



Western Chapter President’s Message

It’s 2022 and hopefully the light at the end of the tunnel isn’t an oncoming locomotive.

Spring will soon be here. Equifest is just around the corner and I am hopeful that all will go as planned. The list of exhibitors and clinicians is not quite finalized as I write this, but should be available pretty close to the date this newsletter is published. Check the Erie County Fair website for details.

I am looking forward to seeing lots of people at Equifest whom I have not seen in the last few years to see how they have “survived” these interesting times. I hope to have conversations there to see what the concerns of the Western New York horse community are and get ideas as to how the Western Chapter can help people get in the “swing of things”. Two years is a long time to put things on hold.

The board has continued to meet and we are in the process of planning additional activities for 2022. Some clinics have already been scheduled and we are looking at seeing if a trail ride, a bus trip and other events will be feasible.

Stay tuned and let us all hope for a 2022 that more closely resembles “normal”.

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Western Chapter Events Being Planned for 2022

- Equifest- March 19th and 20th Erie County Fair Grounds
- Jeff Wilson Western Dressage Clinic - April 1-3 MK Quarter Horses Wilson NY
- Trail Ride and Picnic – May at Knox Farm (date to be announced)
- Western NY Quarter Horse Show (Candy Apple Classic) Hamburg Showplex July 8-10
- Horse Playground Obstacle Course - South Ripley, New York (Date to be announced)



The Western New York Quarter Horse Club

Submitted by Mercedes Calway; President of WNYQHCI

The Western New York Quarter Horse Club (WNYQHCI) was founded in 1957 for the promotion of the registered American Quarter Horse through ownership, breeding and exhibiting. The club assists its members by providing AQHA horse shows, open horse shows, year-end awards and scholarships. A few years later in 1960, the club was incorporated as a 501(c)7 tax exempt organization.

The club also has a subsidiary, the Youth Club. The youth members run their own division of the club and assist with raising money and volunteering at local shows. It gives the up and coming horse generation a chance to participate in the community and help the organization prosper. Additionally, members who are seniors in high school or currently attending college can apply for the yearly \$1,000 scholarship. To date, we have provided \$9,000 in scholarship funds to our deserving youth.

In July, the Candy Apple Horse Show is held at the Showplex in Hamburg, NY. This show started in 1985 and since its inception has had to be moved from two locations due to its growing size. Over the past few years the show has consistently had over 700 entries and AQHA has provided 3-5 judges. In 2018, AQHA named the Candy Apple Horse Show as one of their Top Ten "Introductory Shows" in the world. This year the show will be held July 8th – 10th. On Friday, in addition to AQHA pointed classes, there are also open classes where you do not need to be showing a registered (or even un-registered) Quarter Horse in order to participate. Throughout the year, the WNYQHCI and the Youth Club run numerous fundraisers to help pay for the yearly Candy Apple Horse Show and the youth scholarship. These fundraisers include a basket auction in January, mums sale around September, poinsettias and wreaths in November in time for the holidays. Additionally, we are

always looking for sponsorships for the Candy Apple Horse Show. We hope to be able to add a seminar or a clinic to our already busy schedule in either 2022 or 2023.

We provide year end awards to our members who show in AQHA sanctioned horse shows, as well as open horse shows. These awards are presented at our yearly banquet which is held in January. The club awards Champion and Reserve awards for each AQHA class that is offered through recognized shows, along with several all-around awards in different divisions. The WNYQHCI also gives out year end awards for members who exhibit registered AQHA horses at Open Horse shows held in any of the (8) eight Western New York counties (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming). When it comes to the open shows, you do not need to own the horse you are showing.



EquiFest UpDate

The 2022 Equifest plans are moving along very nicely. Mark your Calendars for March 19th and 20th to come to the Erie County Fairgrounds. Remember Equifest is free, no parking charge, no admission and lots to learn.

Following is a brief update of where we are at. A huge thank you for all the hard work, Kirby Dygert and Laura Kwilos are involved with in making the best EquiFest yet.

We are doing well on vendors. They are trickling in as they usually do this time of year. Currently there are over 30 vendors committed. Each day more vendors are contacting the office. Vendors will NOT receive their booth spaces until after the February 15th deadline.

Clinicians – At this point we are almost full in all three demo locations, which is great! We are confident that those few spaces left will fill in shortly. So with that being said we do not feel as though we need to solicit any more.

