



# KANSAS MINIATURE HORSE CLUB

## Club Officers for 2008

- President-----Marsha Mendenhall
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## Upcoming Dates of Importance

The next club meeting will be held Sunday December 7, 2008. Get there around 12:00 or shortly after and your help setting up would be appreciated. Plus it gives you a chance to catch up on what friends have been up to since you last saw each other. It will be at the 4H building on the Leavenworth County fairgrounds in Tonganoxie. We will have our usual pot luck lunch and gift exchange, you know, selecting a gift and having it stolen. The limit is \$10.00, the gift should be horse related and of course participation is optional. Bring a gift and have some fun or abstain from bringing a gift and set back and watch the fun. Keep in mind that we will most likely have a clinic in the spring and our "traditional" summer fun show, most likely in June. These will probably be discussed during the meeting, so if you have any ideas or suggestions this is the time to put your stamp on major club functions. Also you might note that there have been occasions when club officers have been elected when they miss a meeting. Some have even been called while in bed sick to be ask about serving the club as an officer.

## The fall fun show

.Our first KMHC fall fun show was a great success, or a least I think that was the general feelings. We had 16 horses entered and several more than 16 handlers. Due to the fun nature of the show it was allowed to have one horse in a class with multiple handlers. Most of the classes had a payback for the winner. We only had a handful of traditional mini horse show classes, like color, jumping and obstacles. Our traditional mini horse classes really didn't adhere to the registry rules. This works well for our club. We do try to explain how the registry's present these classes.

I believe that this show will continue in conjunction with our fall meeting next year.

# Who am I?

Hi, winter is fast approaching and it is my favorite time of the year. Some of the earth's critters do not like the winters, but not me, it is the reason that I exist. There is not a thing in the world like a crisp wintery night with the stars shining brightly. I just love to watch the twinkling stars as I go about my assigned task.

I work for a little man who's life is filled with laughter and good will. His staff consist of many small folks that may have limited opportunity many places in the world. That doesn't seem to bother my boss. He just laughs with them and gives them constant encouragement. I do not have the opportunity the go in the factory very often, but the few times I have been there I have been amazed at how much the little characters make. My place is out in the stable helping the other seven members of my family to keep things tidy and be ready to help out the factory folks when called on to assist. When I was younger I felt that I was not needed and unappreciated, but now I have become one of the most important family members. Most of the year is rather boring but as Christmas, (my favorite time of year) approaches the whole family is a buzz with excitement. We start to eat more and work out for the upcoming task assigned to us. The night before Christmas is when our training comes into play. The little man comes out of the house with the little people to get the eight of us. He is dressed in a red suit and his little helpers are all dressed in green outfits. They really look funny, but cute. Since we have all been trained to drive, by a miniature horse trainer we know that we will be up to our job. I didn't used to get to go with the family on this trip around the world, because I have a genetic defect, my nose lights up. One Christmas eve it was very foggy out and the little man, Mr. Claus, was beside himself afraid that he couldn't make his yearly jaunt. I went up to him and ask him why not just stay home. He replied that he makes adults and children happy all over the world, plus he really likes cookies and milk and he gets an unlimited supply this one time of the year. The miniature horse trainer taught me very well, to listen to the driver and put all my trust in him, so I said "Santa won't you let me guide your sleigh to-night". He thought a little bit then ask my family what they thought and in the end they were worried but decided that I could make the night joyous for millions through out the world. We hitched up and I made my nose light up to its brightest setting and off we went. I was so proud when we made our first delivery. I admit that it was really scary landing on a roof top. Nobody told me that that would happen but remembering my training I listened to the instructions from Santa and all went well. That was such a long night, but magical. I found out why everyone was so tired when they got home to the pole. That first trip was so many years ago, but it is just like the first trip every Christmas. After all these years my favorite people are the ones that have miniature horses. Miniatures are like me and my family, small and special. Of all the places I have been my favorite places are called Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas. Those people are so special, some even give Santa extra cookies and milk. Many of them even leave reindeer food on their roof tops for me and my family. All I have left to say is what I hear Santa saying *Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.*

## Winter Gotcha Ya Down? By Jennifer Hamilton

Freds napping by the wood burner. Tonys trying to catch up in the sharpening shop. The girls want to meet for lunch but don't want to go outside. The kids and grandkids are visiting and acting stir crazy. Marsha thinking she didn't do enough with her miniature horses and donkeys is working on plans to fill in that one or two weekends that Tim and her weren't out and about with the small equine. The horses look like they are having fun playing in the snow. Wake Fred up, get Tony in the house, put that planner down Marsha and gather everyone around a table and break the boredom. Here are some winter games; activities or cleaning (just joking) you can do inside the warmth of your house to alleviate the boredom!

**Horse-opoly-** Very much like monopoly only you buy different breeds of horses, starting with the mini, all the way up to a draft breed. Pay board when landing not rent. Each card teaches while being fun. Other versions of the game are Pony-opoly, Rodeo-opoly.

**Herd your horses-** Play as one of 4 horses and play cards and move around the board as them and share their adventures.

**Whoa! Equivia-** Trivial pursuit like game. Answer questions to move around the board towards the winning space. Great for parties and meetings as you can have up to 8 players or teams!

**Board Games: average \$25.00**

There are many more games out there geared towards horse fun and learning. Just hit up the Internet.

And speaking of the internet, here's some fun online horse games that allow you to while away cold hours with a cup of cocoa, coffee or maybe an adult beverage.

