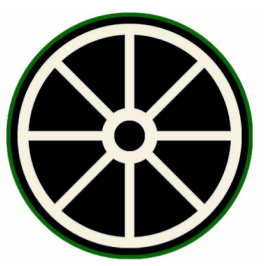


# Tall Tails Gazette



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**Interview  
with the  
Kermit!**



**TT FIRE DEPT EXPO!**



**Sat 15th Jan  
@12pm SLT**

**Back to the  
snow!**

## Tail Tails: The Winter Wonderland!

**...if you ignore the garbage buildup.**



**The Tall Tails Estate: A Winter Wonderland! [Photo: Holly ]**

An impressive snowfall has left the Tall Tails estate covered in a thick layer of beautiful white fluffy snow which has led to some wonderful pictures like the one from Holly above.

We have also seen more sledges on our roads and there is a general festive spirit in the air.

But behind the scenes, the roads are treacherous leading to a number of weather-related accidents. It might be suggested that this has led to the introduction of mandatory number plates for all carts, also covered in this edition.

The harbour has also frozen over which has contributed to a build up of uncollected garbage as vessels can not get in to make collections.



**Shocking build up of garbage at Ponizei HQ [Photo: Devi]**

So lets all enjoy the lovely scenery while it lasts but turn a blind eye to the garbage piles and crashed carts as a result of ice.

### TT DMV Regulations

Out of the blue and with no prior consultation the Tall Tails estate has established a Department of

Motor Vehicles (DMV).



**An Example of a new TT Number Plate [Photo: Aida]**

Every single user of TT roads must now display a valid (and unique) licence plate and follow the published law. All vehicles are subject to inspections from TT Ponizei and TT Army officials.

In addition there are now rules on the length, weight and width of vehicles. Every road user is responsible for complying with these new rules published on the DMV website.

On a brighter note, the number plates are a wonderful unique design consisting of three emojis and as the regulations state, "may be vulgar in nature."

So questions are now being asked as to whether we can expect more Ponizei patrols out and about on the estate enforcing these new regulations. This question was put to Ponizei chief Axelle Beorn in the exclusive interview in this edition.

### A Carriage Fit For a Queen!

We have seen some wonderful and unique cart builds since the introduction of the Pimp My Cart achievement and the very well organised Cart Design workshop. Some readers will recall that I previously featured Berry's chicken cart in issue 8.

However, this cart designed by Holly caught my



**Chariot wins well deserved achievement [Photo: Loren]**

eye due to its beauty and elegance. One day, I would love to do a Pony Caravan in this carriage - but perhaps Queen Molly may requisition it for one of her royal tours.

### (Very brief) Drama as rebel Rebel seizes the castle!



**The Rebel seizes the castle (briefly) [Photo: Anon]**

The castle has sat unmolested on Mount Plywood in Pike for some weeks now with whispers about who might move in and what mysteries lie within its solid stone walls.

Suddenly and unexpectedly, Rebel together with moo sidekick Trisky seized the castle and cast her image on the walls.

The full force of TT responded to the incident including the Ponizei and timely exposure for the new TT Fire Service - perhaps in an attempt to justify the huge expense of setting up this service.

Rebel and her toys were all put back into their boxes within an impressive 35 minutes, relegating the story from the leading Gazette headline and returning the castle back to vacant ownership and its mysterious unknown future.

A spokesperson for Rebel stated "that Rebel and her moo sidekick, held the castle against a superior force, inflicting several casualties, capturing several enemies, before being taken down by vastly superior numbers! Rebel later escaped."

There are whispers that Rebel is recruiting a bigger pony force to retake and hold the castle!



Meet your Professional TT Fire Dept Team! [Poster: Cookie]

## The TT Fire Dept wow with their Expo and live demonstrations.

Hot uniforms, hot machines and hot burning flames... what more could you wish for? Visitors didn't really know what to expect from this event but were impressed by the live demonstrations of the extensive range of equipment on display.

