



ECAHS Newsletter



Announcements



Condolences

James Arthur Rooker, Davison, MI Age 91, passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2022. A Celebration of Life for Jim and Jeanne, who preceded him in death on February 1, will be held at the farm this summer. Jim and Jeanne were ECAHS Hall of Fame Honorees for 2021.

Jim was born in Saginaw, MI on June 7, 1930, son of the late John and Fay (Scull) Rooker. Jim graduated from Saginaw Arthur Hill in 1948. His strong sense of leadership began with his involvement in 4-H and FFA. He was the recipient of the Upjohn Richland colt for his accomplishments in his last year of 4-H. Jim attended Michigan State University, studying Animal Husbandry, continuing in the College of Veterinary Medicine and graduated in 1954. While at MSU, he joined the Block and Bridle Club where he met the love of his life, Jeanne. He married Jeanne Ackerman on December 19 of 1953. After graduation, Jim served his country in the US Army Veterinary Corps, stationed in Chicago, IL and then Kansas City, MO. Upon returning to Michigan, Jim and Jeanne opened their mixed animal veterinary clinic in 1958 and were later joined by Jim's brother John. Jim enjoyed sharing his veterinary knowledge as an Assistant Adjunct Professor. He hosted Michigan State Veterinary students on his many horse calls as well as in the hospital. In 2012, he was honored to receive the College of Veterinary Medicine "Rooker Award for Excellence in Equine Practice." Jim was an active member of the Davison Kiwanis, Rotary and the Genesee County Agricultural Society Board. He served on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association, the Arabian Horse Association of Michigan, the Michigan Horse Show Association and the American Horse Show Association. He was honored by the MHSA as "Horseman of the Year" for his commitment to developing youth by co-founding the All-Breed Youth Horse Show in Detroit and for donating a colt six consecutive years to deserving 4-H members. In addition, Jim served on the Arabian Horse Registry as a Governing Member for 31 years, five of those years as President. Believing in the preservation of the Arabian horse, he was also a member of the Purebred Arabian Trust which created the Arabian Horse Gallery in Lexington, Kentucky.

Jim and Jeanne had many great adventures with their horses, won countless awards and met many great friends from all over the country. Together they are proud breeders of 264 Arabian horses and have owned 468 Arabian and Half Arabian Horses. Jim is survived by his loving daughters, Nancy (Robert) Meszko, Deborah (Kenneth) Geuns and Janet (David Johnston) Rooker; granddaughter, Christina (Fiancé, Jeff MacNaughton) Geuns; special cousin, George (Barbara) Killeen; special friends, Ken Merritt, Melissa (Tim) Wandrey and their girls, James Johnson (Diana); dear brothers and sisters, William (Sandra) Rooker, Jean Rooker, John K. Rooker, Margaret Gehl and Shirley (Ronald) Gavenda; many other loving family and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Jeanne; father and mother-in-law, John and Helen Ackerman; brother, Gerald Rooker; brother-in-law, Gerald Gehl and sister-in-law, Jane Rooker.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Purebred Arabian Trust, c/o Robert Faults, 9714 Niblick Lane, Naples, FL 34108; the Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund, c/o Mary Trowbridge, 236 Henry Sanford Rd., Bridgewater, CT 06752; or the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, Clinic Pet Memorial Program, Development and Alumni Relations at <https://cvm.msu.edu/friends-alumni/memorial-gifts-and-gifts-in-honor>.

Get Well Wishes

Francie Schermerhorn is presently in the hospital. Bill Noonan has been keeping in touch. Bill was informed by Koren (Francie's daughter) that she wasn't doing well. Her home address is 11720 Quaker Road, Lawtons, NY 14091.

Dick Hasbrook has recently be in the hospital. Get well wishes are needed for him also.

Membership Dues are Payable (Update)

Reminders have been emailed to those who have not paid their dues. Your membership dues are payable as of January 1 each year....they run from January 1 through December 31 of each year. I dues have not been paid before the printing of the 2022 Membership Directory, unfortunately your information will be removed.

Also, we would like to ask each member to try and recruit one new member for 2022. We could double our membership easily..... Help us grow ECAHS.

Thanks to everyone!

