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Shows to be Held at the Virginia Horse Center in 2016

As the 2016 horse show season gets underway here at the Virginia Horse Center, our team is thrilled to welcome Saddlebred exhibitors to an expanded line-up of events this year in Lexington, Virginia!

Saddlebred competition at the Horse Center kicks off on February 19-20 with the Virginia Winter Tournament and UPHA Horse Show and continues with six additional shows offering Saddlebred classes held now through November. Those horse shows include:

Old Dominion Saddlebred Show – April 22-23
Bonnie Blue National Horse Show – May 11-14
Roanoke Valley Horse Show – June 20-25
Old Dominion Classic – September 9-10
AHSAV – September 29 – October 2
UPHA Winter Tournament – November 19

The Old Dominion Horse Shows each benefit the Old Dominion Futurity, and will feature 3-gaited, 5-gaited, fine harness, park, pleasure prospect, equitation, academy, children's classes and more.

Just a few weeks following the April Old Dominion Saddlebred Show, the USEF-rated Bonnie Blue National Horse Show returns to the Virginia Horse Center for the 30th anniversary edition of the show. This year's show will feature a full variety of crowd pleasing classes for both Saddlebreds and Hackneys.

New to the Virginia Horse Center calendar, but a longstanding, historic charity horse show, the Roanoke Valley Horse Show returns in June and plans to offer exhibitors five-gaited, harness, three-gaited, roadster, pleasure classes and more.

To learn more about each of the 2016 Saddlebred horse shows at the Virginia Horse Center and to enter today be sure to check www.HorseCenter.org.

For those looking to get extra practice time in at the Horse Center prior to the start of the February or spring horse shows, the Virginia Horse Center is proud to offer both winter schooling and boarding now until March 1. For more information on winter schooling and boarding, please contact Leigh Anne at laclaywell@horsecenter.org.

A Special Treat for Us!

Jim Walls has graciously agreed to let me put some of his art work into our newsletter.

Here's a loosely done pencil sketch of the great Saddlebred show and breeding stud, Gallant Guy

I am so thankful that he is allowing me to use some of his art to dress up our newsletter. All of his work belongs only to him. Do not copy without his expressed permission.



Letter from the President

The American Saddlebred Horse Association of Virginia brought together a record number of members to award High Point winners for the 2015 show season and celebrates its 41st year serving the show horse community. This year's annual convention & awards banquet was held at the historic Natural Bridge Hotel in Natural Bridge VA on March 5th.

Saturday afternoon, Leah Barron Wilson, gave an outstanding talk on "Sportsmanship", that we are thinking about having her do again. The Annual Membership meeting followed with election of officers: Carol Reedy, President, Kiani Fridley, Vice-President, Jennifer Burks, Secretary, and Jennifer Crozier, Treasure. Election of Zone Directors was as follows: Zone 1-Leslie Melvin & Dana Ellington-Mullins, Zone 2-Heather Dudley & Lee Adams-Hudson, Zone 3-Robin Williams & Kathie Constable, Zone 4-Joy Bowman & Natalie Hamer and Zone 5 (West VA) Casey Surface. Old & New business was discussed and members adjourned for the Banquet.

We had an Outstanding Silent auction that went on throughout the evening with several very sought after items!

The Service Award this year was presented to a very deserving Makenzie Williamson. Youth Sportsmanship recipient was Kirsten Crouch and the Adult Sportsmanship recipient was Phil Geisel. The 2015 ASHAV High Point winners, High Point Horse of the Year (CH Cosmic Sunfire), High Point Trainer of the Year went to Leslie Melvin. Junior & Senior Judging and Academy High Point Awards, as well as Virginia Winter Tournament High Point winners were presented.

I want to Thank all of who served on committees and all who volunteered to help in whatever capacity was needed this past year! We will continue to need your ideas, experience, expertise and your willingness to serve on committees as we go through this year. We need new and fun ideas for the 2016 Horse show this is our 33rd year!

The Horse Show will be, **Sept. 29-October 1st** & our Judge will be Shane Mullens. The highly competitive **Adult Stick Horse** will be Friday night following the last class and the popular **Dog Show** will follow during the **exhibitor's party**. We are again planning another Great show and hope you will join us! As the planning process for the 2016 show unfolds and an officer or zone representative calls for your support please support their efforts! Remember this is **Our** show and we want it to be the very best it can possibly be!

This year more than ever we will need your help in getting class sponsorships for the Horse Show, please call us with any & all suggestions!

