

ECAHS Member News

Submitted from the Celebration XIV

Here is a picture of Judge Denni Mack asking questions of Maddie Ashburn in the Ponied Lead Line Class (Dr. Aldred's Rules). She is with her mother Hope Ellis-Ashburn. [\(insert maddie2.jpg here\)](#)



*Pat Bobb
Whispering Hope Farm
Columbia, VA*

Happenings at ANSA Arabians

Lisa Littrell is proud to announce that her husband, Dan, received the 2007 Ig-Nobel Prize in Medicine at Harvard University on October the 4th.

The Ig Nobel Prizes honor achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think, and are intended to celebrate the unusual, honor the imaginative, and spur people's interest in science, medicine, and technology. The winners are chosen out of over 5000 new nominations each year, in addition to the enormous pool of nominees from previous years. The prizes are then presented to the winners by a group of Nobel Laureates, all before a standing-room only audience of 1200 esteemed scholars, scientists, past winners, Nobel Laureates, families and press.

To learn more about the Ig Nobel Prizes: <http://www.improbable.com/ig/>

*ANSA Arabians
Hartselle, AL*

News from Dr. Ed Davidson, DVM

Did not go to the Sport Horse Nationals, but some of my breeding did very well. SHF Hale Bop +++/ (SHF Southern Whiz X Corys Coment) was Top Ten in the Sport Horse Gelding Class. He was actually third in his class.

Congratulationss to Ellen Meeks of Richmond Hill, Ga. and SHF Hale Bop +++/.

*Sincerely,
Ed Davidson, DVM
Spartanburg, SC*

News from Fairfield Farm Arabians

Congratulations to new owners of FFC Arabians:

Elaine and Peter Murray of Middletown, MD are the new owners of FFC Bambi 2001 B, M (FFC Grand Oran X Banba)

Sandy Heckert of Butler, PA is the new owner of FFC Beauregarde 2003 G, G (Beau Quest X Banba)

On the Show front:

FFC Brigeyt++ 2000 G, M (PHP Brilliance X Alowan Sonata) has achieved her Legion of Honor and Legion of Merit and racked up another 20 some Legion Award points and a Championship in Hand at the Central Piedmont Show in Raleigh. She is in foal to Bremervale Andronicus+ for 2008.

FFC Csealor 2002 G, S (SSA Csea Dream+ X FFC L'Orange) won his first championships in SHIH and SHIH ATH at the Central Piedmont Show.

Tough show at the US Sport Horse Nationals but FFC Dundee 2005 G, S (Dandaloo Kadet X FFC Raritee) was top ten (fifth) in his Jackpot class.

News from Blue River Arabians

Arlene's mare, Natives Fancy was named 2007 National Champion Purebred Arabian Sporthorse Mare In Hand ATH and National Top Ten in Purebred Arabian Sporthorse Mare in Lexington, Virginia during the 2007 Arabian & Half-Arabian Sporthorse Nationals with handler Alex Ramage. **(insert Arlene2.jpg)**

"Fancy" is proudly owned by John and Arlene Gross of Knightstown, Indiana. She was born and raised on their farm, Blue River Arabians. Fancy was bred by Jeff and Jane Brown of Nugen Arabians, Lewisville, Indiana. Her sire was Milrich Native (Milrich Duke x Lea Parada Geyma), proudly owned by the Browns of Nugen Arabians. The Gross' also own Fancy's dam KH Laliq (Big Sky Cobaalt x Moons Unique).



Fancy's other accomplishments include: 2007 Region 14 Champion Arabian Sporthorse Mare ATH, 2007 Region 14 Reserve Champion Arabian Sporthorse Mare, 2007 Region 13 Top Five Arabian Mare ATH, 2006 Region 13 Top Five Arabian Mare ATH, and various Class A titles and placings.

*Arlene Gross
Blue River Arabians
Knightstown, IN*

News from Two Grand Farm

I can't say enough about the awesome year my granddaughter and I have had thanks to Randy, Doc and Marge Stoneback and the staff of Randy Stoneback Arabians and Amyr Arabians at Rimwold, Strattanville PA.

Our association with Randy began four years ago after I was severely disabled in an auto accident caused by a drunk driver. I was about to lose my then 22 year-old stallion Indian Magician (*RAS Indian Silver out of the *Nizzam daughter Lewisfield Nizula) and 18-year old mare Silver Legacy and when my friend – and client of Randy's - Mary Beth Kelly-Ross of Signature Arabians, Napanoch NY intervened. She took my horses to care for them until such time as I could bring them home again. I am forever in her debt for that act of kindness. She shared my plight with Randy, who reached out through Mary-Beth, with words of kindness and assurance that together they would make sure I did not lose my horses – and offered hope and encouragement to dream of better days to come.

Last year Mary-Beth invited Justine and I to join her at the East Coast Show and thus the odyssey of Two Grand Farm began. I had promised Justine a horse of her own choosing and she fell in love with the Palomino half Arabs at the show. Randy "just happened to have a mare at the farm we should look at" – and thus my granddaughter's dream came true. This beautiful dappled Palomino mare CCA Chardonnay, came over the rise in the field, walked out of the group of mares, and rested her head over Justine's shoulder as if to say "I've been waiting just for you." I have a photo of that moment – that smile that says it all - and it brings tears to my eyes every time I look at it.

