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The Ohio Dressage Society (ODS) is a Group Member Organization (GMO) of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and its members are USDF Group Members. The Ohio Dressage Society is in Region Two of the USDF.



Upcoming Events



Sunday, June 4 at Amy Rothe-Hietter's South Wind Stables - meeting and dressage ring-making party. We need to make another show ring for our DownCenterline Shows. This will be Pot luck so bring your favorite dish. Don't wear anything fancy as we will be cleaning out icing buckets (big white buckets used to support the rail in our new ring)!!!



June 3, 2006 Dressage Schooling Show at Hobby Horse Hill in Fredericktown, OH. Contact Lynn Hamler at 740-694-5150



June 10 & 11- Ohio Dressage Society's DownCenterline Dressage Show I & II. USDF and USEF recognized. Be sure to sign up to compete or volunteer to help. See the article later in this newsletter.



June 14, 15, & 16, 2006 - Marie-Valentine Gygax-Humair Summer Clinic in Hilliard, Ohio.



June 18, 2006 - Dressage Schooling Show at South Wind Stables in Pataskala, OH will feature "L" Graduate Debbie Boeh officiating as judge. Contact Amy Rothe-Hietter at 614-218-9217. Other Show Dates are July 23, Aug. 27 and Sept. 24. For more details check www.southwindstables.com or www.ohiodressagesociety.com.



July 6-9, 2006 - Mid-Ohio Classic. Delaware Fairgrounds, Ohio www.showsecretary.com for details.



July 15, 2006 - Dressage Schooling Show at Hobby Horse Hill in Fredericktown, OH. Contact Lynn Hamler at 740-694-5150



July 23, 2006 - Dressage Schooling Show at South Wind Stables in Pataskala, OH. Contact Amy Rothe-Hietter at 614-218-9217



July 29 & 30, 2006 - New Vocations Charity Show To Benefit New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program. All breeds welcome; special classes for Thoroughbreds.



Greetings from the President May 18, 2006

Show season is fast approaching!!! Check the website calendar for the most up to date posting of local shows. Decide at which shows you want to show; and which ones you want to volunteer. Lisa Carifa has stepped forward to be volunteer co-coordinator for the June DownCenterline show. You may contact her at RCarifa@aol.com or 614)570-4320. Thanks Lisa!!! Be sure to call her quickly to get your favorite job.

Mary Jo is working hard on the never-ending details for the June show, and Chris is processing entries with the new Fox Village Program. I have heard that it is working well, and making a very challenging job a little bit easier. We will be having a meeting and work party to make another ring on Sunday June 4 at my place. Pot luck; bring a friend.

This past Saturday we had the Ride-A-Test and afternoon discussion – it was a lot of fun and a lot of information was exchanged. I am thinking of having another one in the fall. There is so much to learn to have a successful show day.


Thank God for spring and the promise of renewal it brings. After a period of dreary despair it is so nice to have Mother Nature give us a reminder that there is a cycle; there is renewal and rebirth. Having just gone through losing Cody's health, and then Cody, it is a godsend to feel the sun growing warmer, to help the grass to grow to make new hay; to hear birds chirping, and smell the lilacs. Renewal is so wonderful; it nourishes the soul. These wonderful horses, they help us renew ourselves.




Bless the horses, Amy

Classifieds Happy Shopping.....




 **Brand new, never worn Hanes sweatshirt**; red, with a dressage horse (brown) and rider embroidered on the left side of the chest (approx. 4" high and wide) with the word Dressage written underneath. The size says Large (Adult 42-44) but it fits like an XL. \$20. Contact Cheryl Church 740-694-4652.





 **Hay** - first cutting, reasonable, can deliver. Call Steve 419-468-3594 or 419-946-2101.




Please contact Nancy Augsburger at 740-862-2255 for the following items:


 **Dress Boots** Cavalier, box says women's 8, XW calf. Brand new, have never been out of the box. \$130.


 **Dress Boots** Cavalier, same size, calf is either XW or a little wider, I am not sure which. Have worn them maybe a dozen times. \$65.

