



Remembering Michael & Joanna Garofalo By William (Buzz) Moore

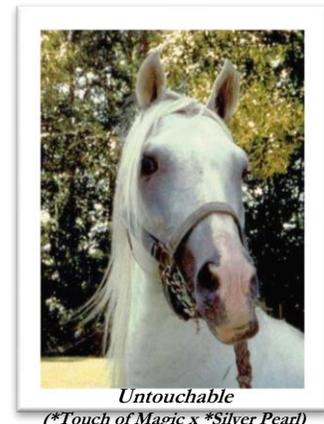
In 1994, even before there was an entity called ECAHS, an event called the Crabbet Celebration was held in the United States. Those folks in attendance were the usual suspects, but as we had hoped, we had a significant number of “new people”.

Michael and Joanna Garofalo, Arabian horse owners, from upstate New York were virtually unknown to the majority of the Celebration attendees at that time.

Following the 1994 Crabbet Celebration, The Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society (ECAHS) was formed at meeting in the late fall 1994 and January 1995 and Mike and Joanna were the first of the Charter Members to join.

The Garofalo horses were typically American bred blendings of Crabbet, Davenport, Polish, Egyptian and Russian bloodlines, but in 1995 they began breeding their mares to higher percentage Crabbet-related stallions. Michael was soon to retire and they purchased a 170 acre farm, named SunSet Arabians, in south central Virginia and also purchased their first stallion. He was Untouchable of 100% Crabbet/Old English breeding (*Touch of Magic x *Silver Pearl, she by *Silver Vanity x Perle D’or, she by *Count Dorsaz x Garance) and he sired some lovely foals for them. They then partnered with Marion Roth and Karen Rhodes and Dr. Richard Stoneback on a select group of 100% Crabbet Mares that they bred to *Magic Domino AHS (Ludomino x Hamsfah), Royal Victorr (Royal Gold x Lewisfield Vixen) and RAS Amyr Dargee PC (Silvern Magic x PR Dargees Magic).

Around this same time period the Garofalo’s united with Jocelyn Pierce, MD of British Columbia, Canada and Martin and Jeri Kirkhuff of Cave Creek, Arizona as the principles in the formation of ACABONA (Australian Crabbet Arabian Breeders of North America) to successfully import the stallion *Dandaloo Kadet (Chip Chase Kaiwana x Dandaloo Baylanie) and the mares *Inshallah Rendezvous (Tommie x Royal Desire) and *Rothlynnne Pure Delight (Magic Myth x Fasoura). The mares went to the Kirkhuff’s and Dr. Pierce and have both successfully bred on while Kadet came to the Garofalo’s in Virginia and was quite a promising sire



Untouchable
(*Touch of Magic x *Silver Pearl)



**Dandaloo Kadet (Chip Chase Kaiwana x Dandaloo Baylanie)*

who sadly died a few years ago. He has left two Champion sons, SSA Jawad PC out of *Inshallah Rendezvous and FFC Dundee++, out of FFC Raritee, who is a Legion of Merit Champion and a Top Ten and Reserve National Champion In-Hand with three National Top Ten offspring.

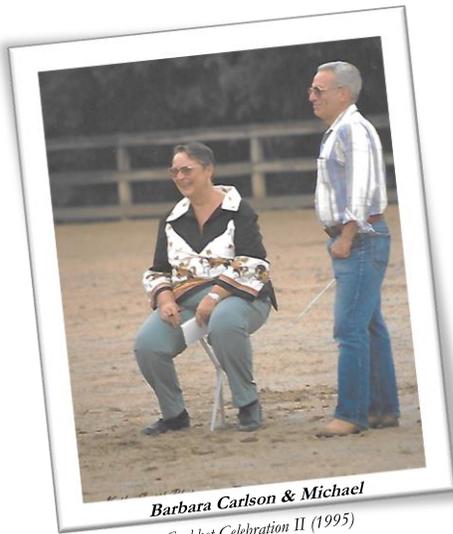
As far as ECAHS goes the Garofalos were invaluable. Michael was Ringmaster of the Celebration shows for a number of years and Joanna the primary SunSet Arabians show

presenter. Joanna also served as ECAHS Treasurer for a number of years and they always could be counted on to participate in advertising in ECAHS publications and offering sound discussion in meetings.

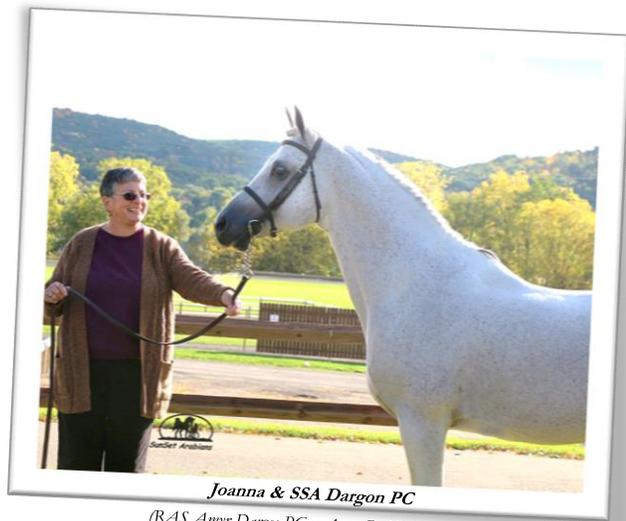
We lost Mike in January of 2010 and Joanna had soldiered on until August, 2019 when she lost the last battle with Pancreatic Cancer. She and Michael were enshrined in the ECAHS Hall of Fame with Joanna being informed prior to this year's Celebration.

ECAHS mourns the loss of our good friend and an outstanding breeder and preserver of the Crabbet Arabians.

The SunSet Arabians herd has moved to Amyr Arabians-Randy Stoneback Training Center of Strattanville, Pennsylvania where Randy is hoping to disperse them to appropriate breeding facilities. Randy Stoneback Arabians contact information can be found in the ECAHS Directory.



Barbara Carlson & Michael
Crabbet Celebration II (1995)



Joanna & SSA Dargon PC
(RAS Amyr Dargee PC x Amyr Red Ribbon PC)