Of course, Grandma who has admired the Arabian horse from childhood and known of the Amyr horses and breeding program for years could not leave without choosing, too. Over the past year, with the help and guidance of Randy Stoneback, we have added to our family the *Silvern Magic daughter Amyr Magic Tassel, two mares by The Fixer – Amyr Cts Serafix and MS Sierrafix – and most recently the Lea Gai Azada daughter PR Gai Azalea who is in foal to Gaiffreedom for May 2008. Now that's dreams come true!!!

Justine and I were privileged to be able to stay at the Farm and Training Center for the month of August this year to enable Justine to train with her Palomino Half Arabian mare Chardonnay. It was a "working" vacation for us as we were able to participate with the daily care of this awesome herd of beautiful breeding and show Arabians. We traveled to several shows at which Justine and Chardonnay (both first timers) brought home some pretty impressive ribbons. The season just ended for me as I returned to the Farm and Training Center to participate in preparing for their Annual Sale that was held Oct. 7th at the farm.

Justine and I cannot wait for spring to get here ... and the beginning of the 2008 show year when we can rejoin our "family of friends" in Strattanville and enjoy the unbelievable tasty culinary creations of Doc's Kitchen Gourmet Restaurant!

Thank you Randy, Doc, Marge, Cricket, Dolly, Laura, Bob, Joanne, Jay and the Circle of Client Family and Friends. Justine and I have grown ever closer because of you. The Arabian Horse world is better because of you! God Bless.

*Dianne & Justine Turner
Two Grand Farm
Phillipsport, NY*

News from Faerie Court Farm



(insert fae.jpg) We have been incredibly busy at Faerie Court Farm the past few months. Our young stallion AAA Legend of the Seas (Naibara Blaze Man x HSA Seamist) was started under saddle and bred his first mares this summer. Next May-July we expect his first foals out of Payback Morning Tide (AM Ghost Ship x BruMarBa Callisto), Rieba (Aulrab x Aurieha), and BruMarBa Callisto (Opalo x Beau Ket)! On August 4th, Amira Farah (Amir Farah x Demelza Dshams) foaled a beautiful and athletic filly by Naibara Blaze Man that we have named FCF Faerie Fire. "Fae" appears to be an outstanding sport type filly with the people pleasing temperament that is characteristic of the Crabbet lines. We are excited to have such a lovely filly to carry on her dam's Sun Shadows' and Dsham's Arabians

bloodlines.

This summer, after his preparation for saddle training here at Faerie **(insert legend.jpg)** Court Farm, AAA Legend of the Seas went into training with an FEI level trainer at the Equestry, an open dressage facility a few minutes down the road. Legend is the only Arabian and the only stallion there, but he has developed a fan club among both the staff and the boarders. His wonderful manners, solid work ethic and high trainability, intelligence, gentleness, and athletic talent have won them over. Even though his training was repeatedly interrupted by his first season of breeding duties; he demonstrated an extraordinary amount of focus and work ethic under saddle. After just two and a half months under saddle, he was shown at a local dressage schooling show. Sure, it was just a walk-trot test, but he exhibited his exemplary manners as well as showing off his wonderful movement. He earned a score of 64% and comments from the judge on his lovely balance and relaxation. His trainer reports that Legend is even more confident and focused under saddle after his experience at the schooling show and is progressing well in all three gaits. We anticipate showing him at USDF shows in 2008 at Training Level. Legend is becoming a great ambassador of the Crabbet influenced Arabian. Even with his limited exposure in the local dressage world, I am getting queries from open dressage riders who want his offspring!



We are sorry to have missed this year's Crabbet Celebration, but we decided to check out the Arabian show scene by going to the 2007 Arabian Sport Horse Nationals. Since Thom and I were going to make the trip, we decided we might as well bring along our two 2 year old fillies, FCF Titanias Vanity (AF Vanitys Repeat x AM Tawny Britannia) and FCF Gossamer Jewell (AM Ghost Ship x BruMarBa Callisto) for the PB filly SHIH Jackpot Class. **(Insert teetania.jpg)**



We had a blast at the SHN's! We were delighted to finally meet Buzz Moore from ECAHS and got to see two of his fantastic young mares, FFC Brigeit and FFC Ahrare, in their dressage tests. We also watched the lovely 100% Crabbet stallion, Magic Domino+, show in several classes. We visited him at his stall, but regrettably

we never managed to meet up with the Thomason's.

Except for a few short trips to the local dressage barn, our two fillies, **(insert goss.jpg)** FCF Titanias Vanity and FCF Gossamer Jewell, had never been off our quiet little farm, so the long trip from Vermont to Virginia and the environment of a big national show provided lots of new experiences for them. They handled themselves well and showed off their wonderful Crabbet temperaments. Thom presented them in the 2 yr. old PB Filly SHIH Jackpot class on Sunday September 30th. Not only was it the fillies' first time showing, but it was Thom's first time too! Since both fillies were showing signs of being a bit overwhelmed by almost a week of new experiences, we opted to treat the class like a schooling session to help them build confidence. Thom did a fabulous job of helping the fillies to keep their calm demeanors through the class. Showing against much more experienced fillies (and far more experienced handlers!) they still placed well in a deep class of quality fillies; they were just out of the Top Ten in 11th (Titania) and 12th (Gossamer) place by only .15 and .85 points respectively. We were proud of them for doing so well; it's nice to know that with a little more experience both fillies would be nationally competitive. Titania and Thom made such a lovely pair in the ring, that AHA used three photos of them on their daily update web page for Sunday September 30th!



As the leaves are turning to red and gold here in Vermont, we are looking forward to next year's foal crop and to a

fun show season in 2008 -- including Crabbet Celebration XV!

*Dawn and Thom Jones-Low
Faerie Court Farm Arabians
Vermont*