



An update of our lifestyle with the American Saddlebred

It is hard to believe but we are already half way through the year!

White Star Stables was in full bloom in the spring and early summer, which is a nice memory during the dog days of summer. This year all of the cactus and other flowering plants really put on a show and created a wonderful wildlife habitat! For the bird lovers all types have been spotted, cardinals, doves, finches, and most recently a beautiful white dove – there have been reports of peach faced love birds as well. The Guineas have found their role here at the farm. In the morning they run across the roof of our house several times, then go to the middle islands looking for breakfast – by the end of the day they have checked out the entire property as a group. Hardly ever do they travel by themselves. By around 4:00 they are by the camp room french doors checking out their reflection! Late in the evening one of them is always looking after the baby Guineans. The new Arucana chicks have arrived and should start laying around December so we can all enjoy fresh eggs again. We hope to enclose an area for the chickens so the bothersome Bob Cat, Hawks, and Coyotes can't get to them.

The show season is in full swing and our stars are shining bright in the show ring. The Equistar and Saturday Night Live was a great show with awesome participation from the White Star Team! We brought home a lot of blues and Championships. Del Mar and Santa Barbara offered some great weather and some tough competition especially in the pleasure classes. With 8 to 15 in these classes we held our own with some great ribbons. Every time the gate opens at any show you are encouraged to participate - it is a great experience!

Thank you to the White Star Team - the 2006 Christmas Gift turned out Great! We had the customized White Star cabana set up in Santa Barbara and it provided much needed shade plus it looked very sharp. We had lots of compliments on it, and it is just the right finishing touch for a polished stable front at the horse shows.

Paul's Cowboy Chic Birthday party the end of May created many memories! The highlight was definitely the 3-tier wedding cake, inspired by Paul (which he didn't even know until he saw it), and organized by Lynda Lord. The cake from Arcadia Farm was delicious and several people contributed to the final presentation. It started out so pretty until it was decided we needed to make it "cow boyish". We added toy cows, chickens, and horses - basically all types of farm animals every which way onto the cake along with candles. It was a sight and Paul was surprised! I don't think he's ever had a cake like that. As an added bonus many people met Paul's parents in from Arkansas for the first time.

Talk about Fun...The White Star summer campers have had quite a summer. If you want an opportunity to be on the fast track of riding lessons the summer camp is a must. These kids learn so much about horses and riding and get to try their hand at different crafts plus share some great laughs!



Here are our plans for the rest of the year! You can always check in the lounge for the White Star Schedule so you don't miss out on something fun and exciting...

- August 4th **White Star Summer Camp Barbeque Pot Luck**
- August 19th-25th **World Championship Horse Show**
(We have two entries this year in Louisville and a White Star group going to cheer them along. Let us know if you would like to attend!)
- September 13th-15th **California Futurity, Pomona, CA**
- September 22nd-23rd **Equistar/Saturday Night Live**
- October 1st – 28th **Showstopper Candle Sale**
- October 6th-13th **Morgan Grand National**
- October 26th-28th **AZ Futurity Horse Show at West World**
- November 13th-17th **American Royal, Kansas City, MO**
(We are planning on showing at the Royal – If interested in showing or just watching sign-up now)
- November 30th – Dec 2nd **Jingle Bell's Show, Del Mar, CA**
- December 8th **White Star Holiday Party**
- December 16th **White Star Brunch and Ornament Exchange**
- Dec. 23rd-Jan. 2nd **Paul and Matthew's Vacation**
- January 5th – 6th **Arizona Livestock Show**

More information will be coming on The Diane Maroscia Trunk Show of her beautiful Saddlebred Bronzes and Jewelry at White Star Stables. This is a great opportunity to get some Holiday Shopping out of the way!