

Boots and Saddles



Fort Westenaire

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New President of the Board

Welcome to a special edition of Boots & Saddles! This publication was originated back in the days of Mr. Wyland. It was published on a semi-regular schedule for decades. Most of the current members of Westernaires have never seen an issue, but if you talk with any of our "older" alumni you will find that the riders eagerly anticipated the publication. Each issue contained news of the various teams, as well as news from the Director. Members of various teams in the organization provided the team news (see the story from the Colorado Stampede team in this issue).



Easter Parade – 2018



Thanks

Thank you for reading this issue of Boots and Saddles. You can find a full-color version on-line at www.Westernaires.org/Boots. We would like to know your thoughts about this publication: Did you enjoy the content? What other things would you like to see in future issues?

We welcome comments and suggestions. You can also submit stories or photos for future editions using our Westernaires.Boots@Gmail.com address.

We would like to welcome Mr. Terry McDaniel as our new President on an interim basis. Mr. McDaniel and his wife joined our family when their daughter Whitney became a Westenaire in 1995. They have both served the organization in many ways over their years of involvement. Mr. McDaniel has been a posse member for a number of years. He is still active even though Whitney graduated from Red Team (and Red Trick) at Stock Show in 2005. You can usually find him directing traffic in the early hours at Annual Show each year. He is also responsible for organizing and greeting the Red Division girls selling programs at National Western Stock Show. He acted as volunteer general contractor for the building of the Glen E. Keller Equestrian Center, the kitchen/lunchroom, the caretaker's home, the renovation of the museum and the addition to the office building. He has been a member of the Board of Westernaires for many years.

Mr. McDaniel currently occupies the Board Room (in the office building) each Saturday from 9:00 until at least noon or will meet by appointment during the week. He can be reached via: Westernairespresident@hotmail.com.

Forward Ho!

(schedule is subject to change)

- May 12 – Breed Show – All welcome/Blue Div required
- May 19 – Tenderfoot Take-home Tests
- June 3 – Interclub – Blue Division Equitation
- June 9 – Tack Sale/Swap Event (hosted by the Alumni Association)
- June 16 & 17 – White Division Show
- June 23 – Junior Lecture #1
- June 23 – Golden History Museum Grand Opening
- July 3-4 – Granby (Red Team & select specialties)
- July 6-8 – Queen City Horse Show
- July 7 – Junior Lecture #2
- July 13-14 – Estes Park (and no Tenderfoot ride)
- July 21 – Fairplay (Precisionettes)
- July 21 – Junior Lecture #3
- July 25 – Western Heritage Show
- July 28 – Buffalo Bill Days Parade, Golden
- July 28 – Tenderfoot Mandatory Meeting





Taylor Albin and Cora Johnson present the "Big American Flags" during the Grand Entry celebration at the NWSS Wild West Show.

Photo by Laura Cowen

Just the Beginning

By Alina Edgett-Duran, Colorado Stampede

It was a chilly November day filled with excitement at Westernaires. The brisk fall air stung my cheeks as I got out of the car. I was surrounded by my friends and people that I was close to from my old team, Lancers. On this day we would get our new teams for the year. As we were sitting on the bleachers I heard a voice come from the right of me and it made me jump. Someone asked me what number I got. (The numbers told us where to go to find out what team we got on). Mr. Keller began to talk into the microphone interrupting our conversation. He then started to encourage us to grow with our new teams and become better riders. He told us to make this year count. Soon Mr. Keller said it was time to find out our new teams and make new friends and memories. A chill went down my spine and my heart started to beat so hard and fast as I walked up to the Seminar room. When I walked in, I saw a few familiar faces but I wouldn't call us close friends. Our instructors passed out headbands with a "C" and an "S" on it. By this time I knew I had gotten on Colorado Stampede and I couldn't be happier! I had no idea that in our future our bond as a team would grow and everyone would feel like my family.



On our first ride I know we all tried to do our best to impress the instructors. I felt a breeze blow across my face but it didn't make me cold, I couldn't focus on being cold at least. When I was riding I took notice of the girls on my team. We were all in our friend groups from our old team, afraid to venture out and meet new people. We did our warm up's and then the instructors called us to the center of the arena for a meeting about the drill, and then we jumped right into learning the drill. This part was my favorite because it was so fun being able to see what the maneuvers looked like. It was like having a fresh start. I looked at all of my friends and smiled. I knew this year would be amazing!



A couple of months later we had our first teambuilder and we decorated white t-shirts and bandanas. This teambuilder was very exciting because we all had a chance to show our creative side. Westernaires is not all about riding, it's also about having fun, making memories, and creating new friendships that will last a lifetime. It was thrilling to look around at all of the different designs and see what people came up with. People had horses names on their bandanas and t-shirts, the year, and our team name. I really do think that this teambuilder helped all of us because next ride, I felt like everyone was there for me and each other. I know that they always will be. If I fall they will catch me and when I am having fun, they will have fun with me. In the end we are all one person, we all feed off one another's energy.

Shop Talk

Westernaires Head of Logistics, Bruce Slauch, confirmed that one of our Freightliner Semi tractors had been in need of an overhaul before the show season this year. Sam McClosky, the grandson of former Head of Logistics, Earl McClosky, volunteered his time to do the re-build. There is a second tractor that might need to be done in the near future, but it has not reached that point as of yet.



Bruce Slauch

Breaking News: Doug Fast, one of our volunteer drivers, spotted a 2010 Freightliner for sale from a private party. We were able to purchase it at a reasonable price, making it the youngest tractor in our fleet!