The team scheduled two events to cover both European and North America time zones.

The Euro event was led by Cookie and Shay and supported by pro pilots Loren and Essov. Sadly the stoats were not available for the Euro event but I understand that they came out of their underground dens for the North America event. *Well the ones that still remain anyway - see The Flattening.* The stoats run the Forestry Service and Shay gave a full demonstration of the powerful set of tools on board their dedicated vehicle.

The knowledgeable team walked us through each of their vehicles and then ignited a huge fire to see if people were paying attention.

Notable highlights were

- Rain was hoisted so high in the crane her head nearly touched the clouds.
- Axelle stole a ladder and tried to climb up to the helicopter. Amusingly it did not reach high enough so she had to come down, steal a longer ladder and try again.
- Pingle gave the most detailed brief she could about the Ponifia contribution to the event, as a bitted mare, i.e. Very little to nothing. Its a pity because there was a comment about how old the Ponizei community service vehicle looked given that all the other equipment looked brand spanking new. Axelle loudly posed the question what the Ponifia do they do with all the money they are donated.

Who even knew we needed a Fire Department, but as the convenient seizing of the castle by Rebel has shown, it can be handy to have access to long ladders at short notice.

So it will be interesting to see how the Fire Dept perform against the other major TT institutions, the Ponizei, the Ponifia and the TT Army.

## Danna loses her shine



Spot the difference! [Photos: TT Archives]

It is suggested that Danna has removed her trademark shine to help keep a low profile since the infamous incident known as 'The Flattening' in which lots of stoats lost their underground dwellings.

Danna was well known for her super shiny latex outfits which set something of a trend and dress code expectation at TT for staff. On occasions, fines were threatened to staff who were felt not to have met a minimum shininess threshold.

But now Danna can be seen in elegant cloth outfits giving her a windswept and interesting look. Perhaps this will usher in a new TT trend.

There have been complaints of noise due to underground drilling and heavy digging machinery in the vicinity of The Flattening, so it seems Danna is making good the damage and busy rebuilding their lost dens.

Meanwhile, Miss Molly has erected a monument to mark "The Flattening", lest we never forget.

It is yet to be confirmed if any charges will be brought against Danna for causing such catastrophic environment damage.

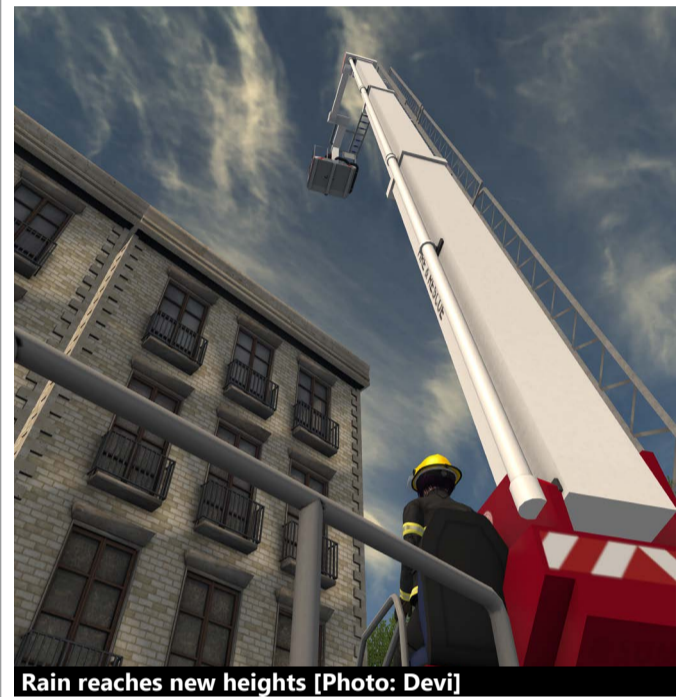


Monument marking "The Flattening" [Photo: Devi]