As you journey to the different shows, remember that, as always the major goal of this organization is to promote the American Saddlebred Horse. We will continue to do this by supporting ASHAV's major events, horse shows, newsletter, high points, futurity program, youth activities, educational board, website and the convention.

I want to Thank the ASHAV Board & membership again for their support, knowledge and sincere interest in the renewed energy that I felt throughout this past year, and I am again Honored that you have elected me President again.

Saddle Up & Get on Board!

Sincerely,

**Carol S. Reedy
ASHAV President**

2015 High Point Champions

Open Five Gaited

1st Rappe' Danny & Nancy Troutman

Amateur Five Gaited

1st Mucha Muchacha Charity Bishop
2nd Treasures In The Park Leigh Kauffelt

Juvenile Five Gaited

1st The Jade Hunter Carlie Hester

Adult Five Gaited Pleasure

1st Bluebonnet's Challenger Owned by: Bobby Burgess/ Shown by: Rebecca Williams
2nd Callaway's Born For This Janet Sterba
3rd Treasures In The Park Leigh Kauffelt

Juvenile 5-Gaited Pleasure

1st Master of the Universe Morgan Hylton

5-Gaited Pony

1st Undulata's Kipling Morgan Hylton

Fine Harness

1st Take Me Home Tonight Carol S. Reedy
2nd Captain Breckingridge Owned by: Debra & Michael Ohlson
3rd Fox Grape's Limitless Sharon Ellington/Shown by: Joe Ellington

Open Three Gaited

1st Callaway's Sneakingout of Here Owned by: Debra Ohlson/Shown by Bobby B.
2nd Shadow Mountain's Black Inc. Ginny Kauffelt/Shown by: Leigh Kauffelt
3rd Southern Hemisphere Dr. John Cummins/Shown by: Casey Surface

Amateur 3-Gaited

1st UnChaperoned Carol S. Reedy
2nd Callaway's Sneakingout of Here Owned by: Debra Ohlson/Shown by:
Brittney Ritter
3rd Shadow Mountain's Black Inc. Ginny Kauffelt/Shown by: Leigh Kauffelt

Juvenile 3-Gaited

1st LuLu Guinness Frankie Sue Snider
2nd My Twinkle Toes Morgan Hylton
3rd The Great Tatus Isabella Johnston
4th HS Daydreams Believe In Me Owned by: Dana Mullins/Shown by: Olivia Horan

3-Gaited Pony

1st My Gisele Vickie Langford/Shown by: Dakota Hartley
2nd Select the Best Owned by: Andre Fourie/Shown by: Sarah-Ann

Open 3-Gaited Park

1st Young Money Owned by: Debbie Ohlson
2nd Rappe' Danny & Nancy Troutman
3rd Blueberry Yum Yum Rebecca L. Williams

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Amateur 3- Gaited Park

1 st Blueberry Yum Yum	Rebecca L. Williams
2 nd Indigo Sky	Kiani Fridley

Juvenile 3- Gaited Park

1 st Just Out of Reach	Emily Ball
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Junior 3- Gaited Park

1 st Guy's Sweet Caroline	Sherri Surface
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ASB Park Pleasure

1 st I'm Romeo	Joann Bedsaul
2 nd High on Coal	Morgan Hylton/Shown by: Casey Surface

ASB Adult Pleasure

1 st Winsdown Point Breeze	Priscilla Barber/Shown by: Laura Bumgarner
2 nd That's final	Jennifer Crozier
3 rd Lovin' Louie	Anna Hudson
4 th A Perfect Affair	Kelli Woody

Juvenile ASB Pleasure 13 & Under

1 st CH A Starless Nite	Madison Alley
2 nd A Lifetime of Dreams	Cory Morrison
3 rd Morelli	Olivia Horan
4 th Gypsy's Bay Miss	Christie &/or Madison Law: Shown by: Madison

Juvenile ASB Pleasure 14 to 17

1 st Master of the Universe	Morgan Hylton
2 nd Leatherwood's Highlight	Andre Fourie/Shown by: Sarah-Ann Fourie
3 rd Keep Me	Candence Stables/Shown by: Jordan Burks
4 th Leatherwood's Hancock	Larry Blankenship/Shn. by: Maddie Blankenship
5 th George W	Robert Compton/Shown by: Sarah-Ann Fourie'

