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EIDEA October Meeting

Approximately 15 EIDEA members gathered at Winds Reach Farm to hear Susan Coester Daufeldt, speak about the sport of mounted foxhunting. In the early 60's, Susan's mother, Betsy Coester, had the first pack of foxhounds in Iowa. Susan is currently a member of The Moingona Hunt and whips-in to professional huntsman Ken George. A "stirrup cup," such as would be offered at a hunt meeting prior to moving off with the hounds was served and a hunting toast was given by host, Deb Galbraith.

Speaking from a lifetime of personal experience, Susan captivated her audience with her knowledge of fox hunting and tales of adventure. Susan detailed and explained some of the rules and traditions of the sport and talked about the characteristics, training and hunting of foxhounds, particularly in this part of the Midwest. She explained the roles of the hunt staff (huntsman and whipper-ins) and the master

and the field master, the particulars of the hunt season and the appropriate attire for different persons and hunting days. Susan was dressed in appropriate formal attire for a woman who has been awarded her "colors," which is worn for weekend hunts once the season has "opened." Deb sported the less formal "ratcatcher," which is worn by hunt members for weekday hunts once the season has



Members listening intently as Susan explains hunting tack.

opened. Susan also explained that, while the sport is called "foxhunting," in this part of the Midwest the quarry is primarily coyote. As the coyote population has expanded, the fox population has dwindled and foxes are no longer prevalent in Iowa.

Susan spoke in greater detail about her role, as whipper-in, assisting the huntsman in hunting the hounds. Soon we were all mentally following the action, as Susan was describing it, chasing the coyote, riding hard, as the cry of "Tally-ho!!" rang from the far side of the covert, and the whipper-in marked the line with her hat in the air (the signal that the coyote has been "viewed"). Hounds are away in full cry and the huntsman blows "gone away" as he gallops after them, with the field behind him, in pursuit. With Susan as a passionate story-teller, we are all taken along for the ride. A big "Thanks" to Susan for sharing the adventure, the "thrill of the chase," the true grit and glory! We loved it.

Also, a "thank you" to Waverly, Susan's 23-year old hunt horse who waited patiently in the cross-ties to demonstrate the tack and special gear worn by a hunt horse. This horse is a trooper and has served his master well.



Deb Galbraith sporting a typical hunt outfit.

Congratulations Anne Sushko!

The Dressage Foundation is pleased to announce that Anne Sushko is the recipient of the Gifted Fund Scholarships for Adult Amateurs for Region 4! With the Gifted Grant Anne plans to work with Anne Cizadlo for two weeks in April. Anne Sushko bought a new horse in September and is working through the winter to get horse and rider into shape. Part of the grant application was for her to get into better shape in preparation for April. She will also be working on getting over riding nerves. She is very excited!

Congratulations Anne and we can't wait to hear more.

Volunteer of the Year for 2011: Lois Pienkos

from EIDEA Awards Committee

Although Lois was unable to attend the Year End Social, we would like to share our thanks for all of the hard work and dedication she has made for our club and for the horse community at large.

She has been District Chairman of the Timber Ridge Pony club for several years and most of us can imagine what dedication it takes to fill those shoes.

She has generously hosted many local clinics, shows, and mini events for the community. We really appreciate

that she was willing to open up her home and facilities for our enjoyment.

She has recently had to overcome personal challenges including cutting short her dream adventure to Wellington Florida due to breaking her ankle just a couple of weeks after arrival last winter.

Now even though she must struggle to restore the strength in her ankle and overcome that difficulty, she is now going to attempt another trip with her horses to join Ann Cizadlo in Florida.

We so appreciate her open-mindedness and sense of team spirit. She is always open to lend a hand, or provide a positive comment or suggestion when asked. Her positive outlook and generous spirit are to be much admired.

Thank you Lois! Congratulations!

Condolences

EIDEA wishes to extend our condolences to Barb Putnam on the loss of her mare, Merry Miranda. She was a good horse and a great brood mare. Barb still has 3 of her daughters (Romance, Ramzee & Donnie) at her farm. Barb's daughter Mandy Johnson has Foley, a Miranda grandson. Miranda lives on with her offspring!

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Michael Barison Clinic

The simplicity of a dressage clinic on a wintery weekend in Iowa - but inside: AWE-INSPIRING riding, lessons, learning and teaching from a World Renowned US Olympian Rider - Mr. Michael Barisone. It was simply amazing.



