

Hello Paso Fino Friends!

Spring and the MAPFHA Season Kick off weekend at Crow-Hassan are finally here! Come on out and join us for trail riding and camping at the Blue Stem campground this coming weekend, May 11-13. Check-in begins at 3 p.m. on Friday, and check-out at 1 p.m. Sunday (we may get an extension on that but won't know until end of the week). We can use the campground cabin/shelter for out potluck if it rains Sat. night. See more details in my previous message below, and I hope you to see you there!

Jan Meyer and Mesa, Erica Woyctke and Zia, and Tracy Porter and Caz all did a fantastic job at the MN Horse Expo! I was also very proud of my Chaco's performance. Expo was a first experience for Mesa and Chaco, and they handled all the sights, commotion, crowds and noise superbly, as well as remembering our ride pattern. The announcer's microphone malfunctioned in both Demos which threw off the timing of our finish, and we were inadvertently missed in the line-up. But, they adjusted and scheduled us to perform first, and our horses completed the ride pattern as planned. Thanks to those of you who came, watched and cheered our performances and who stopped by the horse stalls to say, "Hi."

Tracy is in the process of nominating her horse, Caz, to be a Breyer model horse; the last portion of the application is to obtain 5,000 signatures of support. She received more than half at the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison then was able to obtain the remaining numbers at our MN Horse Expo! It will be very cool to see Caz as the (first and only?) Paso Fino Beyer horse! Caz, 23 yrs. old, was honored as the WI Horse of the Year at the Midwest Horse Fair and is also a national Trail Horse champion (RFD TV competition). Tracy is a trainer and clinician in Milton, WI. She and Caz also participated in the All-Breed Trail Obstacle Challenge/demonstration Friday and Saturday evenings at our MN Horse Expo, dramatically backing through several obstacles the second night and taking second place for the two days.

Attached are three pictures from Expo (Tracy is backing Caz around the cactus while pulling the sled with the stuffed animal); more can be viewed on Bob's Flickr site,  
[www.flickr.com/photos/kaleidobob/albums](http://www.flickr.com/photos/kaleidobob/albums) Thanks, Bob, for capturing our Expo memories!

*Lynda Zimmerman*