**Online Horse Games Websites**

[www.ultimatehorsesite.com/fun/free\\_horse\\_games.html](http://www.ultimatehorsesite.com/fun/free_horse_games.html)

[www.horseland.com](http://www.horseland.com)

[www.gamegecko.com/enjoyablehorseracing.php](http://www.gamegecko.com/enjoyablehorseracing.php)

[www.avirtualhorse.com](http://www.avirtualhorse.com)

[www.miniclip.com/games.showjumping/en/](http://www.miniclip.com/games.showjumping/en/)

Some of the online games require additional software, but most of the sites do this automatically or ask you to approve the download.

Personal note- [miniclip.com](http://www.miniclip.com) show jumping is really fun!

If no one wants to play with you there are always puzzles, the invisible horse model and painting your own Breyer or taking your own nap and dreaming of the things you are going to do with the horses when spring arrives. All of the above are a lot of fun and can be rewarding. When completed your creativity can be displayed with the rest of your collections!

All of the above ideas are defiantly geared towards horse lovers, and that includes kids!

Have fun!!!

If you aren't up to any of the above fun things to do you could probably throw on the winter outer wear and go out and muck stalls or make needed repairs to the fences and buildings.

It's your choice.

## **A Little Horse Humor Brought to you by internet friends**

You buy about 15 lbs. of carrots a week, but wouldn't eat a carrot if somebody paid you.  
Your non-horsy friend gives you a funny look after glancing into the back seat of your car, and you realize he's noticed your whips and spurs.  
You say "whoa" to the dog.  
You pass up attractive social invitations because they'd conflict with your lesson schedule.  
The back of your station wagon is an auxiliary tack box.  
You choose your spouse partly on the basis of his attachment to your horses.  
Your mother, who has no grandchildren, gets cards addressed to Grandma, signed by the horses and the dog.  
You don't even want to think about how your car would be paid for, your mortgage would be much smaller, and you might have some savings if you didn't have horses.  
You give directions to your house and say, "It has lots of horse trailers in the front yard."  
You pull change from your pocket at work, and hay falls all over.  
Someone says, "Does anyone have a screwdriver?" and you hand them a hoof pick.  
The doctor says the bump on your finger is an inflamed tendon sheath, and you tell him, "Oh, you mean a windpuff."  
You cannot imagine why anyone would think it kinky to own whips.  
The real estate agent asks what kind of house you are looking for, and you say, "More than six acres."

I was gonna say "the horses get fed first." but around my house it's "the horses are the only ones that get fed by me. Kids fend for themselves."  
You save the hoof shavings for the dog.  
You poke your honey in the ribs, saying, "over", in the kitchen.  
You clean your tack after \*every\* ride but never ever wash the car.  
You have the worming, lesson and farrier schedules in your head, but frequently miss the kid's piano lessons, girl scouts, or changing the oil in the car.  
You yell at the kids, and the horse's name pops out.  
On rainy days, you organize the tack room, not the house.  
Your tax refund is targeted to a new saddle, not the family vacation.

## **News Flash-Royalty Amongst Us**

Shaylan Ennis has been crowned as the 2009 registry queen for the ASPC-AMHR. Special congratulations to Shay from the Shove family. Many of you know that the Ennis and Shove families have traveled together showing horses for a few years now and this is special to all of us.

## Kudos to Black Jack and Denise Mungle

The Kansas City Star Sunday magazine recently had a story about Denise and her miniature horse Black Jack. Black Jack is a certified Delta Society Pet Partners horse and spends a lot of time going to rest homes, assisted living facilities, schools, libraries or anywhere that he is needed. We all know that these little guys are very good at making people smile and feel good. It seems, probably because of the small size that children and adults of all ages are not intimidated when they are around our little friends.

Denise, what Black Jack and you do is a great service to all and it probably brings a lot of pleasure to you and your family. It is such an honor to have the newspaper to recognize the service you provide for our area.

You may be able to cut and paste the link below if you would like to read the article.

<http://www.kansascity.com/starmagazine/story/895382.html>

## Tips From L'iBeginnings Members

**Bits** - We clean our driving bits in the dishwasher. They come out like new!

**Bot Fly Eggs** - Sandpaper will remove bot fly eggs easier than a "knife"

**Burrs** - For horses that have gotten into burrs, mineral oil rubbed liberally into the burrs will help break them up and slide them out (yes messy, but much less fighting with the burrs, just bathe afterwards).

**Hooves** - Putting oil in cleaned out hooves keeps snow from packing in.

**Itchy Tail** - Remedy 1/3 baby oil, 1/3 apple cider vinegar, 1/3 Listerine

**Rain Rot 1** - Mix a couple capfuls of Listerine to one gallon of water and after a good bathing rinse your horse with that mixture. You can also add a capful to a spray bottle of water and just spray it on. That dilution won't burn, but is still strong enough to zap that nasty fungi and bacteria. It is also great for sanitizing water buckets when you are at shows.

**Rain Rot 2** - Mix Pine-Sol with just enough water to turn it white, then dab it on the scabs with a sponge or washcloth. The scabs will fall off in about two weeks... works GREAT.

**Ringworm** - Toothpaste works great on ringworm, just apply and rub on the wound.

**Storage** - Use a hanging shoe holder - (the kind with pockets). Hang it near your grooming area. Store your brushes, hoof picks, bandages and other required items. They all fit and will keep reasonably dust free.

**Water Buckets 1** - To keep water buckets from freezing in the winter, float a tennis ball in the bucket. Tank heaters are better but if electricity is not available this should work. It may also entertain your horses.

**Water Buckets 2** - To clean water and feed buckets, use a new toilet brush. This works great.

**Water Hauling** - For hauling water on the road, slip a garbage bag in a bucket, fill with water and tie the top of the bag shut...no spills, just untie and pour into a smaller bucket to water horses. Great for hauling water to the barn also.

Email me any tips you might have and I will try to get them in future issues.