The quiet of the crowd, the concentration of riders to reach the exact point of instruction by such a famed and experienced rider, and the point of success when it all came together where Instructor, Horse and Rider were communicating and achieved a beautiful depiction of the goal of what is called Dressage. Dreams and Visions come true by risk takers willing to work hard to make something happen. A GRAND thank you to Lisa and her team for their efforts in putting the clinic on, and Thank You to Mr. Barisone for taking the time for a little group in Iowa. This is only the beginning...

- Julie Boyle

2012 USDF Annual Convention

By Anne Sushko (EIDEA's GMO Delegate)

This year's convention was held at the Town and Country Resort in sunny, and warm, San Diego, California. Although the actual convention did not start until Wednesday, I had to go in Monday to ensure I was there for some Tuesday meetings. It was a fortunate thing that I did go in early because I ended up having dinner and wine with Lilo Fore and Gary Rockwell! How often does one have the opportunity to have a two-hour one-on-one conversation with such leading experts. And this was after the other 6 judges and some of the Regional Directors left the table. What a start to a great week. Afterwards, I had the chance to discuss some GMO issues and concerns with USDF Vice-President Beth Jenkins.

TUESDAY

Tuesday morning saw me tramping around the area in search of beverages for two of the Regional Directors (RD). Apparently, the Town and Country Resort was a Pepsi only facility. But the tramping around helped me get to know the area. Tuesday afternoon I was invited, as the Interim At-Large Director of the Administration Council, to sit in on part of the Executive Board meeting. This was an opportunity to see the RDs and USDF staff in action. It was good to see how open the discussion of various topics was – and to see how concerned all were that they are doing the best for the entire dressage community – from the grass-roots rider to the international competitor. Tuesday evening I chaired the meeting of the Administrative Council. This Council consists of the chairs of the following committees: Membership, GMO, Historical Recognition, Bylaws and Nominating. We reviewed the committee reports and discussed plans for the week.

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday saw the “official” start of the convention. Each day started with Pilates and Yoga at 7:00 AM. I must admit I never made it to a session. But those who did said that it was very fun and a great day to start the day. The first business sessions started each day at 8:00 AM. The Wednesday starting meeting was the Committee Chairs and Delegates Meeting. Staff reviewed procedures to be followed at the BOG (Board of Governors) and made sure that everyone understood voting procedures and how to get their credentials.

This was followed by Regional meetings. Region Four had a fair number of attendees, with the far majority coming in from Minnesota, followed by Kansas. I was the only Iowa attendee this year (although I did run into Nena Denman on Friday – who had come in for the TD session on

Saturday). RD Lloyd Landkamer reviewed the two primary topics that were to come to the BOG – the election of the At-Large Directors and the approval to go forward with the National Championships. As part of the discussion of the National Championships, Lloyd shared the results of a poll taken by USDF staff about the National Championships. This survey was sent to Participating Members (PM). Over 80% of those surveyed supported the development of the National Championships. We then reviewed the biographies of the At-Large Director nominees, followed by discussion of who planned to attend what meetings/presentations. We usually try to have someone from the Region attend every meeting so that at the next Regional Meeting information can be shared with all. If you ever go to convention (and I STRONGLY encourage all to go at least once), you will be amazed at the number of opportunities there are for both education and input.

GMO AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

Then the meetings started in full force for everyone! My first commitment was to the joint GMO and Membership Committee. Because our goals are so similar, we had decided to meet together this year – and to have USDF Vice-President Beth Jenkins kick-off this meeting with a talk. Her topic was “The Power of One”. What a wonderful start to our meeting. Beth emphasized that the life flow of a GMO comes from the spark within it – and that it is up to all of us to nurture that spark. Discussion later in the meeting centered around that theme – how can each of us nurture that spark and support people at all levels as they participate in this journey known as dressage. Melissa Filippi and Jenny Johnson from the Dressage Foundation did a short presentation about support available to members from the Dressage Foundation. USDF President George Williams spoke about membership in USDF (and stayed after the meeting to address the concerns of a smaller group). Issues which came up (and which are to be addressed by members of the GMO and Membership Committees in 2012) are:

