



August 2021

ECAHS Newsletter



Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Condolences

Condolences to Jo Ellis on the passing of her husband Dick. Jo and Dick were honored by ECAHS as Lifetime Achievement Award recipients in 2002. They were living in Sedona, AZ but originally lived in Iowa. Jo's address is listed in the ECAHS Directory.

Sport Horse Nationals

Sport Horse Nationals will be taking place in Wilmington, Ohio September 13-18, 2021. There will be ECAHS members participating and we hope to have highlights, along with pictures to pass along. We also expect to see ECAHS Horse of the Year, Jubilee WGR +++++// and Lisa Pembleton-Del Mundo participating.

John W. Sims Youth Challenge

ECAHS just awarded its second \$1,000 Scholarship to Madison Sexton of Mechanicsville, VA. Madison also received an Extraordinary Achievement Award this year for her work with Russian Encore. Their story is in the 2021 ECAHS Membership Directory. We hope to have pictures soon of her plaque and Youth Challenge awards being presented at the Crabbet Celebration.

Madison plans to study Biology in college and move on to become an Equine Veterinarian. We wish her the best of luck!

Old Dominion

Look for Clarke Martin's write-up later in this newsletter about her Old Dominion Endurance Ride in the 100 mile event. She was aboard Syrocco Tanka owned by Stagg and Cheryl Newman.

East Coast Championships Results

Look for ECC results later in this newsletter.

Crabbet Celebration AVS Results Coming Soon

Directory Updates

If you have not received your 2021 ECAHS Membership Directory, please let Vivian Mack know. vmack53@wildblue.net or 434.535.0923.

Most were mailed around August 12, 2021.

Website Farm and/or Stallion Profiles & For Sale Horses

ECAHS members may add a farm profile or a stallion profile to our website for free. It is easy to do once you have created a login.

You may also list horses for sale for a small fee.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Vivian Mack (vmack53@wildblue.net) or Dawn Jones-Low (dawnjl@faeriecourtfarm.com).

Facebook Admins Needed

Dawn Jones-Low is looking for additional admins to help with FB. At the current time, Dawn is the only admin. Volunteers are needed.

Officers-Directors-Advisors

President-Buzz Moore

Vice President-Pat Bobb

Secretary/Treasurer-Vivian Mack

Directors

Cricket Gates (2020-2021)

LoAnn Haines (2021-2022)

Susie & Bob Hammond (2021-2022)

Alternate Directors

Lisa Littrell-#1

Patty Gerdes-#2

Announcing ECAHS' 2021 Honorees

Update!—look for their stores on [ECAHS.org/honorees](https://www.ecahs.org/honorees) or request a 2021 ECAHS Membership Directory!

Lifetime Achievement Award

Dirk and Kimberly Johnson
Belesemo Arabians
Caldwell, ID

Hall of Fame

Dr. James & Jeanne Rooker
JR Arabians
Davidson, MI

Margaret Haverstock
Haverstock Arabians
Murrieta, CA

Benefactor of the Breed

Randy Stoneback
Randy Stoneback Arabians
Strattanville, PA

Laura Anderson
Randy Stoneback Arabians
Strattanville, PA

Jim Robbins
R-Farm Arabians
Oregon City, OR

Wayne E. Thompson
St. Paul, MN

Lonny Hitchen
B V L Arabians
St. Mary's, OH

Horse of the Year

Jubilee WGR
63.60% Crabbet
Owned by Lisa Pembleton-Del Mundo
San Antonio, TX

Exemplary/Extraordinary Achievement

Russian Enncore
52% Crabbet
Owned by Lisa Beckwith
Hanover, VA

and

Madison Sexton
Russian Enncore Rider/Handler

Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2021

The Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society

Promoting the use and Preservation of
Crabbet Arabian bloodlines around the
world since 1994!