Juvenile Pleasure W/T 12 & Under

1 st Stir It Up	Dillan Emrich
2 nd Irish Hill's Mountain Star	Andre Fourie/BJ Fourie & Julia Day

ASB Pleasure Driving

1 st I'm Mighty Bewitching	Leslie Melvin/Shown by: Janet Webster
2 nd Sharpie	Leanne Mayberry
3 rd Stagleigh's Classic Melody	Robin Williams

ASB Pleasure Prospect

1 st April Foolin' You	Nancy & Danny Troutman Shown by: Adrian S
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Adult ASB Country Pleasure

1 st Marching Royally	Doris Tyler
2 nd Positive Out Look	Mary Dunker
3 rd Just As I Am	Terry G. Wilson
4 th Jatana's Bidding on the Ritz	Owner: Tommy Barron/Leah Barron Wilson
5 th Flashy Heir	Wanda Hensley/Shown by: Ashley Greer
6 th LA Sir Top Hat	Lori Kauffelt

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Juvenile ASB Country Pleasure

13 & Under

Juvenile ASB Country Pleasure

14 to 17

1st Sudar Bear's Bream Alexis Jennings

Juvenile Country Pleasure W/T 12 & Under

1st Steel Illusion Emma Townley

ASB Country Pleasure Driving

1st Michael's Moving Man Janet & Eleanor Webster/Shown by: Janet & Ellie
2nd Flashyheir Wanda Hensley

ASB Western Country Pleasure

1 st	CH Cosmic Sunfire	Judith Gendarillas
2 nd	Mountainview's Supreme Ruler	Carlin Bumgarner
3 rd	Lovin' Louie	Anna Hudson
4 th	Attache's Candy Kiss	Patty Hylton

ASB Country Hunter Pleasure

Open Road Pony

1st Extremely Intimidating Mark Shumate

Amateur Road Pony

1st Crystal Creek's Duchess Phillip Geisel
2nd Holy Roller Leigh Kauffelt

Juvenile Road Pony

1st Blue Grass Impression Jason Horan/ Shown by: Olivia Horan
2nd Blackjack Chase Tibbs

Road Pony Under Saddle

1st Extremely Intimidating	Morgan Hylton
2nd Pulitzer Prize	BTF/Shown by: Samantha Stratton
3rd Voila	BTF/Shown by: Jamie Houck

Open Road Horse

1st Starstruck Medea
2nd Trump Card Owned by: Michael Ohlson/ Bobby Burgess
Casey Surface

Amateur Road Horse

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Open Hackney Pony

Owner: Chuck Dawson/Shown by: Joy Bowman

English Pleasure Pony

1st Gypsy's Bay Miss Christie &/or Madison Law; Shown by: Madison

Pleasure Pony Driving

1st Just Like Daddy Deborah Sheets Barron
2nd Another Edition Bent Tree Farm

EQUITATION:

Div. I Walk-Trot 10 & Under

Div. II 10 & Under

Div. III 11 to 13

1 st Trainer: Nancy Troutman	Kirsten Crouch
2 nd Trainer: Lee Hudson	Olivia Horan
3 rd Trainer: Khari Ryder	Carlin Bumgarner
4 th Trainer: Nancy Troutman	Cory Morrison

Div. IV 14 to 17

Div. V Adult

Div. V Adult

 1st Instructor: Lee Hudson Anna Hudson

Academy Walk/Trot

Academy Walkout	
1 st Instructor: Jessica Schaaff	Olivia Fobare
2nd Instructor: Sherri Surface	Abrianna Bishop
2nd Instructor: Sherri Surface	Makaylah Bishop
3rd Instructor: Sherri Surface	Hannah Lacy
4 th Instructor: Sherri Surface/Shirley Trail	Nick Shrewsbury
5th Instructor: Jessica Schaaff	Hannah Ahlers