1. Why has there been a decrease in the number of people voting for PM delegates? (Region Four has the greatest percentage of PM members voting for their delegates!). Would online videos of candidates help, rather than just a short blurb in the CONNECTION? Or is it a lack of candidates – and if so, why are there not more candidates? Is it the financial commitment? (Region Four PM delegates receive no financial support from the Region).
2. Do people understand the role of the PM delegate? How can we increase this understanding?
3. Why do we have the member structure we do? Some people feel there are too many memberships from which to choose.
4. How can we increase involvement of professionals with their local GMOs?
5. The need for training for new GMO Presidents/

Board members. Can we develop a mentor program or perhaps a “Leadership Training” segment on E-Trak.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE COMMITTEE

Then it was off to the Technical Delegate Committee meeting! This was mostly a discussion of some new rule proposals (which will be voted on at the January 2012 USEF meeting). When those come through as approved, I will alert you to any which may affect competitors.

Then off to a Committee Budget request meeting. This went pretty quickly because no committees were requesting budget increases which would need BOG approval.

Wednesday evening is always the Welcome Reception sponsored by the local supporting GMO(s). This year it was the California Dressage Society – and as you might expect, they did it up well. Attendees were treated to a taco-bar. Music played and all had the opportunity to mingle and meet new friends and greet old friends. This was followed by an evening meeting for me – although most of my companions took the opportunity to go to downtown San Diego. I have got to get off some of these committees.

Thursday started with Regional Meetings. We shared what we had learned/attended on Wednesday and shared our plans for the day. Thursday I started with the Competition Open Forum and Q and A meeting. This is always an interesting session as there are representatives from the Competition Management, Judges, Membership and TD Committees there to answer questions. The majority of the meeting was a discussion of the new Peer-to-Peer commission, led by Region Five RD Heather Petersen. This commission is looking at how we can make dressage competitions more ‘user friendly’. Some topics were adding Eventing tests to prize lists to encourage more participation (this is allowed by current rules), adding age divisions within the adult and junior categories (again allowed), including more ParaEquestrian classes.

GMO ROUND TABLE

This was followed by the GMO Round Table discussion groups. Always a very popular offering, we had over 150 in attendance. Topics this year were:

1. The new GMO manual. This will be available on a flash drive (as well as on the USDF website), with the ability to update the files automatically as necessary. This was led by USDF staff.
2. E-Trak: What it is and how can it be used. Also included was discussion of University Credits – and how they might be used by GMOs as part of their educational offerings. This was led by USDF staff.
3. Getting the Uninvolved Involved: This was a popular table! Led by GMO committee member Martha McDaniel, people shared ideas about how to involve both local professionals and people from outside the ‘normal’ dressage community.
4. GMO Educational Offerings: GMOs shared various edu-

cational programs offered throughout the year. EIDCTA’s meeting schedule from last year was shared with all – and was well received. This table was led by GMO committee member Barbara Petti.

5. Funding Sources: this was led by staff from the Dressage Foundation. Jennifer and Melissa shared what funding sources are available to GMOs and GMO members. They also shared tips to writing a successful application. They included actual examples of successful and unsuccessful grants.
6. Perfect World: This is a new member benefit that was announced just prior to convention. It is an online judging of video taped dressage tests – and you can even run a virtual schooling show and select your own judges! From what I saw, it looks like a great benefit for those who do not want or unable to attend shows. The people from Hawaii and Alaska were particularly interested!

Due to the large amount of interest in all of the topics, I will be compiling a separate report for the GMO Committee – and your GMO regional representative will be sending it out in early 2012. Region Four’s GMO representative is Gillian Howell from Nebraska.

BOG (BOARD OF GOVERNORS)

Thursday afternoon saw the start of the BOG (Board of Governors). We discussed and approved the budget, heard from the At-Large Candidates, had speeches by various USDF officials, and waited anxiously for the drawings for GMO baskets. No one from Region Four won a basket this year, much to our dismay. At the BOG all the PM and GMO delegates from the Region try to sit together, so there were many opportunities to have discussions with people from the region! This meeting went from 1:30-5:30 PM. Lots of sitting.

Thursday night I went to the USEF Proposed Rule Change Forum. This is not widely attended – most of the people I saw there were TDs or show management people. There was a lot of discussion about wording of various rule change proposals. Went until 9:30 PM – so once again, no dinner for this attendee. I actually was able to lose 3 pounds over the week at convention due to late night meetings and lots of tramping around to meeting rooms!

