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Special points of interest:

- Local Clinics being Held
- Time to send in Year End Awards.
- Great deals on horses and tack in the Sale Barn.
- 2009 Membership Form—time to renew for 2009.

DRESSAGE TRAINING JUST A CLICK AWAY

As the cold winter months approach, good dressage training can be just a click away. There are several web sites that deliver good dressage training. DressageClinic.com is one site that gives training at all levels with different instructors. It does have a cost per month, \$34.95, and you must have DSL or cable connection to view the lessons. Dressagetrainonline.com has a monthly cost of \$36.00 but offers a low speed connection or a high speed connection. Both sites have domestic and international well known instructors for you to view. Another site I found that delivers free watching of not just training but top riders and horses for sale is youtube.com. This site is free and you can search for your favorite trainers or horses to watch. Most of the training is done in short segments of five to six minutes on one specific topic. One of the top clinicians I found was Jane Savoie. She has quite a few good lessons available that are also motiva-



Andrew Morgan riding Grand Johnson at Gigi Nutter Clinic

tional. I also found several Walter Zettl lessons. The wonderful thing is they are short and you can watch it several times to help grasp the lesson. There is something for every level of rider. To view on youtube.com, you just put the name of the instructor or rider in the search box, click on search, and a list of rides is there for you to choose. Or you can just put "dressage" in the box and get lots of results. So when riding is impossible because to the weather, just fire up the computer and get motivated!

CDCTS members and other dressage riders have a great advantage to have two great clinicians in the Knoxville area. December 1 and 2, 2008 Susan Hill will host Gigi Nutter at her farm for a clinic. Anyone interested in riding should contact Susan at 865-789-5048. Auditors are always welcome and auditing is free. Also, Carol Grau will host Tom Poulin at her farm, Dec.20 and 21,2008. For ride times and information contact Carol at 865-984-2532

NOVEMBER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're now at the end of the show season. Please be sure to send in your scores for CDCTS's Year End Awards! Scores are due by December 1 to Susan Hill. You'll need to send her copies of your test sheets so she can verify your eligibility. She is hard at work organizing the Annual Awards Banquet and also needs your donations for the Silent Auction. Please get creative in your offerings and help make this a fun, successful event.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas Party/meeting at Susan Price's home. Details will appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Please join us!

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Rita

NOVEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2008

The Chop House, Knoxville

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Attendees:

Rita Dunn, Carol Grau, Charlie Grau, Susan Hill, Andrew Morgan, Diane Carlson, Kathy Ridenour, Sherry Gordon, Karen Andraska, Dave McAdoo, Linda Klingerman, Trish Powers, Susan Price, Sue Cain

Old Business:

- The secretary's report was read and approved.
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- Fall Schooling Show – Test score issues were resolved.
- Spring 2009 Schooling Show - will be held May 9, 2009 at Penrose Farm in Knoxville. Laura Wolfe will be judging the event.
- Banquet Committee - will be held at Sullivan's Restaurant in Maryville on January 24, 2009. Sherry Gordon is working on the invitations and Susan Price will coordinate the table decorations. Karen Andraska and Carol Grau volunteered for room setup. Susan Hill is accepting donations for the Silent Auction.
- Workshop committee - Diane Carlson has not received a response from Yvonne Barteau, the proposed symposium clinician. She may need to identify another clinician soon for a commitment to the 2009 Symposium.
- High Points Awards - another reminder to all members interested to send your scores to Susan Hill as soon as possible.
- Nominating Committee – Dave McAdoo reported 5 new positions are needed for the CDCTS Board of Directors for 2009: president, vice president and 3 members at large. Due to the approved change in the club by-laws voted on at the November meeting Dave nominated Rita Dunn to serve as president for another year. Rita accepted the nomination to continue as club president for 2009. 4 slots now remain open.
- Merry Hour Farm Schooling Show – the show was a big success with rides scheduled all day from 8:30am to 6:30pm. Show proceeds went to a thoroughbred rescue organization.
- Motion to change the club bylaws – was unanimously approved on November 11, 2008.
 - Delete the last sentence of Article 3: Section 5: Election & Terms "At the expiration of the term served, directors will not be eligible for re-election for one year".

New Business:

- Upcoming USDF fee changes – Rita reported on an email received from the USDF announcing an increase in fees effective 12/1/2009. All group membership fees will increase for GMO's as well as for participating members. Some active discussion ensued and the fee hike issue will continue to be addressed in upcoming meetings.

