped dramatically this year. In fact, Westernaires lost close to \$100,000 this past year on the rental horse program, purely due to the rising cost of feed.

Westernaires has since adjusted their horse rental rates (although they are still very affordable), and always aim to operate the rental program at "break even".

This coming show season, if you can support the Westernaires, please help us in doing so. Also, your support of the Westernaires Alumni Association continues to support the Westernaires — our mission is to connect kids with horses, and what better way to do so than to ensure that Westernaires is around for years to come for kids to enjoy.

If you live in the area, one way that you can support our mission is by attending our fundraising event on June 9th. 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!

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http://westernairesalumni.org/download_newsletters.html

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TACK AND EQUINE EQUIPMENT SWAP MEET

**The Volunteer Arena
Jeffco Fairgrounds
June 9th, 2012 10am—3pm**



Come one, come all to the Alumni Association's second annual Tack and Equine Equipment Swap Meet fundraising event. Looking for saddles, grooming tools, and other horse equipment 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, and knick-knacks.

Last year's Tack Swap was a smash success. Over \$4,000 of goods and merchandise was sold by the vendors. Door prizes and raffle prizes kept the shoppers around, and free seminars were held each hour by equine professionals (including alumnus Dr. Alex Turner).

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.



Alumni Spotlight

Cheryl (Andre) Webb

Karen Kronauge had an opportunity to catch up with Cheryl Webb recently to discuss volunteerism, horses, and what Westernaires has meant to her.

Karen: *Thank you so much for taking the time for this interview, Cheryl. Why don't we start with you telling us when you graduated from Westernaires.*

Cheryl: I graduated from Westernaires in 1970. I rode through Stock Show and was Major of Red Team.

Karen: *What are some of your favorite memories of your time spent in Westernaires?*

Cheryl: I was crazy about horses and Westernaires was an organization where I could be involved with horses. In my Junior Westernaire year, my parents bought a horse for me. Blaze was a beautiful sorrel quarter horse/ saddle-bred cross, and she was fast! I loved the practices, great friends, and performances. Highlights in my tenure in Red Team were traveling to Chicago and also to the Calgary Stampede in Alberta, Canada. Of course, the National Western in Denver was very special each year. Those who rode with me got tired of my mantra "Blaze is Best". Mr. Wyland liked Blaze, too, and used us as his models for costumes and promotional literature. **(Editor's Note: There are entire photo albums in the Westernaire archives of Cheryl and Blaze modeling each and every one of the Red Team costume iterations.)** In addition to loving horses, I was also a ballet dancer. And yes, in many shows Mr. Wyland had plywood boards carried into the arena so that I could dance as one of his specialty acts. He found ways to utilize many talents of his riders. Mr. Wyland also nurtured great leadership skills in us, something I recognized at the time, but grew to appreciate more in later years.



Karen: *Wow, the idea of a ballet specialty act is really amazing. Tell me a little about your life since graduating from Westernaires.*

Cheryl: After college I danced in a ballet company in Germany for three years. Upon returning to the states, I taught history at Cherry Creek High School for 30 years. I also worked for Congress two years as the southeast Colorado District Representative for Congresswoman Betsy Markey. My passion for horses continued, and in 2006, my husband, John Webb, and I purchased a ranch in southeast Colorado and established Blue Rose Ranch, Horse Rescue and Adoption. Blue Rose Ranch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that rescues, trains, and rehabilitates horses to the end that they can be adopted to quality homes. Since we started full-scale operation in June of 2007, 150 horses have found new, forever homes through our organization. We operate on 832 acres in southeast Colorado, two miles north of the town of Springfield

Karen: *It sounds like there isn't much that you haven't done, Cheryl! Has your background in Westernaires influenced your work at Blue Rose Ranch?*

Cheryl: Blue Rose Ranch has a youth riding program utilizing our rescue horses. Working on arena drills is beneficial to both kids learning to ride and to rescued horses being trained. The horse rescue actually has 30 of the old Red Team saddle pads that we use! John and I are honored to be coordinating the Varsity Red Team trip to the Baca County Fair this coming August. It will be an exciting and inspirational event for our youth riders.

Karen: *That's fantastic! Hey, some of our fellow alumni might want to either come out to the Baca County show or visit Blue Rose Ranch.*

Cheryl: We'd love to have them! We expect a fantastic show and we've been in the process of collecting donations to help fund the trip as well. As for visiting Blue Rose Ranch, we welcome Westernaire alumni and their families to visit. While a drive to the ranch is possible in a day trip, we encourage folks who visit to spend the night as our guests. And, for those with kids in Westernaires looking for their next Red Division equine partner, Blue Rose Ranch has many young, trained horses for adoption that we believe would make excellent Westernaire horses.