Friday was the big day at the BOG. The At-Large Directors were voted on and selected. All the candidates were well qualified so it was a hard decision. The At-Large Directors will be full members of the Executive Board and are links between the committee structure and the Executive Board. As an Interim At-Large Director this year, I found it to be very interesting and educational to see how each committee relates to one another within each council. The most discussion on Friday centered, as we all knew it would, on the approval of the National Championships. Many motions came forth to amend the original recommendation, but in the end, the BOG approved by a great

majority the development of a National Championship. The plan is to have the first in 2013 in Lexington, Kentucky at the Horse Park. This will be the site for the first 3 years, giving staff time to 'work out the bugs'. After that it will be rotated from coast to coast. Keep a lookout for more information as these develop! It should be a great boon for all of dressage – both those who compete at that level (Open and Adult Amateur Regional competitors) and those who support our sport within the GMO.

GALA SALUTE

Friday night was the Gala Salute. Although it is expensive at first look, this is an opportunity to recognize those who have earned various USDF awards. It was a GREAT pleasure to see some Region Four riders come across the stage and/or to see their names listed in the program. The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Mikki Christopherson, a member of Region Four and the recently retired chair of the Nominating Committee. If you go to convention, I would definitely recommend that you look beyond the expense and go to the Gala Salute! The look of pride on everyone as they walk across the stage is worth the price – and one of your friends may just be a recipient!

The Gala is the official end of convention. Saturday and Sunday were the Symposium. I did not attend this year. I had an early Sunday morning flight to get home to Iowa. Saturday my daughter and I decided we should see some of the San Diego area (since neither had had time to see much due to meetings). Two friends had rented a car so we drove up the coast to see some of the sights in the morning. Afternoon saw Heather and I riding the trolley and touring old San Diego .

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

There are many, many educational opportunities at convention. Unfortunately, as a committee chair and member of various committees and work groups, my convention time is spent in meetings. But they are educational as well!

If you want to immerse yourself in our sport – spend quality in educational sessions – rub shoulders with judges, TD's (my favorites!), trainers, competitors, and grass-roots lovers of dressage, consider going to convention. Go as an individual, a GMO representative, or, if you are a Participating Member, consider running as a PM rep. There is a cost – but the benefits are multiple. And we may see your name as a committee member in the future – or a chairperson – or an award winner – or a presenter. Next year's convention is in New Orleans – then Lexington – then Boston. As USDF VP Beth Jenkins said, "USDF relies on the Power of One." We are ALL important in our sport – and all are needed!



Kate Kostenbader and her horse Lexi at the Barisone clinic.

Meet a Member: Liz Lindner

My husband and I moved here from ND in 2008. I work at the Iowa Equestrian Center at Kirkwood as the Center's Assistant and teach a few lessons for young riders at Strand's Arabian Stables in the evenings. I grew up with horses and started riding when I was 5, my love for horses did not go away as I grew older. I graduated from North Dakota State University with a B.S. in Equine Studies. I have been riding and showing in the western disciplines of riding for most of my life, but started some jumping while at college and fell in love with it! I am always trying to learn more about jumping and would love to try some Dressage. I have just scratched the surface of all there is to learn about it! I am a fairly new member of EIDEA and am so excited to meet new people that share the same passion for their horses as I do! I have attached a photo of myself and my Thoroughbred Hanoverian mare Gazette.

Attention Scribes!

Please note that as of December 1, 2011, per USEF Rule DR 122.8, half points (.5) for movements and collective marks may be used at the discretion of the judge. Please record all scores when scribing with a decimal point (i.e. as 6.0 instead of 6). If the scores are not entered as required the competition office will have to return the sheets to be completed. We need your help in correctly recording scores for all involved, the judge(s), competition management and the competitor. Thank you for all you do for the sport of dressage!

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Marina Parris-Woodhead Clinic

Tamarack Stables hosted a clinic with Marina Parris-Woodhead on November 11th-13th. Lessons were scheduled in the same manner as schooling shows with Introductory levels in the morning and more advanced levels later in the day. The hope was this would allow clinic participants to see the evolution of riding abilities and techniques throughout the day.

The main lesson stressed throughout the clinic was the importance of the weight aide. Why? Because it is the most effective aide a rider may use.

Marina encouraged riders to think of “stepping” in the new direction of travel when they wanted to change their weight aide. To practice the application of the weight aides, Marina setup three cones down the centerline. Riders were asked to navigate their horses around the cones using nothing more than their weight aide.