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CDCTS Member Invited to be Freestyle Clinician at National Walking Horse Association Annual Convention

CDCTS Member Esther Roberts will be presenting dressage freestyle instructional clinics at the National Walking Horse Association (NWAHA) Annual Convention, November 15, 2008, at the Cincinnati Marriott. The lecture-style instructional clinics will serve as an introduction to dressage freestyle for members of the NWAHA. Topics to be discussed include freestyle choreography, music selection, editing, performance and judging tips, and specifically how dressage freestyle may be adapted for gaited, flat-shod horses.

The NWAHA is headquartered at the Kentucky Horse Park. The NWAHA was established ten years ago to provide an organizational "home" to walking horse enthusiasts who are committed to owning, training, and showing flat-shod Walkers, without use of painful devices, chemicals, or soring. The NWAHA is a zero-tolerance organization when it comes to soring, etc.. Their philosophy is that flat-shod Walkers have beautiful, natural gaits that need no artificial enhancement.

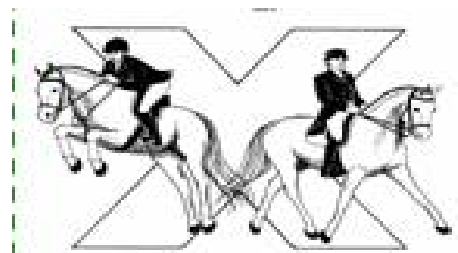
Not long ago, the NWAHA introduced dressage into the versatility division of all NWAHA shows by working closely with the USDF and USEF and modifying the basic dressage tests to accommodate the flat walk, running walk, and "rocking-chair canter" found in Walkers. Now, the NWAHA seeks to bring dressage freestyle into the world of Walkers.

"I heard about the introduction of dressage tests into the NWAHA and contacted the Executive Director, Don Viza, about dressage freestyle for Walkers. Next thing I know, I'm invited to present a freestyle clinic at the NWAHA Annual Convention! I'm absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to help the NWAHA add the element of dressage freestyle to their versatility division for Walkers.

"As a young girl, I sometimes attended "big lick" Walking Horse shows, simply because those were the only shows in my hometown. While the horses were beautiful and had such kind, forgiving temperaments, the torture I witnessed - the soring, chains, etc. - made me shy away from ever owning a Walker. I'm so glad that caring, concerned Walking Horse owners organized the NWAHA to provide a place for Walker enthusiasts to showcase these wonderful, unique animals under humane conditions. I feel like I'm being given the opportunity to give something back to these beautiful horses and, hopefully, provide a whole new avenue of artistic expression for these horses, their riders, and all the fans who attend NWAHA shows."

Esther's background in dressage freestyle includes a Master of Music in classical piano and serving on the music faculty at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's Cadek Conservatory and Roane State Community College before opening her own piano studio in Knoxville, where she taught an annual average studio size of 55 pupils/week for ten years. During this time, she studied dressage on her beloved American Indian Horse, Sam, with Cleon Wingard and began crafting musical freestyles for local and regional riders. Esther returned to school and graduated with honors in 2001 from the University of Tennessee College of Law. Her area of practice is intellectual property, which includes copyright law, patents, trademarks, and internet law. Her broad musical background and technical expertise allow her to craft freestyles that are musically interesting, customized to each horse's gait tempi, and rideable, with seamless transitions, thanks to some specialized computer software Esther utilizes for editing.

At the present time, Esther continues to study dressage with instructor Cathy Keeton. Esther's horses include Lady Grace, a black American Indian Horse (half-Arab/half-mustang) and Sir Spencer, a bay Warmblood (half-Thoroughbred/half-Hanoverian). She lives and rides at her new facility in east Knox County, Starlight Farm. "The house and arena were completed in May of this year. I hired Broadway Sound to install a professional outdoor sound system. Starlight Farm offers concert-hall quality audio clarity so a rider may enjoy their freestyle-music during every stride. I plan to host freestyle clinics here at Starlight Farm starting next spring, and CDCTS members will certainly be invited!



NOVEMBER SECRETARY'S REPORT CONT.

New Business: cont.

