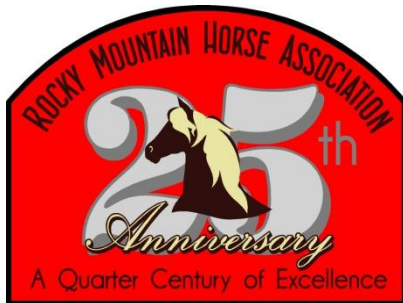




2011 RMHA 25th Anniversary  
International Horse Show



*We hope you and yours can join us in this proud and special celebration of our exceptional horse, the Rocky Mountain! We here in the office are looking forward to celebrating this event with you and making it a week full of wonderful memories and fun for the Association. As our 25th Anniversary International Horse Show draws closer, more and more important information will be coming your way.*

**IHS Information:**

**RMHA Official Hotel \*\*\*Great Show Prices\*\*\*Hot  
Breakfast\*\*\*Pool\*\*\***

**BEST WESTERN 132 Darby Drive  
Georgetown, Kentucky, 40324-8715**

**Phone: (502-868-0055) Fax: (502-863-1586) Toll Free:**



Above: Jeff McCarty and his horse, Nicki (next to a thoroughbred race horse) represent the RMHA at the National Police Officers Convention on July 18th at Keeneland.



**2011 RMHA  
Calendar**

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**August 6th, 2011:** All Gaited  
Fun Show, Denver, CO

**\*\*\*August 13th, 2011: \*\*\***

877-868-6555 Ask for RMHA Block

[Link to Show Bill](#)

[Link to Entry Form](#)--Good news!!! We are waiving the \$25 per horse late entry fee! The Show Manager Office should be ready by 2pm on Monday, September 12th and will remain open until the General Membership Meeting. It will reopen at 7:30am on Tuesday before the show opens at 9am. Exhibitors are encouraged to fill out the entry form and mail it to the Show Manager, but will not be assessed a penalty for signing up at the show.

During the show there will be:

- Certification Clinics for horses on Friday morning and by appointment. Sign up at the RMHA office before or during the show.
- **Riding Clinics-Larry Whitesell**  
You may sign up for individual or semi-private clinics at \$75 per hour. Call the RMHA office to reserve your clinic.

Times: Tues 12pm

2 pm

3 pm

4 pm

Wed-Sat 9 am

10 am

12 pm

2 pm

3 pm

4 pm

- **Parade of Champions-Friday & Presidents Reception**
- **Denim & Diamonds Dinner, tickets at \$15 each.**  
Please call the office for tickets BEFORE the show to make sure you get reservations!!!

**RMHA Board Meeting\*\*\*\*** moved from Aug. 20th

**August 20th, 2011:** [Tri State Championship](#), Springfield, OH

**August 21st, 2011:** [Charles Kilburn Classic](#), Springfield, OH

September 8th, 2011: [8th Annual Astride With Pride Benefit Show](#), Equestrian Park; Salem, VA

**September 12th, 2011:** General Membership Meeting

**September 12th-17th, 2011:** RMHA International Horse Show at the Kentucky Horse Park

**October 1st, 2011:** Trail Ride-Long C, Westmoreland, TN

**October 22nd, 2011:** Trail Ride-Midwest Trail Rides, Norman, IN

**November 12th, 2011:** RMHA Board Meeting

**December 3rd, 2011:** **General Membership Meeting and Christmas Awards Banquet** at [Natural Bridge State Park](#)

- Official RMHA 25th Anniversary Cookbook
- Raffle tickets will available at Ohio Shows and the International for: [Steele Classic Trail](#)

Saddle



Above: New member Sarah Casley and her horse, Gaitie.

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**A Special Thank You to Our Sponsors:**

**1000 Silver Sponsor**

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Larry Whitesell  
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Gaitway Farms – The Neiderts  
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The Jagers' Family  
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**NEW 25th Anniversary RMHA Logo-Wear COMING SOON!!!**

Various styles, colors, and sizes available. Prices vary. If interested, please [click here](#). Check back in the next week or so, as new merchandise for the 25th Anniversary Show will be coming!

**Hidden Barn Farm - Nancy Copland**

**Angie Emmert**

**Profloats Equine Dentistry – Stephanie Surprenant**

**Stars and Stripes Farm - Joe & Marianne Jolley**

**75 Ribbon Sponsor**

**Mark and Marsha Eastin**

**Carol Bernstein-Sinking Creek Farm**

\*for more sponsorship opportunities, please contact RMHA

Headquarters at 859-243-0260

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***The DNA Times***

Imagine having specific DNA markers for the Rocky Mountain Horse and its gait? Does that seem farfetched? Maybe not.

A research team from Cornell University is currently involved in a global study of equine gaits. Their goal is to identify genetic markers associated with lateral and diagonal gaits. It is possible their findings may be breed specific.

Dr. Samantha Brooks and her doctoral student, Ms. Ann Staiger would like to include the Rocky Mountain Horse in their study. They plan to attend our 2011 International Show. They would like to examine as many Rocky Mountain Horses as possible while they are in Lexington. Each horse will undergo a short gait video and physical measurement. A few tail hairs will be collected for DNA analysis. The entire process will take only a few minutes. The results are confidential. Any important findings related to specific horses will be shared with the owner once the study is completed. Final details on the date and place for these examinations at our International Show are currently being worked out. Researchers would like to examine both adult and younger

horses that are not under saddle.

If you would like to participate in the study please call RMHA headquarters at 859-0243-0260. We would like to see widespread support from our Membership for this study.

Having breed and gait specific DNA markers would be a powerful confirmation of our unique status in the equine world. Also, a new update on ASD, now known as MCOA or Multiple Congenital Ocular Anomalies will be posted in the near future on the RMHA web site. Drs. Sue Ewart and David Ramsey were the original Michigan State researchers who investigated ASD. They have teamed up to bring our owners and breeders up to date on the latest findings and recommendations on this important syndrome.

Steve Autry, Genetics Committee Chair

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