



Oklahoma Dressage Society Newsletter

September/October 2009

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 2-4 Sarah Martin Dressage Clinic
www.dressageoklahoma.org
- Oct 3 GCC/ATRC Schooling Show
www.greencountrydressage.org
- Oct 11 OKE/GCC Schooling Show
www.greencountrydressage.org
- Oct 17-18 Lazy E Classic Dressage I & II
www.showsecretary.com
- Nov 14-15 ODS Alf Athenstaedt Clinic
www.dressageoklahoma.org
- DEC 5 ODS Schooling Show Championships
www.dressageoklahoma.org

NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED!

Attention ODS members. The current newsletter editor will be resigning after the December/January newsletter. This is your chance to participate actively with ODS. Contact a board member or the newsletter editor for more information if you are interested.

ODS Alf Athenstaedt Dressage Clinic
November 14-15, 2009
www.dressageoklahoma.org

ODS 2010 Spring Educational Event

J. Ashton Moore will be returning to Oklahoma on March 27-28, 2010 for a continuation of his biomechanics of horse and rider seminar. The symposium will be at the Shawnee Expo Center. Mark your calendars!

Thanks to all members who participated in the ODS logo contest. If you sent an entry, please send Michael an email at Michaelcolclasure@gmail.com so he can send you a certificate for \$5 towards your next ODS clinic.

Dear ODS Member,

We have a lot of events coming up so please mark your calendars.

The Schooling Show Championship is scheduled for December 5 at Shawnee. The facility will have stalls available and it will be in the covered arena. There is still time to qualify so look at the website for a schooling show in your area. We are looking for volunteers to help with this show. Please contact Rainee Boyd if you can help us.

The Alf Althenstaedt clinic Nov 14 & 15th still has places available for auditors...this is a great chance to see a master at work. Please contact Anne Kuhns if you would like to attend.

ODS is trying to get an idea of how many juniors we have that would be interested in a program dedicated to junior riders. If you have a junior that would be interested please let us know...once this information is compiled we hope to have events just for juniors!

The USDF Convention will be in Austin, Tx this year. Lauren Hadley from Ponca City has been selected to ride as a demo rider for Jan Brinks! Congratulation Lauren!

The auction for the ODS arena was won by Kim Dyer! Kim owns the Southern Hills Riding Academy in Tulsa / Okemah. Thank you, Kim for all your support!

And last, but not least, we are honored to have two people in our GMO that have won "Region 9 Horse Person of the Year". Bee Pape and Charlotte Kerr will be recognized at the USDF Convention in Austin.

Sincerely,
Debbie Nutt
ODS President

ODS Schooling Show Championships December 5, 2009 Shawnee Expo Center

Indoors! Under Cover! Stalls!
Make your plans—get qualified!



GCC NEWS

After the lull in August, horse activities are bouncing back to life in September. There is but one free weekend for the month, so plan to just leave the trailer hooked up – it'll save you some time and aggravation!

There are two dressage schooling shows scheduled in our area. One is the OKE show on September 6 at Lilly Pond in Kellyville with Louise Waring judging. The second is the GCC show at Hidden Wind Stables (formerly Aberdeen) in Broken Arrow with Joyce Hardesty judging. Both shows' prizelists are available on the Green Country website at www.greencountrydressage.org. Exhibitors, remember to keep track of your scores earned at these and other shows so you can submit them for year-end awards consideration. Recording forms for year-end awards are available in the Resources section of the GCC website (address above).

