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www.aeanj.com

POLO BENEFIT SAT. MAY 30th

Tinicum Park, Pa.

All are welcome in the AEA tent
Contact Barb Nolan for details

A letter from the President

Common Sense Trail Riding

You all read about the horse incident at Schick recently, where a rider rode across a field that was seeded. The farmer was understandably upset. Well, the latest is that we have no idea who did it and we probably never will. My biggest worry is that if we don't find the person, and educate them as to the rules, that it just might happen again. That's where you come in. Each one of us should take it upon ourselves to spread the word. Talk to your riding friends and neighbors about what went wrong and what the rider

should have done. Now you ask, "What should the rider have done?"

Let me clear up the rules for everyone. If you ride at Schick, you are permitted to ride the mowed perimeter of the fields. The County now requires the farmer to mow the perimeter for just that purpose. In fact, the farmer at Schick told us that he has lost 14 acres worth of crop land in order to comply. So now imagine how he feels when some rider goes across a field instead of using the mowed perimeter! Bottom line is that if you are on a field and it's not the mowed edge, you are not permitted to be there, regardless of what time of the year. Although these are the rules, these are also common sense practices that you should use whenever you ride on any property. Always stay to the edge of any field. While in the woods, if you stick to the areas marked with ribbons, you will be on the designated trail.

In the fall, we plan to hire a contractor to clear the trails marked with ribbon, as part of the grant we received. After that work is completed, we will have an official trail at Schick, hopefully with signs informing people of the rules. Please remember, if you have any questions you can always contact one of us. We would be happy to go over the rules and regulations with you, so that we all can enjoy this treasure for years to come.

....Judy

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ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

Festivities are scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

AEA will have a tent (look for the lights - cowboy boots and hats) and we will be selling pies (any kind of fruit is good) and ice cream. We will be selling ice cream treats, soda and water as well. Additionally, AEA will be managing the parking effort for the day.

During the festivities, Mr. Tom Clarkin, having over 20 years of training, riding and horse showing experience will be hosting a clinic demonstration on general horsemanship and problem solving. He will demonstrate the individual maneuvers of a reining horse including spins and slides. Topics demonstrated will be helpful to all horse owners and riders regardless of your riding discipline. He will also be available to answer any questions. Thanks Tom!

Thank you to those that have already volunteered as a result of Barb Nolan's call. We are still a little short, so if you can give an hour or two at the food tent, it would really help and we know you would have fun. Contact Barb Nolan at 908-996-7489.

One more thing....we are fortunate, once again, to be the grateful recipients of the generosity of Mr. Joseph Colalillo,

President of Shoprite of Hunterdon County....please say thanks next time you are in one of his stores. His generous donations make it easy for our fundraising events to be successful.

Kathy

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25 MPH Sign Project

Towards the end of last year the AEA approached the Alexandria township committee about installing 25 mph Horse and Rider signs throughout the township, similar to the signs that the Pittstown Trail Association posted on Cooks Cross Road. The township committee is supportive and is willing to install the signs. The township will provide the posts and installation manpower and the AEA must provide the signs. The signs cost approximately \$95.00 per set. To that end we approached local businesses that we frequent, i.e. veterinarians, feed suppliers, tack shops etc. and asked them to sponsor a sign. Thus far we have received two sponsorships from Bob Moore and his neighbors on Wolf Road, and from John and Maxine Alexis. We have pledges from Larry Campbell, Katie Wigness/Larry Shepherd, Dr. Susan Smith, and Pete and Judy Tucker for four more signs.

It is our initiative to get two signs on each of the following roads: Rick Road, Wolf Road, Hickory Corner Road, Goritz Road, Stamets Road, Gallmier Road,



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School House Road and Senator Stout Road - basically, the most heavily traveled roads in the township. The idea behind these locations was not to post signs at actual horse crossings (since those roads are often the less-used roads and therefore less visible locations) but, rather, to use the signs as educational advertisements of the 25 MPH law. Many of us riders have been victim to drivers speeding past us at 50 MPH, waving cheerily as they do so - ignorance is bliss! We also approached Hunterdon County about posting signs on county roads around the township, but the county engineer felt that they were not suitable for county roads. If you wish to sponsor a sign please contact John Alexis at johnalexis@dsirf.com the deadline for the sponsorships is August 30, 2009.

