



# ODS Newsletter

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Their members are automatically USDF Group Members.*

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## A Word from Our VP

I was hoping we could share some of our experiences this summer; shows, foals, new horses, goals met, trail rides, etc. I certainly would love to hear what everyone has been doing this summer!

My mare and I have been trying our luck at training level. We have shown in a couple schooling shows and have shown improvement. We are becoming better partners and I am learning to "feel" the bit better. We still have a ways to go to meet my goal of breaking 60%, but we are improving. We are schooling first level! Now that's great news; because of conformational challenges we weren't sure if she would be able to progress past training level. Now there may be hope as her lengthenings are coming along. Even if we don't compete at first level, I am so proud to be able to say we are schooling at first! Something I never thought would happen.

Enough of me...any one else have any thing to share? Let's all get on our email and share our Summertime Stories!

Kathy Painter

## Important Dates to Remember

- \* ODS Down Centerline 5 & 6: October 4 & 5
- \* BALANCE Saddle Fitting Workshop and Clinic with Carol Brett: September 20-21, in Fairmont, WV. See ODS Classifieds for details.
- \* Dressage Clinic with Lynne Sprinsky: September 20-21, in Fairmont, WV. See ODS Classifieds for details.
- \* ODS Fall Trail Ride: October 18<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details.
- \* ODS Bonfire: November 1<sup>st</sup>. Details to come.
- \* Mary Wanless Clinic: November 8-10, 2003, IRUS Stables, Lebanon, IN . See ODS Classifieds for details.



# Club Shorts

Congratulations to ODS Member Michael Molnar and his Haflinger, N-Hitchwave for their superior performance at the 2003 Knox County Fair! Michael not only won his Intro Dressage class, but also won Pleasure Driving and Pony Pleasure Driving. Good job Michael!

Special thanks to Chris Gemmel, Mary Jo Weingart, Deb Eiden and all others who donated their time and energy to the state 4-H Dressage competition this year at the State Fair. ODS donated the sponsorship for the show and will again in 2004. Thanks to all ODS members who make this possible for the young Dressage riders in Ohio!

Join us for the ODS Fall Trail Ride and Bonfire. The trail ride is planned for October 18<sup>th</sup> and the Bonfire is planned for November 1<sup>st</sup>. Details to come on these fun ODS events!

Need show entry forms? [www.showsecretary.com](http://www.showsecretary.com) has the blank entry forms for region 2 along with the prize lists for several of the local shows. This should be a great help when you're scrambling around trying to remember where you put your stack of blank forms!

Word has it that Elaine Grimsley is taking her beloved horse, Mr. Sam, on the ODS Trail Ride this October. Despite warnings that he "dislikes nature", she's giving it a try anyway. She says, "Oh, c'mon guys, he'll be alright. We made a deal that he wouldn't act silly any more, and we're not planning on breaking it!" This should be something to see!

JoAnn Fletcher's "Listo" (ridden by Lynn Hamler) has a really big go-engine! He scored three 9's on his extended trot and canter work at the 2003 Mid-Ohio Classic. I hear he can stop, too! Way to "go" Listo, JoAnn, and Lynn!

## ODS Classifieds

BALANCE Saddle Fitting Workshop and Clinic with Carol Brett.

When: September 20-21

Who: Carol Brett is the co-founder of BALANCE International in England, the makers of BALANCE saddles. For information go to

<http://www.balanceinternational.com/index.asp>

Dressage Clinic with Lynne Sprinsky

When: September 20-21

Who: Lynne spent the winter studying at the Reitinsitute von Neindorff, one of the world's most respected schools of classical equitation. In addition she is a long time student of Walter Zettle and Eric Herbermann.

Where: Bunner Ridge Equestrian Center between Morgantown and Fairmont, WV, 7 miles off I-79. Auditors are welcome at the Sprinsky clinic and there is no fee.

Contact Michelle Guillot 304-328-5059

[artinthestyx@adelphia.net](mailto:artinthestyx@adelphia.net)

Mary Wanless Clinic November 8-10, 2003  
IRUS Stables, Lebanon, IN

Using an innovative combination of visualization techniques and sports psychology, Ms. Wanless shows how to achieve a new level of relaxed concentration and harmony so that the horse and rider seem to move as one. Riders: \$450

Auditors: In Advance: \$25/day or \$60 for all 3 days. At the Door: \$30/day or \$80 for all 3 days. For a registration form or more information, contact:

Susan Moran 317-984-9289

[suziehorse@aol.com](mailto:suziehorse@aol.com)

\*Stubben dressage saddle. Rare hand-stuffed mahogany saddle, size 17. Crump Leathers, stirrups, girth and saddle pad included. \$950.

