



## General Meeting Minutes

Friday – October 5, 2007

**Attending:** Mary Saint, Vicki Milliron, Nancy Wentz, Ann Christy, Kathy Beecher, Pat Nangle, Tim Skinner, Sherry Hull, Joe Hull, Mayme Hausman

Mary Saint called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. Minutes were approved. The treasurer's report will be made next month.

Tim reported on the activities of the web committee on the new MODA webpage <<http://www.midohiodressage.org/>>. They have decided to contract with the new site's web designer Melissa Victor for 8 hours (\$312) of maintenance / updates to start. Tim and Kerrie will also have access to post time-sensitive materials such as awards and scores. Nancy made a motion to purchase a copy of the web design software, Dreamweaver (\$399), to be installed on Tim's computer. Pat seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Vicki and Nancy discussed winter workshop ideas including saddle fitting, horseshoeing, etc. We also discussed horse show fees and options.

Joe said the nominating committee is welcoming volunteers to run for the board. There will be three elected vacancies on the board to be filled at the November general meeting election, plus elections of officers. The full slate will be published in the next MODA newsletter, if available prior to press.

The next meeting will be November 9. This meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Ann D. Christy,  
Secretary  
10/5/07*

Anyone who is concerned about his dignity would be well advised to keep away from horses.

Prince Phillip  
Duke of Edinburgh

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 9 Annual Membership meeting, Election of Officers  
Corporate Performance Center
- Nov 16-18 Rider Biomechanics Seminar with Alexandra Howard  
Jennifer Truett, [jennifer@DancingHorseFarmOH.com](mailto:jennifer@DancingHorseFarmOH.com)
- Nov 17-19 Clinic with Alex Gerding, Pataskala, Ohio  
Robin Vaughn-Strait, 740-817-0652, [Strait@hughes.net](mailto:Strait@hughes.net)
- Nov 28 - USDF National Convention  
Dec 2 Orlando, Florida
- Dec 8,9 Jorge Sousa & Jeannette Jenny clinic., Masterson Station  
Masterson Station Park, [www.mopdressage.com](http://www.mopdressage.com)

### 2008

- Jan 12 2007 Year-End Banquet and Awards Program  
Berwick Manner Party House
- Apr 10-13 Equine Affaire 2008  
Ohio Expo Center
- Oct 18-19 USDF Region 2 Adult Clinic with Jane Savoie  
2008 Registration through USDF Website, [www.USDF.org](http://www.USDF.org)

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 11-06 Olivia Montgomery-Chorey  
11-07 Kathy Hall  
11-08 Karen Stephens  
11-09 Vikki Batte  
11-17 Kathy Bower  
11-17 Ellen Jefferies  
11-18 Melinda Hoffman  
11-21 Randy Borden  
11-22 Barbara Klatt  
11-28 Susan Hunter

### ADVERTISING RATES:

Business Card:	\$ 5.00
1/4 page	10.00
1/2 page	15.00
3/4 page	20.00
Full Page	30.00

Ads are to be camera ready. Send check payable to MODA and copy to:

Kathy Beecher  
6740 Darylane Drive  
Dublin Ohio 43017

Classified ads are free to MODA members and run for 3 months. Ads are \$5 per month for non-members. Deadline is the 15th of each month.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**GOING OUT OF HORSE SHOWING BUSINESS:** 2 Dressage-Jumping-Eventing horses for sale. Registered 9-year-old Appaloosa mare, chestnut, full rear blanket, flaxen tail. Dressage training through Training Level going into 1st Level. Jumps over 4 feet; lots of show experience. She is a member of USDF and USEF; placed in every show, mostly 1st. Very family friendly, NO VICES.

4-year-old Haflinger, Palamino with blaze. Trained in dressage, jumping, eventing. Former lesson horse, nice beginner horse. No vices. Palamino with blaze. Both horses up-to-date on everything. Neither have lameness or illness issues. All tack must also go.