Next, Marina introduced riders to how their seats affected the movement of their horses. To start, Marina had one of the clinic participants try to increase the speed of a horse’s walk by pushing against the motion with their hips. All of the clinic participants were able to see that the horse responded by losing activity.

Throughout the clinic, Marina was giving tips and tricks to help riders improve their positions. Here are a few of the most common:

- When posting, think firm at top of post and remember to keep a light seat.
- Think of pushing hips right up into your hands.
- Ride horse between aids. Think of keeping your horse between a set of rails.
- Ride future line of travel. Look between your horse’s ears directly at where you want your horse to be going.
- Ride back to front. Make a front with the reins. Ride forward into the connection. This helps young horses find connection.
- Keep hips, shoulders and spine perpendicular to horse’s spine. Upper level riders that look like they’re really leaning backwards are actually just perpendicular to a horse that is VERY uphill.
- Keep elbows bent and at hips.
- Keep hands near front of saddle and by horse’s withers. Never pull backwards on the reins. Only “block” with the reins by holding firm to position by horse’s withers and supporting on the front of your saddle if needed.
- Don’t hollow your back when bringing elbow back to hips. Adjust arm position through correct alignment of shoulders and upper arms.

IMPROVING YOUR WARM-UP

While warming up your horse, practice transitions from free-walk to medium walk. Use voltes to correct undesired behavior like jiggling or if your horse is too downhill. Being downhill will prevent your horse from loosening up and achieving a springy/swingy back.

IMPROVING THE CANTER

To improve your riding position while cantering, Marina suggested to keep rhythm. Think outside hip to inside hip while counting... 1-2-3. Keep core firm. Try to keep the same firm feeling in your core as you have while posting. To help encourage the canter to be more uphill, try thinking of the horse jumping at the



top of the canter. Avoid pulling the inside rein backwards as this restricts the horse’s movement by stopping the inside hind.

LEG YIELDS

The Leg Yield Exercise described below was the most used exercise at the clinic. The purpose of this exercise is to help the rider understand the timing and balance of the aides when asking for a leg yield. The exercise starts as a diagonal line from the centerline, at C or A, and goes to B or E. Once the horse is comfortable with the diagonals, the leg yield is introduced. The leg yield aids should be timed to the hind leg that you’re trying to influence. The rider’s inside leg is used to ask the horse to cross inside hind leg. The half-halt, or balancing aid, is timed with the horse’s outside hind leg.

To begin:

- Pick-up a working trot.
- Prepare to turn down centerline.
- Ride a diagonal line Centerline (A or C) to sideline (B or E)
- Continue on the diagonal to B.
- As you approach wall, straighten horse and continue along rail.

Repeat until the horse is comfortable with the pattern.

Add leg yield aids:

- Pick-up a working trot.
- Prepare to turn down centerline.
- Ride a diagonal line Centerline (A or C) to sideline (B or E)
- As horse lifts inside hind, rider uses inside leg to ask horse to step inside hind under.
- Separate half-halt from inside leg.
- Time half halts as outside hind leg leaves the ground
- Think of horse moving his hindquarters towards wall while shoulders remain on the diagonal.
- Ride Inside and Outside of horse equally in balance and timing
- As you approach wall, straighten and continue along rail.

SAVE THE DATE

The following are the tentative dates for the 2012 clinics: March 2 - 4, May 11 - 13, July 13 - 15, September 14 - 16. November 9 - 11. Costs: Private Lesson \$100, Semi-Private Lesson \$60 per rider, Auditing \$10 a day. For more information, please contact Katherine Wilson at katherine_ann_wilson@yahoo.com or look on Facebook for Marina Iowa Dressage Clinics.



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After college, Carmen trained with Hans Senn, while managing St. Croix Saddlery in Minnesota. Recently, Carmen and her husband, Jordan, transferred back to Northeast Iowa and bought a farm in Ridgeway, IA. After lots of work, their farm is now ready to accept outside horses for training and lessons. She is excited to bring her knowledge and experience back home.

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EIDEA Meetings (continued)

Tuesday, July 3, 2012 7:00 PM (6:30-7 social time)

Gardening & Plants by Judy Nauseef at Kirkwood's Iowa Hall, Marland room.