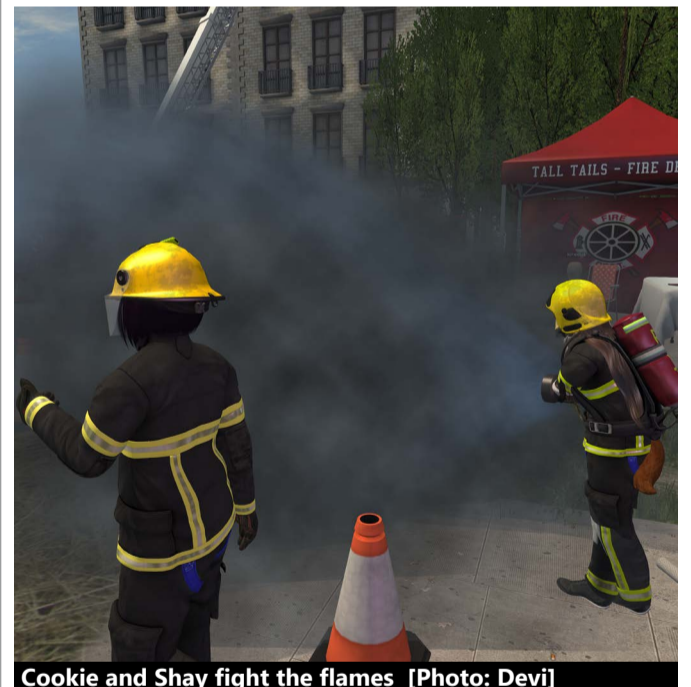
## Pictures from the Fire Dept Expo (Euro time-zone):



The Chinook looks complicated to fly! [Photo: Devi]



Rain reaches new heights [Photo: Devi]



Cookie and Shay fight the flames [Photo: Devi]



Shay demonstrates the Stoa vehicle [Photo: Devi]

## Interview with the Kermit

She is a TT Trainer and chief of Ponizei. She dominates most of the event leader tables on the estate. She is strongly associated with the colour green, which earned her the nickname Kermit. She can be so laser focused and relentless in her quest for perfection and correction that a 'Get Out of Axelle Free' pass is a real thing. She is French. She wears a distinctive flower in her hair. Can you guess who it is yet? Yes, its Axelle Beorn and she needs no further introduction to the citizens of TT.

And let us not forget the TT mantra, "Keep calm and blame Axelle."

A Gazette interview with Axelle is long overdue and I am thrilled to finally bring it to you.

**Q: I am not going to ask your favourite colour because that is a boring question and we all know the answer anyway - but we are curious to understand how your whole association with 'green' started. Please can you explain?**

A: Back in 2018, Fleur was looking to change her colours as a lot of ponies were using red and black. She tried a few different combinations without success.

But on 1st August 2018 Vanish Aker suggested white and green as a combination, so naturally, Fleur settled on green and white and I followed suit in green and black.

**Q: You have a habit of fainting....**

A: Devi... there is more! The story of green does not end there! People noticed the similarity between Fleur's tack and the old Polizei colours and Fleur got sent the following picture that gave birth to the Ponizei.



**Q: You have a habit of fainting when you are shocked or surprised... and this has been actually somewhat catching, with the condition now widespread amongst TT citizens. Were you the first or did you catch this condition from someone else?**

A: I can't remember who gave me the gesture but it was someone at PFS and I popularised it by giving it to everyone. So yes I think I was the first to adopt it properly.

**Q: It's been a busy year for the Ponizei... The Ponizei managed to convict the pony thief, the graffiti vandals and the leader behind the pony drugging incidents. Do you have any particular highlights about these investigations you want to call out?**

A: This is a vast question, I am not sure how to answer. Obviously don't write this, but I will say that I am often amazed what people come up with and how far they go. I suppose what sticks out most in my mind was the anti-Axelle 'art' from

the anti-establishment graffiti artists. They really took me by surprise. The one that I particularly remember is one with me doing a middle finger.