Academy Walk/Trot & Canter

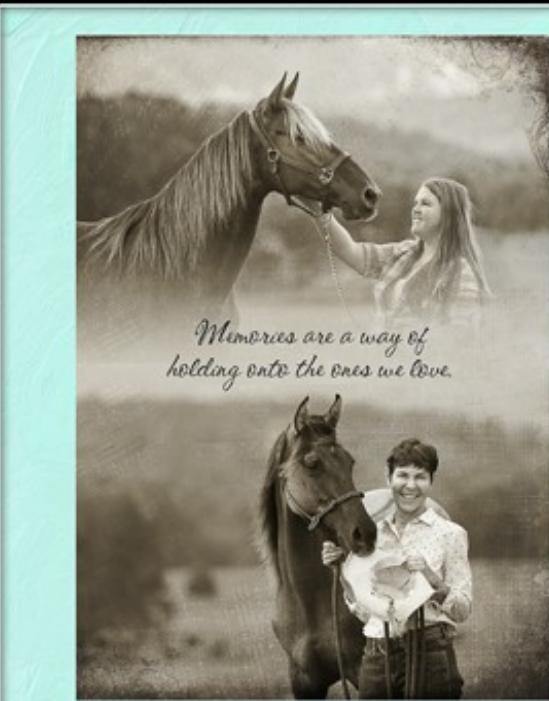
1st Instructor: Sherri Surface	Lori Kauffelt
2nd Instructor: Jessica Schaaff	Christina Barfield
3rd Instructor: Jessica Schaaff	Rachel Ahlers





High Point Horse of the Year
CH Cosmic Sunfire
With Judith Gendarillas

Trainer of the Year
Leslie Melvin



INSPIRATION

There are many things in life that will capture your eye,
but very few will capture your heart.

Judy Robichaux Photography (540) 248-6719

Easy Fund Raising Opportunity!

Wow!

This is a way each of us can help support ASHAV without spending any extra money and very, very little time! If you buy your horse feed at Southern States, all you have to do is save the proof of purchase labels from your feed bags or keep your receipts if you buy in bulk, turn those in to our organization and we will get money for them! Lori Gordon has graciously agreed to collect the proofs of purchases and receipts for ASHAV and to send them in to Southern States. This can be a very big job, and with your help, we hope to keep Lori so busy that she will need an assistant! So start sending in those proofs of purchase.

Thank you for helping ASHAV!



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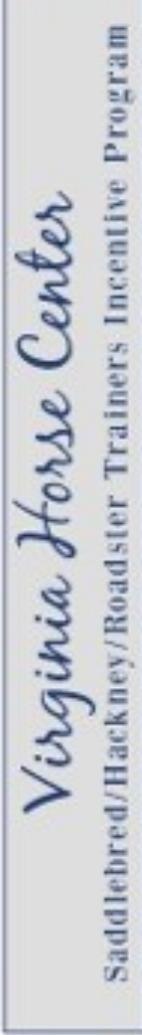
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Rules:

Each trainer receives an entry in the drawing using this method:

of shows attended x accumulative total # of horses brought to shows
Show 1: *Bonnie Blue* Show 2: *Roanoke* Show 3: *ASHAV*

Example: Bring 10 horses to 1st show: Bonnie Blue

Bring 9 horses to 2nd show: Roanoke

Bring 11 horses to 3rd show: ASHAV

Therefore, total entries in drawing for this trainer would be 90
Once a trainer has been drawn, he or she cannot be drawn again.
One prize per trainer.

Prizes:

1st Prize: 2 year lease on a (\$40k vehicle) or
option to pick 2nd place prize and pass this to 2nd place winner
2nd Prize: \$10,000 cash prize
3rd Prize: \$10,000 cash prize





OLD DOMINION CLASSIC

The Old Dominion Classic Horse Shows

Alice Martens and her very capable staff will be in charge of the office.

Photography by Judy Robichaux

The popular chili lunch will be served between the Saturday performances.

A very big **Thank You** to our most valued sponsors: They make the show possible.

- ♥ Tri-color Champion ribbon \$500
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- ♥ Class Sponsorship \$100
- ♥ Friends of the Show \$ 50

The ribbon banners will be on display at the five Virginia Horse Shows held at the Virginia Horse Center:

- ♥ Old Dominion Classic
- ♥ Bonnie Blue Horse Show
- ♥ Roanoke Valley Horse Show
- ♥ Old Dominion Classic
- ♥ ASHAV Horse Show

A big THANKS to all——and the very best luck Horsin' Around.





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ASHAV SERVICE AWARD 2015

Makenzie Williamson

“To be helpful or beneficial; the act of giving assistance to another; ready to serve,” all dictionary definitions for the word “service” and descriptions of the characteristics our recipient of this award embodies.

The ASHAV Service Award is presented each year to a member who has worked in a variety of ways. The dedication and willingness of this individual to work above and beyond the normal “call of duty” makes this year’s individual deserving of this award.