GCC is hosting the third of its series of Educational Meetings on Saturday, September 19, at Kay Kamish's Rivendell Farm in Claremore. The subject of this meeting is "Tai Chi for Riders." Kay will present the program. She has worked extensively with internationally well-known author and clinician, James Shaw, who teaches Tai Chi for Riders across the globe. This program is free of charge and will begin at 3:00 p.m. with a series of unmounted exercises (wear comfy clothes and shoes) for all participants. Following this, Kay will use one of her students to demonstrate lungeing exercises which incorporate Tai Chi techniques to improve posture, balance and feel. She will then conduct a second lunge session with a rider who has not had prior Tai Chi experience. If you would like to be the "lunge-ee" for this portion of the program, please contact either Liz Logan (elizabethlogan@sbcglobal.net), or Marsha Cullen (daughterofthedancingarabian@yahoo.com). Finally, there will be a pot-luck meal (bring sandwiches, salads, or desserts to share) with GCC furnishing the drinks and tableware. Bring a lawnchair and come join us! Directions to get to Kay's farm are on the GCC website. Look in the Calendar section on the right and click on the "Tai Chi for Riders" link.

GCC Juniors, it is almost time to turn in your submissions for the Jaime Orban Award AND the Junior Progressive Multi-Club award. Deadline for each of these awards is October 15. These awards are designed to help and encourage our area's junior riders' interest and education in dressage and we hope that we have good participation this year. Anyone interested in submitting entries for either of these awards can find the necessary forms and complete information in the Resources section of the GCC website or they may contact the Junior Awards Chairman, Nicole Burris at getnicole@earthlink.net.

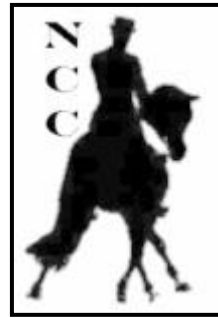
Have a great September, everyone!

Liz Logan

GCC President

Nicole Burris: Candidate for GCC Membership Chairman

I have enjoyed being involved in ODS events for 3 years, and have been an active member and served on the board of GCC since 2007. Among regular membership chairman duties this past year I organized and ran a used tack sale at a GCC show, as well as assisted Jolie Pressler with 2 schooling shows (and one more yet to come on the agenda). My dressage partner is Elvis, a National Show Horse that was originally trained for saddleseat, but still manages to hold his own in the dressage world.



NCC NEWS

The NCC of ODS has moved their Sept. 13th show with Vicki Sharp as judge to this Sunday Sept. 27th. We will be having a ridden meeting on, Sunday Oct. 4th at "A Little Bit of Heaven" starting around 1:30pm. We all can ride in the arena or a short trail ride after we have lunch which is being supplied by the NCC. You don't

have to bring your horse but it would be a good time to get them into the arena before our Oct. 13th show. The NCC will either be supplying hamburgers with Ricky Boyd as our chef OR if it is a bit Chilly out we will have some homemade Chili for our meal. Members and family and friends are all invited but are asked to check in or drop an email to Rainee Boyd at raineeboyd@itlnet.net if you plan on attending so that we have enough food available. This is open to everyone and bring a friend.

It is that time again to be thinking of running for a board member of the NCC. We need everyone's help to make this club a good one. Remember a club is only as good as the members that are in it. We need interested parties to contact Michael Colclasure at michaelcolclasure@gmail.com and just let Mike know that you are interested in becoming a board member. Happy Transitions!!

Rainee B.

NCC of ODS President for 2009

<http://www.ncc.dressageoklahoma.org/>



RCC NEWS

From Darrell Reed: The Red Carpet Chapter will be holding a meeting in the near future to discuss the future of the Chapter and potentially elect officers for 2010.

Happy Fall Everyone,

Jochen Hippenstiel will be returning to Southerly Winds Farm October 9-11. Auditing is \$25/day or any part of the day. Beverages and snacks will be available. Lunch is on your own. Pre-Registration is required. Thanks and look forward to seeing everyone.

Denise Laigle

Southerly Winds Farm

southerlywindsfarm@cox.net

ODS Presents
Alf Athenstaedt
Classical Dressage Clinic
November 14-15, 2009

Hidden Winds
4300 S. Butternut; Broken Arrow, OK 74011



Alf Athenstaedt, a native of Hamburg, Germany successfully trained and showed in International dressage competitions in Europe. He was a distinguished student of dressage mentor Willi Schultheis and also trained under Hans Irbinger, the late Chief Rider of the Spanish Riding School. Alf is the former Head Trainer, Riding Master and Director of Performance for Tempel Farms in Wadsworth, Il. According to authors of The Imperial Horse: The Saga of the Lipizzaners "the soundest foundation of dressage was laid with the arrival of Alf Athenstaedt in 1965..." He was challenged by Tempel Smith to recreate the spirit and practice of the Spanish Riding School; training and riding his Lipizzans at the White House, Madison Square Gardens and other venues.