Some folks that are confirmed:

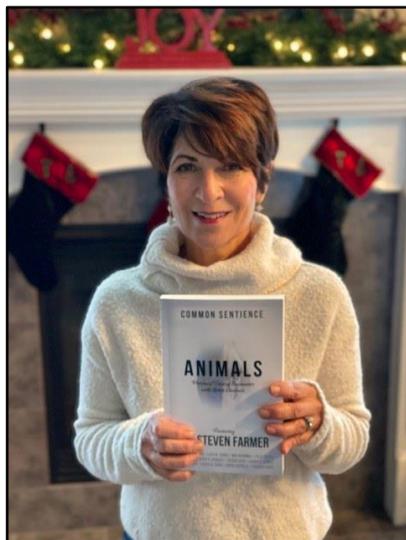
- Esco Buff – Among some of the Farrier Association that Esco belong to include: American Farriers Association (AFA) Certified Farrier (CF), an American Association of Professional Farriers (AAPF),). Esco is dedicated to excellence in horse foot care. He has a strong interest in working with all lameness cases including laminitic and foundered horses as well as limb length disparity horses
- .Luke Reinbold Horsemanship - located in the hills of Canisteo New York. This area feels more like a scene from out west than what your typical thoughts of New York might be. Luke currently travels throughout the northeast conducting clinics along with hosting them at his facility.
- Braveheart Beasts –“ “My goal is to cultivate a deep understanding between horses and humans to set them on a path to success, no matter what their goals are, and to use that connection to help them forge a bond that lasts a lifetime.”
- Rose Hill Ranch – The Minter’s are known for Colt Starting, Performance Training, Reined Cow Horses, Lessons, Problem Solving, Clinics, and more!
- Eternal Flame Archery - A club dedicated to learning, practicing and promoting the sport of mounted archery! Mounted horseback archery takes dedication, trust in your horse and precision.
- Lucky Star Horsemanship offers Clinics, Workshops, Skill Evaluations, Lessons and Equine Event Management. When the partnership is strong between horse and human there is no limit to what can be achieved.
- Cowboys of Christ (CFC) was founded in 1970 and is a ministry that God called to reach out to the livestock industry worldwide. Everyone is welcome, you don’t have to be in the Livestock industry or a Cowboy or Cowgirl to be a part of this group.

Pictures of past EquiFest



Congratulations to one of the Western Chapter's Business

has recently added publisher to her list of accomplishments! To Quote Nancy "I'm so excited to be a contributing author in this special book. Personal Tales of Encounters With Spirit Animals with Dr. Steve Farmer. I have included the link if anyone is interested in ordering a copy https://bitly.com/cs_animals.. The book is full of short stories and magic encounters with spirit animals. Read my story the Charisma Connection on page 151. Sacred Stories".



Nancy is well known as an experienced coach who provides **equine**-facilitated coaching, and has offered a number of clinic in the WNY Area. Specializing in the Horse Human relationship. Horses have much to teach us about relationship, authentic power and intuition. The horse human bond can lead us back to the self.

New York State Equine Resource

The NY State Horse Council is currently putting together a New York State Equine Resource book which can be viewed on line at <https://nyshc.org/index.php> . If you are aware of a equine business to add to it please let Barbcunningham11@gmail.com know about. Will need the Business Name, the owner of the Business, the county the business is in, complete address of business and what the business does. It has everything from equine artist, places to board, clubs, farriers, clubs, tack and equipment anything horse related. Check it out on the website.

Do You Know These Facts About Horses

- Horses can't breathe through their mouth. ...
- Horses can sleep standing up. ...
- Horses have lightning fast reflexes. ...
- Horses have 10 different muscles in their ears. ...
- Horses have a nearly 360 degree field of vision. ...
- Horses do not have teeth in the middle of their mouth. ...
- Horses are highly intelligent animals
- Horses have around 205 bones in their skeleton, but some Arabian horses have fewer ribs and lumbar vertebrae than is typically found in other breeds of horse — 5 lumbar vertebrae rather than 6 and 17 pairs of ribs rather than 18.
- Equine have bigger eyes than any other land mammal.

“HORSE” POWER VERSUS HORSEPOWER “ (of autos)”

In 1977 we got our first horse (power), an Appaloosa mare. And our next 100 horsepower, a 1974 BMW 2002A arrived in 1978. Since that time, we've had a number of horses including more Appaloosas as well as Thoroughbreds and a Quarter horse. We've also owned a multitude of BMW's. More 2002's including 2 tii's, a 528i, a 635i, a 325iX, a 328d touring and a few X5's. We joined BMW_CCA in May, 1981.

