



# Association Resource Group Member Newsletter Spring 2010

## Why Do I Need to Belong to ARG?

Hello ARG members,

We have been getting many questions lately about why membership in ARG is required when you purchase insurance from Equisure. We hope the following helps.

ARG is a non-profit association that secures benefits for our members by using our large membership numbers as leverage. This means we are able to negotiate great deals because we have so many members.

One of our more popular benefits is access to insurance products from Equisure, Inc. However, We also have great benefits from companies such as Hertz, hotels.com and Office Depot and we have partnered with Sheplers, The Saddle Shop and AccuConference. If you own other pets, we have great savings at PetsMart, 1-800-Petmeds and VPI Pet Insurance. These benefits are for all ARG members!

To take advantage of these great discounts, simply go to our website at [www.associationresource.net](http://www.associationresource.net) and click on the "Member Benefits" tab. Once on the benefits page, click on the company icons to see the various deals exclusively for ARG members. When you click from our website, then these companies know you are with ARG.

We are always trying to improve our benefit offerings to our members. We would love to hear from you! What benefits would be helpful to you and your members? Please email suggestions to Lori Hampton at [lori@associationresource.net](mailto:lori@associationresource.net).

## Amazon.com Update

In my last newsletter, I was happy to announce Amazon as one of our newest benefit providers. Unfortunately, Amazon has decided to pull out of all affiliate relationships with any organization in the state of Colorado. This stems from a new Colorado law that requires all online vendors to collect sales tax and remit back to the state of Colorado. Amazon felt that the best course of action was to pull out of Colorado entirely.

What this means for ARG is that we no longer have Amazon as a benefit provider. The ARG website has been changed accordingly. Thank you for your understanding.

## Pay Your ARG Dues Online

Many of you have expressed a need to pay for your ARG dues by credit card. I am happy to announce that ARG has partnered with PayPal so that we may begin to accept credit card payments for ARG dues. The best part is that you don't have to have a PayPal account to use this feature. However, because we are charged a small fee for processing, a \$3.30 fee will be added to all credit card charges. To pay by credit card, go to our website at [www.associationresource.net](http://www.associationresource.net) and click on the "Pay Your ARG Dues Online" tab to begin. I hope that many of you find this feature to be helpful. Of course, we still take checks!

## Rockie Mountain Saddle Club Profile

The Rockie Mountain Saddle Club (RMSC) invites horse enthusiasts of all ages and abilities to join us for another fun-filled, affordable, horse show season the whole family will enjoy!

Nine shows have been scheduled for the 2010 Show Season: April 10, April 17, May 1, May 15, June 12, June 26, July 24, August 21, and September 11. August 14 has been reserved as a tentative make-up date, if needed.

Riders may compete in any division: English, Western, and/or Gymkhana. The contestant's age on January 1, 2010 will determine the age division in which he or she will compete for the entire show season: 6 and Under (may be lead line), 7-10, 11-13, 14-18, or 19 and Over. A separate Lead-Line Division, open to any rider, is also offered during the Gymkhana Division. English classes begin at 8:00 a.m. sharp, Western classes not before 11:00 a.m., and Gymkhana no earlier than 4:00 p.m.

Ribbons are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place in each class. Daily highpoint awards are presented to the contestant who earns the most points in his or her age division for each discipline. You do not have to be a RMSC Member to participate in RMSC shows or to earn daily highpoint awards, however, the incredible Year End Awards may entice you to join!

Overall season points will be tallied for all RMSC Members who complete a minimum of 6 volunteer service hours and compete in a minimum of three shows in the same division(s). Year End Highpoint Awards will be presented at our magnificent. Year End Awards Banquet on November 20. Each age division is placed through sixth place.

All RMSC shows/events are held at Folley's Arena in Wellington, Colorado, located just north of Larimer County Road 70 (Exit 281 off of I-25/Owl Canyon) on County Road 11.

## Welcome Carousel Riders, LLC

The Carousel Riders are a group of horse lovers, horseback riders, and entertainers. We'll be performing for the crowds at the Old West Festival every Saturday and Sunday from September 11 through October 10. The festival takes place in Williamsburg, Ohio (just East of Cincinnati). Our wild west variety show is sure to be a crowd pleaser!

The Carousel Riders formed back in November 2009 during a friendly horseback riding get together. By January 2010 we had started rehearsals for the show! In April we participated in our first parade for the opening day of the Cincinnati Reds. We'll be in many more parades throughout the summer promoting the Old West Festival. We'll also be participating in a charity fun show benefiting a local horse rescue this June.

Our group is unique in that our three founding members own over 10 horses all together. So the riding members of our troupe do not need to own their own horse in order to be a part of our club. Also, we allow people who do not ride to be involved with the group, playing other roles such as actors and grounds crew. The horses in our eclectic corral include Morgans, Rocky Mountain horses, Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, drafts, and draft crosses! We have something for everyone!

Check out our website: <http://carouselriders.com/>  
And the Old West Festival website: <http://www.oldwestfestival.com>



Bob Roth with Scipio (Percheron)



From Left to Right: Tina Maruffi Reid riding Sonny (Rocky Mountain horse), Zan McGreevey riding Tea (Morgan), and Rachel Wiseman riding Henry (Morgan)



Members of the Carousel Riders and cast members of the Old West Festival

**Don't forget to forward this email to all your club members!!!**

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