This clinic is limited to a maximum of five riders who are current ODS members. Upper level riders are preferred, but at minimum must be able to sit the trot and have an understanding of putting the horse on the bit. Lessons will be 45 minutes at a cost of \$100.00 per session. Riders must ride both days and, if selected, provide a brief riding history for Alf. This registration form may be mailed to Anne or brought to the summer meeting on July 25; a 50% deposit is required. If more than five forms are received, five names will be drawn by lottery at the summer meeting and a waiting list will be created with the remaining names in order of drawing. If needed, names may be placed in "batches" by levels to ensure a variety of levels will be demonstrated during the clinic. An equitable number of riders will be drawn from each batch. Riders need not be present at the time of the drawing. If a rider is not drawn, deposit will be returned. A liability waiver must be signed before mounting. Stalls with shavings are available at \$20 per night; riders must clean stalls before leaving. Riders desiring a stall must make their reservation with and pay Paul Dalton directly phone 918-269-7520 or email pauld@aberdeenfarm.com.

Auditors are welcome!

Lessons will be held in an indoor arena. Auditors will need to bring a chair. ODS will be providing refreshments and a light lunch for riders and auditors. Auditor registrations should be received by November 9th; please send full fee owed. Walk-ins will be admitted for the same price although refreshments may not be available for walk-ins.

Videoring is only permitted for the private use of the rider. A rider's video cannot be copied, shared, or published in any way.

Directions:

Hidden Winds is located near the intersection of 111st St. S. and Garnett. **From Tulsa or from the north or east** take the 91st St. S. exit off of Hwy. 169. Turn left (east) on 91st S. to Garnett. Turn right (south) on Garnett to 111th St. S. Turn left onto 111th St. S. and make the 1st left onto Butternut and follow the road through the subdivision to the farm, go through the brick gateway, and then to the right of the house to go back to the barns. **From OKC or from the south or west** take the Creek Turnpike to the Mingo Street exit turn right (south) on Mingo. Go to 111th St. S. and turn left, go one mile to Garnett, continue straight to Butternut, the next left after Garnett; follow Butternut through the subdivision to the farm, go through the brick gateway, and then to the right of the house to go back to the barns.

Name _____ ODS Member? _____

Level of Rider/Horse _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

_____ Rider \$200 (50% deposit required)	\$ _____
_____ Audit Saturday ODS member \$20; non-ODS \$30	\$ _____
_____ Audit Sunday ODS member \$20; non-ODS \$30	\$ _____
_____ Audit both days ODS member \$30; non-ODS \$45	\$ _____

Mail or bring form to the summer meeting (July 25)
 Anne Kuhns, 12203 E. 106th St. N., Owasso, OK 74055
 918-272-4789 akuhns@atlasok.com

Classified.....

Ahonan custom designed four wheel carriage. Wagonette style. Has shafts that are independent and can change dressage type shafts to marathon shafts. Black with brown vinyl upholstery on seats. Beautiful oak dash and panels on the sides. Fittings are chrome. The carriage has two seats, one bench seat that can be used for dressage or pleasure shows and the other wedge seat can be easily exchanged for the marathon. The pleasure type shafts are warmblood/ small draft length. The marathon shafts can be used for a smaller horse or even large pony. Rear disc brakes. Carriage has expandable rear axle. FEI width for marathon and cones. The vehicle looks classy enough for a pleasure show and is tough enough for a hard core marathon. Very versatile and safe carriage. Contact Hilda Wilkins hottruck95@gmail.com 918-825-5826 Email for pictures. (10/09)

