



**Mile High Mustang Club  
November 29, 2011**

**Club Officers**

President: Bill and Theresa Fleming  
 Vice President: Leeann Lynch  
 Secretary: Lue Davis  
 Treasurer: Barb Schwartz

**Treasury**

Checking account has \$525.55 and the savings account \$2288.93. Approved as read. Motioned by Tina Mavor and seconded by Jackie Dunn to accept. No Bills to Pay.

**Approval of Minutes**

Read: Corrections (only thing mentioned was in newsletter in the calendar section-a 12/27 meeting at Guadalajara - no formal meeting for December-only 12/17 Christmas party). Motion to accept: 1st-Tina Mavor 2nd -Kati Buchanan

**Motions** - motion to pay to join Colorado Horse Council again in order to have insurance coverage for Horse Expo. 1st: Tina 2nd: Jackie. unanimous

**In Attendance:** Bill/Theresa Fleming, Dean/Charlotte DeFreitas, Leeann Lynch, Barbara Schwartz, Jackie Dunn, Sue Kennedy, Tina Mavor, Heather Brown, Linda Williams, Kati and Kelli Buchanan, Renee and Sara Pike

Handed out the door prizes - Heather and Barb won - any donations for prizes will be greatly appreciated - a limit of \$10 value for any donated item. Reminder: Word of mouth about the club is the best way to get new members.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.. The next meeting will be January 24, 2012 at **Guadalajara Restaurant, Elizabeth, CO**

**Announcements:**

Tina Mavor shared the Parker Christmas Parade theme - A "Beary" Merry Christmas Date: 12/10/11 Leeann suggested one of Bill/Theresa's minatures and another mustang participate as "Beary Best Friends" M&M's More to be discussed at a later meeting.

Christams Party - Tina & Jerry Mavor will host it again this year. In the newsletter will be directions to her house. More information on 3rd page

December meeting will not be held in lieu of the Christmas party at The Mavor's. See invite on 3rd page

Barb mentioned she got with the bank and they reimbursed the account all the "bank fees" that the club had been charged in the past.

Parker Christmas Parade-Saturday Dec. 10 2pm Flemings with minis will be participating - other mustang club members with other groups: Amy Vyskosil & Tina Mavor. Theresa checked with the town of Parker to see if Mustang Club members could ride with her entry. The answer was no-hers is a mini entry and Mustangs would be a riding group. Theresa will get next year's parade info to the club as soon as she gets it (usually end of October) so the club can decide a yes or no to participating as a riding group for 2012 parade.

Charlotte announced that a neighbor had tenants move out and leave two male alpacas-they need homes-contact her if you can help.

Renee Pike to go in for foot surgery the coming week

Presentation on Paso Fino Breed and how they relate to the Mustang Breed by Kati Buchanan. Kati will get a condensed written version of presentation to Lue for inclusion in a future newsletter.

**Activities**

December	
17	Christmas Party at the Mavor's - see attached directions
25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
31	NEW YEARS EVE
January	
1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
24	Meeting will be at Guadalajara Restaurant, Elizabeth, CO (in the same shopping center as Elizabeth Post Office and Bank of the West). Dinner at 5:30 and meeting 6:30.

**Old Business**

IRS Update: Barb is working hard filling out all the forms. She needed a flyer or something showing club's solicitation for membership (not having to have a mustang or even a horse). Copy of a flyer was found in one of the club's past paperwork notebooks and given to her. T-shirt sent to Christy/massage therapist by Theresa as a part of the club's thank you to Christy for doing clinic. Thanks to Leanne for getting T-shirt to Theresa

## **New Business**

Theresa - Elizabeth Library talked with them and we are "penciled" in to have January or February meeting there. No charge, nice big room. Group agreed to give the location a try. Theresa will check to see if food/drink is allowed in the room. Having a January meeting will be talked about at

December Christmas Party-only have it if Horse Expo participation is voted as a yes at Party. Possible speaker will be equine photographer, Carol

Walker, (a slide show on her travels photographing Wild Horse herds?) Theresa will check with her about her open dates and cost. DECEMBER: Christmas Party-December 17th at Tina and Jerry Mavors. Tina handed out directions, etc. for party. She needs those who are coming to call her about what food they will be bringing. HORSE EXPO-participate in March 2012? Jackie Dunn is heading this up. Has approximately 8 people interested in bringing their horses. Will need help with booth, etc. A vote of yes or no to participate will be done at Christmas Party. A motion was made to pay to join Colorado Horse Council again in order to have insurance coverage for Horse Expo. 1st: Tina 2nd: Jackie. Vote-yes. Barb to send check and forms in