This year’s recipient grew up in Richmond VA. Her love of horses started at the daycare she attended, where they would bring in two Shetland ponies for the children to pet. She started riding hunt seat at Swift Creek Stables at the age of 6. Not only did she learn how to jump, but she also did vaulting. Her family moved to Roanoke in 2004 and she started taking saddleseat at Meadow Wood stables. Although she missed jumping she fell in love with the American Saddlebred, their beauty, grace & versatility. Her first horse was “Quigley” & her first show horse was Face First. She is a 2015 graduate of Sweet Briar College.

This year’s recipient is an exceptional fundraiser. The ASHAV Futurity sold raffle tickets for a custom bench. Our recipient volunteered to help sell tickets. She sold tickets every chance she got. From local shows to Louisville she sold tickets. She is so good at selling tickets that previous ticket purchasers bought more when asked! Thanks to her hard work the Futurity was able to raise \$1895.00.

For her positive attitude and kind heart, it gives me the greatest pleasure to present the Service Award to Makenzie!



ASHAV 2015 Youth Sportsmanship Award: Kirsten Crouch

One of the key words that define Sportsmanship is fair-mindedness.

The recipient of this year’s Youth Sportsman Award displays this quality and more. She is a devoted and diligent competitor who has a very kind, caring, and respectful nature. She is an enthusiastic rider with a competitive but fair spirit.

Her interest in horses began when she was nine years old. Her Elementary school was having a fundraiser, & riding lessons had been donated. Her Mom successfully bid on them and she began taking lessons at Meadow Wood Stables in 2012. She showed in her first Academy class at the RVHS on the beloved “Pepperoni”.

She showed “Ellie” as her first performance horse in the walk/trot country pleasure division at Pine Spur. Her parents had bought the mare for her 10th birthday. The two quickly became the perfect pair. In their very first year together they won the ASHAV Juvenile Country Pleasure Walk/Trot 10 & Under division and the 10 & Under Equitation Walk/Trot High Point division.

She is an excellent 6th grade student, enrolled in all AP classes with A’s & B’s to her credit. She is supported by her twin brother, videographer Dad, her Mom and her Grandparents who share her love of Saddlebreds and whose support make it possible to be where she is today.

This year’s recipient has a positive attitude about showing. She is always a good sport, and a gracious winner as well as a gracious loser. It is easy to be a good sport when things are going well, but the true test is when things are not. She is always trying her best, never back-peddling or making excuses and always with a smile.

This year’s Youth Sportsmanship Award goes to Kirsten Crouch.



ASHAV Adult Sportsmanship Award

The Adult Sportsmanship Award is designed to recognize an individual who embodies the qualities of a sportsman at all times in competitively showing horses. To be considered for the Award, a candidate should exhibit fairness, courtesy and consideration for their fellow horsemen. The winner of this award is not necessarily a world champion rider or driver, but must possess a World Champion **Attitude**. This year's recipient certainly embodies all of these qualities.

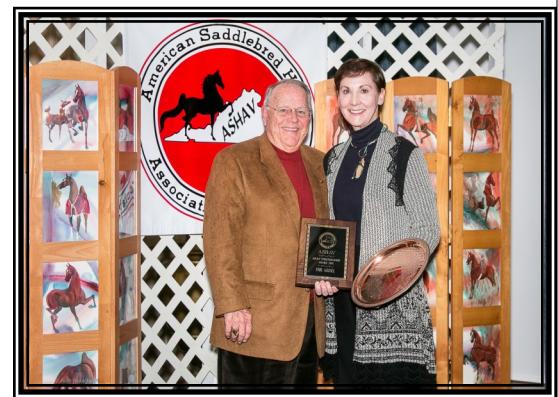
Born in Western Pennsylvania, the second of four boys, he became interested in horses at his grandparents' farm in Sommerset. In the summers he attended Culver Military Academy, a progressive College preparatory school. It was here that he became a member of the Black Horse Troop, who rode in a number of Presidential Inaugural Parades.

Over the years he has owned Quarter horses, Western horses, Saddlebreds and now a Road Pony. In 2001 under the direction of Bill Heizer he won the 3-Gaited Championship at the Roanoke Valley Horse Show on Callaway's Passport. Soon after that he decided to take a break and sold everything. Fast forward to January 2015, when he decided that he wanted to get back into showing, but this time with a road pony. He purchased Crystal Creek's Duchess from Carl & Kathryn Nichols and under the direction of Nancy & Danny Troutman has had a blast with his pony. He loves anything that will go real fast!