Ecahs.org
Facebook.com/ecahs



The Biltmore Challenge
is scheduled for **2022**

ECAHS is gearing up for another year of achievement awards in 2021. Look for entry forms on the event websites, ecahs.org or contact vmack53@wildblue.net. The following events will be included:

Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization Ride

June 11 and 12
olddominionrides.org

Coates Creek Challenge

July 10 and 11
octra.on.ca

The Tevis Cup

July 24
teviscup.org

East Coast Championships

August 5 thru 8
eastcoastshow.com

AHA Distance National Championships

September 10 thru 12
arabianhorses.org/competition/national-events/distance-nationals

Old Dominion Endurance 100 Mile Ride

By Clarke Martin



Clarke Martin & Syrocco Tanka

Appalachian wilderness of Virginia and West Virginia. This differs from the typical endurance trail map, where a central vet check and campground serves as the start and end point of several loops of trail, cloverleafing around camp. If you ride a safe, smart ride and luck is on your side, you might just beat the heat, humidity, rocky terrain, elevation, and distance, and find yourself crossing the finish line sometime early in the morning on the day after you started the incomprehensible task of 100 miles on horseback. There is no greater privilege.

The Horse & Rider

Syrocco Tanka (age 16) has been competing since 2012. He's got attitude in spades and a handful of screws in his right hind from a 2014 spiral fracture, both of which require a bit of management from his owners, Stagg and Cheryl Newman, as well as the other members of "Team Tanka". A bay gelding standing 15.1 hands, Tanka has a penchant for sticking his tongue out and a dislike of most dogs; his laid-back starts and willingness to eat and drink on trail make him a delightful, if sometimes surprising, partner with whom to spend a day.

I first met the Newmans in 2010 or 2011, when my homeroom-and-art-teacher-turned-friend Marbie Kollath brought me along to their farm for a training ride. After five miles of downhill trotting, I was hooked and the rest is history. In the summer of 2018 Tanka and I rode to my first (his second) OD 100 finish. We had a solid 2019 season leading up to the COVID-19 pandemic, which paused what looked like a promising 2020 season. This summer, the time was right for another trip to Bayse.

The Day

This year, Marbie and I planned to ride together on two talented, well-matched geldings. We had a mellow, if quick, start and found ourselves cruising into Bird Haven with Tom Hagis (out on his gelding's first 100). With 15 miles down and 85 miles to go, we headed off to Laurel Run. First, we had to face the most technical 16 miles of the ride: a steep climb ending in the infamous "stegosaurus spine" of rocks tracing the ridgeline. Aboard Tanka, who's got a long, low way of going, spurts of steep climbing and the technical footing are my cue to hop off and help him by jogging when I can and walking the rest. Careful attention to the footing means careful riding overall, which came in handy when I heard Tanka's left front shoe come off against one of the rocks on the ridgeline: I was able to get his boot on before he'd taken more than 5 steps on the treacherous footing, which saved us some heartache with the farrier at Laurel Run. At the check, our trio lost Marbie when her gelding presented with lameness. With a good-luck hug from our dear friend, Tanka and I set out alone (up a long, hot climb in the noon sun) to catch Tom, with whom we stayed for the rest of the day.

At Buck Tail, we were reunited with the Newmans (and my patient and supportive mom, Catherine, who joined us for a weekend of crewing and moral support) and I promptly—accidentally—paused for too long next to the pulse timer and pulsed in fully tacked, having put almost no cool water on Tanka at the check. Due to a well-timed stop in the creek just before the in timer, Tanka was cool enough that we breezed through the pulse timer and into the vet check after stripping our tack. Tanka ate and drank well during the hold, at which point I turned my attention to my own food and fluid intake. My rule of thumb is that for each loop/leg of a ride, I should drink at least 16oz of water on trail and another 16oz during the hold, although I get a pass for the first loop if Tanka is strong and I'm having trouble rating him back. At Buck Tail, I was dehydrated and it was starting to show, so I took extra care to rehydrate before setting off on the 22 miles to Big 92. While Waites Run and Little Sluice are helpful breaks in the section of trail which spans almost one quarter of the entire ride (thank you again to the cheerful volunteer at the bottom of the hill at Little Sluice around 7:00pm that night for

your positive attitude and for celebrating my 1,000th competition mile with me), that distance is nearly an entire LD in its own right and demands thoughtful, prepared riding. We made good use of the breezy greenway on either side of the former Mail Trail, which is now more washed-out creek bed than delivery route. The Mail Trail, Tanka tells me, is a prime spot for riders to jump off and hike if they're able.