Tuesday, August 7, 2012 7:00 PM (6:30-7 social time)

Scribing by Anne Cizadlo at Kirkwood's Iowa Hall, Marland room. Meeting leader is Anne Cizadlo

Tuesday, September 4, 2012 7:00 PM (6:30-7 social time)

Driving Demonstration by Michelle Blackler (tentative). Location to be determined. Meeting leader is Lois Pienkos.

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 7 PM (6:30-7 social time)

TBA - **Vet Presentation**. We need a volunteer to be the Meeting Leader.

November - **Year End Social**. Date, time & location to be determined. Meeting Leaders Deb Levine & Nan Barta

Calendar of Events

Clinics & Symposiums

February 4th & 5th

The Iowa Equestrian Center is offering indoor riding sessions the weekend of February 4th & 5th. Check out <http://www.iowaequestrian.com/schedule> for details. This is a great way to get your horse exposed to a different arena without the cost of showing and is an opportunity to ride in a heated indoor arena this winter if you do not have access to one!

March 2 - 4, May 11 - 13, July 13 - 15, September 14 - 16. November 9 - 11.
Marina Parris-Woodhead Clinic Costs: Private lesson \$100, Semi-private lesson \$60 per rider, auditing \$10 a day. For more information, please contact Katherine Wilson at katherine_ann_wilson@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Marina Iowa Dressage Clinics.

Feb 10-12 & March 9-11

Anne Cizadlo Clinic - For information contact Anne Sushko at gandasushko@hotmail.com or 563-580-0510 (cell). Mail to: 1942 Clifford Street, Dubuque, IA 52002-0445

May 25, 26 & 27, 2012

Bernie Traurig Symposium at Leamanach Farm. Contact LisaMarie Andrews Bishop on facebook, or lisamariebishop.com or 614 425 2127 or irishpixie13@msn.com.

TBA June or July

Kathy Kusner Clinic -at Leamanach Farm. Contact LisaMarie Andrews Bishop on facebook, or lisamariebishop.com or 614 425 2127 or irishpixie13@msn.com.

Saturday, July 28, 2012 at 3:00 pm

Evening at Tamarack Stables - The public is invited to our yearly evening of equine performances. Our riders put on quite the show. All you need is a lawn chair to watch. Any riders from outside Tamarack are also invited to display their talents. Please contact Tammy for details.

Local Shows

April 21 & 22

Dressage and CT Show to be held at Winds Reach, Iowa City. Show information and forms can be found at windsreachfarm.com. Contact Chris Gutierrez at garysite@dybb.com or (319) 389-7395.

May 5-6

Catalpa Corner Spring Charity Horse Trial - Info at catalpacorner.org

May 19 & 20

Tamarack Stables Schooling Shows. Dressage on Saturday, Jumping on Sunday. More info at tamarackstablesiowa.com or call Tammy Lisi at 319-480-2056

June 2 & 3

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August 4 & 5

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August 18-19

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September 22 & 23

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Fairs & Conventions

March 30, 31 and April 1

The Annual Iowa Horse Fair will at the State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, IA. See more at iowahorsecouncil.org

April 20 - 22, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

The Midwest Horse Fair is one of the top 3-day horse fairs in America. Held in Madison, Wisconsin at the Alliant Energy Center. More information is at midwesthorsefair.com

April 27 - 29

Minnesota Horse Expo at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, 1265 Snelling Ave North, St. Paul, MN 55108. For info mnhorseexpo.org

2012 US Eventing - Area IV Shows

May 5 - 6, Catalpa Corner Charity H.T. (IA) Offering: P,T,N,BN

May 12 - 13, Mill Creek Pony Club H.T. at Longview Horse Park (MO) Offering: P,T,N,BN