Slash is a lovely 7 year old registered Trakehner / Anglo cross gelding. He is 15.2 hands. He is currently being ridden by my 14 year old daughter. He is being worked in jumping and dressage. Shelby trail rides him daily as well here on our farm. He has been started on some XC fences. He is VERY talented and has beautiful and floating gaits. He has a kind personality and a willing attitude. Because he is still green I would not recommend him for a beginner or novice rider. He loads and trailers well, cross ties and is tolerant of clipping. We love him dearly, but my daughter has grown to nearly 5'8" in this past year and is still growing. I am afraid it is inevitable that she will outgrow him. \$5,500. Please contact Tomi Faulkner at: 580-762-9593 or 580-761-2560 justjumpfarm@aol.com or mrcow@ponccacity.net (10/09)

For Sale; TOP HAT; brand new with tags; Christy's dressage top hat; 4 1/4 " crown; marked sz 7 but is smaller (6 3/4 -6 7/8). \$185 firm. Contact: Lee Ann at leeannalf@gmail.com (4/09)



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Horse Registrations From Sherry Guess
An error in numbering was discovered recently and new numbers have been issued. Below is a list with current **correct** numbers. The number in parentheses is the previous **incorrect** number. Please note your horse's correct number.

ENTERED 4-30-09 (should have been entered 2-26-09)
2009-Ms. Tender Lil/Marsha Cullen
2009-Capone/Marshal Cullen
922-Alleged Slew/Laurie Collins
923-Lakota/Rietta Miller
735-Dalwhinnie/Rachel Polson (change of owner)

ENTERED 5-30-09
2009-Delilah/Suzette Cunningham
2009-Giorgin/Paula Maras
2009-Annie/Morgan Musgrave
924-Windjammer/Kay Kamish (736)
925-Storey Creek Bo 'sun/Meredith Myers (737)
926-Sundrift Thunder Rolls/Mallory Spoor-Baker (738)
927-Bru Aa fra BraeAratungu/Sigrid Younger (739)


ENTERED 7-28-09
2009-Heza Copy/Richal Flannery
928-Gidget/Kimberly Allen (740)
929-Preparedmednabso/Kimberly Allen (741)
930-Maja/Mary Checots (742)
931-Orange Whip/Amy DeGraw (743)
932-Midori/Melissa Musgrave (744)
933-OSU Tar's Two Grand/Cathy Orban (745)
934-DA Tulsa Time/Rachel Whitten (746)

ENTERED 8-28-09
2009-Wish Upon A Star/Nicole Wilkinson
935-King Brian/Kristin Parker (748)
936-Indigo Magic/Carole Purdy (749)



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IN MEMORIAM

SCOTCH BLEND

March 31, 1999—September 11, 2009

Top Ten Exercises to Become a Better Horseman

10. Drop a heavy steel object on your foot. Don't pick it up right away. Shout, "Get off, stupid, GET OFF!!!"
9. Leap out of a moving vehicle and practice "relaxing into the fall." Roll lithely into a ball and spring to your feet.
8. Learn to grab your checkbook out of your purse and write out a \$200 check without even blinking an eye.
7. Jog long distances carrying a halter and a carrot. Go ahead and tell the neighbors what you are doing; they might as well know now.
6. Affix a pair of reins to a moving freight train and practice pulling to a halt. Smile as if you are having fun.
5. Hone your fibbing skills: "See, Hon? Moving hay bales is FUN!" and, "No, really, I'm glad your lucky performance and multi-million dollar horse won the blue ribbon. I am just thankful that my hard work and actual ability won me second place."
4. Practice dialing your chiropractor's number with both arms paralyzed and one foot anchoring the lead rope of a frisky horse.
3. Borrow the U.S. Army's slogan: Be All That You Can Be: bitten, thrown, kicked, slimed, trampled, frozen...
2. Lie face down in a puddle of mud in your most expensive riding clothes and repeat to yourself, "This is a learning experience, this is a learning experience, this is..."
1. THE NUMBER ONE EXERCISE TO BECOME A BETTER EQUESTRIAN: Marry money!