THIS IS WHAT THE PONIZEI  
THINK OF YOU



**Q: Despite all the high profile convictions this year, Rebel seems to be a constant thorn in your side, do you think she will ever be properly captured and brought to justice?**

A: Only her true rival can stop her. Her nemesis. Her archenemy, Fleur.

**Q: It has been commented that there appear to be a lot less Ponizei patrols recently on the TT roads and bridleways. With the introduction of regulations from the newly formed DMV (TT Dept of Motor Vehicles), can we expect to see more patrols again?**

A: All that is required for patrols, are volunteers and criminals. Volunteers just need to step forward, criminals just need to be invented!

**Q: Will there be any legal consequences for Danna as a result of the environmental disaster known as 'The Flattening' where lots of stoats lost their dens?**

A: Oh simples. The consequence is public shaming in a public (but secret) location. Molly erected the monument so *we* never forget, and *she* never forgets.

**Q: Do you have any tips for budding Ponizei recruits? What do you look for in a recruit and how can they sign up?**

A: They need to be proactive. Start an investigation - something to be acted upon. There is also the achievement called "I am the Law". In terms of patrols, these can be done whenever, but they should take a Ponizei member with them.

**Q: Is there some kind of Ponizei crime hotline concerned TT citizens can call?**



A: Yes so zero points for observation Devi. Next question?

**Q: You are known for wearing a distinctive flower in your hair, what type of flower is it and what is the story behind it?**



A: The flower is an hibiscus\*. In 2018, at an unnamed pony's first Flower event, Aida had the idea of making her put a flower in her hairs. She searched and searched, tried a few styles until she found one she liked. Then she kept it, the pony was named Fleur de Lune and Axelle adopted the flower to wear in her hair as well.

**Q: What are your views on the infamous taser ban of 2021? Has this impacted Ponizei ability to arrest and detain suspects? Have you managed to secure alternative tools for Ponizei use?**

A: We swapped for rubber guns- Sin's boom booms and cattle prods.

**Q: No one (least of all me) is going to doubt your credentials as a trainer, but there was both surprise and amusement when it came to light you had no formal sign offs. Do you have any particular lows or highs you want to tell us about?**

A: Some TT Founders were made trainers from the start because there was no sign-off process on day one of TT. I didn't mind that much not having them, plus everyone assumed I already had them so no one was asking about it except maybe Jane. But then Molly decided to bug everyone about it and in no time, I got swarmed by trainers wanting to sign me off.

**Q: Hmm I wonder who nudged Molly?**

A: Oh I think she nudged herself but maybe Lexi nudged her... but Molly is very Mollyesque... a meanie.

**Q: So which trainers performed each of your signs-offs?**

A: As follows:

- Danaira: Tack
- Jane: Carting
- Molly: Whip circle
- Connie: Modern flower
- Connie: Classic flower
- Molly: Classic silent
- Cookie: Traverse
- Cookie: Slalom
- Magic: Steeple

Thanks so much for meeting with the Gazette to answer our readers burning questions! Of course some of your answers will need to go straight into the lore section of the website!

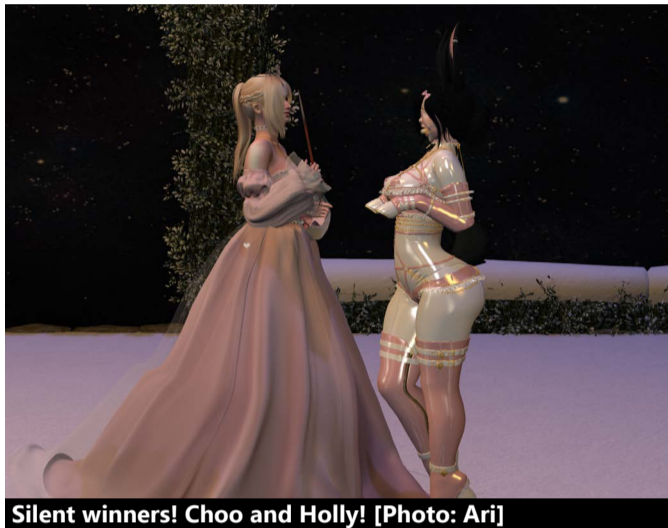
*\*There was much debate about whether it is a hibiscus or an hibiscus, feel free to wade in.*

## Winter Dressage Results

Well done to Team 16 (Trainer Choo | Pony Holly) who were declared winner of this huge competition hosted on 18th December in which 16 teams competed for the prestigious trophy.