Two-horse slant-load step-up 24-foot Southern Classic trailer. Large sleeping/dressing room, rear tack room. Aluminum gooseneck, drop down windows. Call Theresa, 740-281-6818 or 740-892-2346.

**FOR SALE:** 17" Schleese JES Elite saddle. Black with extended stirrup bars. 4 years old, looks like new. Evaluated by Schleese this spring. Asking \$2200. Call Shari Hilliard, 740-484-1143, email cattails5000@sbglobal.net.

**HORSE TRAILER FOR SALE:** Trail-et horse trailer, excellent condition: 2-horse aluminum with carpeted dressing room with saddle racks; 5-piece tailgate with ramp and windows; removal center divider and head divider; padded sides and rubber floor mats; flooring in excellent condition; windows on sides, rear, and dressing area; fiberglass roof; 4 new tires; side-mounted spare tire with cover; used to trailer horses less than 40 times; must be seen to be appreciated; getting out of the horse business. Call Joe Hull, 614-877-9864.

**FOR SALE:** Leopard spot yearling filly, Dam Lipizzan/Appaloosa, sired by Andalusian, Listo VI, A PRE stallion. Two Arabian geldings, 7 & 9 years old. JoAnn Fletcher, 419-886-2463, vkafletch@aol.com.

## 2007 ADULT SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES

The following people are registered for the Adult Scholarship Program for 2007:

Mayme Hausman  
Tim Skinner  
Kathy Beecher  
Kerrie Matesich  
Amy Rothe-Heitter  
Joe Hull  
Mary Saint  
Sherry Hull  
Nancy Wentz  
Vicki Milliron  
Kathy Bower

Four scholarship winners will be drawn at the Annual Awards Banquet, January 12, 2008, at Berwick Party House.

Come see who has the luck of the draw!!!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to think about membership renewals. If you recall, last year Membership Chairman Nancy Wentz told us that our membership dues for 2008 are due to USDF on November 30, 2007.

Membership forms will be available soon, and will be on the website. Please return them to Nancy promptly to avoid a last-minute crunch for her, and to insure proper credit for us.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Hutchison-Navarro, 3851 Corner Road  
Alexandria Ohio 43006, KJN@embarqmail.com  
740-924-9099

Corinna Alper, Supporting Member Benjamin Alper,  
3509 Jett Hill Road. New Richmond Ohio 45157  
513-553-1692

Mary Lightbody, 4948 East Walnut Street,  
Westerville, Ohio 43018, 614-794-1897



**Articles, classifieds, photos, etc.,**  
are all welcome for **on the bit**.

Write a story — draw a picture —  
report on a clinic or show — sell an  
old bridle — share an adventure.

Submissions should be received no  
later than the 10th of the month for  
publication in the following  
newsletter.

Send your material to:  
Kathy Beecher  
6740 Darylane Drive  
Dublin Ohio 43017

Or email [kbeecher@netwalk.com](mailto:kbeecher@netwalk.com)

MODA is not responsible for  
opinions expressed.

# MID OHIO DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

## 2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and 2008 Horse Registration Combined Form

MODA's purpose is to promote and encourage a high standard of accomplishment in dressage; to promote a better understanding of dressage through educational programs, clinics, forums, seminars, membership meetings, publications and dissemination of information to the public and general membership of the organization; to provide opportunities to exchange information and to practice the art of dressage.

Members receive and can participate in a variety of benefits and programs throughout the year, including:

Receive MODA Newsletter "on the bit"  
Eligible for the Adult Scholarship Program  
Eligible for MODA Annual Rider Awards  
Receive a MODA membership card

Receive a USDF GMO membership card  
Receive a subscription to the USDF Connection  
Eligible to receive USDF member discounts  
Eligible for USDF Rider Awards  
Eligible for USDF University credits

*Supporting members are Group members of USDF, but do not receive an individual copy of USDF Connection nor the MODA Newsletter.*

