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ALERT ACADEMY TRAIL DRIVE & CAMP OUT

Perfect weather, gorgeous trails and the fellowship of special friends provided for a spectacular week at the Alert Academy International in Big Sandy during the weekend of September 25th. Carol Muckleroy sent in photos of the event's activities.



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TEXAS CARRIAGE DRIVERS REPRESENTED AT ARABIAN SHOW

Ruthie Graves, ADS judge from Greenville, Texas, officiated in the Sport Horse Division of the Arabian show at the State Fair of Texas judging the three carriage driving classes Saturday, September 6. This year's show had a driving judge for the first time, although the classes were offered last year with a USEF Arabian judge.

Drivers Helen Hogan and Barbara Siebenhausen, members of both North Texas Whip and Tejas Carriage Association competed for awards driving their geldings, both sons of Helen's Fadareyn. In the Pleasure Driving Working and Pleasure Driving Reinsmanship the two kept the crowd in suspense with very evenly matched performances by Helen's purebred horse Fadz Maker's Mark and Barb's Half Arab pony Wedgwood. Judge Graves commented to the audience that both ladies showed excellent turnout and well represented the carriage driving discipline.

Helen won the two rail classes, but in the obstacle class Barb, driving her elegant little trap with its dark stained wood and fine beige upholstery, flew through the gates of the twice around course. While Helen and her green Bird-in-hand Eagle managed a double clear round, she drove more conservatively and applauded Barb and Wedgwood's awesome performance.

The turnouts both showed meticulous attention to detail with polished wood and metal on carriages and harness. Both horse and pony sported carefully braided manes and polished hooves. Helen's ensemble included a hot pink hat and jacket, both trimmed in black, with a black apron. Barb's outfit featured a paisley silk blouse of gold, brown, tan and a touch of red with wool apron of brown and tan plaid with a touch of red and gold. Her hat of tan finished the effect. Judge Graves expressed appreciation for the fine turnouts with the two days of rain the exhibitors had to deal with. Everyone said they hoped to see more driving next year. Because drivers sponsored the classes, the show did not hurt financially for putting on the classes, despite a sparsity of entries. Ms. Graves said it was nice to have such quality entries in the classes.

Helen Hogan

PLUM CREEK READYS FOR THE 2009-2010 SHOW SEASON

Chuck Leshikar called a meeting of volunteers to discuss the expansion of the Plum Creek Carriage and Shooting Society organization. The following was just a few of the ideas that were finalized.

A work day on the 2nd Saturday of each month is now open to anyone that wishes to help out. The idea is that you work getting the course ready for half a day and then play throughout the extensive trails for the rest of the day. (Just think of driving across the newly open trails and all around an old west town). For those people who come from far away, Chuck has also said that if you work, you get free RV site and stalls for the weekend (first come, first served).

Plum Creek already has a list of one day events:

Oct 17th is the Swap Drive – This kind of event is when you compete at dressage, cones, and a short hazard course for half a day and then volunteer for half a day. This is good practice for you and your four-legged partner. If you can get someone to take your volunteer place you can even bring 2 equines. (I know because I did it for Barbara Siebenhausen)

Dec 12th is the Day of Cones – There will be a least 3 cones courses set up and you go from one course, to the next, to the next. Again volunteers from the competitors will let you watch and cheer your friends to do their best.

Feb 13th is the Day of Dressage – There is will a selection of dressage tests that will be available and the entries can practice with a green horse. Take the challenge of that upper level test you have always wants to try or just have an easy day of it.

All of these practice drives lead to the PLUM CREEK CDE which will be on April 17th and 18th, 2010. Mark your calendar and plan to come to all of them. All of the information is on the PCCSS web site or give me a call at 817-614-2986.

Paula Long

CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are free to current TCA Members. Please send your information to jennifer@tejasdrivingassociation.org or call 817-269-0632 by the 10th of each month. Your advertisement will be included in the newsletter and on the website. The Tejas Carriage Association is not responsible for advertisement content or accuracy.

CARRIAGES

Country Pleasure Pony Cart. Easy entry, solid oak, fits large VSE horse to Shetland pony size. 28" wheels, approx. 51" shafts. Located northwest of Fort Worth. Asking \$1300.00 obo. Email Shelle at shelle@willowcreekranch.net or call (home) 940-748-2425 or (cell) 940-389-4010.

Mini Cart. Call Karen Gorham at 512 793-2158 after 8PM.

HARNESS

Mini Harness. Call Karen Gorham at 512 793-2158 after 8PM.

Mini Synthetic Harness. Made by Tammy Rose a few years ago. Used by the Redman kids on "Scotty", but now missing bridle. A riding bridle is included. Tammy says with inflation, the harness is still worth \$200.00. Stephanie is in college and needs money for books. Email Helen at h.m.hogan@sbcglobal.net or call 817-478-0072.

HORSES

All Around Sporthorse Prospect. Exceptionally nice 2004 Connemara x Trakehner mare. 15.1hh bay with hind socks. Dual registered with the American Connemara Pony Society and American Trakehner Association. Well bred on both sides with driving and dressage in pedigree. Wonderful mover and kind disposition. Started under saddle, but will need a tune up and finish. Not able to finish her out with new baby on the way...very sadly for sale! \$5,000.00. Email Jennifer Ralls at jkralls@aol.com or call 817-269-0632.

2004 Second Premie Friesian gelding for sale. Magist is by the approved stallion Igram B (Lute) and is out of the Ster mare Lucky. He was orphaned at three days old, and as such has become quite a people horse. He is small at about 15 hands tall, but is put together perfectly. Extremely long mane and tail. Has been ridden and shot off of. Has also been put to a drag.

