

ECAHS Member News

Jack Sims Memorium

John W. (Jack) Sims was born May 28, 1962. At the very young age of 44, he passed away January 22, 2007. He fought a relatively short, hard battle with a malignant brain tumor that found him participating in clinical trials at the Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center in Durham, North Carolina.

Jack had many, many wonderful friends. This was so very apparent if you were able to attend his memorial service. The people that attended the service knew of his friendship and caring for them. His friendships had no ethnic, color or gender barriers. He was loyal and passionate about what he believed in and was always ready for a candid debate.

His love for his horses was never-ending and he would sit for hours discussing breeding, conformation, bloodlines, or any topic you might want to talk about.



If you are interested in knowing more about his love, vision, dedication and history with the Arabian horse, please visit www.olfarabians.com and click on Farm Info. In *his on words*, he has explained what he had dedicated his life to. Jack is shown here with his beloved Zur El Gandhy (Zur-El-Ayn x Estella Na).



We will all miss him forever!

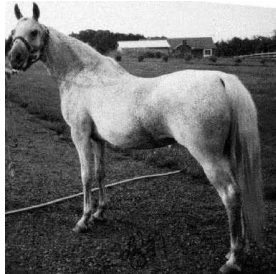
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News from Desert Storm Arabians

To all who know and love the Crabbet and Doyle bred horses:

Gavin, the 31 year old stallion we had leased from Veria Frasure in Ohio, passed away quietly on Wednesday, January 7 at about 5:30 pm.

Earlier this month we lost Azrageita, our other foundation horse. She was 33 years old.



I am at a loss because this is one stallion that you just can't forget. Gavin had an excellent personality and a few quirks to make him interesting. He really hated being de-wormed, but he really liked the girls. He wouldn't breed them in the field by himself, he knew he had a little too much arthritis to really hold them down, but if you put a halter on one, he was right there. :) That said he was correct and able to gallop and trot soundly his entire life. He did not have any blemishes on him, even at his age, and he just got better and better as he aged. He liked to visit with you, just about any time you wanted to go give him a scratch, he'd be there.



He was never pushy except to breed in hand. And you could do anything with him. He'd look right at you- and you could always tell what he was thinking.

He is not going to make a mark in the Al Khamsa world, but he does have three surviving 100% Crabbet babies from Senoran Rose, two colts and one filly, and 3 more fillies from my second generation foundation mare, DSA Shahrzade (CR Silver Monarch x Azrageita), and a colt from AF Falada, who is Raseyn linebred. He also has a daughter in Ohio in Mrs. Frasure's program. He also has a granddaughter here (I am not sure, maybe in Ohio) through one of his sons on DSA Shahrzade, some of you may have seen her at the Crabbet Celebration in 2006. She breezed right through the in hand trail course (she was only 5 months old) better than most of the adult horses.

We are planning on burying him here on our farm as soon as the weather breaks.

I want to thank all those out there who have been supportive of our efforts to get him bred to different mares - we had some difficulties with both mares and him, but all in all, I think he has a good representation in the CMK and straight Crabbet groups. He is going to add a lot of substance and temperament back in on some lines.

I am really glad to have known both him and the Frasures, and I am also really glad to have met a lot of you because of him. Please feel free to pass this on to other Arabian lists.

It's been a rough 2007 already.

Take care,

*Gwen Pfouts DVM
Desert Storm Arabians
Star Tannery, Virginia*

Life with OLF Moonriver

Hello Everyone!

As you know, I own a yearling filly named OLF Moonriver. She is a handful! Well, in the latest events, River and our other horses got sick from the feed that we got. The food must have been bad. So, we switched feed and now they are all fine.

In other news, River (who is going on two) is getting picked on by our 24 year old mare, Dawn. Dawn tries to kick and bite River. We try to stop that. During this winter River was getting cold at night. My Mom found an old horse blanket and put it on her. She was prancing around the pasture looking very happy. At nights when I walk River into her stall she tries to trot in but I don't let her. Also, as some of you know, ECAHS lost a member. Jack Sims, former owner of Oak Lawn Farm (and previous owner of River), died of brain cancer. I would like to say thank you to Jack for giving me River. If you want more River stories, then you will have to look in next months ECAHS section of *Arabian News*.



*Brigid Lamb
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Congratulations to Nan Bodine

Congratulations to ECAHS member Nan Bodine who bred this year's Westminster Best in Breed Saluki, Ch Shahtani Tropical Breeze. This was Lily's 3rd year winning Best in Breed at Westminster and in 2004 she was Best of Opposite Sex for her breed. In the Hound Group competition held on February 13th, Lily finished 2nd behind the Petits Baseets Griffons Vendeen (more commonly known as a PBGV) Ch Celestial Cj's Jolly Fairchild. Lily's ECAHS fans were hoping that she'd win the group this year and stage an upset in the Best of Show competition which has not been won by a member of the hound group since 1983, but will have to hope that she returns to Westminster to try again in 2008.

*Submitted by:
Sherry Morse*

News from Mayhem Farm

Lynn and McKenzie Blake of Mayhem Farm are pleased to announce the acquisition of two



wonderful stallions. We wish to thank Pat and Rocky Rossini for allowing us to lease PR Gai Azaradiant, “Spider”, 70.03% Crabbet (Lea Gai Azada X PR Gai Radiance). We are very grateful to Mrs. Pat Sims for allowing us to purchase BRR Prince Rissalix, “Lex”, 90.57% Crabbet (Seffer x Aura Magic Shine). The boys are settling in nicely and limited breedings will be offered this spring. The pictures are of Spider – we hope to have some of “Lex” soon.

We are expecting babies in a few weeks and will have details next month!

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