2nd place were tied with Team 7: (Trainer: Samuel Ulysses | Pony: Valerian) and Team 6: (Trainer Alexis Sinclair | Pony: Hellfire).

3rd place with Team 8 (Trainer: M73 | Pony: Trisky).



Well done to the winners and all the participants!

## Fun in the Snow

On 11th December we all enjoyed a wonderful Pony Caravan in the Snowlands that was prepared by two guides, Amber and Essov. This was the 15th caravan and there were 65 people on 21 carts! The event was topped off by a great party at FFF Stables with DJ Yim.

The Winter Blowout party with DJ Steph and DJ Sin was a great success on Friday 17th December!

Both Tall Tails and Agni have opened GTFOs hubs in the snowlands. Agni's hub is called the TT Mulled Cider & Mead Trading Co and you are warned to be particularly careful with the Rebel's Cider!

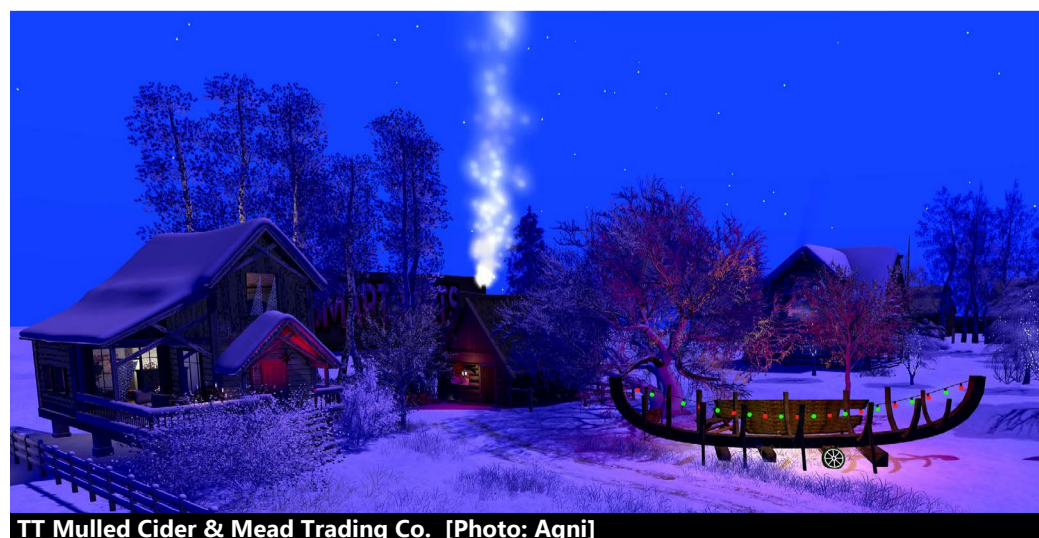
These are great places to rez your cart (or sleigh) and start your snowy carting journeys with ambitious climbs over impressive snowscapes.

### TT Snowlands Hub:

<http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/Hogadon/167/121/102>

### Agni's Snowlands Hub:

<http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/Jiminy/29/135/105>



## Upcoming Events

- Winter Sumo: 22nd Dec @ 1200hrs SLT
- Pony Caravan: 15th Jan @ 1200hrs SLT

## Happy Holidays!

Its been a fun and memorable year at Tall Tails and a big thank you to all our contributors, readers and supporters and everyone who helped make 2021 at Tall Tails so special.

We at the Gazette wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year and an even more amazing 2022!

