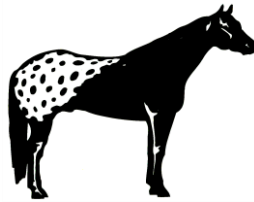


Center of the Nation Appaloosa Horse Club

January 2010 Newsletter



Important Dates to Remember:

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| February 6, 2010 | Awards Banquet |
| March 19-21, 2010 | South Dakota Horse Fair |
| May 29 & 30, 2010 | CON Spring Spotacular |
| September 18, 2010 | Trail ride at Turkey Creek |

Please read on for additional club activities, details on the “important dates”, membership form, and sponsorship information. There is also a questionnaire/referral form for you to provide feedback. We want to know what opportunities interest you.



A Message from the Center of the Nation Appaloosa Horse Club President

I am very proud of the Center of the Nation Appaloosa Horse Club's activities to showcase the Appaloosa horse and promote the breed. Our activities have ranged from open and breed shows to trail rides, parades and play days. We have had a booth at the South Dakota Horse Fair every year since its inception.

You may be wondering, "what does this have to do with me?" Well, if you're a current CON ApHC member, I want to say "thank you", and if you're not, I'd like to extend an invitation for you to check us out! You don't need to own an Appaloosa horse to join our club. Whether you are young or old, enjoy riding the rail or riding the trail, or just like the company of other horse people, we have a place for you!

Please take a few moments to complete and return the enclosed survey. We are interested in ways you enjoy your Appaloosa and we are looking for ideas for new club activities. Your feedback is important and we look forward to hearing from you!

*Lori Richards, President
Center of the Nation ApHC*

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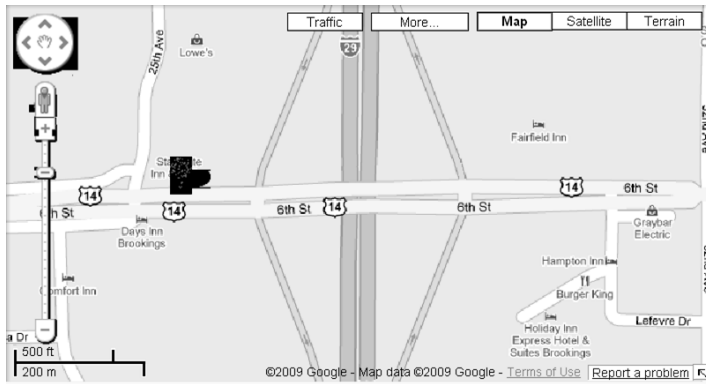
Center of the Nation Mission

CON ApHC Purpose (according to bylaws): The purpose of the association shall be to cooperate with and aid, in every way possible, the progress and functions of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. recognizing that the parent organization, the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. files records and issues certificates of registration for such animals thought to be fit for foundation stock and tentative interest in the breed from a regional standpoint to complete cooperation with the overall program of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. To gain proper publicity through the medians of radio, television, newspaper, and magazines in the area. To gain breeding classes and performance of classes for Appaloosa horses registered in the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., in local, county, district, and state horse shows and fairs. To forward historical data, blood line records, and general information to the executive secretary of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., when it would be requested or helpful to him. To promote and stimulate interest in all regional Appaloosa shows for Appaloosa horses registered in the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. To make an annual report of the club's activities to the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. at their annual meeting.

.....***the details of the "Important Dates" and a word about Sponsorship.***

- **February 6, 2010 , Awards Banquet**

The Staurolite Inn and Suites in Brookings, SD, will be the location of the annual awards banquet and meeting. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. and the meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. Banquet attendees will have an opportunity to order directly from the menu. All Appaloosa horse enthusiasts are welcome.



www.stauroliteinn.com
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- **March 19-21, 2010, South Dakota Horse Fair**

Featured speakers for this year's South Dakota Horse Fair are Richard Winters - "*Richard Winters Horsemanship*" horse trainer, clinician and "Masterful Equine Communicator" and Juli Thorson - Equine Journalist, Horse Breeder and Competitor. Additional information can be found at www.sdhorsefair.com The W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds Expo Building in Sioux Falls, SD, will once again be the location of this event.

- **May 29 & 30, 2010, Center of the Nation Spring Spotacular**

We are very excited to hold our annual horseshow at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds Expo Building in Sioux Falls, SD. This year's horse show will be 2 days and have 2 judges. Please contact Dorine Bennett at 605-256-4983 or conappclub@hotmail.com for more information. If you would like stall reservations or have questions on stalling contact Lori Richards at conappclub@hotmail.com or 605-238-5125

- **September 18, 2010, Trail ride at Turkey Creek**

“For visitors at Turkey Creek Ranch, the Missouri River Bluffs along the Missouri National Recreational River offer a historical setting that enhances any experience. From Lewis & Clark and steamboat lore to remnants of Tallgrass Prairie and Glacial Age formations, the historical roots run deep. Not only will you enjoy your stay, but you are also sure to gain a lot of new and interesting historical knowledge about Turkey Creek Ranch and the surrounding area,” is an example of what Turkey Creek Ranch has to offer from a historical standpoint as described on the Turkey Creek Ranch website. The Center of the Nation Appaloosa Horse Club will be taking a trail ride at this beautiful location this Fall, but in the meantime, please check out their webpage at www.turkeycreekne.com. If you would like to ask for more extensive information on Turkey Creek Ranch and their incredible lodging/camping opportunities, please call (402) 355-2614 or send an email to info@turkeycreekne.com.

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Sponsors are a very important part of our success and we'd like to thank the sponsors that we've had in recent years.

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Please contact one of the Board of Directors if you wish to continue your sponsorship or become a new sponsor.

Membership Form

To join the Center of the Nation Appaloosa Horse Club, send the following information and payment to the treasurer (Dorine Bennett, 23496 454th Avenue, Madison, SD 57042).

Dues are \$10 for Associate Membership, \$20 for Single Club Membership, or \$30 for Family Club Membership. Associate Memberships may earn club points, but are not eligible for year-end awards. All memberships will include newsletters, email announcements, free posting to CON ApHC website for foal announcements, homepage links and classified ads. Single Club Memberships will have one voting privilege and Family Club Membership will have one voting privilege per adult.

List the name and ApHC Number (#) for each member of the family joining. Include birthdate for youth members and indicate if adults are NonPro ApHC members. Include birthdate for NonPro members (needed for limited/masters classes.)

(Youth are included in family membership if 18 or under as of 01-01-10)

Address _____

Phone _____

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Website _____

Name _____ ApHC # _____

Youth BD _____ NonPro? (yes/no) NonPro BD _____

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Questionnaire and Referral Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred method of contact: Address or E-mail (Please circle one)

Please list any other individuals that you feel would benefit from hearing about the Appaloosa horse.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

We would like to reach out to both Appaloosa Horse Owners and Appaloosa Horse Enthusiasts to make additional opportunities available to both the present membership and potential members. Please take a moment to answer these questions so we can better meet the needs and/or concerns of both current and future members. (Please mail to: Dorine Bennett, 23496 454th Avenue, Madison, SD 57042).

1. If you currently own an Appaloosa, what do you enjoy doing the most with your Appaloosa?

2. What opportunities or things would you like to participate in that are related to the Appaloosa or that would help promote the Appaloosa to others?

3. Are there particular areas of the Appaloosa breed that you would like to learn more about or receive training in and what are those areas?

4. What kind of information would you like from a club that you become a member of?