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American Indian Horse Registry Newsletter



Year of the Fire Horse!

Welcome

To The New Age...



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As Imagine Dragons said in their hit, "Radioactive", *"I feel it in my bones, enough to make my system blow."*

According to Chinese tradition, the Year of the Fire Horse only occurs once every 60 years and is associated with stamina, power, independence, and success (traits taken from the horse) and is amplified by the power of fire for growth and change.

A lot of change has happened over the last 10 months. It makes my head spin to think it's been that long already. To think this is my second Indian Horse News to lay out, or that I have taken up Nanci Falley's mantle, is still pretty overwhelming. But the work is enough that I don't think about that too often – I just do what I need to each day to keep AIHR going and growing. And what a perfect year for it! Every day seems

to bring new possibilities!

So much has happened in the last few months in particular. We've opened back up to the public, recreated the "P" classification as the new "S" classification, begun work to make AIHR an official non-profit organization, started new partnerships, and so much more!

One of those differences is that, as a non-profit organization, AIHR no longer has an owner or owners. Instead, we have a Board of Directors. Currently, there's only three people on that Board, including myself – and I am the head. But expanding the board is something that is a long term goal for the registry. If you're interested, there's loads of volunteer positions currently needed both online and locally. Only volunteers that help out consistently will be considered for the Board. No worries – most of it should be fairly easy to fit into daily life.

Why is this important? Well, this is to help prevent what happened last year. Should something happen to me, we don't want the registry to shut down again. A Board that has at least a rough idea what's going on, plus a team of volunteers, will be able to pick up the pieces and get the ball rolling much faster than I was able to when Nanci passed. This also helps to insure that AIHR has a future beyond just myself. That's 60+ years of history and now, hopefully, an infinite number of years in the future!

Education has also been a huge part of

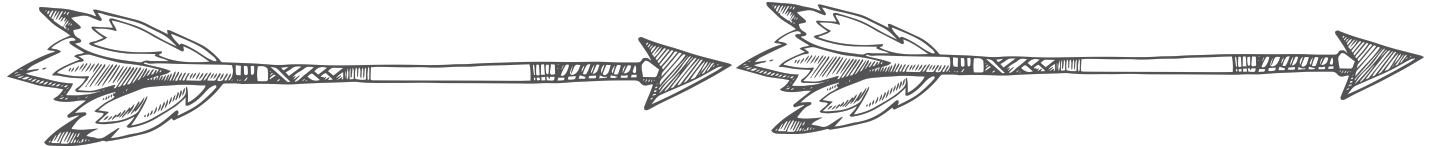
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Indian Horse's purpose. That's still part of our goal, but getting those things back up and running has been on the back burner. With volunteer help with some of the things I find myself working on regularly or even daily, I can instead start working on digitizing AIHR's educational material. Information like AIHR's unique show rules, conformation information and inspector educational material, how to tell modern made materials from Victorian/Civil War or earlier materials, where Native Tribes in the US lived and what horses they had and why, and so, so, sooo much more. There's also a fabulous award system Indian Horse has that needs to be updated. This is all information that can help many people, but to make it available, it will take a lot of work.

But many hands make light work. And I know we can all make it happen – together!

Thanks to everyone who has helped to get AIHR back on its feet. Here's to many years to come!

Tommi Grey
AIHR Board of Directors/Registrar



Registrations, Transfers, and Members

After Nanci's passing in May of 2025, we had a very, very long hiatus on memberships, registrations, and transfers.

However, in January of 2026, we were finally able to reopen the registry to the public again! Our numbers have been slow so far, but we are climbing a little bit each month. Since reopening, we have seen 10 new registrations, 4 new transfers, and 12 new members!

Thank you to everyone for your continued support! *Hoka hey!*

SAFETY AROUND HORSES

Nanci Falley

How safe a horse owner/handler are you? Do you even think about safety when you are dealing with your equine or those of your friends or clients? Too many times we humans take short cuts with our very lives and those of our horses at stake, Common sense and mindfulness are keys to safety.

Are you leaving a halter on your horse because it is too hard to catch without a halter? If so (and this is a very common practice) you are subjecting your best friend to the chance of being hung up in the halter and being injured or even killed. Horses scratch themselves on posts and can easily become hung if wearing a halter, or even on their own hind foot if they scratch their cheek with a hind toe. If you must leave a halter on your horse - teaching the horse how to be caught would be a better solution - then always use a breakaway type halter. (You can make a breakaway halter by tying the halter closed with a string rather than using the buckle, Yes, your horse might lose the halter in the pasture, but the possible alternative of injury or death outweighs the loss of a halter.)

When you are leading your horse, is the lead rope coiled around your hand, or is it in an S-loop so you can easily release the loops if your horse spooks? Think about it - if it is coiled around your hand, you could easily be dragged down under your horse in a panic situation.

Be sure that the bridle you are using on your animal fits. If you don't know how a bridle should fit, please ask someone who does. An ill-fitting bridle can cause all kinds of problems, from head tossing to rearing or worse. And never - NEVER - tie your horse with the reins - carry a halter and lead rope with you, so you can tie the horse properly if you plan to dismount and tie the animal.

When you ride, are you using a breast harness? If not, why not? This is an easy and inexpensive way to help keep your saddle in

the correct position on your mount's back, and should be required. Is your girth the right size for your horse, or are the girth rings rubbing holes in your horse's girth area? The girth should also be clean and burr-free. Does your saddle have a rear girth? If so, and you aren't a calf roper, remove that rear girth. It is superfluous unless you are roping calves or cattle. If you insist on using a rear girth, please be sure that it is tight enough (snug, allowing a couple of fingers to be inserted between it and the horse's belly) - otherwise if your horse kicks at a fly, or anything else, the kicking foot could become hung in the rear girth and you are headed for a serious wreck. These are only a few safety issues - but they are some of the most important.

