



# The Trotting Times

## East Tennessee Saddlebred Association

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### 501c(3) What?

Several years ago my horse Andrew and I were going second way around the show ring and I was really getting frustrated. He was tired and cranky and he tossed his head and wringed his tail in rebellion. Finally, after a lineup call, the judge looked at us frowning as Andrew was dancing in the lineup while the other horses calmly watched my "precious brat" destroy any hope of a ribbon. I thought, well perhaps she liked gray horses and will overlook his ten minute tantrum. Well I wrong, we got exactly what we deserved.

I mention this because I had a similar feeling as I called Alice Li, our IRS agent, who has been growing impatient with me regarding our request for 501(c)(3) tax status. I thought, maybe she'll like our efforts enough to push us through. Wrong again! She did offer us a 501(c)(4) designation that, after a long discussion with the tax accountant, did not seem to fit our organization. Our gain would be so minimal (if anything) and we would inherit all the pains of compliance, it was decided to put that notion to rest and withdraw the request for 501(c)(3) tax designation as of June 5, 2009. Many reasons went into that decision and I will be happy to answer any questions. Sufficed to say we have laid that process to rest. There is a proposal in the works that will offer the same 501(c)(3) benefits to donators that will be discussed and possibly voted on at the next meeting.

Jon Hermes  
Vice-President

### Upcoming Events

August 6 – 8, 2009

#### ETSA Midsummer Classic Horse Show & Club Meeting

Walters State Expo Center, White Pine, TN

The ETSA will be calling a club meeting during the show – details are forthcoming and will be posted on the website. The Prize Lists are out and information regarding the show is posted on the website.

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January 1 – December 30, 2009

Moments of Merit –

Select Pieces of Saddlebred History

Saddlebred Museum, Lexington, KY

This special exhibition features highlights from the American Saddlebred Museum & Gift Shop's collection, an eclectic grouping of art, sculpture, photographs, and memorabilia – many never before offered for public display, along with several new pieces of Saddlebred history. (included with KHP admission)

July 17 – 19, 2009

Breyerfest

Lexington Horse Park, Lexington, KY

Join us for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Breyerfest, the world's largest model horse show.

This year's guest celebrities will include Stacy Westfall and Whizards Baby Doll (Breyer's 2009 Celebration Horse), equine entertainment extremist Tommie Turvey, and many more equine entertainers.

"Sheik of Hallunbaek", a very rare, black spotted Danish Knabstrupper stallion, will be among the visiting equine stars. Fewer than 1,000 of this rare breed can be found in the United States today.

BreyerFest will feature 2009 Breyer model horses, a 65 booth trade fair, petting zoo, craft and activity center, pony rides, workshops, equine demonstrations, model

horse shows, silent auction, raffles, autograph sessions with guest horses and speakers, artisans' gallery, Breyer

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store, live auction, dog agility, swap meet, and much more.

## Affiliated Shows

Shows recognized by the East Tennessee Saddlebred Association will be posted on the official website - [www.easttnsaddlebred.com](http://www.easttnsaddlebred.com) and published in the newsletter. Members may request inclusion of other horse shows by a written request from three (3) separate members. If a show is more than 350 miles from Morristown, five (5) members must submit requests. Horse shows should come from the immediate area – Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, West Virginia, or Kentucky. These requests should be made six (6) weeks prior to the show so all members may be notified of the affiliation. If possible, all shows should be affiliated by the beginning of the show season.

<b>Old Dominion Futurity Benefit Horse Show</b>	<b>April 17 – 18</b>	<b>Lexington, VA</b>
<b>UPHA Chapter 8 Horse Show</b>	<b>April 23 - 25</b>	<b>Cleveland, TN</b>
<b>Tar Heel Classic</b>	<b>April 30 – May 2</b>	<b>Huntersville, NC</b>
<b>Bonnie Blue National</b>	<b>May 6 – 9</b>	<b>Lexington, VA</b>
<b>Asheville Spring Classic Horse Show</b>	<b>May 8 – 9</b>	<b>Fletcher, NC</b>
<b>New River Valley Horse Show</b>	<b>May 21 – 23</b>	<b>Dublin, VA</b>
<b>Dallas Summer Classic Horse Show</b>	<b>May 29 – 30</b>	<b>Dallas, NC</b>
<b>Liberty Classic United Horse Show</b>	<b>May 29 – 30</b>	<b>Cleveland, TN</b>
<b>39<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran School Horse Show</b>	<b>June 6</b>	<b>Cleveland, TN</b>
<b>Chattanooga-Cleveland Charity Horse Show</b>	<b>June 17 – 20</b>	<b>Cleveland, TN</b>
<b>Asheville Invitational Horse Show</b>	<b>July 17 – 18</b>	<b>Fletcher, NC</b>
<b>Rockbridge Horse Show</b>	<b>July 17 – 18</b>	<b>Lexington, VA</b>
<b>Blue Ridge Classic Horse Show</b>	<b>July 21 – 25</b>	<b>Fletcher, NC</b>
<b>ETSA Midsummer Classic Horse Show</b>	<b>August 6 – 8</b>	<b>White Pine, TN</b>
<b>Kentucky State Fair</b>	<b>August 23 – 29</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>
<b>Southeastern Charity Horse Show</b>	<b>September 16 – 19</b>	<b>Conyers, GA</b>
<b>Morristown Charity Horse Show</b>	<b>October 2 – 4</b>	<b>White Pine, TN</b>
<b>Alabama Charity Horse Show</b>	<b>October 14 – 17</b>	<b>Priceville, AL</b>
<b>Clemson Fall Classic Horse Show</b>	<b>November 13 – 14</b>	<b>Pendleton, SC</b>

## ETSA Midsummer Classic Horse Show – August 6 – 8, 2009

- Picnic on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Exhibitor's Party and Dog Show on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> immediately following the show.
- Volunteers Needed – Ribbon people are needed – Please help!