 **State Line Brand Tall Winter Riding Boots** - Foot is insulated and rubberized. 2 pair size women's 8, brand new, never been out of the package. \$30 ea. pr.

 **State Line Brand Tall Winter Riding Boots** - Women's 8 worn maybe a dozen times. \$15



 **Dansko Clogs Purple** on top, white soles, women's size 38. They have been worn maybe a dozen times. \$75.

 **EQUESTRIAN RIDGE PACE & CHASE**
Sunday May 28, 2006
Starts at 1:00 P.M.

All horses and riders welcome! Come and ride over rolling countryside and woods in teams of two and compete for prizes in the following divisions:



PACES - a timed trail ride of sorts... you try to match a timed "pace" for the course, which is revealed after all teams have ridden. The Team which has the closest time to the revealed time WINS! Paces to be ridden in TEAMS of 2 riders, some paces will offer jumping.

If enough entries we may have a Jr. (under 16 year old pace) and/or An Old Timers Pace. Check when entering to see if we have enough riders. (We need at least 3 teams for a division to go.)

Chase...FASTEST TIME WINS

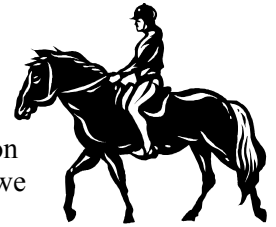
All paces/ chase can be ridden either English or Western and require a hardhat.

For more information about paces, visit our website at www.equestrianridge.com. Entry Fee is \$25 per horse/rider. The Chase will be run after all the paces are completed. We will have coffee, drinks, and hotdogs. Any pot luck dishes and desserts will be much appreciated.

Location: Equestrian Ridge Farm * 26711 Pumpkin Ridge Rd.* New Plymouth, Ohio 45654 740-596-9778

Directions: Equestrian Ridge is located 8 miles from McArthur, Ohio. 740-596-9778 equus@frognet.net. From Columbus: Route 33 to Lancaster then Logan, then 93 S. towards McArthur. Go 18 miles until Airport Rd., turn left and stays straight when the road turns into Pumpkin Ridge. It's another 1 1/2 miles on the right. From Chillicothe: Take 50 wests, 27 miles to McArthur, and then 93 North (left) in Town. Go 6 miles to Airport Rd., then right, and stay straight onto Pumpkin Ridge when the road changes names. From Athens you can find Pumpkin Ridge off St. Rt. 56 and turn Left in Orland, the come approx 4 miles to a left into our drive or come on Rt. 50 from Athens to McArthur, then Right onto 93 North at stop light...and follow directions from McArthur.

Rise and Show! By Cheryl Church



As the alarm went off at 5:00AM on Saturday, May 13, I thought, 'Are we nuts getting up at this hour on a Saturday?' I had fleeting thoughts of turning off the alarm and returning to dreamland. But I'm SO glad I didn't miss the Ride-A-Test and Clinic at South Wind Farm. Most importantly, it was an excellent opportunity for all of us--rider, horse, and "horse husband"--to "get out there" and ride/read our tests in a low-key atmosphere. The two humans of our team being new to the show world, we really appreciated the opportunity to learn, ask questions, and get valuable feedback from our judge as well as other experienced ODS members who participated in the clinic.

We learned how and why the tests are scored as they are (e.g. why certain movements are weighted higher), how the judge evaluates each movement of the test, how the collective marks are scored and with what criteria, proper show etiquette (e.g. what to wear, how to groom and braid, how to approach the judge, etc.), how to fill out an entry form, how to scribe, and even learned requirements and etiquette for schooling shows vs. recognized shows and were given several excellent references for further information about showing and dressage in general.

In addition to the wealth of information, we enjoyed meeting other beginners who were experiencing similar horse show anxieties ('miserable loves company?'--just kidding!) For the inexperienced (I didn't do this as a kid!), the show world can seem somewhat (to say the least!) intimidating. After attending the Ride-A-Test, however, both my husband and I feel more knowledgeable and confident and a lot less nervous! Even the horse member of our team enjoyed himself and didn't seem to mind the change in his normal routine ('Hey, where am I? I'm supposed to go out in the pasture after breakfast!') All the ODS "old hands" were very helpful and supportive, and we had a great time meeting new show hopefuls and socializing. South Wind Farm is a beautiful new facility, and hopefully our gracious host, Amy Rothe-Hietter, and hubby will be willing to host the Ride-A-Test and Clinic again. Thanks to Amy and all the ODS members who provided this valuable learning experience. It was DEFINITELY worth getting up at 5:00AM--and I am NOT a morning person!