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AEA T-Shirts and Sweatshirts
If you are interested in an AEA T-Shirt or sweatshirt, order forms can be found on our website at www.aeanj.com or contact Barb Nolan ban414@embarqmail.com.

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TIDBITS

Kathy Cyphers, the consummate AEA volunteer and her husband, Art, threw a nice party not long ago. It was a few day's before St. Patty's Day so the dress was "Irish casual".

The Cyphers live high atop a steep hill in Milford. So steep, in fact, that the house is accessible only by yak. But most horse folks made the adjustment in stride. It's real nice once you get up there. Going back down is reminiscent of Lombard St. in San Francisco.

This writer met a former high school buddy that evening. We hadn't seen each other since I was a sophomore at Del-Val. Sobering, it was, when we both realized that that was forty years ago! Yikes!

The conversations were many and fluid. One time I simply asked Dick Kimsey what he had done that day. That precipitated a description of a "hot rocks massage" which he and Therese had had earlier that day. Imagine the escalation of off-color rhetoric when the conversation surrounds a "hot rocks massage"! One woman observed that they are better than chocolate and sex.

At that instant Susan Aversa walked by. "Wait a minute", she countered in her inimitable style, "nothing's better than chocolate"!!

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Six AEA men recently ventured on a Sunday morning to clean some trails of debris and deadfall from the rigors of another winter. Safe to say that there was no lack of testosterone mingled among these woods. They all showed up



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with the requisite tools.. chain saws, clippers etc.

We had been working at a fever pitch for a while, getting a lot done, when John Alexis brandished a remarkable tool. It had a long handle with a machete-like blade at one end. John wielded it with a vengeance, felling any stand of brush that dared get in his way.

The tool seemed to be descended from, perhaps, a different culture. Not surprising since John is known to have spent time in the jungles of Africa. But, while using it, John's demeanor seemed to take on an ominous posture. He became frenzied, his eyes rolling with that sullen cloudiness of a shark ready to hit prey! And then he ruthlessly butchered another sapling.

Frankly we all became a little concerned. The woman who joins him in bed at night is near and dear in our hearts, also. Mike Nolan looked at me with a pained expression. "I wonder if Maxine is aware of this issue"?

Classifieds

***For Lease:** I am a very sweet and personable 14 yr. old, 15.2h warmblood X gelding. I am looking for someone to hang out and have fun with this summer. I am a good dressage mover and won as a hunter under saddle. I*

can jump 2'6" to 2'9", woo hoo! I am a good boy on the ground and do really well getting on a trailer. I don't really like my mouth pulled on so if you have soft quiet hands that's the best and I think someone with riding experience would be great. I live on Stamets Rd., less than a mile from the indoor.

You can hang out with me for \$250 (1/2 lease) and if you would pay 1/2 for my vet and 1/2 to the man who takes care of my feet, I would love that.

If you have more questions call my mom, her name is Sandy, 908-403-4197

You can see how cute I am if you look on the AEA website.

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Horse Trailer: Looking for two-horse, bumper pull, trailer for Pony to take to local competitions. Call Fionnuala or Tom Callahan @ (908) 996-6926.

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For ongoing classifieds, please see our website www.aeanj.com

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Neighbor Can You Spare Me A Wave?

*There once was a time on the roads of Alexandria
When everyone smiled and waved
You see, life was a bit slower then
Not all the roads were paved.*

*Even a stranger may have passed you by
You might not even have known his name
But that hardly mattered back then
You smiled and waved just the same.*

*And so did he, on this road of Alexandria.
It mattered not who you were.
A congenial wave went out to him
Or you tipped your hat to her.*

*So why now, on this road of Alexandria
Does my wave meet with a stoic glare?
Or a look of simple disinterest
As though he or she just doesn't care.*

*Surely these must be newcomers
Or maybe some oldster who just never learned
That around here folks are friendly.
A neighbor's wave is never spurned.*

*Are they all in a hurry going nowhere?
Busy texting or glued to cell phone?
But their disaffection toward my nod
Begets an unsettling tone.*

*So neighbor, I need to ask you,
Next we pull up together at that old stop sign.
Neighbor, I need to ask you,
Can you spare me but a fraction of time?*

*It only takes a second,
Acknowledge my wave, if you would.
So what if you don't know me.
It may do us both some good.*

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We'll talk again soon...hope everyone enjoyed.

Take good care....Be well !

Kathy



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