2007 First Premie and Site Champion 2 year old filly. Also by Igram B (Lute) and out of Epiphany (Provisional Ster). This filly is very tall and elegant. Beat a Model Mare to make site champion at her Keuring. This is a Stam 50 filly, which is hard to come by. Priced at \$7,500.00 apiece or \$14,000 for the pair. I hate to sell them, but I do need to do so. I own both the stallion and own both of their dams as well. Email Anita Sepko at anita.sepko@verizon.net or call 972-358-9286.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Horse Trailer. 1998 Aluminum two horse slant load Siesta Sundowner for sale. \$18,500.00 In great condition. Email Jo Starkweather at rustyspur1@hotmail.com or call 903-662-5569.

Vaught Western Leather-tooled Saddle. 15" rough out seat for sale. good condition and a very comfortable saddle. \$100.00. Email Jo Starkweather at rustyspur1@hotmail.com or call 903-662-5569.

Parelli Lunge Line. 50 foot. Never used. \$80.00. Email Jo Starkweather at rustyspur1@hotmail.com or call 903-662-5569.

TRAINING

Carriage Driving Training/Coaching. If you need eyes on the ground, or just a bit of help improving communication with your driving horse or with personal driving goals or motivation, I am offering carriage driving lessons and coaching at Cedar Creek near Greenville (see website, www.cedarcreekrun.com). Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Saturdays would be available subject to Cedar Creek schedule. \$40.00 per session with additional facility fee of \$10.00. Sessions run approx 45 min. - 60 min. depending on progress. If interested contact me, Ruthie Graves at rufus1953@joimail.com or call 903-883-4638.

2009-2010 DRIVING CALENDAR

The Tejas Carriage Association calendar is open to all driving related activities. **TCA activities are listed in red.** Please send calendar submissions to jennifer@tejascarriageassociation.org or call 817-269-0632. For additional activities, see www.texasdrivingclubs.com, www.americandrivingsociety.org and www.caaonline.com.

OCTOBER

17th—Plum Creek Swap Drive. Agarita Ranch - Lockhart, TX. Contact: Chuck Leshikar at 512-376-2602 or leshikar@aol.com. Also see www.pccss.org.

25th—NTW Denise Hinder Carriage Driving Clinic. Contact: Denise Hinder at 559-350-2753 or teambomber@hotmail.com.

30th - 1st—OHHA Cowboy Country CDE (ADS). Payne County Expo - Stillwater, OK. Contact: Linda Johnson at 620-627-2324 or ldjohnson50@hotmail.com.

NOVEMBER

7th—HACA Pleasure Drive at Bovay Scout Camp. South of Navasota on Hwy. 6. \$10.00 per day. For more information, go to www.houstonareacarriageassociation.org.

7th—NTW Montgomery Farm Drive. Contact: Rosa Finsley at 214-878-3975 or rfinsley@kingscreek.net.

14th—Haven Hill Fall Driving Challenge. Navasota, TX. Good Hands Training Center. Event will consist of Dressage, Cones & Timed Obstacles. Private lessons will be available with judge, Bill Lower. Contact: Haven Hill or Good Hands Training Center at www.tocarroll.com for flier and entry form.

14th—All Breeds Horse Show with Driving Classes. Willis Point, TX. NFCC He Reigns Arena - 24385 I-20 at the Turner-Hayden exit. Pleasure Driving, Reinsmanship, Progressive Cones & Gambler's Choice. Contact: Carrie Woolverton at 214-418-1328 or triplecrossranches@yahoo.com.

22nd—NTW Denise Hinder Carriage Driving Clinic. Contact: Denise Hinder at 559-350-2753 or teambomber@hotmail.com.

DECEMBER

5th—TCA Christmas Party. Location in Hunt County to be announced at a later date.

12th—PCCSS Day of Cones at Plum Creek. Agarita Ranch - Lockhart, TX. Contact: Chuck Leshikar at 512-376-2602 or leshikar@aol.com. Also see www.pccss.org.

13th—NTW Denise Hinder Carriage Driving Clinic. Contact: Denise Hinder at 559-350-2753 or teambomber@hotmail.com.

JANUARY

16th—HACA's 2nd Annual Scavenger Hunt. Bonnie and Lee McMurty's Farm—Round Top, TX. More details to follow.

FEBRUARY

13th—PCCSS Day of Dressage at Plum Creek. Agarita Ranch - Lockhart, TX. Contact: Chuck Leshikar at 512-376-2602 or leshikar@aol.com. Also see, www.pccss.org.

20th—TCA Beginner to Winner Day. More details to follow.

APRIL

10th—NTW 15th Annual Sunrise Ridge HDT. Sunrise Ridge Ranch—Paradise, TX. ADS sanctioned. Contact: Kate Morgan at 817-523-4616 or katemorgan@gmail.com.

17th - 18th—Plum Creek CDE. Agarita Ranch - Lockhart, TX. See www.pccss.org for more information.

MAY

15th or 22nd—TCA Spring Dressage Festival. More details to follow.

16th—NTW Wits End Drivathon. Cross Country, Obstacles and Scurry Thru the Trees. Contact: Ree Salter at 940-374-3928 or witsend@wccs.net.

JUNE

12th—NTW ADT. Non sanctioned event to be held in Jacksboro, TX. More details to follow.

19th—TCA Recreational Drive at Cedar Creek Run. Also see, www.cedarcreekrun.com.

JULY

TBA—TCA ADT. More details to follow.