The dirt road leading up to Big 92 feels longer than 3 miles. We rode in at dusk, and had just enough time to complete our vet-in and hold before riding off in the dark. I could wax lyrical about the magic of riding glow-stick to glow-stick and enjoying the starlight with an athlete as special and talented as a 100-mile horse, but the thing that stood out the most about Big 92 was the speed with which a volunteer pressed an aluminum foil-covered piece of rotisserie chicken into my hand after I pined for "some turkey or other sort of protein-y lunchmeat" out loud to Cheryl. We made good time in the dark; Tanka and I were both relieved to be out of the sun and humidity, and he settled into a working rhythm which told me that he was ready to grind out the rest of this race. Lauren Run 2 to Birdhaven 2 offers a nice climb up a starlit dirt road which, at a steady, sane pace, allows a tired horse and rider to make good time. We left Birdhaven 2 a little after 1:30am, with the intention of taking our time to pick through the mucky footing that would comprise the final 6.5 miles of the ride. When I smelled the turkey musk and started downhill, I took a moment to savor what my senses were taking in (even the earthy turkey scent).

Tom and I tied for fourth place with two happy, sound horses. Staggy said Tanka looked the strongest he has ever looked at the end of 100 miles and ready to go again the next day. Tanka said, "wait until next year." There is nothing more humbling than reaching the 100th mile with a horse who's well within himself and has more to give. In addition to the meticulous training and care that he receives at home with the Newmans, I credit our performance in June to Tanka's voracious appetite and thirst on trail as well as his innate gameness for a big day out in the woods. His athletic capabilities are as humbling as the terrain and weather related obstacles which present themselves in a 100-mile ride like OD. Upon completion of the Old Dominion, and in the 3:30am delirium and hustle of a late-night-turned-early-morning, it's equally hard to be humble and hard not to be humble. I remain grateful to Tanka, the Newmans, and the people who make endurance rides possible for the hours I get to spend in nature with my favorite athlete, Tanka, who has now won the OD Crabbet award three times.



Tanka & Staggy

Photo by Cheryl Newman

East Coast Championships ECAHS Achievement Awards Results

The East Coast Championships were held August 5-8, 2021. Weather was beautiful with the largest turnout in the past nine years, as 386 horses showed.

The Crabbet enrollees showed in main ring pleasure classes, sport horse, dressage, western dressage, trail, and over fences. Skats Kash Investment not only was the highest scoring Crabbet horse in the dressage training level open class, but he won it out of 15 rides with a score of 74.482% which was the high score ride of the show.

ECAHS offered awards for the following:

The Highest Scoring Sport Horse In-Hand Purebred Crabbet-Related Stallion, Mare and Gelding,

The Highest Scoring Training Level Dressage

and

Two Achievement/Versatility Awards, one Open and one Junior High Point Award.

The results of the ECC/ECAHS Awards are:

High Score In-Hand Mare—Inkhredible Dream LA (Skyehawkk x Khorvette LA ++/), 82.75% Crabbet. Owned by Laura Thomas of Warrenton, VA.

High Score In-Hand Stallion—Skats Magnum Star+// (Midnight Magnum x Skats Joejoy Ali Star), 39.14% Crabbet. Owned by Donna Skatrud of Knightstown, IN.

High Score In-Hand Gelding, High Score Training Level Dressage and Open Exhibitor Versatility—Skats Kash Investment ++/(Khash PGA x Skats Reddd Courage), 36.03% Crabbet. Owned by Donna Skatrud of Knightstown, IN.