Karen: *Finally, Cheryl, do you want to tell people how they can help contribute funds to the Baca County show that's featuring Westernaires?*

Cheryl: They can email us at directors@blueroseranch.org or by phone at (303) 796-7739.



(Left) Red Team entering the arena at the 1970 Calgary Stampede.

(Middle) Red Team unloading their horses off of the vans after arriving at Calgary. Look at those smocks!

(Right) Cheryl and Blaze modeling one of the 50+ Red Team costume combinations they had in 1970.

(Above) Cheryl and her husband John, riding the wide open ranges of Blue Rose Ranch.





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

"I Met My Mate at Fort Westernaire"

In our last newsletter, we asked you to tell us if you met your sweetheart via Westernaires. Here's one of our responses:

Lawrence Moya graduated from Westernaires in 1979 and he and Laura Beecher (she says she's "not an alumni, but an Alumni Mom") are getting married June 3rd, 2012. Lawrence's daughter Carrie and son Wes joined Westernaires in 2001 and Laura's daughter, Amanda

Beecher joined in 2002. They became friends while their daughters were on Red Dressage together and started dating around the time Amanda joined Carrie on Red Team in 2009. Amanda and Carrie both graduated at Stock Show 2010 and ride the Alumni ride at the Annual Show every year with Lawrence. They have both held many support positions over the years, Lawrence still occasionally drives the trucks for out of town shows, Laura

still helps with White Division show quick changes and Amanda instructs White Dressage with Pat Fear. Lawrence and Laura hope their Westernaires family will join them at the celebration in June and they expect to stay involved with Westernaires one way or the other for life.

We sure love that story, and we wish Lawrence and Laura all the best!

HISTORIC PICTURES - "STAGECOACH"



The Westernaires Cavalry played a supporting role in the 1966 remake of the movie "Stagecoach". Starring Ann-Margaret, Red Buttons, Alex Cord, Slim Pickens, and Bing Crosby, the story follows a group of unlikely traveling companions who find themselves together on a stagecoach that is attacked by an Indian war party.

Who saves the day? I'm betting that the Cavalry has a hand in that rescue. Stagecoach was also Bing Crosby's last cinema movie.

Are you in these pictures? Write us and tell us your memories from the movie set.



2012 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	For more information
JUNE			
June 9 th	Tack and Equine Equipment Swap Meet hosted by the Alumni Association	Jefferson County Fairgrounds—Volunteer Arena 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	http://westernairesalumni.org/upcoming_events.html or phone 720.530.0603
June 16 th & 17 th	White Division Show (White Division teams and specialties)	Fort Westernaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
June 22 nd & 23 rd	Estes Park Show (Red Division and specialties)	Fairgrounds at Stanley Park 1209 Manford Avenue Estes Park, CO 80517	www.estesnet.com/Events/
June 30 th	Flying Heels Rodeo (Red Team)	Flying Heels Arena Grand County Fairgrounds Grand County, CO 80446	www.granbyrodeo.com
JULY			
July 25 th	Western Heritage Show (Red Division and specialties)	Fort Westernaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
July 26 th	Phillips County Fair (Red Team)	Phillips County Fairgrounds 22505 US Highway 385 Holyoke, CO 80734	http://phillipscountyfair.net
July 27 th	Dubois Friday Night Rodeo (Red Team)	Dubois Rodeo Grounds Dubois, WY 82513	http://www.duboiswyomingchamber.org/
AUGUST			
To Be Announced	Alumni Week	Fort Westernaire	www.westernairesalumni.org
August 2 nd - 4 th	Baca County Fair (Red Team)	Baca County Fairgrounds Springfield, CO 81073	www.blueroseranch.org or phone (303) 796-7739
August 10 th - 12 th	Jefferson County Fair & Rodeo	Jefferson County Fairgrounds 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.jeffcofairinc.org
August 18 th - 19 th	White Olympics (White Division teams and specialties)	Fort Westernaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
August 24 th	Tenderfoot Induction	Fort Westernaire 15200 W. 6th Avenue Golden, CO 80401	www.westernaires.org
SEPTEMBER			
Aug 30 th - Sept 3 rd	Trinidad Roundup Rodeo - 100th Anniversary (Red Team)	Las Animas County Fairgrounds Trinidad, CO 81082	www.historictrinidad.com & www.trinidadroundup.homestead.com
OCTOBER			
Oct 27 th & 28 th	Annual Show and Alumni Homecoming	National Western Stock Show Events Center 1515 East 47th Avenue Denver, CO 80216	www.westernaires.org
JANUARY 2013			
Jan 5 th - 20 th , 2013	National Western Stock Show & Rodeo	National Western Stock Show Complex 4655 Humboldt Denver, CO 80216	www.nationalwestern.com

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