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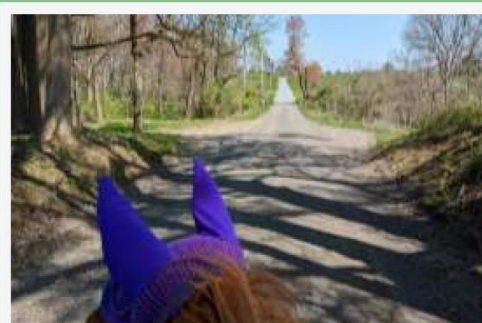
Rosemary Doyle

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Virginia Kelsall Memorial Ride a Huge Success

The first Virginia Kelsall Memorial Ride was held April 24th. It was a gorgeous day and we are sure Virginia was smiling down on everyone. She is still greatly missed. Here are a few pictures courtesy of Sherry Morse's Facebook post.



Courtesy Sharon Noonan

Congratulations to Lisa Pembleton-Del Mundo and Jubilee WGR +++++//

(ECAHS Horse of the Year for 2021), on Jubilee's first foal, a filly born at 3 am on April 22 out of a *Bask mare, Tamar Black Pearl.

Lisa wanted to make a huge shout out to Karma Arabians for making this happen. Karlan and her husband Ray have made the dream come true.

Karlan commented "I am out of town, but Ray says she is really nice- but we expected this from Pearl and Jubilee! Love his pedigree and was honored to help get his career as a breeding stallion off to a great start!!" Karlan also commented that she is really impressed with the quality and type of this filly. She is black but will go grey.



Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2022

The Eastern Crabbet
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Promoting the use and preservation of
Crabbet Arabian bloodlines around the
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Ecahs.org

Facebook.com/ecahs

ECAHS is gearing up for another year of achievement awards in 2022. Look for entry forms on the event websites, ecahs.org or contact vivian@vivianmack.com. The following events will be included:

The Biltmore Challenge

May 6 and 7

biltmoreendurance.com

The Tevis Cup

July 16

teviscup.org

**Old Dominion Equestrian
Endurance**

Organization Ride

June 9 and 10

olddominionrides.org

East Coast Championships

August 4 thru 7

eastcoastshow.com

**AHA Distance National
Championships**

September 30 thru October 2

arabianhorses.org/competition/national-events/distance-nationals

Coates Creek Challenge

July 3

octra.on.ca

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Virginia Kelsall Memorial Trail Ride

The Virginia Kelsall Memorial Trail Ride was held under ideal weather conditions on April 24th. There were over 40 horses and riders and an additional 20 to 30 fantastic horse people in attendance.



Wonderful lunch with Sherry Morse swooping in.

Adrienne Morella and Jan Williams did the bulk of the work to make this event happen. It was originally Adrienne's idea and Jan and the rest of us thought it was a tremendous way to remember Virginia.

Many of the volunteers who have been part of Virginia's army were in attendance. To no one's surprise, many of them helped make this ride a success. They are too numerous to mention in this article but you know who you are. Virginia was so fortunate to have so many friends who would help year after year, after year, after year. Some have contributed for over 50 years.

The catering was fantastic. A superb photographer, Adrienne Morella, took many photos. Looking forward to seeing them.

Notable past and present ECAHS people in attendance were Sherry Morse, Cricket Gates, Sari Bolnick, Bill, Sharon and Will Noonan, Jan Williams, Katrina Wallace (Virginia's niece), Leslie Myrin, Douglas Freeman, Bob and Susie Hammond, Susan Synden and her daughter, Sierra.



Virginia Kelsall Memorial Ride

Photo credits go to Adrienne Morella, Susie Hammond and Abby Tymchak.



Xcapade with Peggy Anne Findeison and True Blue Gabriel with Will Noonan coming in from the trail ride.

**Bob
Hammond on
BR Monatiki**

and

**Susie
Hammond on
Beza Dream**



**Sherry
Morse
on
her mare**



**Abby Tymchak on AAA
Legend of the Seas owned
by Sari Bolnick, taking a sel-
fie with her horse,**

**Gold Reflection being rid-
den by Sierra Synden,**

**True Blue Gabriel with Will
Noonan and Xcapade with
Peggy Anne Findeison in the
background.**



Cricket Gates

and

Jan Williams

Jean Phillos

and

Bill Noonan,
friends of Virginia
for over 50 years!





Virginia's son, Bill and friends of Virginia