May 18 - 20, Otter Creek H.T. (WI) Offering: I,P,T,N,BN

May 26 - 27, Briar Fox Farm H.T (KS) Offering: P,T,N,BN Test: Starter

June 3, Carriage House Farm Combined Test (MN) Offering: . I,P,T,N,BN

June 9 - 10, Queeny Park H.T (MO) P,T,N,BN Test: Starter

June 16 - 17, Silverwood H.T. (WI) Offering: T,N,BN Test: Starter

June 22 - 24, Fox River Valley H.T (IL). CCI1*,IP,P,T,N,BN

July 8, Wayne DuPage H.T (IL) Offering: P,T,N,BN Test: Starter

July 14 - 15, Roebke's Run H.T. (MN) P,T,N,BN

July 21 - 22, Briar Fox Farm H.T (KS) Offering: P,T,N,BN Test: Starter

July 21 - 22, Hunter Oaks H.T. (IL) IP,P,T,N,BN Test: Starter

August 4 - 5, Silverwood Farm Summer H.T. (WI) T,N,BN Test: Starter

August 10 - 12, Otter Creek H.T. (WI) Offering: I,P,T,N,BN Test: Starter

August 18 - 19, Catalpa Corner Charity H.T. (IA) P,T,N,BN

September 1 - 2, Steepleview H.T. (MN) Offering: . T,N,BN

September 1 - 2, Silverwood Farm H.T. (WI) Offering: T,N,BN Test: Starter

September 15 - 16, Dunnabeck H. T. (IL) P,T,N,BN

September 21 - 23, Otter Creek H.T. (WI) Offering: I,P,T,N,BN Test: Starter

October 6 - 7, Roebke's Run H.T. (MN) P,T,N,BN

October 12 - 14, Heritage Park T3D & H.T. (KS) Offering: T3D,IP,P,T,N,BN, Area Chsp (T,N,BN) Test: N3D

October 27 - 28 Briar Fox Farm H.T (KS) Offering: P,T,N,BN Test: Starter

2012 US Dressage Federation Shows (our area)

Further information can be found at USDF.org and/or USEF.org. Many shows also post at DressageShowInfo.com

March 24 – 25 Fields & Fences March Dressage Fest, Gurnee, IL
March 31 – April 1, Kansas City Dressage Society 26th KCDS Kickoff Competition I & II, Kansas City, MO
May 5 - 6, Kansas City Dressage Society Dressage At Longview I & II, Kansas City, MO
May 5 - 6, Dressage At Lamplight May, Wayne, IL
May 5 - 6, Carousel Connection I & II, Springfield, IL
May 11, Silverwood Dressage, Camp Lake, WI
May 12 - 13, Silverwood Dressage May I, Camp Lake, WI
May 18 - 19, Sorensen Park Dressage May II, East Troy, WI
May 19 - 20, 35th Annual Cornhusker Classic I & II, Lincoln, NE
May 20, Dressage At Lamplight May, Wayne, IL
May 26 - 27, Bara Trac I & I Too, Dressage, Mason City, IA
May 26 - 27, Silverwood Dressage May II, Camp Lake, WI
June 2 - 3, Kansas Dressage & Eventing Association Spring I, Hutchinson, Ks
June 2 - 3, St. Croix Classic, Lake Elmo, MN
June 2 - 3, Silverwood Dressage, Camp Lake, WI
June 8, Silverwood Dressage, Camp Lake, WI
June 8 - 10, Dressage At Alpine I & II, Long Lake, MN
June 9 - 10, Silverwood Dressage June, Camp Lake, WI
June 9, Al Khamsa Dressage June, Dawson, IL
June 9 - 10, Cooler By The Lake I & II, Iron River, WI
June 14 - 16, Sorensen Park Dressage & Sport Horse June I & II, East Troy, WI
June 15 - 17, Sun Dance Dressage Show I & II, Lake Elmo, MN
June 15 - 17, SLADS Summer Dressage Festival I & II, Lake Saint Louis, MO
June 16 - 17, Iowa Dressage Classic I & II, Cumming, IA
June 22, USDF Region 4 Jr/YR Team Championship
June 22 - 24, Dressage Lite & Lite Too, Mason City, IA
June 22 - 23, Sorensen Park Dressage June III, East Troy, WI
June 24, IDCTA Summer Dressage, Gurnee, IL
June 30 - July 01, Silverwood Dressage July, Camp Lake, WI
July 7 - 8, Silverwood Dressage, Camp Lake, WI
July 7 - 8, Dressage At Alpine I & II, Long Lake, MN
July 13 - 15, Midsummer Dressage Show, Lake Elmo, MN
July 14 - 15, Silverwood Dressage July I, Camp Lake, WI
July 20 - 21, Sorensen Park Dressage July II, East Troy, WI
July 20 - 21, Dressage At Lamplight July, Wayne, IL
July 22, Dressage At Lamplight July II, Wayne, IL
July 28 - 29, Silverwood Dressage July II, Camp Lake, WI
August 2 - 3, Sorensen Park Dressage August I, East Troy, WI
August 4, Bara Trac II Dressage, Mason City, IA
August 4, Sorensen Park Dressage & Sport Horse August II, East Troy, WI
August 5, Bara Trac II Too, Mason City, IA
August 11 - 12, Silverwood Dressage August I, Camp Lake, WI
August 18 - 19, Silverwood Dressage August, Camp Lake, WI
August 24 - 25, Dressage At Lamplight August, Wayne, IL
August 25 - 26, Centerline Dressage Classic I & II, Springfield, IL
August 26, Dressage At Lamplight August II, Wayne, IL