Currently, there are two thoroughbreds and one quarter horse in the horse barn, and a couple of Thoroughbreds at the track. The car barn contains an M2, a Z3 roadster, and M roadster, a clownshoe (Z3 coupe, not an M), a Z4 coupe, an e39 manual, and, of course, a 1974 2002. I tell my wife that more cars than horses is OK since you don't have to clean up after or feed the cars as regularly, although cleaning and "feeding" at some interval is required.

None of the horses or the cars mentioned above are daily drivers...and that got me thinking about the history of horses and automobiles, and a term I've heard used much more often these days, "personal mobility". At the turn of the century (1900, not 2000), horses were the principal source of personal mobility. Yes, there were streetcars and trains and ships, but these were "public" transportation, analogous to today's busses, trains and airplanes. Horses were the "daily drivers" of their day with attendant emission problems. Since those days, horses have been replaced by the new form of personal mobility, the automobile, with its own attendant emission problems, but horses didn't go away. Yes, there are fewer of them (but still 7,246,835 according to a 2017 report issued by the American Horse Council) and they still play important roles in our society.

Likely the first thing that comes to mind is horse racing, both short (think quarter horses) and long (think thoroughbred). Then there are horse shows with both confirmation and performance classes, competitive trail riding, rodeo, driving through a course in horse and buggy with traffic cones topped by tennis balls (sound familiar?), and many more. And the horses are all taken care of by owners, trainers, grooms, veterinarians and more.

Now reflect on the similarities with the automobile. Racing both short (drag racing) and long (stock and sports cars). Car shows, including concours, and also autocross. Off road racing and rallying, and more. And the cars are all taken care of by owners, detailers, body shops, and mechanics to name a few.

Unfortunately, old horses can't be restored like old cars, but they can be preserved in a manner of speaking by careful attention to bloodlines and responsible breeding. A plus is that you don't have the problem of NLA parts.

Looking at the current state of the automobile and pondering both the near and distant future of "personal mobility" it certainly isn't clear what direction we're heading. While it may appear that the automobile will continue in its role as the primary means of "personal mobility", albeit in electric format, it's no slam dunk. Will personal mobility be supplanted by omnipresent Zoom meetings or get togethers? Will public transportation expand to replace most personal mobility devices? Will the 1989 Mr. Goodwrench tag line "It's not just a car, it's your freedom" fade into history? Will all transportation (except walking) become autonomous? We don't know but the role of the horse in our society can show us a potential future course for the automobile.

Personal mobility has always been composed of two things. One is getting from point A to Point B. The other has been the means or process to do so. With horses, getting from point A to point B is now been supplanted by other means while the process, the skill and pleasure of riding and driving and racing, remain. That hasn't happened yet with automobiles, but it may. Especially when you consider the potential for fully autonomous vehicles to get from point A to point B. But just as with horses, the skill and pleasure of caring for and driving and racing automobiles will remain. It's not the destination (point B), it's the drive.

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Chautauqua County Trail Riders

The Chautauqua County Trail Riders was formed on October 16, 1946 by a group of people who were interested in horses and trail riding. Thirty acres of land was eventually purchased at 3560 Gerry Levant Road in Falconer, N.Y. as a place where the club could meet and ride. Over time, a clubhouse, a horse stable and a riding arena were built on the property. The members of the club set up events every year from May through October for the riding enjoyment of club and non- club members.

We have a series of Family Fun Game Shows that are open to the public to watch and to compete in. On July 16th we will have our Judged Trail Ride which is a Ride on a marked trail with various fun obstacles to test you and your horse's partnership.

On August 19-21 we will have our 57th Annual BIG WEEKEND with food for participants and a meal that is open to the public on Sat. evening for a minimal charge, primitive camping is available for participants and live Music on Sat. night, that will be open to the public for a \$5 cover charge.

For more information on joining the club or any of the rides and events, contact Dave Schauman at (716) 487-9650 or Anne Lynch at (716) 287-4474. Or check out our Chautauqua County Trail Riders Face Book to keep up to date on Club Events.

Upcoming events – 2022

Be sure to keep an eye on the NYSHC calendar on the website.