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Dressage saddle for sale!

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Excellent condition, 17 1/2 MW

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Three year old Arabian gelding.

Chestnut with lighter mane and tail, star strip and snip, one white fetlock behind. Pure davenport alkhamsa (arab talk) should mature at 15 hands. Loads, trims and clips. Some round pen work.

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419.886.2463 [vkafletch@aol.com](mailto:vkafletch@aol.com)

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Crump Co. EXL 18", wide tree, black dressage saddle. Adjustable thigh blocks. Very comfortable. Asking \$600.  
Kathy Painter (614)834-9949.

\*Keifer Aachen II 17.5" list price \$1895 - excellent condition, lightly used \$1300.

\*Colligate ART.60605 17.5" (paid \$795) very excellent condition, hardly used med/wide tree \$550.

\*Schleese JES 17.5" list \$2800 - excellent condition. 19" flap \$2100.

Vicki Semke 614-855-4138

# ODS Meeting Minutes 8/18/03

- ◆ President Lynn Hamler called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. at PJ's Pizza in Sunbury.
- ◆ Discussed whether or not to keep the October show as a recognized show (starting next year). Discussed the possibility of having a schooling show in October instead of a recognized show.
- ◆ Discussed the need to publicize the shows better. Talked about submitting showbills to MODA and CADS.
- ◆ Discussed the cost of Delaware show grounds vs. Eden Park showgrounds.
- ◆ Amy talked about her Fuzzy Pony shows and passed out entry forms for the upcoming show.
- ◆ Lynn thanked all who participated in helping with the State 4-H Dressage competition at the State Fair. Thanked Chris for donating the ring, Mary Jo for scribing and Deb for scoring and posting. Thanked ODS for donating the \$200.00 sponsorship. Also discussed qualifications to enter the competition.
- ◆ Motion to sponsor 2004 4-H State Fair Dressage made by Chris Gemmel. Motion seconded by Amy Rothe. Voted and passed unanimously. Sponsorship will cost the club \$200.00
- ◆ Discussed the need to keep the membership roster and email list up-to-date.
- ◆ Discussed the possibility of a Fall Trail Ride and Barbecue. Decided to have the ODS Fall Trail Ride on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Details to come. Decided to have a bonfire and cookout at Lynn Hamler's November 1<sup>st</sup>. Details to come.
- ◆ Chris Gemmel donated the money from judging Lynn's schooling show to the club for a Jack Benny scholarship. Information to come.
- ◆ Discussed sending someone to the USDF convention this year. Possibilities included Lynn and Amy.
- ◆ Hope Ingalls announced a raffle put on by the Kokosing valley Mounted Search and Rescue. The prize is a cement horse that will be painted according to the winner's specifications. Information on tickets to come.
- ◆ Discussed changing competitor's prizes for October show or next year. Possibilities included: beachtowels, handtowels, saddle covers, pewter keychains, mugs, coolers/coozies, water bottles, little pine trees, flowers, or choose-your-own donated prizes.
- ◆ Discussed possibility of Chuck Smith sponsoring the breakfast for the show.
- ◆ Discussed the possibility of a club-sponsored clinic with George Williams.
- ◆ Discussed the need to get the word out about the October show. Make sure the mailing goes to all members and interested parties. Also need to put in MODA and CADS newsletters.
- ◆ Mary Jo passed out an expense report with current show balance. Available on request.
- ◆ Treasurer's report available on request.
- ◆ Amy passed out a roster of current ODS members to start the process of making sure we are all up-to-date.
- ◆ Amy Rothe discussed her experience with the first weekend of the L Judges program. She mentioned that they need demo riders for the next session, September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Amy for more information.

# Horse of the Month



## **Smokey's Apparition**

**Ridden to Fame by: Bryn Eiden**

Not so long ago, Smokey was a trail horse with no formal training. But with a patient, talented young rider and a big heart, Smokey has come an awful long way.

Meet the 2003 Knox County Fair High Point English and Dressage Champion!

With Training Level scores of 56, 68 and 73, Bryn took Smokey from a backyard horse to a Dressage Winner! Congratulations, Bryn and Smokey on all your hard work and dedication.