Happy riding!

This article is a reprint from 2017 and is the personal opinions of Nanci Falley. For more information or more articles by former AIHR President Ms. Falley, please feel free to reach out to registraraihr@gmail.com



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Alliance**

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AIHR is happy to announce our new partnerships with these two amazing organizations, **Stallion-App** and the **Iberian Horse Alliance**! These are two wonderful organizations that will likely offer AIHR and it's members many wonderful opportunities!

The **Iberian Horse Alliance** is committed to celebrating the rich heritage of Iberian horse breeds. From their website: "We aim to unite enthusiasts and promote the welfare of these majestic animals through education and community engagement. Building a Global Community of Iberian Horse and Pony Lovers." They have partnered with Etalon Equine Genetics for DNA testing. IHA recognizes all existing Iberian breeds, such as the Colonial Spanish Horse, as well as their descendants, much like AIHR does.

Stallion-App is a new cloud-based breeding and pedigree platform. From the providers: "Stallion App is proud to support the American Indian Horse Registry by providing a platform tailored to their needs...Stallion App is an all-in-one breeding management platform designed specifically for horse breeders. It brings everything into one place—from mare and stallion management to pedigree research, test matings, breeding contracts, and foaling records." AIHR members will receive a permanent 50% off Stallion-App services! If you are a member haven't received your code, email registrarihr@gmail.com to receive it!

Iberian Horse Alliance

2026 Webinar Series



January
Frances Carbonnel
Historical
Overview



February
Paul Belasik
Iberian Horse
Of the Past
Now the Horse
of the Future



March
Laura Harper
DNA Research on
Iberian Breeds



April
Kerry Thomas
Psychology &
Performance



May
Ginger Hipp
The Iberian Marsh
Tacky Horse
History



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July
Stable Feed
Mary or Olivia
Feeding the
Iberian Horse



June
Rupert Isaacson
Classical Masters
Demystified



September
Marsha Hartford Sapp
Dressage
Iberians & Cobra



October
Amy Star
Working Equitation
and Iberians



August
Mirka Crew
Liberty Work
with Iberians



Indian Horse needs volunteers! If you are looking for a volunteer position, please feel free to reach out! Everything mentioned below can be done in a limited, part-time capacity! Plus, anyone who volunteers consistently for a long period of time may also be eligible for nomination to the AIHR Board of Directors in the future! Please reach out to registraraihr@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information! Work is available both remotely and locally (East Texas area).

Remote Volunteers:

Newsletter Editor

Social Media Manager

Grant Finder/Writer

Merch Designing

Form Designing

Fundraising

Local Volunteers:

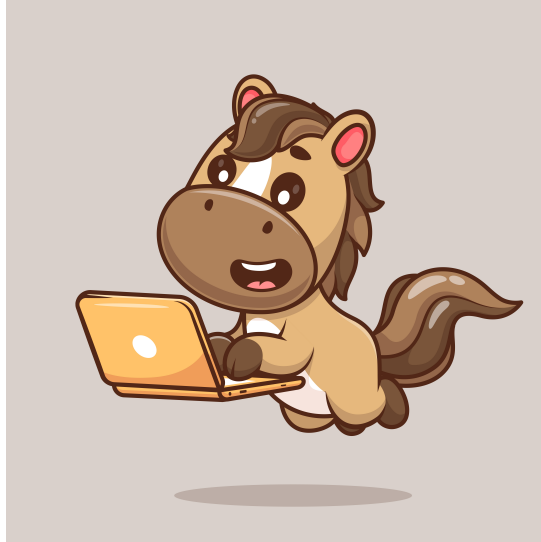
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Filing and Sorting

Cleaning of Items
(including leather oiling)

Organizing and
Digitizing

Have you visited **IndianHorse.com** *Lately?*



If you haven't, then you should! Not only are our most common forms available online (Membership, Registration Application, and Transfer), but so is the ability to pay online!

IndianHorse.com is your Number 1 resource for all things AIHR! Need info about the registration process? IndianHorse.com! Want access to our past newsletters? IndianHorse.com! And now, if you need to make a payment for your yearly membership or a registration....you can pay online! At IndianHorse.com!!

Expect more information and improvements to come in the future!!!

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Do you have a farm, ranch, or stable? Do you have foals or trained horses for sale? Do you offer stallion services or horse training? Would you like to give your organization more exposure? Maybe you just want to tell someone you love them in an extra special way???

Then advertise with AIHR! Members get discounted rates, with Farm & Ranch/Lifetime members able to place ads for free! Just send your ad into us and we'll place it the next edition of this newsletter. We publish 2-3 times a year and accept business cards, 1/4 page, 1/2 page, and full page ads!

No ad? No problem! Articles and pictures are welcome and free to publish at any given time!! We'd love to hear about you and your horses adventures, your bond, equine history, training tips, or anything else you want to say! It's your newsletter - take advantage!



Nanci Falley, Former AIHR President, and Choctaw Star, O-494

Ad Type	Member Price	Non-Member Price
Business Card	\$5	\$7
1/4 Page	\$7	\$10
1/2 Page	\$10	\$14
Full Page	\$15	\$20

Please send ads, articles, and pictures to:

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