- The next club meeting will be held on December 9th at Susan Price's home. Bring a side item and wine or other beverage of your choice. A gift exchange (horsey theme) has been suggested with a \$20 limit. For questions contact Susan Price. Directions to her home are included in this issue of the newsletter.
- Membership 2009 – Important reminder! Submit your membership form and check to Sue Cain, CDCTS Secretary for the 2009 year as soon as possible. Membership forms can be downloaded from the CDCTS web site at <http://www.cdcts.org/>.
- No other new business was introduced.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

DO NOT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR CDCTS 2009 MEMBERSHIP! FORM IS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER, SEND TO SEC. SUE

DECEMBER MEETING IS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SUSAN PRICE'S HOME

CDCTS will have the December meeting, Dec. 9, 2008 at the home of member Susan Price. Susan and her husband, Greg, recently built their new house and have offered to host our December meeting and Christmas gathering.. Directions to Susan's home is as follows. Address is: 3843 Hudson Rd., Mascot, TN 37806. **From W. Knoxville**, take

40E to 640E all the way back to 40W (because of construction), get off at the first Rutledge Pike Exit and turn right onto Rutledge Pike. Go approx. 12 miles, see the BP Station on the left, turn right at that intersection, onto Old Rutledge Pike. Go 1/2 mile to left on Richland Rd., then 1/2 mile to right on McKinney rd.. Follow to fork in road, about 1/2 mile, turn right

onto Hudson Rd. Go 1/2 mile, house on the right. **From N. Knoxville**, take 75S to 640E to 40W to first Rutledge Pike exit, then same as above.

Susan and Greg are providing the main meal and ask members to bring a side item and favorite beverage. A gift exchange with a \$20 limit of a horsey gift will take place.

YEAR END AWARD SCORES DUE

It is that time of year again. Time to send your scores in to Susan Hill for CDCTS Year End Awards. November 1 is the start of the new show year so now is the time to nominate your horse for some of the best awards given by a GMO. Last years winners took home hand painted vases with the winning horse on them. It will be

great to see what Susan comes up with this year for the winners.

To see if one of your scores qualifies you for year end awards, check the web site then send a copy of your score sheet to Susan Hill. What a great way to promote your horse and get a great gift from your horse for all your hard

work together. Send your copy of scores to: Susan Hill, 7500 Fairview Rd., Lenoir City, TN 37772



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The Sale Barn & Advertising Arena

Horses for Sale or Lease

Cappy - 7 year old, 15.3 hand, grey TB/QH gelding by Denny Emerson's recently deceased stallion, Loyal Pal, and out of a very successful hunter and lower level dressage mare. Cappy has 3 good gaits and a good mind. He is willing under saddle and hacks out quietly. Has free-jumped to 3'6" and has good form over fences. He is a joy to work with in the barn and under saddle. Cappy is a perfect horse for the budget minded rider who wants a talented horse to bring along to his full potential. A cribber but easily managed with a cribbing collar. \$2500 contact Christy at (423)420-1120

Nike - 2008 filly by *Nico out of a thorobred level 6 jumper mare. She is weaned, halter broke, leads, bathes, and picks up her feet. Imprint trained at birth. She is a very social personality and loves to be brushed and scratched. \$5000. Contact Kathy at (423)566-2164

Rebel - 1993 registered Quarter Horse gelding. 15.1 hands flee bitten grey, sound and sane. Shown successfully at into and training level (scores in high 60's and 70's), schooling first level and going well. Hacks out nicely, best for intermediate rider. \$4000. Contact Melissa at (865)376-6540 or email rftrainer@yahoo.com

Mars – 2003 registered American Sport Pony gelding. He is a 13.3 hands chestnut with hind white socks. Super easy to ride with 3 comfy gaits and a huge canter stride. Easy to frame up, hacks out nicely, fast learner, and started jumping. He is nice and quiet. He will make a great hunter or eventer, or will continue to excel in dressage (winner of both his classes first time out). He has a super brain, easy all around, and a pleasure to ride. \$5500 Contact Melissa at (865)376-6540 or email rftrainer@yahoo.com

Tack for Sale

Legacy Dressage Saddle—saddle has a 17 1/2 inch seat and a #4 wide tree. Nice deep seat, knee rolls, and very comfortable. Less than 1 year old. \$1500 (sells new for \$2100), Contact Kathy Huffstetler at 865-679-5199

Neidersuss Allegro II – Dressage saddle, 16 ¾ inch seat, medium tree, 3 years old in excellent condition. \$1700 Contact Roxanne at (865)692-9005 or email roxnemcik@comcast.net

Clothing for Sale

Schmacher Breeches – Full seat white breeches, size 32, worn twice, \$150.00 (new \$300.00) Contact Rita Dunn (865)988-9113

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Trailers for Sale

Tobruk Trailers: Merhow and Cherokee aluminum trailers. Custom Living Quarters for large horses. Hitches and repairs. Call (865)397-8304 or email tobrukfarm@charter.net

Misc. Items

Wanted- Dressage queen with PSG or higher talented horse and large living quarters trailer. Send picture of horse and trailer. Contact Dave at: BR549

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Misc. cont.

