

Western Carolinas September Newsletter
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Another of WCAHA's members is having a good year showing. Her name is Rebecca Fulkerson, from Summerville, SC, and the horse she shows is RA Manaloha. The pair went Reserve Champion at Region 12 in purebred Western Pleasure AOTR 18-39. Manaloha also made top five at Region 15 in the same division and also top five with Carla Shiltz, of Rick Gault Training, in the Open Western Pleasure class. RA Manaloha is headed to Canadian and US Nationals with Shiltz and Fulkerson. Good job, Rebecca!

Speaking of showing, I wanted to bring something to club members' attention that they might not have given much thought to:

Have you ever considered what a privilege it is to have the opportunity to show your horse(s) "right in your own back yard," with all the planning done, personnel in place, and things happening pretty much "like clockwork?"

WCAHA has a rich history of volunteers who have donated countless hours over the years to make your showing experience a good one. In the club's 30+-year history, a nucleus of people (approximately 10-15) have honed their skills at running a class A show with the help of the breed association and their own hard work in learning what is required and how to "get 'er done!"

These hardy volunteers won't last forever. In fact, a few have dropped off the Board due to health reasons or family commitments. And to continue the club's commitment to stimulate interest in the Arabian horse through a loose organization of members who participate in all manner of activities that involve Arabians, new blood and new ideas are needed.

We'd like to hear from those of you who have an interest in helping our club continue to grow (and grow we continue to do—both in member numbers and in horse numbers at the club's two class A shows per year!). Just send an email to Sarah Hendricks, club president, at sarahkhendricks@eaton.com. She'll be glad to put you to work.

And finally, another reminder that our Fall show at Clemson's T. Ed Garrison arena is coming up. New this year is the annual general membership meeting and dinner to be held at 5:00 PM Saturday. It will be catered by Sardi's and will again be BBQ. Plan to have dinner with us, and learn about the exciting plans the Board has made for 2008.

Come on... get those show horses out one more time this fall, and have a great time with a wonderful bunch of people. The dates are November 2-4, and the main ring judge is Brian Murch. (Sport horse judge to be announced later.) The prize list is available on the club's website at www.wcaha.org. We'd love to see you.