Junior Exhibitor Versatility—Al-Marah Power Reign++++// (AM Double Dream x AM Lady Delaine), 82.75% Crabbet. Ridden by Mackenzie Stype and owned by Christi Scott of Christiana, PA.

Honorable Mentions go to:

Julia Bryant and SB Heritage+/, 33.28% Crabbet

Mary Beth Lang and SS Darq Angel++, 49.45% Crabbet

Jennifer Neemann and Golden Safira+++/, 66.50% Crabbet

Abby Tymchak and Gold Reflection+++/, 86.48% Crabbet

Many thanks for entering!

Margaret Haverstock

2021 Hall of Fame Honoree

Margaret's story can be found in the ECAHS 2021 Membership Directory or on our website at ecaHS.org/honorees.



ECAHS Value Show
Bel Air, Maryland August 21 & 22, 2021
Exhibitor Perspective

First, I would like to compliment the Blue Ridge and ECAHS show committees for their selection of judges. We participated in both the Blue Ridge Show on Saturday and in the ECAHS classes on Saturday and Sunday. All three judges were very fair, considerate and knowledgeable.



True Blue Lady Rahar



Xcapade & PA Findelson

Fortunately, we had competitors from the Blue Ridge group enter our dressage and sport horse classes on Saturday. This gave us enough entries to have a good day of showing. We also showed in some of their classes in the main ring on Saturday. The classes were small but there were some very good horses entered. The weather was fairly good on Saturday which made for a good day of showing.

The weather did not cooperate on Sunday morning. Heavy rain right before the 8:00 AM start time. We all made the best of it including the judge and ring master. Luckily, some of the Blue Ridge people stayed over and participated in our Value classes Sunday. Even with their entries, the number of entries and classes were very small. The good news was that the rain stopped once the classes began.



Will Noonan & Xcapade

It was very sad when you consider our shows and Celebrations from the past. There were only 9 or 10 ECAHS people in attendance and many of them were not able to bring horses. Cricket Gates and Jen Neeman did a great job in the secretary's booth. Megan Kelsall was a huge help in the Dressage and Sport Horse ring on Saturday. We really appreciate Clay Whitaker being our Ring Master on Sunday. We really appreciate Jan Williams and the Hammonds pitching in as usual and helping. As always, thank-you to South East Pennsylvania people for their help and support.



Frank and friends!

Frank is owned by Bob and Susie Hammond
Bob Hammond, Buzz Moore, Bill, Sharon and Will Noonan
Thanks to Susie Hammond for the photo!



I did want to put something in the newsletter regarding receiving the lovely award and our thanks to the ECAHS Board of Directors for honoring us with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Thanks to everyone for honoring our farm's efforts down through the years. It is a very humbling experience and we so appreciate the great honor.

Dirk and I are in the middle with Bob and Sue Jerome of Ohadii Arabians in Idaho on the left and Tom and Cindy Lempp of Sojourn Arabians from Colorado on the right.



Kim and Veronica Stanley, who is the young lady that assists me and is taking over the breeding operation in the future.



*Russian Enncore 22 years old
Exemplary ECAHS Achievement Award
Al-Marah
Countess Anne Tee Award for Highest Scoring Senior Mare over 20*

Starstruck Muse Chestnut 2006 Mare

My horse is my best friend. She's an endurance horse whose tireless trots puts us in the top ten of any distance ride, up to 100miles!

She is coming back from having a filly. So dressage is our "horsie yoga".

This year she's done 2 dressage shows, a 30 mile race, a 55 mile race, and a beach camping weekend.

Our next 50 mile race is in a few weeks.

We have special bond and she'd do anything I ask

Adrianne Diehl





*Sherry Crowe of
Friendship MD.*

*Versatility Award
from
Karma Arabians*



*Vicki Marcin of Street, MD
WHA Azraff Amir 30 Year old*

*Award for Highest Scoring
Senior Gelding over 25 Award
From
Karma Arabians*