Wood shavings, compact plastic bags, large or small flake, by Suncoast Bedding, \$5.00 per bag, delivery can be arranged. Call Kathy 423-912-1477.

Wanted

- **Rider Wanted** – To help school 3 Hanoverians at training and first level dressage. Horses have outstanding dressage bloodlines and lots of potential. Large arena and private setting located at my farm in Corryton, TN near Knoxville Center Mall. Contact Kay (865)363-6731 or email franzreb@utk.edu

Advertising Rates

	Members	Non-Members
Full Page (7.5 x 10)	\$10	\$20
Half Page (7.5 x 5)	\$ 5	\$10
Quarter Page (7.5 x 2.5 or 3.75 x 5)	\$ 2.50	\$ 5
Business Card (3.5 x 2)	FREE	\$ 2.50
Classified Ad	FREE	\$ 1 per line

All ads must be paid in full prior to being published in the newsletter. Ads must be sized to specifications, and must be in a useable format (.jpg, .gif, .bmp). Please contact editor for additional information: crossroadct@bellsouth.net

Clinics: CDCTS hosts mounted and unmounted clinics, symposiums, and educational workshops with well-known equine professionals. Members can participate in CDCTS sponsored clinics for a reduced rate, and are given preference over non-members when space in a clinic is limited.

Schooling Shows: CDCTS hosts 2 schooling shows per year, offering both dressage and combined tests. Members pay a reduced rate for their entry fees.

Newsletter: Each member receives a copy of our monthly newsletter, "The Crossing" by email. Members also may advertise in the newsletter at reduced rates.

Volunteers: To encourage volunteer support, CDCTS offers "Dressage Bucks", a program to reimburse volunteers for their time and efforts.

Year-End Awards: CDCTS offers numerous awards for high scores at schooling and rated shows, plus JR/YR, Adult Amateur, and Open categories. We also have Perpetual High Point Awards for both Dressage and Combined Training. Riders must be CDCTS members, and must have completed a minimum of 4 hours volunteer service for the year in order to be eligible for year end awards.

USDF Benefits: By joining CDCTS, you automatically become a USDF Group Member and receive a USDF Group Membership Card. Group membership allows you to receive the monthly USDF Connection Magazine, earn USDF University Credit, and compete in any USDF recognized show. In addition, USDF Group membership allows you to participate in the USDF Rider's Awards from Training level to Grand Prix, including the Master's Challenge, Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals. You will also receive member discounts for USDF events.



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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS.

- December 1-2, 2008 Gigi Nutter Clinic, Susan Hill's Farm, Lenoir City, TN Auditors welcome
- December 9, 2008 CDCTS Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Susan Price's Home, Blaine TN
- December 22-23, 2008 Tom Poulin Clinic, Carol Grau's Farm, Maryville, TN Contact Carol for information at 865-984-2532
- December 25, 2008 MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
- January 24, 2009 Year End Awards Banquet, Sullivan's Restaurant, Maryville, TN



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*Crossroads Dressage and
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I would like to join Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society for the 2009 Membership Year (December 1, 2008 - November 30, 2009). Enclosed is a check for the following membership category:

- \$20 Charter Membership (Founding Members whose membership has not lapsed since the formation of the club)
 \$45 Adult Membership (Over 21 years old as of January 1, 2009)
 \$25 Junior/Young Rider Membership (21 years old or younger as of January 1, 2009)
 *Family Membership - Names (circle primary member) _____

Additional Family Member Email Addresses: _____

\$45 Primary Membership + \$10 per each Additional Family Member = _____ Total Due

I would be willing to volunteer in the following areas (circle all that apply):

HORSE SHOWS: Scribe Score Runner Ring Steward Concessions Setup/Teardown Hospitality

OTHER: Phone Contacts Committees Board Member Write for Newsletter Publish Newsletter
Webpage Sell Advertising Other: _____

Please make your check payable to CDCTS, and return by November 1, 2008 to:

Sue Cain, CDCTS Secretary
102 Greywood Place
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Date Received: _____

Check # _____

Amount _____

This organization is a USDF GMO and its members are automatically USDF Group Members
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