Individual or Primary Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Member Name(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting Member Name(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Member Name(3) \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting Member Name(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Member Birth Date (M/D/YR) \_\_\_\_\_ Under 21 \_\_\_\_\_ 21-50 \_\_\_\_\_ 50 & older \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting Member Birth Date (M/D/YR) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORIES are Individual, Youth/Young Rider and Family, which includes a Primary Member and Supporting member/s**  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Youth/Young Rider Member

**Family Membership includes the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Primary Member or \$30.00 Youth/Young Rider Member (Each additional member is \$8.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00 Supporting Member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00 Supporting Member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00 Supporting Member

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

### 2008 MODA HORSE REGISTRATION

This Fee is not included in the MODA Membership Fee. There is an Additional Registration Fee per Horse. See below:  
**HORSE MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE FIRST SHOW TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR-END AWARDS. ONE HORSE PER FORM.**

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_ Dam \_\_\_\_\_ Damsire \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder of Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Year Foaled \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Owners Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Rider/Handler Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 2007 Performance Horse Awards (under saddle) \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 2007 Sport Horse Breeding Award

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Mid-Ohio Dressage Association (MODA) MAIL TO: Nancy Wentz, 11850 Overbrook Lane, Galena, OH 43021 Phone: 740/965-4700 Email: [nwentz4700@comcast.net](mailto:nwentz4700@comcast.net)**

2007 MODA Awards Preliminary Standings as of 10/26/07

Please contact Kerrie Matesich @ [kmwmatesich@yahoo.com](mailto:kmwmatesich@yahoo.com) or 614-519-5782 for any corrections before November 15.

Volunteer Hours have not been compared yet with these scores, so make sure your hours are reported!

**MODA RIDER AWARDS**

Qualified Rider: Brian Cheap	Bronze Medal: Brian Cheap	Silver Medal Brian Cheap Emily Rodgers	Gold Medal:
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**MODA HORSE AWARDS**

**SCHOOLING DIVISION**

Youth Intro:  
Sarge 'N Pepper & Hannah Reichle, 63.25%

Youth Training  
Aarod Sheton & Hannah Reichle, 63.03%

Adult First:  
Kilo & Vicki Milliron, 64.31%  
Dalhowitzer & Kerrie Matesich, 63.96%

Adult Intro:  
Aarod Sheton & Laurie Angles, 63.13%

Adult Training:  
Rudy & Vicki Milliron, 63.96%

Adult Second:  
Dalhowitzer, Kerrie Matesich, 56.97%  
Galadrial's Mirror & Joann Fletcher, 54.74%

**RECOGNIZED DIVISION**

Youth Second:  
LaBelle & Emily Rodgers, 67.56%

**OTHER AWARDS**

Good Morning Memorial Trophy:  
LaBelle & Emily Rodgers, 70.714

The Arabian Excellence Award:  
Aarod Sheton & Hannah Reichle, 56.67%

MODA High Percentage Award:

Freestyle High Percentage Award:

**MEMBERS:** Please check these preliminary results carefully. If your scores are not reflected property, please notify Kerrie Matesich.

If your scores are not reflected AT ALL, please forward them to Kerrie at once.

## USDF NEWS

USDF announces that the online Participating Membership application is now available at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org). PMs renewing for 2008 will receive the USDF directory. Renew early to avoid non-member fees for the early shows. Any questions? Call the membership department at 859-971-2277 or go to [membership@usdf.org](mailto:membership@usdf.org).

**ONE NOTE:** as of the 2008 membership year, there is no longer a \$15 discount for Group Members who also become PMs. This change was approved by the Board of Governors at the 2006 annual convention.

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Effective October 1, 2008, riders competing in the USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program must ride in a Second Level Test Three class, or an applicable Test of Choice class in which they chose to ride Second Level Test Three.

For more information go to [dovermedal@usef.org](mailto:dovermedal@usef.org).

### MLP DRESSAGE CLINIC

MLP Dressage Clinics proudly present from Portugal: Jorge Sousa and Jeannette Jenny.