## **President's Corner**

Many thanks to Kati for an interesting presentation on the relationship between the Paso Fino breed and the Mustang breed at the November meeting! The Christmas party at the Mavors is coming up on the 17th. Thanks go out to the Mavors for hosting it once again. Depending upon the decision made at the party as to whether to participate at the Horse Expo in March 2012 there will be a January meeting or not. Next meeting either January or February will be at the new Elizabeth library located by Big R. Hope to schedule an outside speaker to come do a presentation, possibly Carol Walker, an equine photographer who has extensively photographed various wild horse herds. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party! And pray that everyone has a Blessed Christmas and Healthy Holidays!  
Theresa and Bill

## **PRESENTATION GIVEN BY KATI BUCHANAN**

The once pure Spanish herds received continual contamination and mixture with other breeds as settlements and ranches were established across the American West. Sometimes wild stallions tore down fences and made off with tame mares other times tame mares went through the fences on their own: draft horse teams were lost all across the country from farms and wagon trains. Horses from French Canada were introduced throughout the Mississippi valley as French explorers and settlers descended the valley as far south as New Orleans. The French did considerable trading with the native tribes.

## **PRESENTATION GIVEN BY KATI BUCHANAN CONTINUED**

The U.S. Cavalry also added to the mix. They felt the need for a larger horse so the U.S. Cavalry began a systematic program of shooting the Spanish Mustang stallions and turning loose English Thoroughbred into the herds on the American Plains. By the late 1800's the use of the horse by the U.S. Army became directed more to the pulling artillery or heavy wagons. So the U.S. government began to purchase 150 Friesian stallions from Germany, every year and release them into the vast herds of American Mustangs, for by now the pure Spanish Mustang was all but extinct. This practice continued well into the early 1900's. Wherever the cavalry went in those days so probably the East German Friesian horse. Once, the large herds of wild horses posed no particular threat to human interest, just the opposite they were the transportation, "The Iron Horse" for a new nation, but eventually this all changed. Ranchers began to resent the horses, which ate grass needed for their cattle. Many ranchers adopted a policy of shooting any wild horses they could.

There were an estimated two million wild horses in the United States at the end of the 1800's. By 1935 that number had been reduced to an estimated 150,000. Mustangers began to use various, often cruel, methods to capture the remaining horses for sale to the meat packing industry for the production of pet food and by 1971 it was estimated that fewer than 30,000 horses remained of the once vast herds of the American West.

The American Mustang herds of the 1930's were vastly different both in appearance and ancestry from the pure Iberian horse introduced by Columbus. The horses that served the early Spanish explorers, the American Plains Indian and the Cowboy for four hundred years. Most horse enthusiasts thought the vast herds of pure Spanish Mustangs had become extinct. Imagine the delight of Ron Harding the BLM wildhorse specialist when in 1977 in a remote area of South Eastern Oregon he noticed a group of twenty-seven horses that carried the color, confirmation and primitive marking of the Spanish Mustang. This herd of twenty-seven horses were gathered and held in the Burns district facility until a suitable area was found to release these horses. To prevent losing all the horses to a natural catastrophe, two Herd Management Areas were established in a remote area of southeastern Oregon. Twenty were let loose in the Kiger Gorge area and the remaining seven were released in the Riddle Mountain HMA. Today, the BLM protect and manage these special horses (The Kiger Mustang) so that they can maintain a pure gene pool.

Other links that I took pictures or text from during my presentation that also provide more info. <http://www.springwaterstation.com/kiger/history2.html><http://www.spanishmustang.org/page/history.htm><http://www.spanishmustangfoundation.org/history-of-the-spanish-mustang><http://horsebreedslist.com/horse-breeds/103/spanish-mustang><http://www.kriseanhorses.com/kiger-history/>

MILE HIGH MUSTANGS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH @ 6PM

WHERE: THE MAVOR'S  
27174 COUNTY ROAD 13  
ELIZABETH, CO 80107  
(303) 648-3905

PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER, SIDEDISH OR DESSERT

ALSO BYOB

PLEASE BRING A GIFT (\$15 VALUE) FOR EACH PERSON WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHINESE CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE.

MAIN COURSE: LASAGNE WITH A TWIST

DIRECTIONS TO THE MAVORADO RANCH  
TRAVELING FROM THE NORTH

I 25 south to Founders Parkway (same exit as outlet mall) turn left (East) over the expressway past King Soopers Center, past Target to Hwy 86 turn left (East). Hwy 86 through Franktown into Elizabeth to the east end of the town to County Road 17 turn right (South) go 5.5 miles, County Road 114 turn right (west) go 2.5 miles, driveway is on the left just past mail box. (27174 Mavors)

TRAVELING FROM THE SOUTH – COLORADO SPRINGS

Either take I25 North and follow above directions or take Hwy 24 to Kiowa – Elbert Road turn left (North) and travel along this road past Jackie Dunn's house through the town of Elbert to County Road 106 (second left turn north of Elbert) turn left (West) go approximately 4.5 miles to County Road 13 make a right (North) go 1.5 miles to driveway on the right side (East) of road.

PLEASE RSVP (303) 648-3905 HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!