March 19 -20 - **EquiFest** – Two days filled with equine demonstrations, clinics, and a variety vendors to interest everyone. This event is sponsored by Erie County Agricultural Society & the Western Chapter of

April 1-3 **Jeff Wilson Western Dressage Clinic**. MKQH farm 4430 Chestnut Rd., Wilson, NY 14172

April 14 – 17 and April 22 – 24 **SPRING FLING QH SHOWS** The Showplex at the Fairgrounds, 5600 McKinley Pkwy., Hamburg, NY 14075. For information: <https://springflingqhshows.com>

April 23 **Horsemanship 9-12 Foundation 1-4**. Location Kinship With Horses 9324 North Otto Road Cattaraugus, NY 14719 (716)-982-5180

April 30 **Spring Hunter/Jumper Show** One Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744

Facebook Page “Houghton College Equestrian Program” more details about our shows and events.

May 1, 8AM **Schooling Show - English, Western & Gymkhana Open Walk/Trot &**

Walk/Trot/Canter classes (youth & adult). Location: Niagara County Fairgrounds, 4487 Lake Ave, Lockport, NY 14094. For information and full class lists - Karen Randall 716-439-1865 randallkaren254@gmail.com or Cheryl Bish – 716-439-4499 CKRFarms@aol.com.

May 7 **Spring Dressage Schooling Show** One Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744

May 7 & 8 **Jean Luc Cornille Clinic**. Location Kinship With Horses 9324 North Otto Road Cattaraugus, NY 14719 Contact Gail Pearles for more information (716)-982-5180

May 14, 9AM **Niagara County 4- H Clubs Sponsored - Miniature Horse Show**. Location: Niagara County Fairgrounds, 4487 Lake Ave., Lockport, NY 14094. Contact -Terri Seidel 716-772-2390 at tseidel@aol.com

May 21 **Horsemanship 9-12 Foundation 1-4**. Location Kinship With Horses 9324 North Otto Road Cattaraugus, NY 14719 Contact Gail Pearles for more information (716)-982- 5180

May 21, 8AM ***Open Show - English, -adult, youth, & walk/trot** Location: Niagara County Fairgrounds, 4487 Lake Ave., Lockport, NY 14094. For information and full class lists - Karen Randall 716-439- 1865 randallkaren254@gmail.com

We would love to hear from YOU!

The Western Chapter of the NYS Horse Council is looking for ways to increase involvement by the Equestrians in our area. Please take the time to read through the following questions and send your input to Barbcunningham11@gmail.com so it can be shared with the other members.

- What did you expect when you joined the WC?
- Would you like more Clinics?
- What type of Clinics would you be interested in attending?
- Would you bring your horse or rather audit?
- Would you prefer classroom education?
- Are you interested in Trail Riding?
- How long do you like to trail ride?
- Would you be willing to lead a trail ride?
- Are you interested in camping with your Horse:
- Do you want to know more about driving?
- Do you want to go on bus trips to different Equine Facilities or Events?
- Do you want to become more involved by becoming a Board Member?

Feel free to think outside the box with your ideas.

Be Safe When Handling Horses

1. Wear sturdy hard-toed shoes or boots that will protect your feet if the horse or pony steps on them.
2. Get the horse's attention before approaching or touching and always approach the horse from the front.
3. Be calm and quiet.
4. Feed treats from buckets or tubs.
5. When cleaning a horse's hooves or putting on leg bandages, don't squat or kneel. Bend over so that if the horse moves you can get out of the way quickly
6. Never loop lead ropes, longe lines, or reins around your hands or any other body part. If your horse pulls away, you could be dragged. Don't tie yourself to a horse in any way.
7. Always use a lead rope attached to the horse's halter, rather than grasping the halter itself, which provides no options if the horse were to startle.
8. Don't allow the horse you're leading to touch noses with an unfamiliar horse, as this can lead the "strangers" to suddenly bite or strike at one another. (This applies when you're mounted, as well.)
9. Tie a horse "eye high and no longer than your arm," meaning the tie knot should be at least as high as the horse's eye, and the distance from the knot to the halter should be no more than the length of your arm.
10. Never fight with a reluctant horse to get him into a trailer; seek professional help and retraining, if necessary.
11. When turning out a horse or pony for exercise or returning him to his paddock or pasture, always turn his head back toward the gate and step through it yourself before slipping the halter off to avoid his heels in case he kicks them up in delight at freedom.

Equine Trail Sports (ETS)

I have taken the liberty of using parts of an article by Jodi Gray, her complete article can be found in the first 2022 NYS Horse Council Newsletter.