June ODS DownCenterline Dressage

Don't forget to mark your calendars! **June 10 & 11, 2006** is the weekend of our first **ODS DownCenterline Show** for this season.



Showbills have been mailed. If you have not received one or you know somebody who would like one, let us know. We'll be glad to snail mail one to you or your friends. The showbill is also available on our website. Go to www.ohiodressagesociety.com (it's a good opportunity to visit the website and see all the updates to the site!). The closing date was May 12th, but you may contact us about late entries!

Keep in mind we will be needing help with the show. Even if you are planning to show your horse you can still volunteer. We can schedule you around your ride times. There are a few restrictions if you are showing - for example, we can't let you scribe for a judge that will be judging your test later. So we can give you another job or have you scribe for the judge after you have ridden under them.

If you are not planning on showing your horse we can for sure find you something to do - small job or big job, a few hours, half a day, or a whole day - we can fit you in.

Show jobs...

Scribes - Excellent learning experience! Good way to learn what the judges are looking for, good way to be able to see the rides from the "judge's point of view at C" (Of course, you do a lot of writing but you do get to see parts of the rides!).

Ring Steward / Gate Keeper - Great chance to see (and talk to) the horses and riders up close and personal. You have a good viewpoint for watching all the rides in your ring. AND you get to use a walkie talkie!

Scorers - If you are good at math (or good with a calculator) this is the job for you. Plus, you have a "bird's eye" view of the rides in Ring 1 during the lulls in scoring the tests (Plus all the snacks and drinks for the volunteers are kept upstairs in the show office where the scoring is done).

Runners - Do you want exercise? You'll like this job because you pick up tests from the competition rings and hand them over to the scorers. Good opportunity to get plenty of fresh air and sunshine.

PLUS - Three Very Important, Big Time Commitment Jobs...

Hospitality Chairman - Otherwise known as the person in charge of the "care and feeding" of the judges. Big job - requires time all days of the show - Friday afternoon through Sunday. You arrange for somebody to pick the officials up at the airport, take them to the hotel, get them to the show grounds in the morning and back to the hotel at night and back to the airport when the show is over. You keep tabs on their comfort during the day and go out to dinner with them on Saturday night. Great opportunity to talk with the officials and get to know them on a personal level. This is a good job for somebody that is not showing.

Head Scorer - In charge of the scorers and runners. Basically responsible for the collecting and scoring of all tests and posting the results in a timely manner (we're supposed to have scores posted within 20 minutes of the competitor finishing their test). Another BIG job - requires time commitment both days of show.

Volunteer Coordinator - Another big job - time commitment before show and both days of the show. Requires contacting members about helping with show jobs, scheduling volunteers, making sure all required jobs are covered, getting volunteers checked in at the show, explaining various jobs to the volunteers, and checking on the comfort of the volunteers throughout the day.

REMEMBER... the "ODS" in the ODS

DownCenterline Dressage Shows stands for Ohio Dressage Society, which means you, the members. These are your shows, so plan on being there. We have lots of snacks and drinks, see beautiful horses, talk with other horse people and generally have a great time. Come join us!

Show Volunteer Update!

Great news about our volunteer situation at the June show... the newsletter is just now going out and already we have had folks volunteering! Not only are ODS members a great bunch of people but they're mind readers as well!



Lisa Carifa is going to coordinate the volunteers for the show both days. Please call (740-549-2233 evening; 614-570-4320 day) or email her (rcarifa@aol.com) the day(s) you can help, the number of hours you are available and the job(s) you would like to try. Remember - these jobs can be learned by doing. The TD and show management are always available for questions or coaching. We'll even pair you up with an experienced person until you feel able to go solo. Don't let inexperience keep you from volunteering. We all have a great time - so volunteer and join us!