



April 2014

QUICK LINKS

WWW.CHINCOTEAGUE.COM

[Find Us On Facebook](#)

[Subscribe To Our RSS Feed](#)

[Local Specials & Discounts](#)

[Advertise With Us](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

CHINCOTEAGUE.COM eNEWSLETTER

It was a long, cold winter, but warmer weather is finally here! We are sending you this newsletter to catch you up on what's happening on Chincoteague Island this Spring. Please visit our web site www.chincoteague.com for everything you need to know to plan your Chincoteague Island vacation. We hope that you will make it your mission to get to Chincoteague Island in 2014!



Upcoming Events

Chincoteague Island's Event Calendar is full of awesome activities this Spring. Here are just a few of the upcoming local events taking place on Chincoteague Island:

May 3, 2014 - Chincoteague Seafood Festival

May 3, 2014 - Cinco De Mayo 5x5 Art Show and Sale

May 10, 2014 - International Migratory Bird Celebration

May 10, 2014 - Second Saturday Art Stroll

May 16 - 25, 2014 - Capt. Steve's Annual Flounder Tournament

[Click here to see the full 2014 Event Schedule](#)

2014 Spring Pony Roundup

On April 11 & 12, 2014 the Wild Ponies on Assateague Island were rounded up for vet checks. The Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company owns and manages the herd of Wild Ponies on Assateague Island. The Ponies are treated by vets three times each year... Once in the Spring, once during the Pony Swim in July, and then one more time in the Fall. Pictured to the right is one of the first new foals born on Assateague Island this year. The picture was taken at the Southern Pony Corral during the 2014 Spring Roundup.



[Click here for the 2014 Chincoteague Island Pony Swim Guide](#)

[Click here to see more pictures from the 2014 Spring Pony Roundup](#)



The 2013 Buyback Ponies Are Doing Well

After the auction in July the Buyback foals are kept, along with their mother's, at the Chincoteague Carnival Grounds. In the fall, after the foals are weaned, the mother's are returned to Assateague. The Buyback foals, however, are kept at the Chincoteague Carnival Grounds until Spring. Winter on Assateague Island can bring snow, ice, and a limited food supply. These are tough conditions even for the adult Ponies. Keeping the Buyback Ponies on Chincoteague for the winter allows the Volunteer Firemen to watch over them and provide them with food and water.

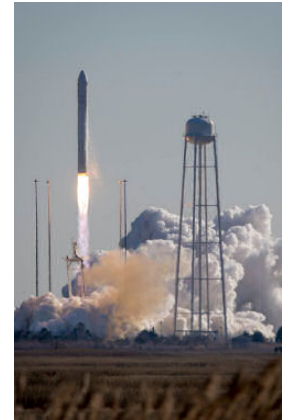
[Click here for more information about the 2013 Buyback Ponies](#)

Chincoteague is becoming known for something other than Ponies

Chincoteague Island has long been known for its Wild Ponies and picturesque beach. Thanks to NASA, Chincoteague is becoming known for something new and exciting... the go to destination for viewing rocket launches from Wallops Island.

At least 8 missions will leave from the Mid Atlantic Regional Spaceport located at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Wallops Island, Virginia. It's all part of a \$1.9 billion contract between Dulles, VA based Orbital Sciences Corporation and NASA to deliver precious cargo to the International Space Station.

The cargo resupply launch from Wallops Island is currently scheduled for no earlier than June 9, 2014.



[Click here for more about viewing rocket launches in Chincoteague](#)



The final phase of Assateague Lighthouse restoration is complete. The historic 143 foot tall structure looks great with a fresh coat of paint! A Reopening Celebration for was held on Saturday, April 19 on the Lighthouse grounds. The reopening celebration featured a U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard flag ceremony, ribbon cutting and music from the Peninsulars. A plaque honoring contributors to the Lighthouse Restoration Fund was presented.

The Assateague Lighthouse is now OPEN for visitors!
Come on out and see the view from the TOP!

Lighthouse Tour Schedule for April & May:

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 9 am to 3 pm
Last climbers admitted at 2:30.
\$5.00 adults, \$3.00 ages 2-17

Chincoteague.com is your internet resource for all of your Chincoteague Island vacation planning needs. Visit us online today!

Sincerely,

Ted Daisey
Chincoteague.com