August 25 - 26, Northern Lights Dressage, Lake Elmo, MN
September 1 - 2, Silverwood Dressage September, Camp Lake, WI
September 7 - 9, Great American/USDF Region IV Championships & Midwest Regional Championship and Open Show, Mason City, IA
September 15 - 16, Silverwood Dressage September, Camp Lake, WI
September 15, Al Khamsa Fall Dressage, Dawson, IL
September 22 - 23, Dressage At Lamplight September, Wayne, IL
September 22 – 23, CSDEA Dressage Festival & Championship, Lake Elmo, MN
September 29 – 30, Silverwood Dressage October, Camp Lake, WI
October 5 - 6, Sorensen Park Dressage - October I, East Troy, WI
October 6 - 7, Dressage At Lamplight October, Wayne, IL
October 13 - 14, SLADS Fall Dressage Classic, Lake Saint Louis, MO
October 13 - 14, Silverwood Dressage October, Camp Lake, WI

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Just a reminder for members that have not yet sent in your renewal for 2012. Your membership expired November 30th. If you no longer have the application and insurance form, you can download it on the website MWnet.com/eidea or just send me your address, phone # and e-mail address along with your dues. Dues are \$40.00 for an individual, \$60.00 for a family, \$105.00 for an individual 3 year and \$150 for a family 3 year. Send it to : Jan Vlasak 3559 Timberline Drive NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have sent theirs in!

Introducing the newest USDF member benefit: e-Trak!

Available at no cost to USDF members, e-TRAK is USDF's online learning center for dressage and equine education. Through one convenient location, members can access hundreds of educational resources, engage in structured learning activities, and earn USDF University Program credit! To access e-TRAK, USDF GMO members need to log in to the website at www.usdf.org/e-trak.

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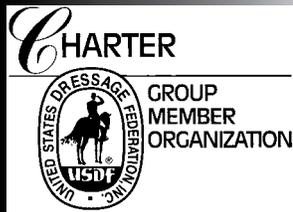
To get email notices you must sign up with the member

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for help with signing up.



NEXT MEETINGS

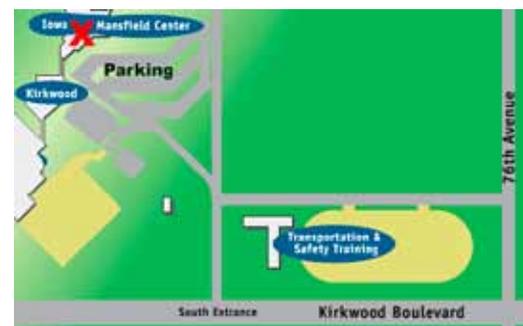
Tuesday, February 7, 2012 7:00 PM (6:30-7 social time)
What Happens at the USDF Convention by Anne Sushko
at Kirkwood's Iowa Hall, Marland room.

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 7:00 PM (6:30-7 social time)
Artist Sr. Margaret Meade at Kirkwood's Iowa Hall,
Marland room.

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 7:00 PM (6:30-7 social time)
Enhance Your Riding Performance by Dr. Freya Schafer,
PhD, Motivational Coach and Advanced EFT Practitioner
at Kirkwood's Iowa Hall, Marland room. Meeting leader is
Anne Cizadlo

Tuesday, May 1, 2012 7:00 PM (6:30-7 social time)
Dressage Demonstration by Anne Cizadlo at Otter Creek
Farm, Alburnett, IA.

Tuesday, June 5, 2012 7:00 PM (6:30-7 social time)
Training Demonstration TBA by Lisa Marie Bishop at
Leamanach Farms. Meeting leader is Megan Ward
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Directions to Kirkwood: From I380, take US Hwy
30 East/US 151 North to Kirkwood Blvd. Turn South
on Kirkwood Blvd SW. You will pass the main campus
entrance. Turn left into the South Entrance and left into the
parking area. Iowa Hall will be towards the northeast.



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