Equine Trail Sports came to New York in 2020. ETS has a unique model of having a judge at every obstacle and choosing your own skill level at each obstacle. Easy level 1, intermediate level 2, and advanced level 3. This eliminates waiting around for classes and allows riders of every skill level to ride together. ETS offers a new twist to competitive horse events, they combined judged obstacle challenges with trail riding and they offer liability insurance for all their events. ETS offers 4 different event formats; Judged Obstacle Course (field or arena), Judged Obstacle Trail(2-4 miles), Judged Trail Challenge(5-10miles), and non judged Recreation Rides.

Hosting info can be found here [ETS: Host an Event](#)

Judges are always in high demand, ETS offers a free online judges webinar 2-4 times a month. The training takes about 2 hours. Sign up at [ETS: Events](#). All info can be found at www.EquineTrailSports.com

Dressage Is Not Just for English Riders!

Are you finding more Western Dressage shows and events you'd like to participate in? Get the knowledge and the know how with help from Jeff Wilson. <https://jeffwilsonhorsemanship.com/>. The Western Chapter of the NYS Horse Council is happy to announce that Jeff Wilson will be doing a clinic on April 1-3, 2022. It will be held at MK Quarter Horses, 4430 Chestnut Rd, Wilson, NY 14172

The Clinic will be a bit different from previous clinics in our area. Friday Evening: Presentation of Jeff Wilson riding a Western Dressage test. On Saturday there will be test preparation to prepare horse and rider on riding a dressage test. On Sunday each rider will perform a dressage pattern and Jeff will be commenting on ways they and their horse can improve for future patterns.

The Clinic is full, however there is plenty of room for spectators, bring a chair and come watch and learn. The MK Rodeo girls will be selling refreshments throughout the weekend.

As an FYI Jeff Wilson Horsemanship is returning to Horse World Expo! PA [Horse](#)

[World Expo March 3 – 6, 2022 Harrisburg, PA](#) Farm Show Complex, 2300 N Cameron St, Harrisburg, PA .



Jeff will be bringing his knowledge of dressage, as it applies to the Western Horse, to you during his Expo clinics and his amazing performances with his Morgan stallions in Theatre Equus.

Winter Riding Don't Miss the Beauty



Winter Tips

Proper winter horse care, including a diet rich in forage and providing protection from the cold and wet elements, is a great way to ensure your horse's health and well-being during the winter months.

- Provide warm water (45° to 65° F).
- Feed additional hay during extreme cold.
- Make sure there is access to shelter.
- Perform regular hoof care.
- Assess your horse's body condition regularly.
- Evaluate your facility's stability and ventilation.



Please remember to renew your membership, either on line or the old fashion way.

<https://nyshc.org/post.php?pid=14for> online



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Western Chapter Business Membership's Free Listing

ORGANIZATION		CONTACT	PHONE
Allegany Mountain Saddlery	Custom Made Saddles	Staci Saulter	<u>(716) 257-9574</u>
American Heritage Morgan Farm	Breeding/sales of Morgans	Donna Fox	(585) 735-5322
Begin Again Horse Rescue, Inc	Equine Rescue	Harriet Rubins	(585)322-2427
Clydes Feed & Animal Center	Feed Store-horses and pets	Jim Millspaugh	716.648.2171
Equine Essence	Therapy And Training	Nancy Proulx	(716)481-9812
Genesee Valley Equine Clinic	Equine Veterinary Practice	Amy Leibeck	(585)889-1170
Green Mountain Nutritional Services, Inc	Supplements	Jim Miller	(716)523-0018
Helping Horses.	BEMER Vet applications	Sandra Plumb	585-820-3141
Laurelin Farm	Lessons & Trains with harmony for horse & human	Caroline North	(716)532-9434
Lollypop Farm, Humane Society of Greater Rochester	Provides Shelter and Rehoming for animals	Lauren Guerrera	(585)223-1330 x193
Lorick Stables	Breeding, Training, Sales and Showing of Friesian Horses	Gareth Selwood	(716)745-3611
Main Street Insurance Agency	Insurances	Linda Kruszka	585.591.1590
MK Quarter Horses	Lessons, Training, Boarding, Breeding, Foaling, Rodeo	Melissa Koser	<u>(570) 204-5281</u>
Newstead Equestrian Center	Lessons, Boarding	Susan Mund	(716)542-3064
Royalton Equine Veterinary Services PC	Equine Veterinary Practice	Jeanne Best	(716)629-8384
Sand Meadow Farm	Breeding and selling Icelandic Horses	Andrea&Steve Barber	(585) 624-4468
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Sedona Rose Ranch	Boarding	Brenda Martin	(716)374-4943
Springville Veterinary Services	Equine Veterinary Practice	Joseph Tashjian	(716)592-0070

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