Showing horses & ponies has taught him that discipline, dedication, hard work and the support of family and friends assist you in achieving your dreams.

He will be the first to tell you that it's not about the ribbons, but the whole experience. When he is showing, his smile says it all, regardless of his place in competition. It is about having fun and the love of his pony. He's the first to congratulate others, and is always a gracious winner. He is an excellent role model for youth & adult riders alike and a true ambassador for the sport of showing horses.

It is a great privilege to present ASHAV's Adult Sportsmanship Award to Phil Geisel.



Junior Judging Champion 2015
Jordan Burks



Don't forget that we will have Junior Judging at many shows. All interested youth are welcomed to participate. There is no cost and it is a lot of fun to see if you can match the Judges' placements in the classes.



Old Dominion Classic Horse Show Contestants



April 22-23, 2016



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VA Winter Tournament Winners



Natural Bridge Hotel, March 5, 2016



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ASHAV 2015 High Point Champions



Awards Dinner, March 5, 2016



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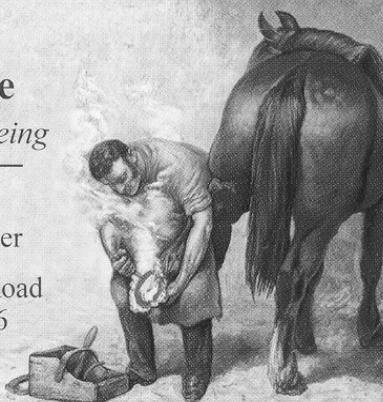
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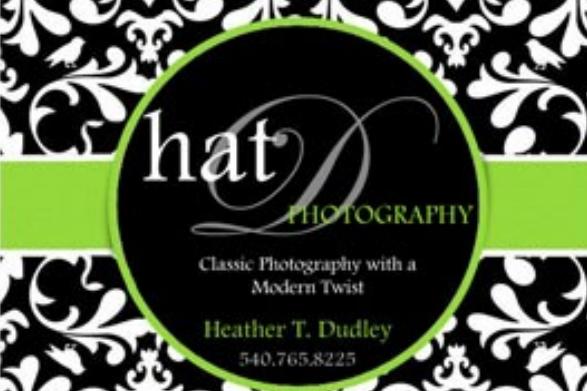
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ASHAV Membership Application**

ALL ASHAV MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31st

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Reside in County of: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Membership: (Please check one) New _____ Renewal _____

Junior _____ Individual _____ *Family _____ Lifetime _____ *Lifetime Family _____
(\$10.00) (\$20.00) (\$30.00) (\$250) (\$350)

Current ASHA Member? Y _____ N _____

*Family memberships are for parents, their children under 18, and children over 18 but under 21 who live at home.
When lifetime family children no longer qualify for family membership, two family members may retain lifetime membership.

Make check payable to ASHAV

Mail to:

Leigh Kauffelt
463 Mountain Lake Rd.
Newport, VA 24128

2016 Horse Show Schedule

January 9th	Winter Tournament, VHC
January 30th	Winter Tournament, VHC
February 20th	Winter Tournament, VHC
February 19th & 20th	UPHA Riding Clinic
March 5	ASHAV Convention
April 14-16	Raleigh Invitational
April 22 &23	Old Dominion
April 30	Saddle Up For a Cure, Bland County Fairgrounds @ 1pm
May 11-14	Bonnie Blue
May 26 - 28	Dublin, VA
June 9-12	Blowing Rock, NC
June 20-25	Roanoke Valley
July 9	Pine Spur
<u>July 21&23</u>	<u>Rockbridge City Fair</u>
August 6	Middlebrook Horse Show (Contact: em.tobin@yahoo.com)
Sept. 9- 10	Old Dominion
Sept. 29- Oct 1	ASHAV
Oct 19-22	NC State Fair

GOOD LUCK

**Please send me horse show information as soon as you
know of any shows where our beloved
Saddlebreds are welcome.**

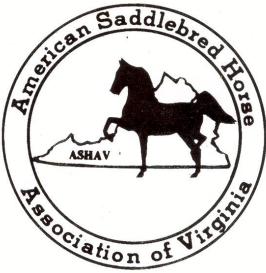
Deadlines for Newsletter Submissions:

February/March Issue: February 4 (info about Convention, ODF, Bonnie Blue)

June issue: May 15 (info about RVHS)

September issue: August 15 (info about ASHAV show)

December issue: November 15 (Christmas/ New Year/ Winter Shows)



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