Are you a stall-bound horse? Want to amuse yourself and your human?

Well, here are some fun activities for you!

Poop in the Water Game

This will test your coordination and spatial abilities. Horses all over the world practice this, every day. You must try to poop in your water container (note: drink water first, so you won't go thirsty!). If your water container is too high to poop in, you can attempt to poop on the stall's door, or on the wall. This also gives your human something to do-- when they see what you've done, they will marvel at your special abilities, then happily provide you with fresh water.

Artistic Wood Carving

You can become a wood carver. Use your teeth to chisel the wood of your stall into a beautiful piece of art! At first, you can start with simple shapes -- such as the half-moon bite shape-- and as you become more advanced you can try different forms (big curve shape or multiple bite shapes). Your human will really appreciate this. Some humans will actually remove your artwork from the stall, and put up fresh, new, unchewed boards-- encouraging you to develop your artistic abilities with a fresh, new canvas!

Grain Spilling Game

Try to dump out all of your grain from your grain bucket/container, by turning it over with your nose. It is a fun game. You can even continue to flip the container to be sure that all the grain is dumped on the ground. Then, using your delicate muzzle to guide you, try to pick up all the grain, sorting through the bedding and poop. Amusing, and it makes your grain last longer. Your human will appreciate it too-- he/she may even bring you a new bucket of grain, or challenge you to become better by using more difficult containers!

Who Can Be The Loudest Contest

If you're stalled with other horses, try a little friendly competition with this game. When it's feeding time, see who can neigh, bang, scream, and kick the loudest in their stalls. Humans will instinctively throw food to the noisiest, most demanding horse, so try to be it. The winner is the horse that the human feeds first.

Unique Pooping

This not only provides fun for you, but fun for the human as well, because it makes the regular boring task of mucking more interesting. Try pooping in unusual areas. Poop on top of your door latches, or poop on window ledges. Poop in any food containers, or on top of salt licks. Try to poop any place that is not the ground.

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- Tickets \$65 if received after Oct 20 and before Oct 26
- Reservations made by Oct 20 will receive confirmed reserved seating of choice

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OUR STARS ARE BRIGHT....and we need their help!

Austin is proud to be the host for the 2009 Adequan/USDF Convention and Symposium December 2-6 at the Renaissance Hotel located near Hwy 183 and Capital of Texas Hwy (360). We will be assisting USDF by providing help with both.

For those of you that have never attended a convention, this is a great experience to see how USDF works: how it is governed, rules developed or changed, and programs created and revamped. In addition, to the committees working sessions, there will be many educational sessions offered throughout the convention, too. Volunteers may attend any session that they are assigned to work. All other sessions will require convention registration.

The symposium with Jan Brink also offers the unique experience of an international level training event right on our doorstep! There will be a number of opportunities to help with it, too. The symposium will be held at the Travis County Expo Center Dec. 4-6.

To assist USDF with running the convention we will be looking for a number of our local stars (aka volunteers) to help. If you have some time and would like to participate, send us your info (see below).

Convention help includes:

- USDF Registration Booth (assist with checkin & registration)
- Welcome to Austin Booth (info on area and attractions)
- Collect tickets for educational sessions (can attend sessions that you work!) and Gala/Awards banquet
- ...and additional tasks as needed.

Symposium help includes:

- Barn Managers – point of contact for riders for entire symposium (4-5 days)
- Footing crew – prior to symposium a team needed to uncover footing
- Ring Crews – prepare ring each day and work with facility for watering/dragging
- Announcer assistant
- Drivers/Hosts for officials
- Paddock Masters – keep riders on time and control traffic to/from rings
- Registration Desk – assist in registrant check-in
- Lunch/Question Support (take tickets for lunch and assist during question time)
- Floaters – will assist where needed

Send all volunteer requests to: USDF09STARS@AOL.COM

Include the following: Name, Address, Phone #, Email Address, days/times that you are available. If you have a job preference, list it too.

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