The clinic is December 8 and 9, 2007, at Masterson Station Park, in Kentucky. The riding slots are filled, but it only costs \$50 to audit for two days.

Closing date for the clinic is December 2, 2007.

For more information about the clinic and clinicians, go to [www.mlpdressage.com](http://www.mlpdressage.com), or call 270-868-0017.

Registration can be sent to Manuela Mattingly, 495 Mulberry Street, Leitchfield, Kentucky.

## 2007 USDF CONVENTION

The 2008 USDF Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida will be here soon. If you are not planning to attend the convention this year, please note the names and email addresses of Region 2's elected PMs.

Many issues are addressed at the convention, especially during the Board of Governors meeting, and the input and opinions of USDF members are taken into consideration. It is the primary responsibility of the PM Delegates to represent the wishes of their regional members. You are encouraged to email the Region 2 PM Delegates to share your thoughts, opinions, or concerns on any issue that may be raised during the convention.

Region 2's PM delegates and email addresses:

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### CLINIC

Three-day clinic with Alex Gerding, November 17-19, in Pataksala. Alex, trained and certified as a judge and teacher in Germany, currently works and lives in Wellington, Florida.

For more information about Alex, visit his website at [alexgerding.com](http://alexgerding.com). Call Robin Vaughn-Strait with any questions and to register for the clinic. 740.817.0652, [Strait@hughes.net](mailto:Strait@hughes.net).

## TO CLINIC OR NOT TO CLINIC?

By Grace Franklin

It's not an easy question, and the negatives outweighed the positives when I first considered attending the September 2007 clinic with Alex Gerding. My initial reaction was "No way!" I'm too busy, not ready, not showing, not familiar with the instructor, and my horse isn't ready, it'll be too hard, I don't want to, etc. The list was pretty long! But, in my heart I knew many of the reasons for not going were actually excuses. I also knew my dressage riding needed a boost. My instructor was supportive, and his website was impressive, so, call it resolve or call it madness, I decided to ride in the clinic. Day One came. We rode, we survived, and by the end of Day Three we thrived!

So what happened to change fear to smiles? What did I learn from the riding clinic with Alex Gerding?

- 1 The clinician is not an ogre. Alex has a wonderful eye for movement, an excellent command of English, and he is demanding. He expects you to ride! He is also patient, kind and clear. The instruction was given in a positive way, and in a cumulative way. We began with the basics (getting the horse to move promptly off the leg, establishing my position correctly for lateral work, identifying weak spots) and built on that. My fear was totally unfounded.
- 2 I wasn't riding alone--there was tremendous camaraderie and encouragement among the participants. We watched and cheered for each other, helped with chores, shared food, and reinforced the messages we were hearing.
- 3 Watching the other riders was not only a polite thing to do but also very educational and reassuring-- some of "my" problems were present with other riders and horses. And there were new issues that I could learn from. Watching the others was a vital tool for reinforcing the instruction, and it is easier to take notes when not riding.
- 4 Intense learning can be fun. The consistency and the cumulative nature of the instruction produced a real improvement in the way I rode and the way my horse responded. That was really gratifying and motivating.
- 5 Yes, I will do it again. Getting out of the familiar comfort zone was really important. Hearing a new voice with a new way of identifying and solving problems was valuable. My fear of failure and performance anxiety are probably not gone forever, but I have more confidence and can deal with them. I learned how much more my horse and I are capable of. "Expect more" is our new mantra!

If you are interested in auditing or riding in a clinic with Alex Gerding please contact Robin Vaughn-Strait at [Strait@hughes.net](mailto:Strait@hughes.net) or phone her at 740-817-0652 for info.

For more information about Alex Gerding go to [www.alexgerding.com](http://www.alexgerding.com)

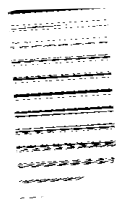
When you think a horse is stupid, he'll outsmart you. When you think a horse is smart, he'll be as stupid as a rock.

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