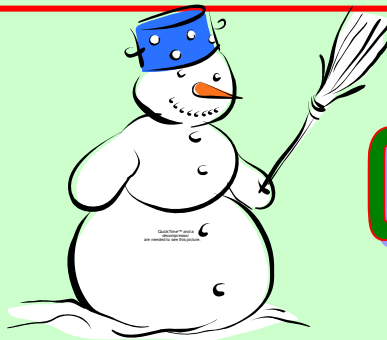


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Midsouth Boardgram - December 2009

Congratulations to our Contest Winner! - The 2010 Midsouth Board voted Claire Tyner from Middle Tennessee PC as the winner of the 2011 Annual Meeting logo contest and best regional pin design! One of our Board members came up with the best slogan - "Music Calls Us Home", which will replace 'Rhythm and Hooves' in Claire's design. USPC will also be added to the Annual Meeting line. As a region, we must all vote on the regional pin design before it becomes 'official'. We will do this at our Spring Regional Council Mtg.



Thank you to Skylar Rowan, Celsie Hennessy, Allison Reed, and Emma Burch for their wonderful entries. *Selecting the winners was a very tough decision!!!!*

Everything But The Horse Rally on Dec 6 - This rally, coordinated by Greenacres Riding Center, was a fabulous success. Jessy, the Center's Instructor, provided me with an excellent write-up on their group's experience. Please see the attachment.

2010 Ratings and Prep Clinics - Our RICs have scheduled a C3 prep with Karine Gordy for January 17th at Spring Run Farm in Louisville. Candidates who are signing up for the June 19-20 Testing at Spring Run will have priority if it overfills. Contact Peggi to sign-up for this prep (ptb5678@aol.com). We are waiting to receive confirmation from one of our clubs to host an HB Testing in July. Once that date is firm, we will schedule a Prep for that Testing. We are also waiting to hear about a fall C3/B testing last weekend in October, probably in Tennessee. The 2010 regional calendar with these and other dates will be coming out in January.

Games Rally - By majority vote, Games Rally will be held on Saturday, March 27 at the Central Kentucky Agriculture-Exposition Center in Liberty, KY (www.libertykentucky.org). Anne Hulbert will again be the Secretary/Organizer for this Rally (Thank you Anne!!). The January Boardgram will let you know the Opening Date.

Quiz Rally - Quiz Rally is Saturday, March 13 at the Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin, TN. We have used this Marriott for Quiz for several years prior (date conflicts) to last year at the Titan Stadium in Nashville. I know your members are all studying hard and Deborah Lovett is, once again, doing an excellent job of organizing this rally.

REMEMBER: At 5:30 pm, during Quiz Rally, we will again have our Spring Regional Council meeting [All club DCs *required* to attend. RC's strongly encouraged!]. We have our 2010 budget, regional calendar updates, rally changes, etc. to discuss/approve.

Another Standards and Ratings Clinic?? - IF there is sufficient interest by club officers *and club instructors* who could not attend our November Standards and Rating (S&R) Clinic, the region will host another such clinic in Franklin, TN at an indoor facility. Deb Willson (USPC National Examiner and Past Chair of the USPC National Ratings Committee) is available on Feb 6 or Feb 20 to do this clinic if we can 'get it together'. We need to make a 'Go or No Go' decision very soon. **PLEASE** let Margaret Meyer (meyer2@comcast.net) know of your attendance interest. If the clinic is a "Go", then sign-up forms will go out in January. **Please respond to Margaret one way or another!**

USPC Annual Meeting in Houston, TX - The pre-registration deadline for the 2010 United States Pony Club Annual Meeting is approaching fast. Please visit the [Online Registration](#) to register. Regular registration prices of Adult \$135 and Youth \$105 are available until **Dec. 31st**. After December 31st registrations will only be accepted onsite at the prices of Adult \$150 and Youth \$120.

These Annual Meetings are a fabulous learning experience! Excellent workshops are offered on horse management, veterinarian and nutrition issues, mounted riding skills, horse-related equipment, sports psychology, club administration, DC leadership skills, etc. Annual Meetings also provide opportunities to network with 'big name' clinicians from around the country, club officers from other regions and other upper level members. I have been attending USPC Annual Meetings for over 10 years and after each one, I return home rejuvenated, enthusiastic, and almost bursting with new ideas for PONY CLUB!!

HT Secretary/Scoring Help Needed - The Indiana Eventing Association Horse Trial has given our Midsouth Region permission to conduct our Championship-Qualifying Eventing Rally in conjunction with their Horse Trial on June 3 through 6, 2010. We expect about 75 to 100 pony club entries. We need a person(s) to be the Secretary for those entries and help with scoring (to include HM, etc.). **Is there anyone (or two) out there who can help?**

2010 Dates to Remember:

January 27 - 31	USPC Annual Meeting, Houston, TX
Feb 6 or 20 ???	Second Standards and Ratings Clinic possible in Nashville, TN
March 13	Quiz Rally and Spring Regional Council Meeting, Franklin, TN
March 27	Games Rally, Central KY Agriculture-Exposition Center, Liberty, KY
April 3	Polocrosse Rally, Strawberry Plains, TN
June 3-6	Championship Qualifying Eventing C-Rally, Indiana Eventing Assoc. Horse Trial, Hoosier Horse Park, IN
June 19 - 20	Tetrathon Rally, Masterson Station, Lexington, KY
June 22 - 23	Dressage Rally, Kentucky Horse Park (KHP), Lexington, KY
June 23 - 24	Show Jumping Rally, KHP, Lexington, KY
June 24 - 25	D-Rally (Combined Test (Dressage and Stadium)), KHP, Lexington
June 25 - 26	Open Combined Test/Dressage Show, KHP, Lexington, KY

[Please remember that the above Mega Rally changes are due to the KHP 2010 WEG preparations.]

Thank You for the prayers and notes of sympathy from so many of you. It has made the unexpected passing of my mother much more bearable.

With a grateful heart,
Nancy, RS