

in March when Tom met with 25 other equestrian product companies to discuss problems caused by the splintering of the English trade, specifically with regard to trade shows. AETA aims to represent the interests of the Equestrian Trade in the context of trade shows, as well as to be an overall resource and unifier for the industry.

How do you view the relationship between AETA and WETA?

I hope AETA and WETA will work together on some future projects, but AETA's focus will be on the equestrian trade itself.

Can our readers join your organization?

Absolutely. Current information is available at www.aetaonline.com.

Do you ride? English? Western?

I'm new to the scene, but my wife and I own two horses and we spent a year running a horse farm. That taught me a lot. She spent three years competing as a team roper and now competes in Hunter and Jumper. Trail riding is as ambitious as I've gotten so far, though I can't imagine my life without horses.

Hobbies and interests?

I am also a recovering musician. I enjoy singing the national anthem at local baseball games. I'm fluent in Swedish, though there's not much call for it in rural North Carolina.

What is your favorite ...

Book? Well, I'm re-reading Eric Schlosser's *Fast Food Nation* and Kerouac's *On the Road*. Cookbooks are always favorites, too. As far as magazines, my favorites are *Equus* and *Rolling Stone*.

CD? I have about 900 CDs. This week I'm stuck on Miles Davis' *Kind of Blue*, Led Zeppelin's *Presence* and the soundtrack for the movie *Garden State*.

Food? Anything. My wife and I are grilling a lot these days, but Thai and Mediterranean food are always winners.

Movie? *Solaris* and *The Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind*. ☺



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